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The Vision of George Washington

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"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at the table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of her eyes.

"Presently I heard a voice saying 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world—Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific.

(WAR OF 1812)

"'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.' At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an Angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

(THE CIVIL WAR)

"A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.' At this the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word UNION, bearing the American flag, which he placed between the divided nation, and

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◆ THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS ◆

Luke 16: 19-31

By (Late) Mrs. Charles F. Parham

Let us turn to Luke 16: 19-31, and read carefully the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. A parable is a fictitious narrative; an allegory from which a moral is drawn. The true meaning of a parable is not on the surface, but has a hidden meaning. Therefore it can not be taken literally. A doctrine can not be established simply on a parable, but the interpretation of a parable must correspond with the other teachings of the Bible.

Orthodoxy has told us that the rich man represented all wicked persons who at death go to eternal torment, and the beggar represented all good persons, who at death go to heaven. Let us, however, endeavor to forget the teachings and "traditions of men" and go back to our open Bibles and prayerfully seek to learn the lesson that Christ taught in this parable.

The parable does not say that the rich man was wicked. He was "rich," but it is not a sin to be rich. He "fared sumptuously" and was dressed "in purple and fine linen."

Purple was worn by persons of wealth and high official position, (Esther 8: 15) and especially by kings (Judges 8: 26). It was a sign of royalty, and was put on Christ by the Jews in mockery of His claim. (Mark 15: 17). "Purple and fine linen," were especially used by the Jews in the hangings of the tabernacle (Ex. 25: 4, 26: 1, 31, 36), and were also used in the garments of the Jewish high priest. Ex. 28: 5, 6, 15, 33. 39: 29. We see then, even the very clothing of the rich man, represented the Jewish people.

Neither does the parable say that Lazarus the beggar, was a good man, but that he "laid at the rich man's gate,"—"full of sores,"—"desiring to be fed with the crumbs"—and "the dogs came and licked his sores." Would it be possible to picture a more pitiful, wretched condition? Do you believe that Christ would represent His glorious Church, by this sick beggar in this God-forsaken, poverty-stricken state? Surely not. If a beggar of this terrible descrip-

tion lay at your gate, would you at once recognize him as one of God's elect, a child of the King? I am sure that David would not, for he said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." The beggar then can not represent God's chosen people but must represent the Gentile people, who up to this time, had not been given the promises and blessings of Abraham. Eph. 2: 11-13.

The beggar died and was carried, not to heaven, but "into Abraham's bosom." Now we know this was not a literal bosom, as Abraham had been dead many hundreds of years and long since returned to dust, but Lazarus (the Gentiles) were "carried into Abraham's bosom" spiritually, being made heirs to all God had promised to Abraham. Rom. 8: 29. Gal. 3: 7, 8, 9, 14, 28, 29. Col. 3: 11.

"The rich man also died, and was buried." An end came like death, and he ceased to exist in his former state. And in hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus "in his bosom." (In the folds of his mantle. Emphatic Diaglott).

In the 24th verse the rich man calls for help, not to God, but to "Father Abraham" which makes it very plain then that he (the rich man) was a descendant, son of Abraham, representing the Jewish people, who were at that very time, looking to Abraham, saying, "Abraham is our father." (John 8: 39) and rejecting the promised Messiah, thus casting themselves into the "torments" that they are still in.

In the 25th verse, Abraham acknowledges the relationship, "Son remember that thou IN THY LIFETIME (the Jewish dispensation was now ended) received good things." How wonderfully God had blessed the Jews, His chosen people—"And likewise Lazarus evil things." Up to this time, the Gentiles had been counted as dogs, (Mat. 15: 26, 27). Mark 7, 26-28). "Now he (Lazarus the Gentiles) is comforted." While Jesus was giving them this parable the Jews

"derided Him" (Verse 14) while the Gentiles, "publicans and sinners," drew near unto Him to hear Him (Luke 15: 1). The law and the prophets were until John, since that time the Kingdom of God is preached and every man (Jew and Gentile) presseth into it. Verse 16. Read also Rom. 11th Chapter.

Is there not still "a great gulf fixed" (verse 26) between the Jews and other nations, for though scattered "among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve," (Amos 9: 9) yet the Jews are still a separate people.

