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## REVIVAL MEETINGS



We take pleasure in announcing a series of Revival Meetings to be conducted March seventeenth to thirty-first, by Miss Hattie Hammond of Hagerstown, Maryland. Miss Hammond has conducted evangelistic campaigns throughout the Eastern and Central States, and has led many souls to Christ. We are looking for much blessing from her ministry with us. Make this your meeting. Pray for it. Attend it. Invite and bring others to it. Its success depends largely on us doing our part.

A Young People's Rally will be held on Saturday evening, March thirtieth, and all Young People are invited. A great time of fellowship and blessing for the young is expected this night.

Services will be held each evening, except Mondays, at eight o'clock.

Sunday, March seventeenth is Missionary Sunday. Bring your Missionary Offerings with you. All offerings that day will go to Foreign Missions.

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

(By the Pastor.)

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his."

May we consider for our subject, "The Spirit of Christ," and for our meditation take our Lord Jesus in His earthly life as our example? The word Spirit used in our text begins with a capital, thus referring to the Holy Spirit who begets the nature of Christ within us. But the same word is used when referring to the human spirit, "For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him?", and also of one's disposition, "What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?" It is in this latter sense that we wish primarily to consider it at this time.

Our first consideration shall be the Spirit of Christ in home relationships. At twelve years of age the child Jesus lingered behind His parents when they had departed from Jerusalem at the close of their period of worship there. Seeking Him, they found Him in the temple questioning with the doctors of the law, where He met their reproof with the words, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He was at that early age conscious that He held a relationship to God stronger and more binding upon Him than any relationship to earth, yet He went with them and was obedient unto them. And this respect and regard continued throughout His illustrious life, terminating at the cross in His final provision for His now aged mother in the bosom of the home of that disciple whom He loved.—"Woman, behold thy son! "Behold thy mother!"

We must not forget the debt we owe to those whose blood we are. The Spirit of Christ leads us not to forget. "Honor thy father and thy mother" was God's first commandment with promise. To avoid the just claims of the law many Jews supposedly consecrated their possessions unto God, yet, through the corruptions which resulted from a religion of outward form rather than the heart, they were enabled to make this but a hollow mockery, passing with man, but strongly rebuked by our Lord, for they could still appropriate that, which they

claimed as consecrated, to their own carnal purposes. Jesus rebuked them for two things,—first, for making a mockery of consecration to God; and, secondly, for thinking they could avoid fulfilling one of God's positive commandments by claiming they were doing so for Him. Never will God accept to Himself anything that makes void some portion of His definitely defined will. Yet how many try to pass off a service such as they prefer, rather than do that which He has said. But it is all to no avail, for it is the bringing of a blemished or maimed offering to Him, which He has emphatically declared He will not receive. Children owe to their parents respect and honor, and, where the need requires, faithfully to provide for them in their declining days. This is not only to fathers and mothers, but to grandparents as well. "But if any widow have children or nephews (grandchildren R. V.), let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God." "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." This Jesus taught by precept and example; and this the Spirit of Christ will lead us to do.

Next we may consider the Spirit of Christ and its claim upon us as to civil powers. Jesus was law-abiding and law-respecting. The Jews looked for a Messiah who would overthrow the then established Roman form of government; and although rejecting Him, yet sought to ensnare Him that they might deliver Him to the governor. They asked of Him, "Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" to which His answer was, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." This same spirit is taught by His apostles whose ministry succeeded His. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." The people of God are the salt of the earth; their presence

greatly assists in holding in check the forces of evil. The spirit of Christ would lead us to live and pray that God may wave His banner over our great Republic, so that those in responsible places be given courage and wisdom. There are great unseen and spiritual forces such as Daniel encountered when he set himself to seek God in behalf of his nation, and, if the people of God fail, destructive powers may take the ascendancy. Too little have many regarded these facts. We have looked upon the human leaders, have praised or blamed as circumstances excited us, but have we obeyed the scripture and prayed, earnestly prayed? May God awaken us to our Christian duty.

The spirit of Christ is humble. Jesus was equal in His regard to both rich and poor. Often the rich do not seem to relish the simple gospel, yet one has spoken of them as "the poor rich folks." Their station in life seems to deprive many of them of the real heart of Christianity, leaving to them but the coldness of form, and the empty eloquence of those who would seek to please rather than feed. They need preachers of righteousness to point them unto God, but too often have but speakers who hold men's persons in admiration because of advantage. It is true that it was the common people who heard our Saviour gladly, and His ministry seems to have fallen largely among these. The poor woman sought His counsel, and He met her need; the blind beggar would see, and Jesus restored his sight. None were ever so poor or so needy as to be beyond His touch; and none who sought His ministry were disappointed.

