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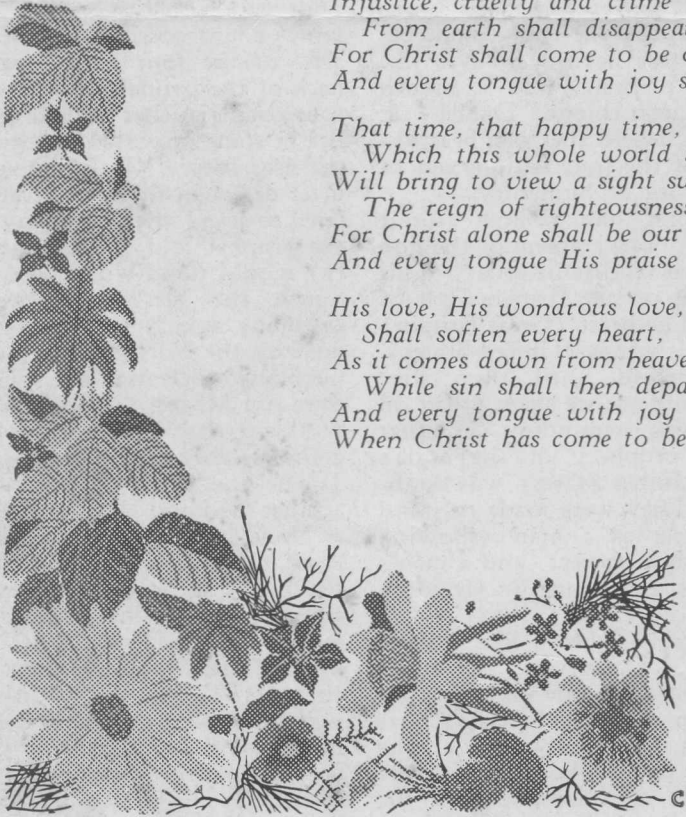
*Some day, some happy day,
All forms of strife shall cease,
And may it be not far away—
The time when all is peace;
On every sea, on every shore,
The sound of war shall be no more.*

*Some time, some happy time,
And may that time be near—
Injustice, cruelty and crime
From earth shall disappear;
For Christ shall come to be our King,
And every tongue with joy shall sing.*

*That time, that happy time,
Which this whole world shall bless,
Will bring to view a sight sublime—
The reign of righteousness;
For Christ alone shall be our King,
And every tongue His praise shall sing.*

*His love, His wondrous love,
Shall soften every heart,
As it comes down from heaven above,
While sin shall then depart,
And every tongue with joy shall sing,
When Christ has come to be our King.*

—Mary Starck.



The Rise and Fall of Nations

Rev. Ben Barker

The world faces the greatest crisis in history. More than ever, we need to know and understand what the Bible teaches about the rise and fall of nations. God told Jeremiah that nations and kingdoms would be rooted out, pulled down, destroyed builded and planted. (Jer. 1:10).

Daniel told us of the rise and fall of all great powers from Babylon to the last, even to the time when Christ shall reign over all the earth. "Thou, O King, sawest, and behold a great image." This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible." Daniel 2:31. "This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass. His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Dan. 2:32, 33.

Today we see on the pages of history the fulfillment of this great prophecy. The HEAD of GOLD which was the Babylonian empire rose to great strength, but when the hand writing of God appeared, it fell. The SILVER which was the Medo-Persian Kingdom prospered for a time and then fell to the BRASS, the Macedonian Empire. It too, reached a great height and its King was wroth because there was no more to conquer, but we see it fell to the legs of IRON which is the Eastern and Western Roman Empire. This territory reached from India to the Scottish walls. Going from the Roman Empire to the prophecy of the arise of modern nations, let us read Daniel 7:3. "And four great beasts (or Powers) came from the sea (of humanity) diverse one from another."

"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it." Daniel 7:4.

"And behold another beast, a second, like a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it be-

tween the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, arise, devour much flesh." Dan. 7:5.

"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of



a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it." Daniel 7:6.

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." Daniel 7:8.

Daniel beheld the four beasts—the rise of the four nations out of the great sea of humanity.

The first like a lion (Great Britain). The emblem of the lion can be seen in Britain today. This emblem is on the British Coat of Arms. The beast (Great Britain) had eagle's wings (United States). Daniel beheld until they were plucked and we see them today on our money reminding us that Daniel's prophecy of the eagle's wings (United States) was established. They were made to stand on the feet as a man (showing strength and power), and a man's heart was given unto it (freedom and justice).

The second beast like a bear (Russia). Daniel said she raised herself on one side—Russia did this when she took Siberia to her dominion. She will gather all the countries to the North which are not under the boundary of the Legs of Iron (Roman Empire). Undoubtedly, she will rule all of

Northern Europe, and at the last will stand as King of the North. In the prophecies of Ezekiel (chapter 38), the Northern Kingdom will be known as Magog. The bear had three ribs in her mouth, which we believe is Germany, Turkey, and Austria. Even now Turkey is in alliance with Russia; Austria under Germany; and the Brown Bear ready to take both of them. In Ezekiel 38, we find that Gomer (Germany) is with Magog (Russia) in the last war.

Some may doubt that the bear is to represent Russia. On the front cover of the November 18, "Liberty Magazine" appeared the Eagle, Lion, Bear and the Dragon. I wrote to the Liberty asking them to explain each of the four and the reply was, "The Great Brown Bear is the symbol of Russia; the Lion—monarch of the jungles—is the traditional emblem of England as is the eagle of the United States. The dragon, our fourth ally, is China."

The third beast like a leopard (Italy) having wings of a fowl (not wings of an eagle). The wings could possibly represent the arise of the four heads upon the back of the Leopard which are the four countries that will stand with her in some important decisions in the near future. Italy has suffered utter defeat in this war because she tried to stand with Germany when the prophet told us that one (Italy) would stand with those of the South, the Ten Toed Kingdom. Germany which is Gomer would go with the North. We have seen Germany's defeat as she sought to over-run Magog (Russia) when it was said that they would be together as they are both the sons of Ja-pheth. A nation cannot fight against God and His prophecy—

Now let us consider the fourth beast of Daniel's prophecy. It had ten horns, a little horn came up among them before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up. The little horn (anti-christ) will be the eighth, but will be of the seven and their dominion will be the same as that of the Legs of Iron (Roman Empire). Daniel 2. The Roman Empire hasn't existed for fifteen hundred years, but the old boundary lines

will be established again and the ten kings will sign a treaty with the little horn as the speaker of the House. He will then make a covenant with Israel for seven years. Dan. 9:27, but in the midst of the seven years he breaks the covenant with Israel, sets up an image of himself and demands all to worship it. II Thess. 2:4. "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Rev. 13:15.