The "five brethren" also had "Moses and the prophets" and Abraham said, "Let them hear them." Had they done so, they would not have crucified the Christ, and they did not believe though Christ "rose from the dead."

Now read the 15th Chapter of Luke, and in the description Christ gave of the "elder brother" in the parable of the prodigal son, you will see a very true picture of how the Jews felt toward Christ, and the "publicans and sinners" to whom He was giving the Gospel.

We understand that the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, has no reference to the future state of the dead whatever, and is to me, not a blood-curdling picture of eternal torment as some have painted it, but a most marvelous and prophetic description of the closing of the Jewish dispensation and the budding in of the Gentiles, and what would happen to the Jews, who truly have been in "outer darkness," despised, hated and persecuted ever since the time when they said, "His blood be on us and our children."

Christ marvelled at the faith of the centurion and said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel—and I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west (Gentiles) and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom (Jews) shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 8: 10-12). This Scripture is literally being fulfilled in the "Wailing Place"

WHAT ABOUT THE FINNS?

Probably the average person in this country has a rather vague conception of the Finns and their country. Some one has well said that one thing which the political and military movements across the waters is doing is to make us study our geographies and it might be added—our histories. In recent months the brutal aggressions of Russia against tiny Finland has turned the flood-lights on that land of lakes, forests, and cold.

We have known it to be a land of the far North, a land of long, hard winters and low-lying areas. We have thought of the Finns as a fair-haired race, akin to the Russians, occupied with their herds and their fields or their fisheries along the extensive coast lines.

Now we have learned something more. It is a land of heroes, a land of faith, a land of industry and of honor. "Fight and Pray" is Finland's watchword.

The writer's interest in Finland dates back some years to the time when he became acquainted with the teachings of the sainted Charles F. Parham. He showed the Danes to be the present day representatives of the tribe of Dan. With them are to be included all other Scandinavian peoples. Others of the Lost Ten Tribes have as their descendants the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic races of the leading countries of the world.

Ancient Israel is still living. Not in the Jews alone, who form a very small and adulterated portion, but more especially and principally in the peoples of the Christian and democratic countries.

Once we asked an educated Norwegian lady what the difference as to the physical characteristics between the Norwegians and the Swedes were. Her reply was, "The Swedes are more like the Finns."

While it is true that the Eastern Finns consider themselves to be of Mongolian stock, it is equally true that the Western Finns are very closely related to the Swedes and so are Scandinavians. The basis of this resemblance lies in the historical fact of large Swedish settlements in Finland.

But we have an even greater evidence of the Finns being people of Israel in the statement that they are ninety-nine per cent Christian and of these more than ninety-five

per cent are said to be Lutherans. One prophet after another predicted the fall of the House of Israel because of her sins, foretold banishments but also that yet in her latter day, Israel would be saved. That then God's messengers would come to her with the Gospel of His ever blessed Son and would be accepted. These prophecies have been fulfilled in Finland.

The Christian and gospel peoples are the Israel peoples. True, they come far short of perfection, but compared with other peoples they far excel.

By her love of education, truth and liberty, by her democracy and by her faith Finland must be rated as a "pocket" of Israel in Europe. And by the same sign she must endure.

God said to Israel—"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms." Jer. 50: 20.

Finland's heroic defense of her soil against overwhelming odds gave valiant proof of her sharing this with other Israel Peoples. Her recent pact with her godless foe leaves much to be desired, but it does assure her continued existence (a fulfillment of prophecy) and further it does make certain that the theatre of the war will move to the Balkans and the near East (Palestine) where presently we shall see God making mighty execution on all who hate Him with His battle axe and weapons of war. Praise His name.

LAWRENCE R. GUTHRIE,
Poolesville, Maryland.

**WICHITA YOUNG
PEOPLE'S RALLY**

The young People's Rally for Central Kansas was held Monday night, April 22, at the New Mission in Wichita, Kansas, 200 South St. Clair Street. There was a good representation from all the churches of the district. Evangelist Claude Parham brought the message of the evening. The new officers are: Altis Watkins, president; Naomi Mahan, vice-president; Melvin Scott, choir leader; Opal Reno, pianist; Elba Reno, secretary.