But Zacchaeus, although he had considerable wealth, would climb a tree to see Jesus who was to pass that way. Who, seeing the hunger of his heart, said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." What Zacchaeus needed was contact and fellowship with Jesus, which drew from him his humble confession, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." His answer was, "This day is salvation come to this house."

One may come from the humbler walks of life, yet greatly lack the grace

of humility. A self-asserting spirit is not the Spirit of Christ. Jesus gathered His disciples about Him; then began to wash their feet. His lesson is one in humility. He took the place of the most menial servant, then taught His followers, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." By this act He exhorts to love and service one toward another, not to be seen of men, but to the glory of God. "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." Nothing else will enable the doing of this than the Spirit of Christ, which is so much needed to exemplify our Lord before a dying world. May we cultivate this Spirit, and may its rich fragrance attend all our contacts with others. Only in humility is found rest.

To live the Spirit of Christ requires self-denial and self-crucifixion. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The Spirit of the whole life of Jesus was summed up in these words, "Not my will, but Thine be done." We are not required to make any crosses for ourselves, we are called upon simply to follow our Lord. Enough will be met which is contrary to nature, and other than we would wish. Plans, at times, may be broken, friends may frown, and complete collapses of material things may result in sore sorrow of heart. We are not to live for self, but for Christ and His glory. Even to the agony of Gethsemane, and the death of the cross, our Lord has gone before us; always able in Spirit to say, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt." We do not know how deeply He suffered as He said, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it," but we see the utmost surrender, "Thy will be done."

May God bless His church and fill it with His love; and may its individual members put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

**MISSIONARY SUNDAY, MARCH SEVENTEENTH.**

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### PRAYER.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. 6:18. From these two verses we gather the thought of prayer—its nature, necessity, and power.

The nature of prayer is spiritual. It is most essential to lead a victorious life, and to do so every child of God must know the power of prayer, for "we wrestle not against flesh and blood"; the warfare is not visible, it is not in the natural.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He showed them the real battlefield. It is in prayer that we have the greatest spiritual engagements. The devil will use all his skill to hinder prayer, and his most popular tool is that of postponement—pray at a more convenient time.

We know the value of prayer and know it is the greatest need of the hour. The world at large and things in general need much prayer. As we look out upon the world we see the nations signing peace-treaties; but it is when they cry peace, peace, that sudden destruction shall come. What they need is prayer.

We see America today with its lack of discipline, lawlessness, and infidelity, with little or no thought of God. We recall the days of her youth, when the people had a vision, when they inscribed "In God we trust" upon their money; and we sing and read about the faith of our fathers. What our Nation needs is much prayer.

Among the multitudes we see that iniquity abounds, the evil man grows worse, deceiving and being deceived; infidelity is spreading, unbelief is growing and sin is on a rampage. What people on every hand need is prayer.

The Church is cold; many having left their first love; infidelity has crept in; and the love of many has grown cold. In others, a root of bitterness has sprung up, whereby many are defiled. Those caught in the net of the apostasy mislead large numbers. Those honest with God

know within themselves the battle is hard at times, and fairly stagger under pressure from the powers of darkness. God is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, and everything is naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. He sees those who are trying to live on past blessings and a dead experience, and those who are trying to justify themselves with excuses. He knows those who are drifting into an unconscious decline, and those who are departing from the living God by way of compromise. God knows the truth about everyone of us. What we all need is prayer.

We, as the children of God, are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood. We are called to pray as priests, making intercession for those about us in sin; and as we pray our vision grows clearer, our hearts enlarge, and our prayers extend to the uttermost parts of the world.

This, then, is our calling as Christians, but it is conditional. We must know our Bible, so that we pray in the will of God; with an eye single to His glory. We cannot regard iniquity in our hearts, for if we do, the Lord will not hear us. The body of sin cannot come into the presence of God; it must die.

