

The Promise

"The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all."—ACTS 2 : 39.

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Perilous Times.

The days in which we live there is a great need of a meek and quiet spirit, and a continual waiting upon God for wisdom and discernment, for these are really perilous times, and the perils mostly arise from ourselves, owing to the lack of the knowledge of the Word. God said my people are lost for lack of knowledge. We have just closed a series of special meetings, during the time of the exhibition in Toronto. God has wonderfully blessed us. Many received their baptism. The Spirit had been poured out upon us in great measure for some weeks previous, in saving souls, healings, and baptisms. Since the first outpouring we have never had such power. From the first service until the last the Holy Spirit led in every meeting. At times four and five coming through speaking in tongues at the same time, Hallelujah! On Friday afternoon many came forward for healing and the Power was there to heal; while laying on hands for healing the Spirit fell upon two, and both came through speaking in tongues. Testimony of a brother: He had been bound for years with something like a tight band round his head. He said God delivered him completely in a minute. Another who had stomach trouble for years got deliverance. A sister who had been to see a doctor and got medicine in her bag, said after prayer all pain left her. Praise the Lord! Still another who said the doctor told him there was no hope, said he was delivered and got his baptism. Another brother's testimony: He said I fought this work when it first started, and said it was of the devil, and wrote all my friends not to go to the Hebden Mission. But, praise the Lord, He brought me here and has baptised me and healed me and it is glorious, praise God. I wrote all my friends and told them it is of God. Hallelujah! A young lady came in the afternoon, got saved and in the evening got her baptism.

J. H.

"Lama Gersha."

191 George St., Toronto, Canada.

The above name was given to this house in tongues, and the interpretation being "a place of spiritual teaching."

In existence for about four years in all; first as a mission, and for a year past in church order, yet during the past two years about 16 missionaries have been sent out by the Holy Ghost. "The spirit of prophecy" in the church often directs not only the destination of the missionaries, but the dates and places of sailing, long before any knowledge of the vessels or dates sailing. All go forth dependent in God alone; no board or organization or suggestion of such to lessen faith in God.

All monies sent in for missionaries goes wholly to the missionaries without deduction. Everyone sent forth is called of God and baptized with the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues, as at Pentecost.

The present addresses of all missionaries who have gone or are now going are as follows:—

Charles Chawner, Church St., Vryhied, Natal, S.A.

James Chapman, Chez Mene, Prijairn, Emma Chawner, Natal, S.A.

Du Cerrefour, N. Africa.

Thos. Hindle, Pao-Ting-Fu, China.

Louise Hindle, Pao-Ting-Fu, China.

Edwin Hill, Tientsin, China.

Margaret Hill, Tientsin, China.

Miss Grace Fordham, Tientsin, China.

Edgar W. Scurrell, 110 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

George Bowie, 145 Grant Ave., Jersey City.

Mr. Hitch, Etio Jirma, N. Japan.

Mrs. Hitch, Etio Jirma, N. Japan.

Mrs. J. Norton (nee Barbara Johnson).

Boys' Christian Home, Dhoud, Poon District, India.

Mr. Atter, Shanghai, China.

Mrs. Atter, Shanghai, China.

W. H. Burns, Tientsin, China.

Samuel Grier, Durban, S. Africa.

ORGANIZATION.

We desire to state most emphatically that in the Lord's work at 651 Queen St. and 191 George St., Toronto, we have no connection whatever with any general organization of the Pentecostal people in Canada. As a "missionary church" we stand alone in God's divine order, and extend the right hand of fellowship to every member of the body of Christ and to every church or assembly gathered in His name and to the Lord Jesus, accord-

ing to scripture, and we decline absolutely all responsibility for any so-called representatives of the Pentecostal work in Canada.

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Thirteen Days with God.

Thirteen days with God. Yes! Thirteen days spent with God. During the time the city was crowded with visitors to the exhibition, we gathered at 651 Queen Street East, to meet with the Lord. Those were holy days, when many of God's people left their homes, their business life and cares and came apart to rest a while. We shall never forget those blessed days. At times our hearts were rejoicing until the cup of joy was so full it ran over, at other times many wept in the Spirit before the Lord. We have gone deeper, people were coming through into the baptismal experience all the time, day and night, and in early hours in the morning. Souls were saved and backsliders reclaimed. In one meeting the Spirit fell upon me, and took such control of my hands that I played the organ under the power of the Spirit. This occurred several times. Hallelujah! What a divine love there was; every one felt that love controlled; as the days passed the power increased. The Holy Ghost uncovered sin in a wonderful way. In November, D.V., we shall meet again to wait before the Lord four days or longer as He permits, it being the anniversary of this work. From the 14th to 17th we hope many will gather with us during those days. We have much to praise God for that He keeps us low and humble. The plans have now been filed for the new church which is to be erected on George Street. God is supplying the needs and funds for this purpose in His own way. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

E. K. H.

ITEMS.