There are a number of scriptures referring to the ten-toed or ten-horn kingdom. When it appears it will be known as the King of the South. Magog (Russia), Gomer (Germany), and all those countries of the north quarters will be known as the King of the North. Russia, I believe, will be the ruling power of the Northern Kingdom.

The King of the South will oppose him (king of the north) and the King of the North (Russia) will gather his powers together in great strength and will march into the glorious land. Dan. 11:40-41. Undoubtedly the Northern Kingdom will stay east of the Jordan or go into Egypt. "He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape." Dan. 11:42. "But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps." Dan. 11:43.

While the King of the North (Russia) is in Egypt gathering the gold, it alarms the anti-christ, the little horn—dictator of the Southern Kingdom, who is ruling from Jerusalem. In Daniel 11:44. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him (Russia) who at this time has his army in Egypt. Undoubtedly the troubling could be no one except the anti-christ from Jerusalem.

(Jerusalem would be north and east of Egypt.) Then Magog (Russia) gathers an army of Libyans and Ethiopians (Dan. 11:43) to march against the holy land—between the seas. Dan. 11:45. In Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, we find this was to happen in the latter years and by peoples from the North quarters, namely Magog (Russia), Gomer (Germany), and all his bands together with those gathered from Libya and Ethiopia. They march to the north and the east between the seas—the result recorded in Zech. 14:2. "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." Then shall come the battle of all battles, when the two great Kingdoms come to battle on the Mountains of Israel. Ezekiel 39.

The next great event will be Christ coming in the clouds to the last great battle, the battle of Armageddon. Zech. 14:3. "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Isaiah 63:1.

"Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?" Isaiah 63:2.

"I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment." Isaiah 63:3.

"For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come." Isaiah 63:4.

"And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Rev. 19:14.

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he

should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." Rev. 19:15.

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19:16.

FAITH

By Robert Girouard

Hebrews 11:6. Man can't please God without faith.

Some things obtained by Faith.

Romans 5:1. We are justified by faith.

Eph. 2:8. Saved by grace thru faith.

Rom. 5:2. Obtain standing grace by faith.

Acts 26:18. Sanctified by faith.

Gal. 2:20, Gal. 3:11. Live by faith.

2 Cor. 5:7. Walk by faith.

1 Peter 1:5. Kept by faith.

Gal. 3:2. Receive the spirit by faith.

Mark 5:34, Mark 10:52. Made whole by faith.

Mark 9:23. All things are possible to him that believeth. Varying degrees of faith.

Mark 4:40. No faith.

Matt. 13:58, Mark 6:5-6. Jesus hindered by unbelief.

Matt. 6:30, Matt. 14:31. Little faith.

Matt. 15:28, Luke 7:9. Great faith.

How faith is obtained.

Rom. 10:17. By hearing the Word of God.

Rom. 4:19-21. By trusting God's promises.

Matt. 17:20-21. By fasting and prayer.

John 5:44. By seeking the honour that comes from God only.

HIS CARE

I know not where His islands lift

Their fronded palms in air;

I only know I cannot drift

Beyond His love and care.

And thou, O Lord, by whom are seen

Thy creatures as they be,

Forgive me if too close I lean

My human heart on Thee.

—J. G. Whittier.

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INFLUENCE OF MOTHER'S PRAYER

Hannah prayed for Samuel, and he became a prophet and a mighty man in Israel.

Moñcia prayed for her wayward, paganized, and ambitious child, and that child after years of dissipation became a Christian; was made a bishop of the early church, and is known to the reverence of after ages as Saint Augustine.

The mother of John Newton, the hymn writer, prayed for him and it must have been before he was seven years of age, for he lost her by death at that early period of life. But he himself tells us that he never forgot those prayers. He grew up to be a wicked man; a blasphemer and a "man stealer"—a kidnapper of slaves from Africa. In a terrible storm at sea, when every man was required to work the ship, he was missed from deck. A sailor was sent below to find him and he found him on his knees, and heard him say, "O thou God of my dead mother, have mercy on my soul!" And God did show mercy.

The last hours of the venerable Dr. Nott were peculiarly impressive and affecting. Visions of his childhood home floated continually before him and the name of his mother was continually upon his lips; and the last words he uttered were the last words of prayer his mother taught him when a child—"Now I lay me down to sleep."

Says Mr. Spurgeon, "I cannot tell how much I owe to the solemn words of my good mother. It was the custom on Sunday evenings while we were children for her to stay at home with us. We sat around the table and read by verse, while she explained the Scripture to us. After that was done then came the time of pleading with God. And some of the words of our mother's prayers we shall never forget, even when our heads are grey. I remember her once pray-



ing thus: "Now, Lord, if my children go on in sin, it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear a swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they lay not hold of Jesus Christ."

Said the Rev. Mr. Guthrie, a Methodist minister: "Oh how much I owe to the prayers of my mother! There is an hour in my life never to be forgotten—when I followed her softly upstairs out of curiosity to learn where she went so often and for what purpose, and I heard her, on bended knee, "O God, have mercy on my wayward boy.'"

And what more shall we say? For the time would fail us to tell of the mother of the Wesleys; of Wilbuerforce; of Edwards and of others.

"We may forget her melting prayer,
While leaping pulses madly fly!
But in the still, unbroken air
Her gentle tones come stealing by,
And years and sin and manhood flee
And leave us at our mother's knee."

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew.

MY MOTHER'S PRAYER

Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's wall

There's one that's clearer than the rest

And sweeter far than all:
'Tis a picture of my mother
When I, a little chap,
Was folded in her loving arms,
To slumber on her lap;
I felt her hands caress my head,
I heard her softly say,
'Dear Jesus, take this little life
And use it every day.'

There must have been a mighty weight

Behind that simple prayer,
For through the seasons, year on year,

The picture lingers there,
And whether I'm on hill or plain
Or on the deep blue sea,
The memory of that sacred scene
Forever comforts me:

Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's wall
My mother's supplication
Is the sweetest one of all.

The Creator did not place us in this world to be at the mercy of poverty or disease. We are not mere puppets tossed about by cruel fate; there is a divinity within which can drive out of our lives poverty, disease, hereditary taints and all other unfortunate conditions.

"God has given us two ears, two eyes and one tongue for the intent that we might hear and see more than we speak."—*Socrates.*

"If I am concerned about the will of God, He is infinitely more concerned that I should know His will."—*Bishop Wm. Culbertson.*

YOU ARE BEING WATCHED! "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

The Haven of Rest

By Susie Page

The perilous days of II Timothy 3:1-8, are being manifested before our very eyes. We are living amid conflicting thoughts and fears. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for *looking after* those things which are coming on the earth. Men in their unregenerated state, possessed with a fear which hath torment.

The perils and din of battle rises high with the clash of arms, and the cries of the oppressed, the suffering, wounded, and dying press heavily upon us.