We first taste of the resurrection power of our Lord when we are born again of the Spirit of God, and have been made new creatures in Christ, taking on the newness of life and the renewing of our minds. The moment the Holy Spirit reveals this to us, we see our liberty in Christ. We have passed from death unto life; our past is blotted out as a thick cloud; our sins to be remembered against us no more. We have made our choice—Jesus is the Captain of our Salvation.

Way back yonder God heard the cries of His children in Egypt, and the eyes of the Lord are still on the righteous and His ears open to their cry.

May we ask our own hearts if we are faithful priests, wrestling with unseen powers; if we are true to the cause of Christ in prayer; and if we are true to the requests made for prayer. We are told of how the people asked Samuel to pray for them, that they should not die because of their sins, and Samuel replied, "God forbid, that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." In the seventeenth chapter of John, Jesus shows us the importance of

prayer as He prays for His own. We are exhorted to pray one for the other. May the Lord make us all mighty men of war in prayer, that we may pray down

the strongholds of Satan, proving to this old world that "God is still on the Throne."

Mrs. W. Luther Stevens.



MR. AND MRS. FERDINAND EWALD, POLAND

### FROM THE MISSION FIELDS.

A few weeks ago we received the following letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Ewald, Poland:—

"Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory," not because we deserve it at all, but because of His great love and grace.

"One of our recent evangelistic trips we enjoyed very much because we found some rejoicing children of God. Two years ago when we visited this place there were only six saved people in that town, and these were so discontented that they made one feel chilly and glad to get away from them. But, praise God, after sowing the precious seed and sending native workers to them now and then, their number has increased considerably, and instead of looking into sad and weary countenances, their faces are now wreathed in smiles that do not come off because Jesus satisfies their longings, and the Comforter has come to abide.

"Traveling from one village to another one very dark night after holding a meeting, we were held-up by a couple of

village bums who are fast heading for a bandit life. But God, who knows all things before they come to pass, provided us with two big strong men who rode on the wagon with us, and when we were attacked these strong men jumped quickly off the wagon and drove the hold-ups away. There were ten of us on the wagon (only a good, old-fashioned, springless wagon can hold that many and not break down on these dreadful roads), and we were all heartily engaged in singing spiritual songs and melodies unto the Lord, for everybody was so very happy. We are yet praising the Lord for, with the exception of the two strong men first attacked, we escaped without a scratch.

"On another evangelistic trip the Lord gave us a wonderful time. We took Brother Rieske with us this time as we wanted him to get acquainted with this part of Poland. The folding organ, which he had brought with him from the States, attracted many people, for they had never seen such an instrument carried around. Among those whose hearts were touched on this trip was a

young man who had studied to be a Lutheran pastor. He prayed earnestly for salvation, and we covet your prayers for this young man that God may completely heal him from the sleeping sickness which has fastened itself upon him, and which the doctors pronounce incurable. We feel being saved and restored to perfect health he will be a wonderful instrument in the hands of the Lord. His mother is also seeking for salvation. The last evening of these evangelistic meetings a number cried out to the Lord. Your hearts would have rejoiced with us if you could have heard them weeping and rejoicing at the same time; and the meeting lasted four hours.

"About a month ago as a meeting was in progress in a certain village, the assembled people were given a dreadful shock by the reports from a double-barrel shot-gun fired through the window and aimed at the native worker's head. But God put forth His protecting hand and caused the shots to go over the top of his head so that, although fifty-three shots lodged in the building, only two or three found their way into the back of his coat, one grazing his shoulder a bit. Several of the people fell on the floor from the shock, but how much worse it could have been if God had not protected. We have a wonderful God who ever watches over His own. Our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving to Him.

"I am very thankful that I am well and strong again. When I can be on the go for the Lord continually I am the happiest, but when physical conditions compel me to stay at home I get restless and dissatisfied.

"Hearty thanks to all the dear ones who so faithfully stand by us, both financially and with your prayers. May the Lord abundantly reward each one."

Poland, in one respect, is somewhat like America—people from several nations have made it their home. But the people differ in this respect, that they do not mix in Poland as they do in the States, for each nationality believes in remaining distinctly separate. The Poles have just celebrated their tenth year of independence; but though they are ruling, nevertheless they are still forgetting God, and are faithfully serving the Catholic Church. While under the Russian government, thousands of Russians,

Ukrainians, and Jews came into the country, and during the period that Germany ruled over part of this benighted land many from that nation wandered away from their "Vaterland" and settled here. Each, of course, brought his much beloved religion with him, a religion of ceremonies and bondage, promising much woe to the one who dares to forfeit his privilege of seeking peace through unceasing works, for the peace, which the heretics and sects declare, they have received without money and without price.

