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TONGUES OF FIRE

FROM

THE WORLD'S EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE ON APOSTOLIC PRINCIPLES

*"Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you . . . and be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."
"There appeared . . . tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."*

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*"Beloved, I was constrained to write unto you, exhorting you to contend earnestly for **The Faith**, which **once for all** delivered unto the saints."---R. V.*

TONGUES OF FIRE

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EDITORIAL.

"BEHOLD! YOUR KING COMETH."

What a glorious message this is. It is His latest message to this movement, and it is given by the King Himself. Praise His dear name! Let every heart be glad. Look up and rejoice. Shout greatly. The glory of God is soon to be revealed. A hundred and forty-four thousand living saints are soon, like Enoch of old, to be translated. This is the company which John saw in Rev. 14:1-6. "Lo, a lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with Him an hundred, forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads; and they sang a new song before the throne. No man could learn THAT SONG but the hundred, forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth."

What spotless purity do these dear ones possess, in order to be "worthy" to escape "those things which come to pass upon the earth," i. e. the "great tribulation." "These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are VIRGINS. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and unto the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God."

O, what beauty do these fair ones possess. They are to be the bride of the King. The glory of the Lord God is theirs. They are the same company which John saw

in the 21st Chapter of Rev. verses 9 and 11. "Come hither," said the angel, "and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal."

But when the "hundred, forty and four thousand" are translated, a portion of Christ's dear bride, called in the literal Greek translation, "the remaining ones" . . . "those keeping the commandments of God" (Rev. 12: 17) are left behind, to represent God's interests among the nations of earth during that last awful tribulation.

These "remaining ones" are represented in Rev. 14:6-7. There the Revelator saw an angel "FLY IN THE MIDST OF HEAVEN, HAVING THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL TO PREACH UNTO THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH, AND TO EVERY NATION . . . KINDRED, . . . TONGUE AND PEOPLE, SAYING WITH A LOUD VOICE, FEAR GOD, AND GIVE GLORY TO HIM; FOR THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COME; AND WORSHIP HIM THAT MADE HEAVEN, AND EARTH, AND THE SEA, AND THE FOUNTAINS OF WATERS."

This mighty world-wide movement, is to be carried on in the time of the Anti-Christ, i. e. "the beast," who shall at the same time have a world wide movement, in the interests of his own worship, Rev. 13:4-8. To worship the Anti-Christ will mean eternal torment, Rev. 14: 9-11. On the other hand, to refuse to worship the Anti-Christ, will mean martyrdom. Rev. 13:15. This explains the special blessing that is pronounced upon the "dead which die in the Lord" after that time. Rev. 14-13. They will be martyrs, and thus specially be blessed of God.

The rest of the 14th chapter shows the results coming to these two world wide movements. The wheat harvest being ripe, the Lord Jesus thrusts in His sickle, and reaps the "harvest of the earth," Rev. 14:14-16. On the other hand, the tares are bound, prepared for being burned, only instead of being called tares, they are here called "the vine of the earth" and instead of being cast into the fire, are cast into the "great wine-press of the wrath of God," which just precedes the flaming fire at the coming of our Lord, when they shall be burned up "root and branch."

Meanwhile it is the business of this movement to press

on for the speedy evangelization of the world, contending "earnestly for the faith" (i. e. system of Christian truth in the Scriptures) "once for all delivered unto the saints."

The doctrine of justification was contended for by Luther and his followers; that of sanctification by Wesley and his followers; but the crowning doctrine, which prepares for the millennial age at hand, is the doctrine of glorification.

It is the privilege of believers today, as it was in Paul's day, to "taste of the powers of the coming world" (i. e. age) Heb. 6:5. As the "glory of the Lord" is to fill the whole earth in the millenium, God's dear saints are already beginning to taste of the powers of that age, entering into the glory which shall be revealed in its fulness upon His return to earth with His saints.

He hath chosen us to be conformed to His image. To this end, He first calls, then justifies, then glorifies; for "whom He called, them He justified, and whom He justified, them He also glorified." The glorious Bridegroom desires and must have, none other than a glorified bride. The original Greek in Eph. 5:23 33 brings this out very beautifully. "The husband is the wife's head, even as the Anointed One is Head of the congregation. As the congregation is subject to the Anointed One, thus also the wives to their husbands in everything.....the Anointed One loved the congregation, and delivered Himself up on her behalf, so that having purified her..... He might sanctify her by the Word, that He might place the congregation by His own side GLORIOUS, having no spot, or blemish, or any such thing."

The picture here is of a bride standing beside the Bridegroom; and as the Bridegroom has already been glorified, (so that even the "beloved disciple" beholding His glory (Rev. 1:12-17) "fell at His feet as dead") so must the bride also be glorified, to be presented faultless before the throne of His glory," or even to live in the presence of that glory.

This is the meaning of the expressions "gave Himself" "might sanctify her by the Word"..... "that He might place the congregation by His own side GLORIOUS."