The Sutton Brothers Evangelistic party will begin a Revival at Leaky, Texas, April 25.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH

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The old country church—I remember it well;
I think of it yet and can most hear the bell,
That hung in the top of the belfry so tall,
And sent forth its peals all the people to call;
And the good folks would come from miles all around,
To list to the preacher the gospel expound.

Some came in buggies—some in wagons and hacks,
And tied up their horses to old hitching racks,
And women brought baskets all laden with food,
We all ate together and say! Was it good?
In big meetin' time when the weather was warm,
We had a brush arbor and crowds sure would swarm.

The boys brought their sweethearts—they all liked to sing;
And the sound of their voices to heaven would ring,
When little folks nodded and babies would weep,
The mothers made pallets and put them to sleep.
In this little church all our young folks were wed,
And outside in the graveyard we buried our dead.

The menfolks who didn't have tailor-made suits,
Just came in their jeans and pair of work boots.
Cotton dresses and hose—A sun-bonnet, too,
Anything clean and neat for the women would do.
For it wasn't a question of what you should wear,
The thought uppermost was the preachin' and prayer.

Contributed by Kittie V. Stockdick.

(Editorial Note: We take the privilege of dedicating this poem to our friends at the Fairland Church, Fouke, Arkansas.)

Evangelists Claude and Lula Parham are now on an extensive evangelistic trip through West Texas and New Mexico.

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Brother Ben Barker has been pastoring the work at Perryton, Texas, the past few months, and reports fine services there.

Dear Ones of the Faith:

We wish to report good news from Wichita. God has been blessing in every service. Several who were seriously ill have been definitely healed and a good spirit prevails in the Young People's meetings, the Sunday School and regular services.

Brother Gail Schultz held us a Revival from March 15 to 24. The people were encouraged and builded up in this meeting. We have moved the Mission (Seneca Street Mission) from 1227 McCormick Street to 200 South St. Clair Street. We have a larger and better place. The name of our Mission now is "The Apostolic Faith Mission." We have services, on Sunday, both morning and night, Tuesday night prayer meeting; Wednesday night Young People's Bible Study; and Friday night Bible Study, with Sister Margaret Yeakel in charge of this service.

The Young People's Rally of this District was held here April 22. Altis Watkins of Wichita, is president of the Rallies.

Pray for us that God will bless our labors as we Pastor here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Reiger

Clear Lake, Oklahoma

We are happy to report that our church work is making rapid progress. The attendance is increasing and a better fellowship among all.

We have Sunday School and preaching service each Sunday morning; prayer meeting every Thursday evening with very interesting lessons. Our Young People's meeting is every Sunday evening under the leadership of our pastor, Sister Pearl Thomas. Much interest is being shown as we read and study the Word of God. We know there will be much accomplished for the Lord as we know He is working in our midst.

NOLEN DYE

EXTRA PAPERS

We have some extra copies of back numbers of The Apostolic Faith Paper and will be glad to send them free of charge to anyone interested in passing them out in your community, Church, Mission or Revival meeting. We would appreciate it if you would send postage when sending for papers. Let us hear from you. THANKS!

Brief Mention

The Mission at Sultana, Calif., is progressing nicely, having good crowds and much interest shown under the capable pastoring of Brother Calhoun and family.

Brother Roy Wooster and wife have been a great blessing and inspiration to the people at Rockdale, Texas, and will continue there as pastors.

Brother Reuben and Sister Myrtle Davis, of Rosemead, Calif., have been assisting Brother Lynn, in the new work at Temple City, California.

Sister Hazel Hubbard of Hempstead, Texas, writes that the Lord is blessing in the services there. And they are looking forward to a Holy-Ghost revival.

The Lord is blessing in the work at Alvin, Texas. Brother Alfred Whitely and family are pastoring there.

Brother and Sister Joe Smith of Brookshire, Texas, write the Lord is blessing in the regular Tuesday night prayer meetings in their home, and the meetings have been well attended.

Brother and Sister LaVerne Johnson of Nevada, Missouri, have entered the ministry and are looking after the work at the Fifth Street Mission, Baxter Springs, Kansas, and will be open for calls in the evangelistic work.