Satan, with all his arts and cunning craftiness, is striving to fill the hearts of saints and sinners alike with a rush of incessant activity which will leave no time to hear God's voice on what His Word reveals for those last days, or feast their souls on the meat that is provided for them in *due season*.

But in the mad rush of events we are reminded of the rebuke given by Jesus to the Pharisees and Sadduces, who when they came to Him tempting Him and asking Him for a sign from heaven. He said, "When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matthew 16:2-3.

When we as christians can through the operations and discernment of the Holy Spirit, "who shall teach us all things," (Jno. 14:26), and enable us to diagnose the symptoms of the ills in the church and in the world at large, then in His name present the remedy or solution. Truly we should quietly believe and obey God. He calms our fears and assures us He is noting all; that though He is behind the shadows, He is keeping watch and every wrong must sooner or later meet its own reward, that every form of self shall eventually face its own death, that He is God over all, and He is right-

eous, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Trust not in false hopes. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts. Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto everyone that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you." Jeremiah 23:16-17.

"There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." Isa. 48:22.

Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked *turn* from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die?

The world is full of tribulation; in Him is peace.

Blest haven of rest. "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15.

Shall we heed the loving call of our Saviour? "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-29-30.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Quietness and faith walks hand in hand, one begets the other. The very atmosphere of the presence of God brings peace. He by His presence in us soothes our spirits, stills our agitated thoughts and gives peace of mind, mental rest and quiet confidence. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; let not your heart

be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Are we trying to carry too much of the "yoke" which has caused us to step out of the quiet of the "secret place" of His Presence?

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Ask God definitely to quiet and cover the mind with the Blood. To the overcomers He has given the message: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

How marvelous is this haven of rest! He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet, so He bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Who are they that enter in and enjoy this haven of rest? "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? Who are they that shall not enter into His rest?

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein." They would not harken. They erred in their hearts and became hardened through the deceitfulness of sin and unbelief.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



PREPARING TO TEACH

Set aside a definite time each week for preparing next Sunday's lesson.

Read the lesson through first thing in the week, think through an outline shortly, and before Saturday carefully outline your approach to the lesson.

Master all historical, geographical and biographical references early in the week. Uncover all sidelights on customs possible by using a Bible dictionary.

Read widely during the week and gather illustrations on the lesson, which will come from newspapers, searching books of illustrations, from current fiction and from talking with friends.

Form a master outline for your teaching session. You may want to do this in terms of problem centers, the touch-offs of discussion, or specific points around which you will center your talk to the class.

Search the Bible as the textbook for the lesson.

Use a Bible dictionary freely.

Follow a lesson quarterly, a lesson book, or a Bible commentary for your classroom blackboard.

Build a scrapbook of helps in which you place all "thoughts," quotes from others, poems, usable hymns, biblical sidelights on customs, geographical references.

Finally soak all this preparation with prayer and meditation on your knees, asking God to guide you in teaching so that some pupils will find Christ as their Saviour.

—Selected.

In Haifa, Palestine, a converted chaffer has been the means in God's hands of building up a group of sixty people into a church. The sixty are all Arabs, no foreign leadership, but with strict church discipline. In addition to their meeting house they have built a guest room for the entertainment of passing Christians.—*Flame Magazine.*

Dear Apostolic Faith Family:

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I write to you, trusting these few words will be a blessing to you.

The grace of God aboundeth more and more, and His love is never failing.

This has been a month of trial and illness for us. Both the children and I have been very ill with the flu. Charles and I had a backset. In our hour of despair when seemingly all hope was gone, God heard and answered prayer and miraculously touched and healed Charles. We are still praising and thanking God for His mercy unto us. As I write to you today I am still bedfast, but praising God for a touch from Heaven, and I expect to be well and busy in a short time.

We are receiving many letters of appreciation from our service men all over the world. They are so grateful for our letters and the paper and the blessing therein. They all remark how eager others are too, to read of the saving and keeping power of our God.

Praise God for a living, hopeful, unwavering faith in this world of heart-aches and chaos within, destruction and misery on every

hand. Faith will hold us amid every storm of life. Thank God for the comforting thought—

"He Who hath helped thee hitherto

Will help thee all thy journey through."

Take good care of thy faith, friend, for recollect that faith is the only means whereby thou canst receive blessings.

We humbly give thanks to God for the marvelous way he has undertaken for this work of faith and provided for us to meet every need as it came due.

The Apostolic Faith paper has proven to be a great spiritual blessing to thousands of people, many of whom do not have the privilege of attending regular church services.

Your prayers, cooperation and support make it possible for us to carry the Gospel by the printed page.

May God bless you for your faithfulness and may your reward be forthcoming with peace and great joy.

Your Editor, *Pauline Parham.*

Hurry means also worry and haste is waste. Study to be habitually calm. "A meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price." The rush of modern social life is especially fatal to the prayer habit; for until the spirit is hushed and becalmed in His Presence, God cannot reflect His own image in our consciousness.

—*J. Hudson Taylor.*

AND THEY TOOK KNOWLEDGE OF THEM

"And they took knowledge of them, that they had been With Jesus." O, my friends, my friends today,
Through the deep need, and the labyrinths of sin,
Can those who meet and greet us on the way
Take knowledge, through some shining inner light,
Some selfless deed, some uttered word of ours,
That we, too, have been walking in that white
Companionship—and that we share its powers?
Ah, surely, we who name that Holy Name
Should bear some radiant light upon our breast,
Should walk the common highway like a flame,
Should stand like some high tower on a crest,
Lifting a torch whose light can never dim,
And the world will know that we 'have been with Him.' "

(Contributed by Kittie V. Stockdick)

—*Grace Nell Crowell.*

Heal Me, O Lord!

By Jacob C. Regier

In Jeremiah 17:14 we find this text, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved; for thou art my Praise." In these times, as in any time since the prophet uttered these wonderful words, we can put our faith in God for healing as well as Salvation. It is necessary for the people, especially God's people, to realize their own helplessness while trusting in the greatness and goodness and power of God Almighty. Like as Salvation, healing for the sick and diseased, must come from God.

The fact that Jeremiah said, "Heal me, O Lord, and I SHALL BE HEALED;" shows that in order to be healed, *the Lord must do it*, and if the Lord does it, it is thoroughly done. It is commonly said that the Lord partially delivers from disease, or that the healing work was not completed. If faith in God and in the broken body of Christ will partially deliver, why not completely? Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed, is positive: *SHALL* be healed!

It is true that hundreds and thousands of people do not know about Divine Healing. Some never have heard about it. Others have been taught against it and are deceived. We will hear lectures on the subject, "Divine Healing, is it of God or of the Devil?" May I say that if it is Divine, it is of God, else it would not be Divine. Do we have a right to call healing "Divine"? Did not the prophet say, "Heal me O Lord and I shall be healed"? Should we not think of God's work as Divine? Yes, indeed we should.