Now, that for some years missionary efforts have been put forth, hundreds of souls have been awakened, yea, thousands have lifted up their heads, turned from their bondage, and sought the freedom which Jesus alone can give. Most of the revivals in this country have been among the Russians, the Ukrainians, and the Germans. It is very difficult to get an opportunity to work among the Poles, because they are in such bondage to the Priests. They receive the Word gladly and promise to read the Bible which is given to them, but as soon as the messenger is out of sight, they go to the Priest and ask his permission to read the Bible and to listen further to the preached Word of God. He denounces the messenger and his message, cursing him as being sent by Satan, and also cursing the one who receives him. Believing the Priest's word is God's Word, they obey him implicitly, and those who do have the courage to forsake the Catholic Church, go through much persecution and hardship.

Our work has been mostly among the German colonists, but here, too, we have met with much opposition. When enemies could not hinder the onward march of the good, old-fashioned Gospel, by persecuting those who came to the meetings, they sent the police. But after examining our documents, the police not only gave us their protection, but their respect as well, so our opposers gained nothing. However, in spite of all hindrances, it has been our joy to lead many to the feet of Jesus, some have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and others have been healed by the great Physician.

Some of the dear folk at home are apt to think that the people, where the missionaries are laboring, are stretching

out their hands and pleading for help, but that is rarely the case, and is so only after they have become awakened and realize that they are lost, and must be born again. Then it is when they begin to plead for help. It is the missionary's duty to spread the glad tidings of salvation full and free, and God, causing the seed to grow, creates that cry after the Bread of Life. Sometimes the missionary is not received; and then again his visits are gladly, joyfully, looked forward to. Sometimes a wave of salvation sweeps over the assembled people, and they begin to cry out to God for mercy; and then again some groups of people are won by fasting and much prayer. However, the joy of serving the Master in one little corner of His vineyard is enough recompense for all else.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClay, in India.

"Greetings in His dear name.

"Your good letter with the checks enclosed received; and we do appreciate very much the way the congregation of Highway is looking after us and the work in India, and we believe that some day they will be rewarded for their faithfulness.

"As we labor for the Lord we are at times encouraged when we see men and women moved to tears through the Gospel, and at other times discouraged as we hear them blaspheme the name of Jesus and tear the gospels either into pieces or burn them to ashes right in front of our eyes. At the last Mela the Arjas, who have a bitter hatred in their hearts towards the missionaries, even hurled stones at us with the intention of injuring us, but praise God, He caused the missiles to stray in directions other than intended and none of us were hurt. We feel the time is at hand when we may expect to see more and more of Satan's power manifested, but, bless God, we also feel that as the persecution becomes greater we will also experience far more demonstration of the power of God than in the past, thus convincing those who are honest that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God.

"Last year two orphan boys came to us so we took them in and sent them to school. The one we sent to Rupaidha and the other we sent to Nawabganj.

About two weeks ago while attending special meetings at Nawabganj I noticed that Mohand (our boy) was just sitting watching the others, so I called him over to me and asked him if the Lord had done anything for him and he said "Nothing," to which remark I replied, "Well, it is your fault, not the Lord's." Then I told him about the soon coming of Jesus and that if He should tarry until he grew up our intentions were to take him with us to preach the Gospel, but that if he did not have a real experience with the Lord he would not be fit to do this work. After this he got down to business and began to pray. The Lord saved him and in a few days he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and since then has been baptized in water.

"A young man and his wife came to us last month wanting work. He had been employed on the railway and had very little knowledge of the Bible, but said he wanted to do mission work, so we gave him a trial at selling gospel portions at the railway station. After he had come to live at Mankapur we found that he smoked cigarettes, so we talked to him and prayed with him. The Lord saved both him and his wife, and she received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the special meetings. He is studying the Bible and is able to give little talks in the morning prayer. While we were attending the special meetings at Nawabganj his old mother came and tried to persuade him to go back with her and forsake the mission work. But all her persuasions and fussings with him were of no avail for he said to her, "The Lord has saved me and I want to continue in His work." We talked to the mother and told her that the Lord wanted to do a work in her heart too. She came in to the meeting and we saw her crying during the tarrying meeting, but fear the tears were more about her son than her sins. The mother has gone back to her home and we trust the Lord will really save her; but we are glad the son remained with us in the work. Pray that God will make this young man and his wife real shining lights for Him, and also pray that God will strengthen the frail wife and completely deliver her from the fever she has been suffering from the past week.