Gathering of God's people in November from 14th to 17th will be held at 651 Queen Street East, Toronto.

Brother Hebden had the opportunity of spending a week in Chicago at the convention held at Brother Durham's.

Brother Chawner with his wife and family are now at Vryhied, Natal.

Brother and sister Hindle are in Chih-Li, China.

Convention.

We had the privilege of attending Pentecostal Convention at 651 Queen Street, East, Toronto, Canada, in the mission conducted by Brother and Sister Hebden.

The spirit of love and liberty in the Holy Ghost filled the children of God throughout the special meetings. Three services each day was the rule that was adhered to.

A desire to know God in a fuller sense was the means the Holy Spirit used to bring the people to their knees, and tarry for the promised power, Acts 1, 4. Again and again the tender melting presence of the Holy Spirit was discernable in the midst of the congregation, as some would weep and others laugh, the glory of the Lord would descend upon them and cover them with His presence.

A spirit of repentance took hold of the people in one of the morning services, many of the dear ones realized it was the convicting power of the Spirit.

They had counted the cost, and having set up their minds to go through the fire lines, they were not ashamed to confess out their faults, Jas. 5: 16.

This was followed by a spirit of forgiveness, in which many wrongs were set right. One brother received great blessing as he made up his mind to lift the debt of \$284.60 from another man that had owed him the money for some time.

Praise God for the days we are living in, when our affections are being set upon things above. After the spirit of repentance and forgiveness had His way with the people, God began to manifest more power, and hungry souls that were coming and going all the time were being fed with the Bread of Life.

Many were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The only way we knew it to be so with them, was because we heard them speak with other tongues and magnify God. Acts 10: 45, 46.

Many sick ones recovered as the brethren offered up the prayer of faith and anointed them in the name of the Lord Jesus. One dear brother who came from a distance with the determination in his heart that he must leave Toronto a well man, gave himself over to the Lord. And as he was prayed over peals of laughter came rolling forth from him, and in a very short time, a few minutes, he called out, "All pain has gone." His was a very serious case, but God is able to save and heal to the uttermost.

A dear sister in the Lord as she was prayed with for weakness of body, the Lord Jesus baptized her. How did the people know? They heard her speak in other tongues. Acts 19: 6.

Sept. 12th was a very wonderful day. The morning service as is the rule there, was devoted to the reading of the Word, testimony and the breaking of bread, which gathered the dear ones

around the Lord's table. The quiet holy hush that crept over the saints was a clear evidence that God was with His people.

The best of the wine seemed to be kept till the closing services. That same afternoon a mighty spirit of conviction settled on the congregation, seldom have we been in a meeting where such rapt attention was given, unsaved men and women knew that God was knocking at their heart's door wanting an entrance. Some yielded a little, others a little more. One young life, I noticed, yielded all, and got beautifully saved.

She was not content to stop there, but came back to the evening meeting, which was a wonderful time. It was God's meeting with His people, as the congregation time and again sang "By and by we're going to see our King."

The altar which had been filled again and again during the entire convention became crowded with people. In a very short space of time there were about twelve people numbered amongst the slain of the Lord. The young convert mentioned above being one of the number. The Spirit worked mightily through her, giving her a vision of Indians.

Close by her was a brother who had come in with a friend entirely opposed to the Pentecostal blessing. His heart was open to God. The Lord always enters the open door, and took possession of our dear brother and convinced him that this is God's way of dealing with His children in these last days.

The dear fellow let God have His way with him, and in a short space of time he fell right off his chair, down on his face before God. Hallelujah! The place was filled with God, and so were the people, another brother that had testified early that same evening that he had not received the baptism, was by my side and as I looked at him manifestations of the Spirit's presence were to be seen passing through him. Then the Holy Ghost took entire possession and filled the temple, and made Himself very real to the dear brother by speaking through him in other tongues. Acts 2: 4.

These were blessed days that oftentimes ran on into the early hours of the following morning. The blood is all our plea. We knelt beside a brother who for hours and hours, away on into the early hours of the morning kept pleading the power that is in the blood of Jesus, until God gave him the desire of his heart—baptizing him in the Holy Spirit, with the same sign following the incoming of the Spirit as they had in the upper room, when the hundred and twenty tarried for the promise of the Father.