Sister Irene Dilworth, of Skiatook, Oklahoma, has been laboring for the Lord in and around Skiatook for the past several months.

Brother and Sister Howard Updegrove of Carterville, Missouri, are starting an open air meeting in Carterville, and are expecting to build a church there.

Evangelist Claude Pruitt and Reuben Busch and families are now in a revival meeting at Tracy, Tex.

The Lord is blessing the work at Centerpoint, Texas, and Edna Mae Long is continuing as pastor there.

Evangelists John and Viola Modrick are in an old-time revival at Englewood, Kansas. Different ministers have been visiting and helping in the meeting. Opal Bollinger has been assisting, and has been a blessing with her beautiful paintings.

Sister Cozetta Wells and Sister Amy Randle report that good interest is being shown in the cottage prayer meetings in Kingman, Kansas. All ministers are invited to stop when passing.

Brother James Hosler and family held a meeting at Mount Zion, near Stella, Missouri, assisted by Carl Forbes and family.

Brother and Sister Harold Williams have been pastoring at Freedom, Oklahoma. They are having good crowds and good interest. Brother Bob Russell and family are now in a revival meeting there.

Brother and Sister John Modrick have been in evangelistic services in the South, visiting the different missions of South and Central, Texas.

Brother John Hockersmith and party have been assisting in the regular services in the different missions throughout the Tri-State district.

Sister Mary King of Webb City, Mo., assisted by Brother and Sister Bill Hanley, are now in a revival meeting at the mission in Purcell, Missouri.

Evangelist Clifford Thacker and family of Joplin, Missouri, have just closed a revival meeting in Hartford, Arkansas, and are now back in the Tri-State district.

The work at Hardesty, Okla., is progressing very nicely under the ministry of Brother Joe Faries and wife.

Evangelist Millard E. Brown and wife were called home by the serious illness of his father in Cave Springs, Arkansas.

Evangelist Olen Bachelor and family are now in a revival meeting at Prosperity, Missouri. Lonnie Dotson, pastor.

Sam Morris, the temperance speaker of Del Rio, Texas, spoke at the Spring Grove Mission in Galena, Kansas, April 17. Brother Gene Cornell, pastor.

Evangelist Albert Durham and wife have been pastoring at Union Chapel near Stella, Missouri. A number of ministers have been visiting and taking part in the services there.

Brother Ralph Durham is continuing as pastor at the Gospel Tabernacle, in Granby, Missouri, and the Lord is blessing every service.

Brother Gene Cornell made a short evangelistic trip through Western Oklahoma, and has returned to Galena, Kansas, to continue pastoring.

Brother A. B. Stanberry and wife began a revival meeting at the Mission in Laverne, Oklahoma, April 20th. Jack Barker, pastor.

Evangelist Murphy Barnes and wife have been in services in Southwest Texas, and also looking after the work at Camp Wood, Texas.

Jona and Albert Janzen and Joe Lilly have been assisting different ministers in revivals throughout the winter, and are in Perryton, Texas, at present.

Evangelists Beulah and Lawrence Clay and family have just closed a revival near Pineville, Missouri. During the revival they have been building a new church at Pineville. Brother and Sister Clay and family are now near Ames, Iowa, doing pioneer work for the Lord in that state.

Evangelist Claude Pruitt and Reuben Busch have closed a revival meeting at Rock Island, Texas, laboring in the day time building the new church at Eagle Lake, Texas.

Evangelists Lloyd and Dora Boren are in Leaky, Texas, looking after the work of the Lord, and report the Lord is blessing there. Brother Bill Brewer and Brother Claude Bishop and family have been there for service.

MID-WEST CAMP MEETING

THE MID-WEST CAMP MEETING OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH WILL BE HELD AT LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA, AUGUST 7-18, 1940. THE BARKER BROTHERS WILL BE IN CHARGE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE BEN BARKER OR JACK BARKER, LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA.

The new mission at Seneca, Mo., was dedicated March 17, with an overflow crowd and a wonderful day in the Lord. Many came from all over the district and 21 ministers were present. Different ministers spoke, and a brief history of the Apostolic Faith Movement was given by Evangelist Claude Parham. Brother Tica Tabor and wife are pastors.