Many people that believe in Divine Healing live so far from God that their Faith is too weak to trust God for healing. Notice that John said, (I John 3:21-22) "If our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him,—". James in speaking to the sick said, (James 5:14-15) "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him,

anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the *prayer of Faith* shall save the sick, and the *Lord shall raise him up*; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

In the first place (according to John's statement above) it is necessary to so live that we will have confidence (or faith) in God that our prayers will be answered, and in the second place, it is necessary, when in need of healing, (according to James' statement above) for us to call for prayer; "and the prayer of Faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;"

Often people suffer unnecessarily, because when in need of healing, if not dangerously sick, that rather than molest the pastor or the elders to come pray over them, they choose to "tough it out" and let nature heal them. Obedience is an important factor in any Christian's life, and to call the elders to pray for the sick is an act of obedience. More than obedience, it is giving God the Glory. The reward of health is the blessing that follows.

Many powerful sermons on healing, hundreds of glowing epistles on the subject, nor books upon books discussing it pro and con, cannot be so effective in winning the faith of unbelieving people, as the Children of God trusting God and being healed. One miracle of healing is worth more than hundreds of words of argument in defense of the subject. Let us consider the words of Paul to the Corinthians, (II Cor. 3:2-3) "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." If we are "Epistles" or "letters" or "books", to be known and read of all men, then must we be plain and true, lest we should mislead them.

When the cripple that sat at the Gate Beautiful was healed, he



leaped and walked and praised God. People noticed it. It was noised abroad. The people gathered together on Solomon's porch and marvelled at the miracle. Peter said to them, (Acts 3:12) "—Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this, or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" God received Glory from this miracle of healing! Peter had opportunity to preach Christ and Him Crucified to many because one cripple was healed.

Next we notice that Peter and John were put in hold (or jail) because they preached in the name of Jesus. The next day they were made to appear before a council of rulers, high priests, elders, scribes, and friends of the high priest. (Acts 4:7) "And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, by what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" To this group of men, Peter said, (Acts 4:10) "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."

Acts 4:13 is the climax of this story. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Unlearned and ignorant men?? Indeed!! But they took *knowledge* of them! Why take knowledge of these unlearned and ignorant men? **THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS!!** All of this, because one man was healed, glorified God.

When Peter prayed and Dorcas was raised from the dead, (Acts

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Brief Mentions

BUCKLIN, KANSAS. Evangelist Homer Coberly has just closed a good revival at the Full Gospel Mission in Bucklin. Evangelist and Mrs. Albert Janzen and Billy Dearing assisted in the meeting. Ralph Royce, Pastor.

BYRON, OKLA. Sister Mary King, Pastor, reports good attendance and interest in the Church at Byron. They have a splendid group of Young People, numbering about 35.

DUMAS, TEX. Sister Gladys Eakins, Pastor, reports God has been working in a marvelous way and the work is growing.

GUYMAN, OKLA. Rev. and Mrs. Olen Bachler will begin a tent meeting at Guyman, May 13, and will be assisted by Bro. and sister Lee Brock and Bro. and sister Bob Palmer. Paul and Dessa Bollinger, Pastors.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Truner have resigned as Pastors of the Union Chapel at Stella, Mo.

Evangelist E. W. Dickson and party have been in special services at Meade, Kansas, with Bro. and sister Roy Wooster, Pastors.

Rev. Jake Pletcher, Pastor at Vice, Okla., reports the Lord is blessing the work there. They have recently purchased a building for a Church.

Sister Edna Pryor has resigned as Pastor of the Church at Norwich, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Tica Tabor and family expect to be in evangelistic meetings in the South after the first of May. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Stansberry will be assisting in the meetings.

Evangelist Dora Spencer and Frances Taylor expect to be in evangelistic work in Nebraska after the first of May.

BAYARD, NEBR. The Revival and Convocation was a great blessing and help to the Church. Fine crowds and good interest was greatly enjoyed. Evangelist Bob Palmer brought splendid messages and the Children Meetings conducted by Mrs. Bob Palmer were outstanding. Splendid music was a feature of all the services with Paul Harbin, Paul Clanton and Jack Boulware in charge. Brother and Sister Paul Bollinger were a great blessing to the services the last week.

Brother Ed. Stork brought the Dedication Message and the series closed with great Victory. Those assisting in the Convocation were: Bob and Twanda Palmer, Paul Harbin, Jack Boulware, Paul Clanton, Paul and Dessa Bollinger, George Hindergardt, Henry Trout, Adolph Mavox, Henry Reffel, Esther Lewis, Nina Hindergardt, Irene Trout, Dorothy Sterkel and Helen Dolhkey. Rev. Ed and Frances Stork, Pastors.

Evangelist Francis Sutton is in Bado, Mo., and is conducting some revivals in that region of the Ozarks.

Evangelist and Mrs. James Ahrens have recently closed a good revival at Norwich, Kansas.

WICHITA, KANSAS. The Lord is blessing the work at Hoover Orchard under the leadership of Sister Neola Moore, assisted by Gladys Nichols.

The blessing of the Lord is resting upon the work at the Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, Mo. Every service is marked by good attendance. Rev. and Mrs. Darrell Sutton, Pastors.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Willie King of Amorita, Okla., announce the marriage of their daughter, Corine, to Robert Wokaty of Byron, Okla., on March 3 at Cherokee, Okla. Rev. Keller, performed the ceremony.

TUNE IN

KANS — Wichita, Kansas, to the "Lights of Home" program every Sunday morning, 9:15 to 9:30 A. M. Rev. Albert L. Durham in charge.

KPDN—Pampa, Texas, to the "Gospel of the Kingdom" program every Tuesday 2:00 to 2:30 P. M. Rev. Ralph A. Durham, director.

PONTIAC, MICH. The Union Rescue Mission has recently been redecorated. The Chapel and all the rooms of the Mission have been painted and papered. The Lord is blessing in the services, souls are being saved. Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Peter, Pastors.

Interest is increasing in the work at Gravette, Ark. A Sunday School drive is being made and the attendance is growing. They expect to redecorate the Church before long. Brother and Sister C. E. Orendorff, Pastors.

ALVIN, TEXAS. Rev. Alfred Whiteley, Pastor of the Alvin Apostolic Faith Church and also the San Leon and Galveston Churches, has resigned and expects to move to Fayetteville, Ark., in the near future.

CAVE SPRINGS, KANSAS. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Neilson and daughters, Earline and Connie, have resigned as Pastors of the Cave Springs Mission and expect to be in Revival Meetings soon.

SEALY, TEXAS. Evangelist and Mrs. Murphy Barnes, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stockdick, Jr., have just held a tent meeting at Sealy. Several were saved and blessed during the Meeting.

Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson and Mary Evelyn Dearing, have recently held a revival at Vice, Okla. Rev. Jake Pletcher, Pastor.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS. Evangelist Otto Busch, and Floyd and Grace LaMunyon have recently closed a good revival at the Union Church in Spearman. Sister Lorraine Barker and Florine Whited assisted in the Meeting. John Modrick, Pastor.

ARNETT, OKLA. Evangelist and Mrs. Gail Schultz have recently held a good ten day revival. The entire congregation is contemplating building a new church. Rev. Harold Cooper, Pastor.

RALLS, TEXAS. Evangelist and Mrs. Gail Schultz have just held a good meeting at the Ralls Church. Rev. Elvis Bishop, Pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. The Sunset Mission, 1326 9th Ave., has been completely renovated and redecorated. A new platform has been built and a beautiful white lighted cross was hung on the wall behind the pulpit, making it very attractive. A prayer room has also been added to the Church. An election of Officers was held for the Sunday School and the Young People's work and the Church is progressing under their leadership. Evangelist and Mrs. Glayron Rees, assisted by Joe Lily are now in a revival there and God is blessing. Wilfred and Alice Parham are helping part time in the revival. Rev. Pearl Yeakley, Pastor.

The Church at Adrian, Mo., is praying for God to send someone to work in the community and help to build up the Church and Sunday School.

The work of the Lord is progressing in the Church at Arlington, Kansas. Rev. Alice Williams, Pastor.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KAN. Evangelist and Mrs. Millard Brown are now in a revival at the Fifth St. Mission. God is blessing in the altar services and in the preaching of His word. George Bollinger, Pastor.

CAMP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

A Camp Meeting for the Tri-State District is anticipated and will probably be held in the City Park at Baxter Springs, Kansas. Definite and more detailed announcements will be given later. Tica Tabor, Audley Hervey and Olen Bachler in charge.

Rev. Frances Stork will be filling the pulpit at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Mo., while the Pastor Rev. Olen Bachler, is away in evangelistic work.

God is blessing the faithful labors of Sister Laura Thompson in the Mission at Camp Wood, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne Johnson, Pastors of the Tabernacle in Rockdale, Texas, have been visiting and also been in special services in the Tri-State District of the Joplin area.

HUGO, COLO. Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Palmer have just closed a revival at the Lighthouse Mission. Susie Page, Pastor.

God has been blessing in the services at Center Point, Texas. Interest has been good and new ones are coming out to the services. Brother and Sister Paul Bailey, Pastors.

Brother and Sister Earl Morgan are still laboring for the Lord in northern Arkansas. They have weekly services at Fayetteville and Greenland. Much interest is being shown in the Jail services.

CORRECTION

Due to an oversight the last paper was marked "March" and should have been April as it was the April paper. We are indeed sorry for this mistake.—Editor.

The Lord is blessing in the regular services at Cheney and the entire church is praying for a revival soon. Sherman and Louise Sutton, Pastors.

Sister Dora Spencer has been assisting with the office work of the Apostolic Faith Pub. Co. for several weeks.

PARSONS, KANSAS. Evangelist C. O. Bard has just closed a good revival at the Full Gospel Mission in Parsons, Kansas. Rev. Zeda Morris, Pastor.

Sister Cozetta Wells of Kingman, Kansas, expresses her sincere thanks for those who so earnestly prayed for her during her illness.

HEMPSTEAD, TEX. Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Girouard have just held a good meeting at the mission in Hempstead. A number of singers and musicians from surrounding towns assisted in the meeting.

HOUSTON, TEXAS. Rev. Bill Handley, Pastor, 909 Knox St., Apostolic Faith Church reports God is continuing to bless and souls are being saved. Fasting and prayer services are held every Wednesday.

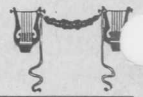
MAGNOLIA, ARK. Evangelist Otto Busch will be in a revival at the lovely new Bethel Church about the first of May. Rev. Vera Scott, Pastor.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO. Evangelist and Mrs. Amos Watkins, Fern Hunt and Naomi Mahan are in a revival at the North Hill Mission. The Lord is blessing and the Sunday School is growing. 76 are now enrolled and they are striving for the 100 mark. Sister Jennie Evans, Pastor.

Sister Annie Bollinger, Pastor of the Church at Gause, Texas, has been visiting in Baxter Springs, Kansas and helping in the revival at the Fifth St. Church.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



A HEBREW MOTHER

A long, long time ago a lot of God's people were living in the land of Egypt. They increased so much that the wicked old king was afraid they would get stronger than his own people. So he made a very, very bad law. King Pharaoh made a law that all the Hebrew boy babies should be killed. Wasn't that terrible? Just think of a wicked old man wanting to kill sweet little babies.

But there was a good and wonderful mother among the Hebrews that had faith that God would save her little boy from death. She hid her little babe in her home



for a while, but when she was sure he would not be safe any longer Moses' mother made a little basket and daubed it with slime and with pitch.

Moses' mother then put him in the basket, or ark as they called it, and put it near the river's edge.

Pharaoh's daughter, and her maid servants came to this place to wash. People used to have to wash their clothes in the river, and this may have been what she was doing. Presently she noticed this little basket. "Bring it to me," she said to her maid. When she opened it, Moses began to cry. The Bible says he was a goodly child, and the daughter of Pharaoh had compassion on him, and felt sorry for him.

Moses' mother was a wise mother. She didn't leave him out there in the river all alone. She



told his older sister Miriam to hide and see what happened to him. When Miriam saw that Pharaoh's daughter was going to keep Moses, she ran and ask her if she should bring a nurse for Moses from the Hebrew women. Pharaoh's daughter said "go". Who do you suppose she brought? Why Moses' own mother, of course. Then Moses was kept in his own home until he was weaned. I can imagine this mother prayed many prayers for Moses, and even though he lived for a time in the home of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses later became a great man of God.

All of us are glad for our Mothers. We are very, very glad if our Mother is a christian, and can pray for us. The Bible tells us to honor and obey our mothers. In the month of May a day is set aside that we call "Mother's Day." Can you do something special for your mother this year to show her your love and appreciation?

—Viola Modrick.

Do you know how many children
Go to little beds at night,
Sleeping there so warm and cozy
Till they wake with morning
light?

God in heaven each name can tell,
Knows them all, and loves them
well.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PUT INTO SHORT RHYME

1. Thou shalt have no God but Me.
2. Before no idol bow thy knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain.
4. Nor dare the Sabbath to profane.
5. Give both thy parents honor due.
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
8. Nor steal, though thou art poor and mean,
9. Nor make a wilful lie, nor love it.
10. What is thy neighbor's, dare not covet.

"Speak the truth, and speak it ever,
Cost it what it will:
He who hides the wrong he did
Does the wrong thing still."

God be with me every day,
When I work and when I play;
When I read and when I talk;
When I ride and when I walk;
When I laugh, and when I cry,
God be ever, ever nigh.