Purifying and sanctifying waves of God's presence and power filled the people from time to time. Monday, Sept. 13th, brought a blessed convention to a close. From early morning till late in the night the burden was foreign fields. The morning service

opened with a mighty burden of prayer for the dark continents across the seas.

There are many young people in Toronto standing in the ranks of God's people awaiting marching orders from the throne. They are willing to go forth into heathen darkness and unfurl the blood stained banner of the cross. God speed the time when they will go forth with the whole armour on, fully equipped, decorated with the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, to rescue the perishing heathen.

Midnight closed the convention which had been brimful of blessing. The enemy worked incessantly, but they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, Rev. 12: 11.

G. B.

From Japan to China.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward. Isaiah, 52: 11 and 12.

Near the end of June, while tarrying in Japan, the Holy Spirit presented to my mental vision the Chinese character for the number five, at the same time the month of August was impressed upon my mind. Turning to my wife, I said, I believe God has given us the date of our departure for China. We then knelt together and prayed for God to confirm this message, if it was from Him. The Holy Spirit then spoke through my own lips, as He did at Pentecost, and said, August 5th. We then prepared to depart on that date and the way opened out beautifully. I prayed for God to send us one hundred yen before the date of departure and a few days before departing I received a cheque for one hundred yen exactly. Praise God.

During the month of July, while my wife was in Komakura she prayed that God would direct her to a passage of scripture concerning our departure to China and she received the verses quoted at the head of this letter, together with the preceding verse.

On August 5th at 9 p.m. our train pulled out of Tokyo station and we had begun our trip to China. Our journey by rail was to Kobe, from which place we were to take the steamer to Tientsin. Our train sped on through the clear moonlight night and we could see in dim outline the beautiful landscape composed of rugged mountains, fertile valleys and crystal streams. Soon we dozed off to sleep. When morning broke we found our train passing through a mountainous district. Often we were plunged into tunnels of great length. The mountains passed, we came into a long stretch of level country, more beautiful than pen can

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do, because I go unto My Father.

Now we are convinced of the present power of Christ to heal, the willingness on his part to heal all our diseases. Psm. 103: 3, Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. What steps are vitally necessary on our part to receive?

BY FAITH.

1. Faith.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11: 1), the evidence of things not seen. Jesus teaches that faith should be exercised by the recipient of divine blessings, such as healing and casting out.

The poor father in his distress sought Jesus' aid for his son, as the disciples could not cast out the evil spirit, and as if in answer He said (Mark 9): *If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.* Words of wondrous import to those seeking healing.

To the blind man Jesus said (Mark 10: 52). Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole." And to manifest the mighty consequences to follow from great faith Jesus says (Mark 11: 22). *Have faith in God.* (23) Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things that he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (24) Therefore, whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.

In Luke 8, Fear not, only believe, and she shall be made whole. To the woman who washed His feet with tears (Luke 7: 50), Thy faith hath saved thee: go in peace. Faith brings healing to the soul, much more to the body, which is a lesser blessing.

The faith of others may do (Luke 5: 20). When He (Jesus) saw their faith, He said to the sick of the paralytic: Man, thy sins be forgiven thee. (24) I say unto thee, arise and take up thy couch and go into thine house, and immediately he rose up glorifying God. James 5: 15, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick. The faith of others avails for healing.

Now, how can we have this inestimable boon of faith which so moves omnipotence in God?

Romans 10: 17, So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Hence to build up a sick one in the faith you need to lay the foundation on the Word of God.

Read of the works by faith. Noah, who successfully combatted the waters of the flood. Abraham, who proved faithful to God's Commandments and founded the line of God's chosen people through discouragements that not only appear but were overwhelming to the mind of man. Joseph, who was held by the word of God till the time arrived he delivered all his people and the nation from death by famine. Moses, who though rejected by his people, was a friend of God and stood in the gap for his brethren. Joshua who wholly followed the Lord by faith,

led God's people into the land flowing with milk and honey. They would have stoned him, yet all who murmured fell in the wilderness he alone with Caleb by faith persevered, and by faith he compassed the walls of Jericho, the city of the curse, and the walls fell down flat, and he commanded the sun and moon to stand still and they did. David, who slew the giant Phillistine by faith in God, as well as the lion and the bear, and by faith resisted the temptation to slay Nabal or Saul, and gained a kingdom as well as the City of Zion.

You can enter into all the blessings of heaven by faith and the healing of all diseases. Read how Jesus healed "every one" and "all manner of disease," and yet he in one place could do no mighty works because of their unbelief, save that he lay his hands on a few sick folk and healed them. The power for healing increases by faith and lowers or lessens by unbelief; so the backbone of faith is stiffened and strengthened by the word of the Master, *Have faith in God.*

Heretofore we have only taken faith of others as examples; now they believe God and God's Word. So we are driven to dig down deep to the solid wall of God's Word to build a house that will defy disease, and it can be done. A beautiful, strong scriptural foundation in so many different ways for our faith to rest upon.