Brother and Sister Rolland Eaken and Brother and Sister Ed Stark have been laboring faithfully in and around the Rockdale Community. In a short meeting at New Salem, souls were saved and many blessed. Also they conducted a successful meeting at Summit, Texas.

Sister Ollie Molton, pastor of Hoover Orchard Mission in Wichita, Kansas, is improving and well on the road to recovery, and expects to be able to be in active service soon. She expresses her thanks to all God's children for all their prayers during her long illness.

Brother Allen Long has been in charge of the services at Hoover Orchard Mission, during the illness of Sister Molton.

Evangelist Bob Russell and family have just closed a revival meeting at Round Top Community, 15 miles northeast of Booker, Texas. Much interest was shown and heavy conviction rested upon the congregation and a few responded to the call.

Brother and Sister Harold Cooper closed a successful revival in Polar, Texas, and are now at Glade, Arkansas, in a revival.

A new church is being built at Palm City, California, under the direction of Sister Hattie Ostrander, pastor.

Evangelist Dora and Lloyd Boren, assisted by Edna Mae Pryor, have closed their revival at Fluvana, Texas, about 20 miles west of Snyder, Texas, and are now at Leaky, Texas.

Evangelist H. L. Watkins is now in Lovington, New Mexico, and is preaching in the different school-houses and churches of that vicinity. The people of Lovington are looking forward to a tent revival this summer that will result in the building of a church.

Evangelist and Mrs. S. W. Ditto have just closed a revival in Brenham, Texas. A number were saved and sanctified and there were some very definite healings.

The work at Meade, Kansas, is progressing nicely. Many new ones are coming out, and God is answering prayer in a definite way. The afternoon prayer meetings are well attended, with a spiritual feast for each one. Sister Marian Price is now assisting Sister Jennie Evans in the work there.

Evangelist Sol Getz is now in a revival at Farley, New Mexico. Brother Lee Barker, pastor. The mission at Farley, New Mexico, expects to build a parsonage soon.

Brother Elvis Bishop and wife, pastors at Ralls, Texas, writes that the work is progressing fine with splendid services and good attendance.

The new church at Eagle Lake, Texas, was dedicated March 24, Evangelist Darrell Sutton bringing the dedication sermon. South Texas was well represented as many came from the different towns around. May God bless Sister Zelma Berger, as she continues to pastor there.

Reverend Julia Taylor of Wichita, Kansas, announces the opening of a new church, "The Ark Tabernacle," in the 100 block on New York Street, Wichita, Kansas.

Evangelist James Hosler and family will begin a revival the first of May at Arnett, Oklahoma. Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher, pastors.

Evangelist Marcus Adair and party have been evangelizing in Southwest Texas. God is blessing their labors in a remarkable way. Their permanent address is Perryton, Texas.

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The Sutton Brothers Evangelistic party have been in a successful revival in the new church at Eagle Lake, Texas. Brother and Sister William Yeakel have been assisting in the meeting there.

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Evangelist E. W. Dickson and family have closed a meeting at Fifth Street Mission in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and have returned to Waldo, Arkansas, near where they will begin a tent revival about the middle of May.

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Evangelist Gail W. Schultz will begin a revival campaign at the new mission in Seneca, Missouri, May 12th. Tica Tabor, pastor.

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The Rees Brothers Evangelistic party are in a revival at the Victory schoolhouse, southwest of Laverne, Oklahoma.

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Brother Paul Bollinger has been in a revival at West End, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Paul Bollinger has been looking after the services at Follett, Texas, while Brother Bollinger has been conducting revivals in the South.

Evangelist Gail W. Schultz is in a successful revival at the Union Church in Spearman, Texas. Paul Bailey, pastor.

PRAYER LIST

George Regier
 Mrs. S. O. Gandy
 Alice Carter
 Mrs. Dye
 Marilyn Janzen
 Mrs. J. T. Adams
 W. J. Wilburn's wife and son
 Mrs. Ray Oardy
 Mrs. H. R. Crawford's sister
 Grandpa LaMunyon
 Mrs. Velma Boland
 Mrs. Arthur Corl
 Mrs. Herschel Campbell
 Miss Dorothy Kerst
 John Hockersmith
 Mrs. H. H. Hill
 Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dickens
 George Allen
 Mother Ferguson
 Mrs. Rosa Eichman
 Mrs. L. H. Wallace and daughter

FORSAKING ALL FOR CHRIST

When we speak of forsaking something very dear to us, we sometimes think, it's much, I'll not give up this thing. I know it's not displeasing to God. Such foolish thoughts, when God is really trying to clean us up and make something out of us; yet we fight back and pretend we don't know His voice, and listen to the voice which we know is of the devil or our own conscience. I read an article one time which admonished young people to always listen to the smaller voice, because the will to do wrong seems to be so much the stronger.