"Every morning my Bible woman and I go at 630 to the villages and return before noon as the heat grows very intense by the middle of the day. We enjoy going from village to village, telling the people of Jesus and His love. At times our hearts are made very sad when we notice their indifference as to where they will spend eternity, then again they are gladdened—encouraged—when we realize their hearts have been touched.

"Pray for these poor, benighted souls who are sitting in midnight darkness that the Light of the world may find an entrance into their hearts."

The total missionary offerings for the last quarter of 1928 amounted to \$1741.74, of which the Assembly gave \$1,262.51, the Sunday School and the Young People \$368.70, and the special offerings for Christmas remembrances amounted to \$120.53. Of the above given total offering for the quarter \$260.12 were received designated for J. J. Mueller, of India, the Leper Work in India under Harry Waggoner; native workers and orphans; and Russian and Eastern European Missions.

#### MISSIONARY SUNDAY, MARCH SEVENTEENTH.

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#### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING UNTO GOD.

I want to praise the Lord for His very present help in the time of need. One Monday morning in February of the past year, while hurrying around doing my washing, I bumped my left breast on the ringer of the washing machine. Just for a few moments I felt a slight pain from the injury, but three days later I suffered from sharp pains in the breast, which gradually grew worse and worse, causing me to become alarmed and upon investigating found a lump had formed in the breast. At once I dropped on my knees committing the matter unto the Lord, at the same time searching my heart and asking the Lord to forgive me if I had sinned in thought, word, or deed. I was anointed and prayed for by our pastor but felt no better;

in fact, the next day felt even worse than I did before I was prayed for—this was really the only day I suffered intense pain. It was surely a time of testing for me, but I held on to the Lord in prayer, knowing that He could heal me of this condition as well as He had of others in the past. And, hallelujah! He did, for when I awakened the next morning I was healed—the lump and the pain had both entirely disappeared. Oh how I praise the Lord for healing me of that which I was told would have been a tumor had the Lord not undertaken.

Mrs. Mary Pocsuway.

Early in the fall of last year, as a feeling of deep need of God came over me, and as I began more earnestly to read the Word and seek His face, hay fever fastened itself upon me, from which I suffered four and one half months the previous year. About this time we were having a week of special prayer at Highway. One night during this time, opportunity being given, I failed God by not quoting the Scripture He had greatly impressed upon me, but the third night, by His grace, He enabled me to say, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Humbling myself, I asked prayer that the Lord would disclose any sin in my life, that His blood might cleanse, and His healing power be manifested. Praise God. He answered prayer, for from that time I have had no recurrence of the hay fever, no, not even as much as a cold during the winter. Realizing that many sins, such as a prayerless life, neglect of reading the Word, pride, selfishness, murmuring, and unbelief, hinder God from granting our petitions, I earnestly desire to continually seek Him with my whole heart.

Miss Clara M. Payne.

Like the writer of the beautiful song, "The Mistakes of my life have been many, and the sins of my heart have been more," so fitting to my own life, I too fail to find words to express my gratitude to God for taking my feet

out of the miry clay and setting them on the solid rock Christ Jesus. Now I am safe in the arms of Jesus; He has washed me in His precious blood; shelters me day by day in the shadow of His wing; has strengthened my weakened body; and filled me with His Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord, He has blotted out my sins to remember them against me no more. I am a poor rich-woman now since I found my Jesus, and would not exchange with the wealthiest woman on earth. He bid me, "come buy, without money, without price" and this invitation He extends to Whosoever will receive. Dear unsaved reader, without Christ and the hope of eternal life, come to Jesus just as you are, He will greet you with open, out-stretched arms, bury your sins in the sea of forgetfulness, and fill your soul with joy unspeakable and full of glory. He will never leave you nor forsake you, He, our glorious King, who is coming soon to take His own unto Himself, praise His dear name.

Mrs. Wm. A. Gunn.