ATONEMENT.

1st. We can accept Jesus Christ the Lord as our Healer, on the ground of atonement or substitution. Jesus became our healer directly, not indirectly, by his bodily sufferings (Isaiah 53: 5), and with His stripes we are healed. Now, let faith build on that He suffered for your sickness to obtain healing for you, to take your place of punishment for disobedience. God permitted no unnecessary suffering to fall upon His only begotten Son, and with His back free from any burden of sin or disobedience, he received blow after blow of the cutting scourges of the brutal Roman soldiers until they made "long their furrows," the blood that flowed, and the pain and suffering, were for your healing and mine. He bore the sickness. You may justly have healing by faith in those stripes being given to Him in your room and stead. Believe this with your whole heart and your sickness will depart; unbelief in this world and your sickness continues; faith in His sufferings for you and you have divine healing. Lord, I believe in the stripes for healing.

Again, we find healing in Isaiah 53: 4, Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. The Hebrew word for grief may be rendered infirmities, and sorrows include sickness. See Matthew 8: 16 and 17. *And healed all that were sick,* which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet (Isaiah 53: 4). *Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.* Matthew interprets Isaiah (53: 4) and shows that Jesus bore our sicknesses in His own body.

Every Christian accepts this for salvation of the soul; why not for the sick-

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ness of the body, which it is so expressly declared by Matthew to include. Then Jesus bore our weaknesses or infirmities and carried our sorrows, which include sickness and death. O Earth, Earth, hear these words of the Lord; believe and have healing from the stream of divine life that flows like a river from Christ on the Cross right into every part of your diseased system, when you accept Him as the healer. And if you believe Isaiah 53: 4 and 5, you shall need none of the other means or aids to healing hereafter mentioned. Just the sick one and Jesus. Look and live. The bitten Israelite looked at the brazen serpent on the pole and was healed of the serpent's bite. Much more if you look to the broken body of Jesus Christ lifted up on the cross; for your healing, shall you look and live. Do you want to live. He says, *I am the Life.*

AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

You can see healing in the Lord's Supper if you will. 1 Cor. 11: 29, 30, Not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep (die). Why? Because on taking the broken bread and drinking the wine you do not discern the Lord's body; not because you have sinned, for no one can say I have no sin, but because some do not discern the body of Jesus.

Now, what does this mean? The Greek may help us some. The preposition *did* used there means not discerning through-out or through and through the Lord's body. In other words, they accept the broken body and wounded Son of God in part only for salvation, for salvation perhaps for baptism by the Holy Ghost, but not for healing; so they are sick, many of them and many sleep (die). This is My body, which is broken for you—it does not say for salvation only (Isaiah 53: 4 and 5). No, it was for sickness too; to disbelieve this is to be sick and perhaps sleep; to believe it means health. Paul says: *Examine or judge yourself as to your faith in these words, "We are healed by His stripes"—and Himself bore our infirmities and carried our sicknesses.* All victory is obtained by faith. Moses realized the danger of the plague and the shelter from the wrath of the sprinkled blood (Hebrews 11: 23). Through faith he (Moses) kept the Pass-

over and the sprinkling of blood lest He that destroyed the first born should touch them. The word destroyer is used here and in Exodus, but in Exodus 12: 13, The plague shall not be upon you to destroy you. So it was a plague, and the sprinkled blood of a lamb protected from disease much more the blood of Jesus, if seen at the breaking of bread by faith. If the Lord's Supper is kept by faith in the sprinkled blood, as Moses kept the old passover, the plague cannot come in to make many sickly and many sleep. For Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast—the true feast with faith in the sprinkled blood of Jesus, to keep away disease, and no plague shall come nigh thy dwelling. Even if one isn't ill we should always see in the broken bread the body of the Lord Jesus broken for our healing and bodily health, as well as for salvation from eternal death.

Then if one fails in all these ways of seeing the Lamb of God as Healer, God has mercifully provided many other ways of which healing can be had (1 Mark 6: 15, 16, 17, 18).

IN HEATHEN LANDS.