FORSAKE—what a big word in one sense; yet just a seven letter word. On this word stands the true test of discipleship. We can't put love of father and mother; even the friendship of our dearest friends, should not keep us from being true soldiers of the cross. Oh, yes, we give excuses. "We can't do this or that because of something," but every man has to answer to God and when we stand before God it's not going to be "Did so and so let you do this?" but the question is "Did you do what I called you to do?" "Did you forsake father, mother, friends, if need be to follow me?" Jesus says, "Take up thy cross and follow me. Taking up our cross means an absolute surrender of our own desires and ambitions and a complete surrender to the will of God. If we know God has called us for a particular work and yet choose to leave Him out and choose a way for ourselves, no matter how satisfying it may seem—we have lost hold of eternal life; and after all that's the thing we are striving for, is it not? While on the other hand if we put to death our own desires and accept the whole plan of God—make a complete consecration—we shall find eternal life. Now that's not so much to give up, is it? Only our own plans for the plans of God, and His are so much wiser, we are making a wonderful trade, and we get the best end of the trade.

We remember at the testing time of Jesus; as He prayed in Gethsemane and went through such intense suffering for the world, how that the Bible says, "The disciples forsook Him and fled. (Mark 14: 50). Those whom

He had loved, lived with, called, and taught; nevertheless in the hour of trial they forsook Him, and then ran for fear of what man might do or say. Why we think it was awful for them to do this, and think what we would have done had we been there, but, oh say, friends, I'm afraid we would have done still worse, because we are forsaking Him now, and we don't have half the tests to go through that they did. "But," you say, "you don't know what an awful trial I go through." "Oh, yes, I do," we all have trials, but that's no reason to forsake Jesus. Why, He's our burden bearer, and the greater the trial the closer we should cling to the Lord. When we say, "I'll never forsake Him," do we mean it? Remember, one day Peter said the same thing and we know his outcome, so let's not be boastful but let's be prayerful, believing God and trusting Him to keep us faithful.

Then we have these precious words of Jesus, "I will Never leave thee nor forsake thee." After we have done all seemingly that is in our power, He will not count our efforts as in vain, but He gives us His promise also that He will never leave us. What a wonderful promise! We find in II Cor. 4: 9 that Paul said he was persecuted but not forsaken. What a wonderful Savior! Even in our darkest Gethsemane He's always there. Praise His name.

In closing, I want to give an example of God's care. He says that not even a sparrow falleth that He doesn't take note of. Sparrows were so plentiful in Palestine that two were sold for ½ cent. If He takes notice of these despised creatures, surely He loves you and me, the people He sent His own Son to redeem. His children surely should be safe in His hands. Before we grumble, let's think of what He forsook for us, and strive more earnestly to please such a wonderful Savior.

ANNA BETH MERTEN
 Hempstead, Texas.

DO YOU WANT THE APOSTOLIC FAITH PAPER TO BE CONTINUED TO BE SENT TO YOU? IF SO, WE MUST HEAR FROM YOU AT ONCE! IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SENT YOUR NAME IN, DO SO.

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said, 'Remember ye are brethren.' Instantly, the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons became friends once more, and united around the National Standard.

(OLD WORLD
INVASION OF AMERICA)

"And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark RED light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.'

"When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long fearful blast. Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark clouds which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word UNION, and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle. Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.'

"As the voice ceased the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the

dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious. Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word UNION, he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down, said, 'Amen.'

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I saw at last nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. Three great perils will come upon the Republic. THE MOST FEARFUL IS THE THIRD. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land, and Union.' With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, progress, and destiny of the United States."

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THE REFINER'S FIRE

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The Refiner's Fire is good for all;

It crushes the great, increases the small!