#### JOTTINGS.

The Revival Campaign, which marked the thirty-fourth anniversary of Highway Mission Tabernacle, was a blessing to many. The ministry of Evangelist Ben Hardin of Chicago was thoroughly appreciated; several were saved, some received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and others were healed. Mrs. Mary Brewster testified that she was healed from rheumatism and also fallen arches. We shall welcome all our friends to be with us again at next Thanksgiving season when, the Lord being willing, we will have another great annual feast of fat things and wines on the lees well refined.

A letter received from Vineland, N. J., after the Convention had the following encouragement for us, "We all enjoyed Thanksgiving Day at Highway very much. One of our number received the Baptism, two got their first overflowing anointing, and two received a deeper work in their hearts. Praise His holy name."

Fond recollections still linger with us of the beautiful Christian fellowship in our midst on Thanksgiving Day. This being the one day of the year set apart for all-day services brings our friends from various points outside Philadelphia to enjoy these meetings with us. To make our fellowship on this day as pleasant and uninterrupted as possible, it has for many years been the custom of Highway to provide a simple lunch for those who wish to partake of same. It was our great delight to serve seven hundred meals to those remaining with us the entire day, and we hope it may be our pleasure to have them, and many more, with us next Thanksgiving.

Rejoice with us for we were able to reduce the debt on the church more than \$11,000.00 last year. Truly wonderful! and to God be the praise. Your gifts, and those of others, will mean another big reduction this year, so let us all do our best. You may give toward this purpose at any time, using the yellow envelopes; or you may save your offerings for this purpose until the quarterly building fund Sundays—May twelfth, August fourth, and November third.

On the thirteenth of December a beautiful Baptismal Service was held at Highway. Thirty-eight followed the Lord in baptism. Besides the candidates from our own church, there were those from the following places:—The Kensington Pentecostal Assembly, and Calvary Church, Camden, brought the larger number, but there were some from Lenola, Maple Shade, Vineland, and Millville, N. J. Sister Dietrich also brought some from the rescue mission of which she is in charge, three of whom were Jewish. Brother Messler, pastor of Calvary Church, brought the message from the scriptures; and he and Brother Benson, Pastor of the Kensington Pentecostal Assembly, officiated. It was a blessed time of fellowship.

Our Italian brethren from the southern part of the City held another Baptismal Service at Highway on the

evening of December twenty-sixth. Sixteen followed the Lord in baptism. God has signally blessed these brethren in Christ. They have held several baptismal services during the past year and at each have had a large number obeying the Lord's command, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." May God continue to richly bless the Italian Assembly.

Christmas brought cheer to many hearts this year, and was a time of blessing among us. The blessing of the Lord rested upon the people when a large congregation assembled on Christmas night to worship Him. The usual Sunday School exercises of the Sunday School were a bit of sunshine to all. God bless the children.

The Watch Night Service, ushering the old year out and the new one in, was rather different from those we have been accustomed to attending in past years. But although in some respects different yet God's presence was richly felt, for God, who is almighty, thought best to turn the usual Watch Night Praise Service into what was more of a reconsecration service. Everything seemed to lead that way,—to the realization of the need of a reconsecration to God—the songs, the prayers, the sermon, the testimonies, all bespake this. At the close of the sermon an expectant hush of a few moments reigned—a seemingly waiting of everyone for the Lord to speak and come forth in power for His own glory. Then there broke forth upon the silence one by one the testimonies of the people. Blended with the praises that fell from the lips of some, who had taken an inventory of their life of the year just slipping into eternity, were the rich fragrances of a reconsecration to God. Many of those present were richly blessed in soul, and determined in their hearts a stauncher loyalty in the future to the church to which they had pledged their allegiance, and to the Lord. It was a service that left a lasting impression on many.

We were glad to have so many present at the annual business meeting held on January 21st; may the attend-

ance at our next be even greater than this one. Besides the reading of the annual reports and the election of officers for the ensuing year, twenty-three new members were received into the church.

On Christmas Eve a number of the Young People went caroling to the different institutions where they are accustomed to hold services. From reports received we feel many sad hearts were made glad as the carols, in commemoration of the advent of our Lord Jesus, floated out upon the silent midnight air to those in the various institutions. During the past quarter the Young People have conducted meetings regularly at the accustomed institutions and missions. An increased interest was noticed at the various places for which we praise the Lord. The Spirit is always richly present at the meetings held at the Camden Jail once a month. As the songs are sung, testimonies given, and the message goes forth, the hearts of some of the prisoners are tendered and they sit weeping during the service, still others raise their hands for prayers, and our hearts are made glad because we know from these outward manifestations that God is speaking to them. A new door has also been opened for us during the past quarter, into which we have entered with the Gospel. The people seemed much impressed with the service and requested us to come again.