Jesus take this heart of mine
Make it pure and only thine;
I thy little child would be
Help me Lord to live for Thee.

A BIRTHDAY GIFT

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part.
Yet what can I give him,
Give Him my heart,

Selected by Viola Modrick.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The first Sunday School attempt was made by one of the Wesley's a few hundred years ago in England. But the credit of starting the Sunday School is given to a man by the name of Raikes. At first many people were doubtful about the Sunday School, and even in our own United States, in mountainous countries, people thought it wrong to study on Sunday.

But today, praise the Lord, there are thousands and thousands of Sunday Schools in our United States. Perhaps there is hardly a person that reads this, except you might be a shut in, but what goes to Sunday School.

I wonder if you ever stop to think of how important our Sunday Schools really are. A few weeks ago there was a National Convention held in Chicago, and this statement was made: "The future of our Nation lies in the hands of our youth." This is a familiar saying among us all, but how well could it have been said that the future of our youth lies in the hands of our Sunday School.

There are two big problems that have arisen as a result of the war. The Sunday School should have the answer, and the BEST answer, NOW. The first problem is JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, and the second is, RETURNING SERVICE MEN. Thousands and thousands of mothers are now employed in war jobs, and thousands and thousand and thousands of their children roam the streets at will. What organization in our whole United States is better fitted in every way to gather these children in and teach them the right way than our Sunday Schools. Approximately 100,000 men are being returned every month to civilian life by our armed forces. Many will have trouble getting back to normal ways of living. They've suffered in body and mind more than we can even imagine, and have seen sights which will terrify their souls for days to come. What will better lift their spirits than a smiling, friendly Sunday School teacher, bringing them words of cheer and

comfort from God's word.

But I wonder if we Sunday School teachers and Gospel workers are really awake in the smallest measure to our opportunities? A number of years ago a certain minister had occasion to visit a New England Church. Here is what he writes about it: "I attended the primary department both Sabbaths, and there were present two hundred and forty-three each time (just in the primary department). The teacher kept the pupils in her department until they were ten years old. She told me she called on every family represented in her department. She had them come to her house that she might lead them to Christ. She never EXPECTED a child to leave her class unsaved."

So many came into the church as a result of this teacher's work that they were compelled to build a new building. Even then the aisles, stairway and pulpit was packed. Someone asked the pastor the secret of the remarkable growth of his church. He promptly replied, "The greatest human secret is Miss Ann Harlow, the teacher of my primary class. One single week seven men came to rent pews in our church, and not an officer knew one of them. We ask them why they came, and they replied, 'Our children got into Miss Harlow's Sabbath school class.'"

"Let no one think," the pastor continued, "Miss Harlow was either a rich, idle woman, or a genius. She was neither. She earned her living by teaching in public schools five days a week, and did her work outside of school hours."

"There are in the United States 53,197,850 children and youth under twenty-five years of age. Of this number 36,878,950 receive no religious instruction from any agency, either Catholic, Jewish or Protestant." Only one person out of every 5,000 becomes a Christian after the age of 18. Only one out of 25,000 becomes a Christian after the age of 25. Seventy-five percent of the crime is being committed by young people under 21 years of age.

"When James Sullivan, seventeen years of age, arrived in Sing

Sing a few weeks ago, sentenced to be executed, he looked around and said, 'Plenty of kids here.' Yes, there were nine others waiting to die with him in an electric chair. And several thousand others who were incarcerated behind those prison walls."

In an editorial from a nearby local paper, we have the following, written by a man who is probably NOT a christian:

"It is alarming when we learn of the number of children that are being abandoned in the city of Chicago alone. They show up at the police station daily in ever increasing numbers and the orphanages can hardly care for them.

"It is hard to understand why mothers will shirk all parental responsibility and many times abandon their children in some beer joint."

As we meditate on these above startling statements, I wonder what we are going to do about our youth? Or are we going to do ANYTHING about it. "A little girl was carrying a tiny boy up the hill. A passer-by said, 'Is that boy not awfully heavy for you to carry?' The reply, 'No sir, he is my brother.'"

May we realize that we ARE our brother's keeper, and do our very best to save our Youth from destruction.

—Viola Modrick.

Be not false, unkind, or cruel;
Banish evil words and strife;
Keep thy heart a temple holy;
Love the lovely, aid the lowly;
Thus shall each day be a jewel
Strung upon thy thread of life.

Selected by Viola Modrick.

Boys flying kites haul in their
white winged birds;
You can't do that when you're
flying words.
"Careful with fire" is good advice,
we know;
"Careful with words" is ten times
doubly so.
Thoughts unexpressed may fall
back dead;
But God Himself can't kill them
when they're said.

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Pacific.

Dear Sister Parham:

After receiving that grand letter from you and that wonderful Faith Paper this afternoon, I hardly know how to express my thanks to you for it.

It has kept me with plenty to read and is something that is a great interest to me and all that wants to live and believe in the work of God.

Today is as usual, (blue Monday), but yesterday I attended a real good sermon that was brought to us by an Army Chaplain.

The days here seem to be short and the nights awful long, but I thank God each night and day for delivering us and keeping us safe from all harm.

I know that He was with me, for if He hadn't been I would have never come through all the danger I have been in.

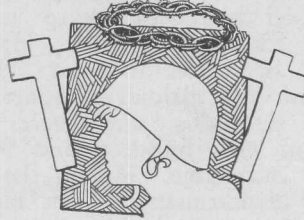
May God bless us all and lead us on that straight and righteous path, that we may enter the Kingdom of Heaven when the Roll is called.

The Chaplain also gave me a little book to read yesterday, after the service. I have been wanting to send in an offering, but so far it seems to be impossible. Mother writes me often and never forgets to tell me about the church services that they have back home. She also sends me lots of church papers.

I wish I could say more, but all I can say is thank God that I am in good health and hope that you and all the ones at home will be blessed by the grace of God, and keep up the good work you are doing.

A believer in God,
Oliver C. Pierce.

*Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
We build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly each to the vaulted skies.
And we mount to the summit round by round.*



France.

Dear Mrs. Parham:

I received your nice wonderful letter a few days ago. I thank you a lot for it. It is the nicest letter I have ever received. It really makes a guy feel good to know the people back home still thinks of them. Almost all the boys in my outfit has read your letter and they liked it too.

I hardly know how to start to thank you. I didn't even know that people in Kansas knew me, but I'm very, very happy to know they do. I really enjoy getting nice letters like the one I got from you. I'm going to keep it forever.

I must say you are doing a nice work and I hope all of the boys like the things you send as well as I.

Edward Virden.

Dear friend in Christ:

I have a Paper from the Apostolic Faith given me by a friend of mine here in this Company. His name is Joe Partin. So I find your Paper is of sound words and good doctrine. Please send it to my wife in Tennessee.