It melts the pride of the proudest man,

And shakes his knees until he can't stand!

It burns the feet that would step aside;

And scrapes the rust from tradition's hide!

It bakes; it boils; it stews; it fries,

Until the rubbish is purified! The merits of this Fire is sung,

But best of all, it bridles the tongue!

—Hattie B. Jones

Rockdale, Texas,
March 27, 1940

Dear Brother and Sister Parham:
Brother Robert, I trust that God has touched and completely healed your body. Do you remember the day I came to your house, sick in body, and had been for nine years? Had been through clinics, had taken medicine enough to "ake a bath in, spent hundreds of dollars trying to get well—all the time I was praying but did not have the light on healing. But when you and your dear wife laid your hands on my head and we three prayed for God to heal my back, I was healed. That showed me that God d'd heal the body as well as save the soul. I was a member of the Baptist church for thirty years and when I was 25 years old God called me to preach His word. As the Baptists did not believe in women preaching, I was in a heart-broken condition, but Jesus never left me alone. I have had many sorrows and heartaches, all because I did not surrender to God's will. This last year was the most trying time of my life. One day when I was really praying and trusting God, I said "Lord, what will you have me to do?" I heard that still small voice say, "The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. Go preach my word." So I preached my first feeble sermon March 8 at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Rockdale, Texas. I have faith to believe I can do all things through Him that gives me strength. So last Easter Sunday I was ordained. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I am asking each Christian that reads this to please ask God to give me power to preach His word. May God bless you and your family as my prayer.

MRS. J. T. PRUETT

SOME BIRD

When a Church wants a Pastor,
They often want,

The strength of an Eagle,

The grace of a Swan,

The gentleness of a Dove,

The friendliness of a Swallow,

The eyes of a Hawk,

And the night hours of an Owl.

When they catch that Bird,

They expect him to live

On the food of a Canary.

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**REPORT OF THE WORK
AT PONTIAC, MICHIGAN**

The work at the Union Rescue Mission, 40 Auburn Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. V. Peter, has been progressing well. During the past three months 3,140 meals have been served and sleeping accommodations provided for 1,315 people without charge. One thousand articles of clothing, shoes and furniture have been given to the needy. Fifty souls have been saved. Two preachers have been ordained in Full Gospel work, including Brother Peter's son, Fred, who has charge of Girls' Rescue Home in Flint. The Lord is greatly blessing this young man's efforts with souls for Him. He has charge of a radio program for three-quarters of an hour

each Monday morning at Lapeer, W.M.P.C., and Miss Ruth Peter and father have the Friday one-hour noon broadcast each week. The work is growing nicely. All glory and praise to the Master. Continue to pray for us.

Brother and Sister V. Peter
and Co-Workers.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Jane Watkins, born October 24, 1861; died, March 28, 1940. Funeral services were held at Yarbo Funeral Home, Lovington, New Mexico, March 29, 1940, Rev. S. V. Clanton of Vealmoor, Texas, officiating. Interment in Lovington cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins was born in Tennessee, near Nashville. She was married to D. H. Watkins, March 1887, who preceded her in death, October 13, 1916. There were born to this union five children, of whom four are still living. Mrs. Elsa Crane of Lamesa, Texas, Horace Watkins Lovington, New Mexico, Archie Watkins, Hot Springs, New Mexico, and Dora B. Craig of Lovington, New Mexico. There are 16 living grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mother Watkins was converted in the Nazarene Holiness Church, coming into the light of the Apostolic teaching in 1914. Her testimony and cheerfulness was an inspiration to all who knew her, and will not only be missed by those of her home church, but also by those who looked forward to her coming to light and cheer the spirit of camp meetings.

Marshall, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Forbes of Stella, Mo., passed away at his home, March 10, after a short illness. Brother Albert Durham, Ralph Durham and James Hosler were in charge of funeral services.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Addie Mae Copeland, daughter of Brother F. P. Copeland, of Farnsworth, Texas, was united in marriage to Mr. Victor Jaurez of Fowler, Kansas, at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. George King of Sun Ray, Texas, March 19, 1940. Miss Copeland has been in the Gospel work for several years with her father and is well known among the young people. They are making their home at Meade, Kansas.