### MISSIONARY SUNDAY, MARCH SEVENTEENTH.

All offerings go for Foreign Missions.

### REPORT OF FINANCES.

Owing to the limited space in a paper of this size we can only submit a condensed report of finances for the year 1928. We feel this report will also enable the readers to better realize why we urge systematic giving, for upon the faithful giving of our members and friends depends the meeting of various obligations as they present themselves.

The Missionary Obligations of Highway Tabernacle amount to \$1,170.00 quarterly, consisting of the full support of five missionaries, and the partial support of one; also of the full support of the work at Mankapur, India, and the partial support of the work at Ouagadougou, French Soudan, Africa. After deducting from the missionary offerings the aforesaid obligations, and designated amounts each quarter, we were enabled to send \$1,250.75 during the year to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, undesignated, to assist missionaries on the field who do not have any church assuming the responsibility of their support. Besides the Sunday School contributing each quarter to the Assembly for missions, the various classes have supported either orphans or native workers in India, Egypt, China, Africa, and Poland to the amount of \$1410.43 during the past year. The total Missionary offerings for 1928 amounted to \$7,530.28, against \$8,803.40 for 1927. We praise God for enabling us to give this sum for missions in 1928 and trust that the offerings for 1929 will exceed even those of 1927. We would like to remit money to the General Council for undesignated support, because many of the missionaries, who have no church

supporting them, will have to suffer actual want in heathen lands, if money is not forthcoming from those in the homeland. Give liberally unto missions, as unto the Lord, and your reward will be rich in heaven.

The total Building Fund offerings for 1928 were \$10,830.63 whereas those of 1927 were \$11,111.94.

The Net Debt on the church on January 1st, 1928, was \$52,359.68 and the Net Debt on January 1st, 1929, is \$41,053.69, which shows a decrease on this debt during the year of \$11,306.99.

We praise God for helping us so wonderfully in our finances, and sincerely thank everyone who, out of the liberality of his heart, generously gave toward the advancement of His cause. God bless you abundantly in your souls and financially.

CHURCH TREASURER.

### ANNOUNCING.

Rev. J. N. Hoover, for many years a successful Baptist Minister and Convention Speaker, will conduct a series of Meetings at Highway Mission Tabernacle, May fifth to nineteenth. Mr. Hoover is a speaker of unusual ability, and deals with subjects of interest and importance to all. Fuller announcement will be made later.

### BIBLE STUDY NOTES: THE COMING OF CHRIST

(Continued from last quarter)

#### 7. PRE-MILLENNIAL ARGUMENTS.

(A) ANTICHRIST. That Antichrist, who is conceded by all to come before the millennium, is to be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming, fixes His coming as pre-millennial. 2 Thess. 2:8.

(B) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION. Matt. 24:29-31 (which is certainly before the millennium). Christ is to come. Matt. 24:21.

(C) A PERSECUTED CHURCH. The true Church is appointed to persecution, suffering, and cross-bearing until Jesus comes, which precludes a millennium until after His coming. 1 Thess. 3:3; John 15:19-21.

(D) TARES AND WHEAT are to grow together until the end of the age. Matt. 13:29, 30; 2 Pet. 3:3, 4; 1

Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:13; Lk. 17:26-30. (Thus we cannot look for a millennium of righteousness in this dispensation.)

(E) WE ARE NOWHERE INSTRUCTED TO LOOK FOR A MILLENNIUM, but are constantly exhorted to look for the coming of Christ.

#### 8. THE LITERAL REIGN OF CHRIST.

The millennium will be a personal reign of Christ upon the earth, and not simply the spiritual exaltation of the Church.

(A) A King shall reign in righteousness. Isa. 32:1; Jer. 23:5, 6.

(B) Upon the throne of David. Isa. 9:6, 7; Lk. 1:32, 33; Ezek. 21:27.

(C) At Jerusalem. Jer. 3:17; Zech. 14:16.



(D) The saints shall also reign. Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6.

9. THE ORDER OF THE RESURRECTION.  
1 Cor. 15:22-26.

(A) Christ the first-fruits.

(B) Afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. 1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 20:4-6.