In evangelistic work among the unsaved, in obedience to the great commission, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, the gospel is glad tidings. It is only part of the gospel to speak of salvation from the lake of fire; that is a great joy to have our names written in heaven; but why not believe in Jesus as the Healer too? Why not trust Him with your body? Is He unworthy of your trust? It is the command to tell not half the story, but the whole; preach the word that includes healing. Glad tidings to the sick, is it not? Then these signs shall follow them that believe. In My name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Any one sent forth to preach by the Holy Ghost (Mark 16: 15) must have these signs to follow; if they are wanting, there is something wrong. No faith is mentioned, no gifts, nothing by the elders; but simply, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. This should follow in heathen or barbarous lands where there is no faith. This happened in Paul's shipwreck on the Island of Melita. The heathen were healed (Acts 28: 8) and it came to pass that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux, to whom Paul entered in and prayed and laid his hands on him and healed him.

BY THE ELDERS.

2nd. The goodness of God has provided in a very clear way for Christians who have not enough faith to accept of Christ directly as the healer, to get aid from the church. James 5: 14 and 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. (15) 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 for-

given him.

Then again, although a church member, yet without faith. The prayer of faith of one of those elders or all who unite in that one prayer, saves the sick. It does not say prayers of faith, although all pray. It is no doubt the oneness of the prayer or the unity of faith of the church represented by the elders that avails for the sick one who has not enough faith to be healed without the help of the elders of the church. But there must be the call for the elders by the sick one, and that shows some faith at least in God's appointed ways. Sick ones should know whether they call for the elders or not. If not in church order or the elders were not duly ordained as overseers by the Holy Ghost, the prayer offered might not be effectual as a prayer of faith.

BY THE GIFT OF HEALING SET IN THE CHURCH.

3rd. God has also in the Church—which is His body, the body of Christ—set the gifts of healings. 1 Cor. 16: 28, And God hath set some in the church . . . after that miracles, then gifts of healings. Helps government diversities of tongues. Here again there is no faith stated; no anointing of oil; no laying on of hands; but simply gifts of healings. How beautiful that in the body of Christ that is to be presented, spotless as a chosen bride, there are gifts of healing set for all the members of the body on earth. As they are set in the body, it may be they are not to be used outside of the one body, for they are set in the one body. It may be they should not be utilized or confounded with the prayer of faith in James 5: 15. As the grounds of procedure are so different, the sick one should choose which. The prayer of faith or the gift if both can be had access to.

The distinctive difference seems to lie in the prayer as the one avenue of healing, and the gift as the other. God's gift seems to be very precious, especially as it is set in the church.

The fact that the Word declares that God hath set in the church shows that the gifts are now in the church which is His body, even if not apparent. The body is composed of believers who have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. See 1 Cor. 12.

ABSENT TREATMENT.

Now God in a miraculous way also provides authority in the Word for obtaining healing where the sick one is far distant from church elders, gifts or apostles. As an old saint once said, in such cases a specialist should be called in and referred to Acts 19: 11. And God wrought special miracles by the hand of Paul, so that from His body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons: and the diseases departed from them. This miraculous healing has taken place in the far Western States from an handkerchief on which hands were laid and prayer made for the sick, and according to promise Jesus is just the same to-day as ever.

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These provisions trespass very closely on miracles, irrespective of healing; and miracles are set in the church (1 Cor. 12), the same as gifts of healing, yet there is such a thing as miracles of healing that accompany those sent out by the Holy Ghost. Acts 4: 22, For the man was above 40 years of age on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. And Peter declares it was by faith. Acts 3: 16, And His name through faith in His name has made this man strong . . . yea, the faith which is by Him (Jesus) hath given Him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

BY AGREEMENT ON EARTH OF TWO.

Again we come where the sick is absent from those desiring recovery. God will and has used for examples of recovery the method given in Matthew 18: 19, If two of you shall agree on earth touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Here unity accord agreement in earth seems to be honored by anything touching His kingdom. Wonderful incidents of recovery from sickness and in salvation of souls can be supplied on enquiry, which have been experienced on this ground of blessing, and how good of the dear Lord and Healer to thus supply every need. Agreement may be available where all other means were unavailing or inaccessible to the sick or lost.

REBUKING THE DISEASE AND THE DEMON OF DISEASE.

There remains the deep need in those attempting or seeking to be an avenue of blessing in healing to others, to remember the cause of sickness and death, and in all cases the demons have gained access to the body in some way. The body was not all covered with the precious blood, and we know Jesus was spoken of as healing all that were oppressed of the Devil (Acts 10: 38). "For God was with Him."

(Concluded in next issue)

We are glad to let the friends know that we have received letters from Brother and Sister Hill and Sister Fordham, the letters were mailed at Honolulu, thus far their journey has been safe and happy. The Lord's presence is with them. Brother and Sister Gan are on board the same ship.

Brother and Sister Hill and Sister Fordham are nearing their destination, we hope soon to be able to report from them.