I would send you an offering myself, but I have not been paid in three and one-half months, but my wife will send you an offering when she receives the Paper. We desire the prayers of all chistians. I am a Baptist, but I love all of God's people.

Your friend,
Alec L. Bigham.

Somewhere in Germany

Dear Mom:

I have written one V-mail letter tonight, but we just had a real nice hymn singing and I thought I would write and tell you. The Chaplain had all the fellows here in the hospital to join in the singing and it sure was nice too. We had all the old hymns such as, "The Old Rugged Cross," and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," and lots more. We sure did enjoy singing very much.

I can look back to a few nights ago when I went across the Roer River to get one of the officers that had been shot, it was three o'clock in the morning and I had been in the snow all night. I sure learned a quick prayer that night. I was scared in a way, but I knew one thing and that was to trust in the Lord and I did it, too. When a fellow is up on the front he really does pray.

I don't claim to be a Christian, but as you know I used to attend Sunday School. It only seems yesterday. Mom, I guess it seems funny, me writing this way, but singing those hymns tonight made me feel like letting you know just how I feel. I know you and Dad pray for me and I pray for everyone at home, even though I never have said anything about it, I have prayed lots of times.

I don't think I told you, but I got the nice metal covered Bible you sent to me, and I've read a few verses from it. I carry it with me all the time. Thanks a lot for it.

Mom, I said in that V-Mail letter that I couldn't think of anything to write about, but just look at what I've written already. I surprise myself by writing this letter.

Tell Dad that this letter is for him also and that I'll try to write him one in a day or so, but when I write it is meant for all.

Well, Mom, I'll close for now.

Love to all,

(Gene.)

Pvt. Clyde E. Stapleton.

[Written to his mother in Joplin, Mo.]

LIBERATED

We are so happy to report that Lt. Dayton L. Drachenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jul. Drachenberg of Beasley, Texas, has been rescued from imprisonment in a Japanese prison in the Philippines. He was liberated on Feb. 4, 1945, after almost three years of prison life.

Lt. Drachenberg took part in the defense of Bataan and, after it fell, he escaped to Corregidor. He was wounded at Corregidor and spent much of his early imprisonment on a stretcher. He was then imprisoned in Bilibid Prison near Manila. It was here where he saw hundreds die all around him from beri beri, palegara, malaria, and dysentery; but he was fortunate in that he escaped these dreaded diseases. He learned here what real starvation was,—where people weighed less than half what they originally weighed, and where the only thought was food, food, food.

After his return home, he reports that he feels like he is walking in heaven and the people he meets are angels. He said that he always felt that the prayers of many of his friends were back of him, and that he often felt actual communion with the people back home who remembered him in their prayers.

But, after years of longing, waiting, and hoping he reports that life means so much to him. He is having one great joyous reunion with all of his friends and is so happy to know that friends were so concerned about him and were so happy to see him. He relates that many times he was close to death and, on his part, wished to die to get out of his misery; but the folks back home gave him courage and the will to live.

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I received your letter and it was very encouraging to my soul. I am so glad we boys have mothers and fathers and friends all over this world that is interested in our souls, and remembers us in prayer. I feel the prayers of our friends and loved ones are helping.

I am sure the work you are doing is blessed by God. I have read quite a bit of your literature and it is very encouraging to me.

I can feel God's hand in my life. He is the only one who can help us in time of trouble.

Last night as I lay on my bunk praying to God, He seemed so real and so dear to my heart.

I just praise His sweet name for protecting me from harm and danger. He has been so sweet in my soul. Praise His name.

I must go now and write Mother. Pray much for me and may God richly bless you and your work.

Yours in Christ,

J. D. Griggs.

Dear Mrs. Parham:

Just a few lines to answer your kind letter. I am in the hospital now. I have sinus trouble and I am not feeling so good, but think I will be O.K. soon.

I received one copy of the Apostolic Faith. I enjoy reading it very much. I want to thank you very much for being so kind. Pray for me.

Sincerely,

Mathew L. Stanley.

Italy.

Dear Sister Parham:

I was surely very pleased to receive your letter and also my copy of the Apostolic Faith paper. I like the paper very much and like to read about the experiences of others.

I hope the circulation on your paper increases as I believe it may mean the way of some souls making their peace with God. I am so happy that I found God at an early stage in life and since that time have gone on my way rejoicing. I am ready to go at anytime He calls, but until that time I hope to labor faithfully for Him. Surely God is a never ending source of strength and guidance for every circumstance.

I do pray that God will help you with your work for Him. I am certain that He will supply all the necessary needs to any and all Christians that obey His voice.

I do praise His Name today for His saving Grace. If this letter should be published and anyone reads it that doesn't know Christ Jesus as their Savior, I beg you to learn of Him now. Tomorrow may be too late. Let us all be ready and get aboard that good ship, Zion.

In His Service,
Cpl. B. O. Barup.

IF

By John A. Clark

*If I were a "Mom" or a man called "Dad,"
If I could say "Son" to a service lad,
If that were "my sailor" far out from the land,
If "my soldier" fought on a desert sand,
If that were "my boy" and I should feel
That tomorrow he'd face the bullets and steel,
I'd walk, I'd run, I'd crawl to get where
Some folks who knew Jesus would join me in prayer.*

*If I had a son who was likely to go,
If his letter said, "Soon, but none of us know,"
If this were "my lad," though he'd always be
In the camps or the ports of this country,
If he had been spared from sickness and sin,
If he had been guided through thickness and thin,
I'd walk, I'd run, I'd crawl, if need be,
To the House of my God, who had spared him to me.*

—Minneapolis Messenger.

A BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

A general meeting was held with a goodly number of ministers and churches represented at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Mo., on February 28. The purchasing of a building for a permanent Bible School was thoroughly discussed and a committee of five men were elected to investigate and purchase a building suitable for a Bible School. Ben Barker, Otis Wade, Tica Tabor, Alfred Whitely and Jack Barker were the Committee elected.

A building at Bentonville, Ark. was considered and thorough investigation and inspection was made. It was found undesirable. The Tri-State district being centrally located with its many facilities and opportunities with a wide field for Evangelism and practical work for students, it was chosen as a location for the Bible School.

A building was bought March 15, 1945, in Baxter Springs, Kansas, located two blocks from Main Street, well constructed, roomy and suitable for a Bible School. It is a large residence, very lovely and attractive, of wood construction, two stories, large attic, basement, with new up-to-date heating system, large porches, extra large room for chapel or class room, some space for housing students, with available ground for building purposes, making it adequate for a Bible School.

\$8,000.00 will purchase the building and also build an annex that will give ample housing space. The committee has put up \$500.00 in Escrow in the Baxter National Bank until the party of the first part furnishes merchantable title, within sixty days. The building will be deeded to the Apostolic Faith Movement, to be held in trust by the Board of Trustees.