(C) Then cometh the end. Rev. 20:5-14; 2 Pet. 3:10.

10. RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE REVELATION OF CHRIST.

Rapture means to be caught up, or away. Revelation means appearing, shining forth, or manifestation.

(A) THE RAPTURE occurs when the Church is caught up to meet Christ in the air. 1 Thess. 4:14-17.

(a) At this time Christ comes as Bridegroom. Matt. 25:10; Eph. 5:25-32.

(b) The Church, like Enoch, is then taken out of the world. Acts. 15:13.

(c) The Rapture may occur at any moment. Matt. 24:42.

(a) The Church has the promise of escaping the Tribulation. 1 Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10; 1 Thess. 4:17; Lk. 21:36.

(B) THE REVELATION does not occur until after the Tribulation.

(a) At the Revelation Christ is manifested with His saints to end the Tribulation by the executing of righteous judgment. 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Jude 14, 15.

(b) At this time He comes with His saints to the earth. 1 Thess. 3:13; Zech. 14:4, 5; Rev. 1:7. (Certainly He must come for them before He can come with them.)

(c) At the Revelation Christ comes to rule the nations. Rev. 2:26, 27; and to begin the millennium. Zech. 14:9.

11. THE CHURCH AND THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

(A) THE CHURCH THE ECCLESIA—meaning assembly or congregation.

(a) It is distinct from the Jewish church in the wilderness Acts 7:38.

(b) It was still future when Jesus was on earth. Matt. 16:18.

(c) It is a companion of Christ during His humiliation. Col. 1:24; 2 Cor. 1:5-7; Phil. 3:10; 2 Tim. 1:8.

(B) THE CHURCH A MYSTERY.

The Church came in as a mystery, and was but rarely, if ever, spoken of in the Old Testament prophecies. Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:3-6; Col. 1:24-27.

(C) NOMINAL CHRISTIANS AND THE TRUE CHURCH.

The professing Christian Church, in-

cluding Roman and Greek Catholic, numbers about 650,000,000. It has conformed so largely to the world that the world has little, if any, controversy with it. See Matt. 13:31-33; Rev. 3:14-22.

The True Church is the body of Christ. Eph. 1:22, 23. The Bride of Christ, Eph. 5:23-32, is now a virgin of sorrow and affliction, 2 Cor. 11:2, and will be persecuted and misunderstood until her Bridegroom returns for her, 1 Thess. 4:16, 17, when she shall be saved from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, Rev. 3:10.

(D) THE TRUE CHURCH SHALL BE REWARDED.

2 Cor. 4:17, 18; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:17; 2 Tim. 2:12; Lk. 12:32.

12. THE KINGDOM.

(A) THE KINGDOM is the manifestation of the glory of Christ which will follow the Church Age. 1 Pet. 1:11.

(a) He shall sit in the throne of His glory. Matt. 25:31.

(b) The Church shall be exalted to reign with Him. Rev. 20; Matt. 19:28; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3; Rev. 5:10.

(B) THE KINGDOM IS YET FUTURE.

(a) It came nigh when Jesus the King came. Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 17:1-9; 2 Pet. 1:16-18; Matt. 21:1-16.

(b) The Jews rejected it and slew their King. Matt. 27:36.

(c) Now the King has gone into a far country, but will return. Luke 19:11-17.

(d) The Church is not the Kingdom, but shall enter into it. Acts 14:22; 2 Thess. 1:4, 5; 2 Pet. 1:10, 11.

(e) The Kingdom during the Church Age has been hid in mystery. Matt. 13:11.

(f) The Kingdom shall be manifested in power and glory. Matt. 13:43; Rom. 8:17-23.

(g) Then shall the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. Rev. 11:15; Dan. 7:14; and shall be given unto the people of the saints of the Most High. Dan. 7:27.

(C) DURING THE KINGDOM.

(a) J'udah and Israel shall be restored and shall dwell safely. Isa. 60.

(b) Wars shall cease. Isa. 2:4.

(c) The animals shall be at peace. Isa. 11:6-9; Rom. 8:21.

(d) Knowledge of God shall cover the earth. Isa. 11:9.

(e) But the Lord does not restore Israel, nor build up Zion, until He appears in His glory. Ps. 102:16.

Note: These notes are largely taken from "Jesus is Coming", by Mr. Blackstone, and will be completed in the next issue of this paper.