This is a forward step and all the Churches and Ministers and laity of the Apostolic Faith Movement heartily endorse this move and we are urging everyone to do their very best and give as God lays it upon your heart for this work of faith. It is a cash deal and all are praying that the entire

amount will come in soon. This will be a faith school where men, women, boys and girls will be taught and instructed in the ways of God without money and without price. Your gift will be bread cast upon the waters—bringing forth fruit in the years to come.

The Chairman is Reverend Ben Barker, Box 135, Laverne, Okla. Please send all donations for the Bible School to him.

Minutes of the last meeting.

A meeting of the Apostolic Faith Movement was called at Baxter Springs, Kansas, April 3, to elect a Board of Trustees for the Bible School.

The meeting was called to order by brother Ben Barker. After a song and prayer, the business session began. A motion was made and carried that the Board of Trustees should consist of three members and should be put in office with the rotating system. One Trustee to go out each year. A motion was made and carried that the board of Trustees should look after the property, and also the preparations for the coming Bible School.

Blind Ballots were handed in by each Minister and delegate from each Church for the election of the Trustees. Roll call of the Ministers and delegates was made.

The building of a home for Pauline and Lulu Parham on the lot connected with the Bible School was discussed. It was decided that this subject should be left to the Board of Trustees and the Parhams.

The Trustees elected were:

Alfred Whitely one year
Otis Wade two years
Ben Barker three years

The time of the Bible School is to be decided by the Trustees and shall be announced later upon decision.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn with prayer.

Week-day Church School has definitely reduced delinquency among youths in Kansas City, according to testimony of Judge Clark E. Tucker of the juvenile and probate court.

HEAL ME, O LORD!

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9:40-42) we read these words in the 42nd verse, "And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord."

Again let us read our text in Jer. 17:14, and let us notice the last phrase, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved: For thou art my Praise." When we, as people of God, are healed by His power, we too, glorify God.

Is it not true that the Apostles trusted and believed God for healing? Is it not true that in the latter rain, the Holy Ghost was poured out in a Bible School and Healing Home? If this be true, and it be an indisputable fact, that Jesus went about doing good and healing the sick; may we, as the Apostolic Believers, trust and believe God for the healing of our bodies. Let us see the importance of Christ's broken body as well as His shed blood. May we as ministers and elders fulfill our duty to Christ, and to the church, preach Divine Healing, pray for the sick and trust God for more faith for this work.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed! May God be praised!

In Loving Remembrance

of our

Beloved husband and father

Robert L. Parham

who passed from this life
May 19, 1944

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In God's design of life for us
That He Himself has planned,
There are so many hidden things
We do not understand;
But He would have us know His
plan

Is such a wondrous one,
That when we do not understand,
To say: "Thy will be done!"

Mrs. Pauline Parham
Roberta and Charles Parham

In Memoriam

"They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."



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Our Consolation



*There is a radiant light of Hope
That time can never dim—
The living, glowing symbol
Of our faith and trust in Him—
The Giver of all happiness—
The Healer of despair—
We take heart, because our loved ones,
now,
Are in His kindly care!*



*Robert L. Parham
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OBITUARY

Mary Elizabeth Martin was born in Indiana on March 4, 1870 and departed this life on March 15, 1945, at the age of 75 years and 11 days. She came to Missouri as a small girl and lived most of her life in the southwest part of the state. She was converted in childhood and lived a very devoted Christian life. She received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit thirty-six years ago.

She leaves to mourn her death four children: one son, Clura Martin of Maysville, Arkansas; three daughters Opel Owens of Shell Knob, Missouri, Meda White and Ruth Harmon of Webb City, Mo. Three step sons, ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Spaul of Salida, Calif.

Funeral services were held at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Mo., with the Reverend Olen Bachelor officiating.

Mary Lou Rosenfield was born in Fet County, Texas, October 19, 1878, and departed this life on January 19, 1945, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charles Shadoan, 2420 Pine Tree Drive, Houston, Texas.

On November 7, 1893, she was united in marriage to Francis Marion Dearing. To this union were born two children, Miss Lillian Dearing of Jacksonville, Florida and William Dearing of Houston, Texas. After the death of her husband she was united in marriage to J. T. Dearing in August of 1897. Into this union were born seven children; three daughters, Mrs. R. S. Setzer of Jacksonville, Florida, Mrs. J. C. Brewer of Gilford, North Carolina, and Mrs. Charles Shadoan of Houston, Texas, four sons, Thomas Dearing and Claiborne Dearing both of Houston, Texas, Machinist's mate 1/C John Dearing of the Sea Bees and Pfc. Phill Dearing of the

U. S. Army. Surviving besides her children and husband are two sisters, Mrs. Katie Brown and Mrs. C. H. Spire both of Gainsville, Texas and a number of grandchildren.

She was converted and joined the Baptist Church when very young. A few years ago she received and accepted the light of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. She left a wonderful testimony at her death.

Funeral services were held at the Fogle West Chapel in Houston with Reverend Bill Handley in charge.

Miss Helen Locke of Hempstead, Texas, passed away at her home in Hempstead on March 27. She has been in ill health the past two years. She was born at Buckhorn, Texas, but had resided at Hempstead for the past twenty years. She was an earnest, faithful Christian and lived a devout life and was faithful in the services at the Hempstead Mission.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. E. P. Locke; one sister, Mrs. Tom Cooke of Austin, Texas; two aunts and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the Mission in Hempstead with the Rev. Joe B. Dewees and Rev. Russell Swanson officiating. Burial was in the Buckhorn cemetery.

SHORT SERMONS

Next to good health is the appreciation of it. It is possible for poverty to destroy generosity. Patience wins more victories than most virtues. Study the past if you, would divine the future. I regard that man as lost who has no sense of shame.—*Plautus*.

The heart has eyes that have never been discovered by the brain.

To find God is our only hope. It is possible to think of your fellow-man in such a way as to make prayer an impossibility.

It is often the part of wisdom to remain quiet inside when the situation outside is explosive.

The fact that we are not worried over our sins does not by any means prove our innocence.

A man may have great achievements and little pay, or conversely, he may have colossal pay and few real achievements.

PRAYER LIST

We have been sending out many anointed and blessed handkerchiefs and we will be happy to send you one if you are in need of healing. No matter what your need may be—God is able and willing to grant your request. May we hear from you.

Mrs. Bert Stoner	Mrs. Tom King
Gladys Garham	Leamon Tice
Mrs. O. Alexander's Son	Mrs. Bert Smith
Mrs. Lee Fancher and family	Donnie Cox
Mrs. Albert Schwan	Mrs. Lela Davis
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Mrs. Marguerite Stickler	Fred Niethamer
	Mr. L. Gerbig
	Mrs. John Reid