The work of glorifying her being that of the Holy Ghost, for "beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, we are changed into the same image, from glory to glory.....BY THE SPIRIT," reveals to us the absolute necessity of recognizing and honoring that Almighty One, who alone can fit us for that glorious day. Until the King arrives, then, "hear what the Spirit saith." Listen. He must lead you into all truth before the marriage takes place, for the name of the Bridegroom immediately after the marriage, Rev. 19:13, is the "Word of God." No error can marry "The Truth." The Spirit is here to lead you out of all error, into all truth, and fit you for marriage with Him who says "I am the truth." This must be a year of preparation for the marriage day. The marriage cannot take place and find the bride in confusion because she is not prepared. The Spirit is notifying you through this article. "Behold, your King cometh."

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THE OCEAN LINER,

like the gospel yacht, at the time we wrote up the January number last year, "has never been seen by mortal eye," but as we then wrote "yet it is a settled fact to the eye of faith."

The yacht has come since I wrote last year's article. It would not surprise me if the ocean liner came before I shall write the January paper for '98. I do not make this as a statement; I simply know it is coming some time, and I believe it will be speedily.

The morning mail has just been opened (Dec. 5, about 10 A. M.) and in it I find the following letter from Aroostook.

"GOD HAS SPOKEN TO ME AND TOLD ME TO SEND YOU SOME MONEY, SO I ENCLOSE \$5.00. YOU MAY THINK IT STRANGE, FOR I AM NOT SENDING IT TO PUT IN THE BUILDING, BUT GOD HAS SHOWN ME THE OCEAN LINER HE IS GOING TO GIVE YOU, AND TOLD ME TO SEND YOU \$5, TO BE USED IN PAYING THE FIRST EXPENSES ON THE LINER. AFTER YOU GET IT YOU MUST HAVE MONEY TO RUN HER, AND GOD WANTS THIS \$5 FOR THAT PURPOSE. HALLELUJAH TO HIS NAME!"

I have just shouted a "Hallelujah!" in the presence of the Ghost, which has wonderfully startled the stenographer and sent dismay into the hosts of darkness. Blessed be God! I do not know when such a mighty shout has been surging through my soul, as that since I received this letter. It is not the money. It is the fact that God is talking to a saint in far off Aroostook, and showing him what He has already shown me.

June 3rd on my knees in this house, God gave me the Ocean Liner. I was as certain of it then and am as certain of it today, as I shall be when I write up another editorial, stating that it is about to start on its first ocean trip. Hallelujah! Glory be to God! The power and the glory of God are pouring through my soul as I write this. It is not earthly enthusiasm. It is not fleshly satisfaction. It is God. "The shout of a King" is in our midst because God Almighty is here. "He hath said and shall He not do it?" He that has given the first \$5 for the expenses, shall He not purchase that for which the expenses shall be needed?

Gold mines will soon be running day and night to furnish the money needed to send the gospel to every creature. Hallelujah! Since the first article I put in the paper about the gold miner in California, another letter has been received from one in Colorado, headed

"IN HIS NAME.

DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER IN CHRIST:—

I have just read in the New York Press of Nov. 8th of your great and miraculous works. I rejoice to hear there are TWO SUCH CONSECRATED CHRISTIANS in this world. I am a firm believer in prayer.....We have many mines here.....I would love to send you some of the gold from these mountains as soon as we receive it from the Lord, to help you in the evangelization of the world. Pray to the dear Lord to send us some gold, for God has certainly hid away many millions in these Colorado mountains, and I only wish to have some for His own hand to use for His Name's honor and glory, and then I could help you in your great work. I will prize your prayers for me and mine, far above gold or

fine gold. I know the prayers of the righteous avail-eth much, and prevaileth with God forever and ever."

Once more the Holy Ghost puts in print, what He has already written in the Scriptures

"THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS,

Yet once it is a little while, and I will shake the face of the earth, and the sea; and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory. The silver is mine, and THE GOLD IS MINE, saith the Lord of hosts."

In view of these magnificent promises,

"BE STRONG O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord, and BE STRONG O Joshua the high priest; and BE STRONG all ye people of the land saith the Lord, AND WORK, for I am with thee, saith the Lord of hosts. According to the word that I covenanted with you.....SO MY SPIRIT REMAINETH AMONG YOU. FEAR YE NOT."

THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE ON APOSTOLIC PRINCIPLES, DURING 1893-4.

"Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,...concerning the work of my hands command ye me," was the word with which God began this movement. During the ensuing year it became more and more evident that the King of Kings could do His highest work through those of His subjects who would honor each and every word of their Sovereign, utterly irrespective of human opinion; and Oct. 9, 1892, during a night of prayer in New York city, God led this movement across its Rubicon, confirming and sealing the revelation already given, with the first chapter of Jeremiah. In the following December, the Holy Ghost said to His servant, "Go!" At the same time it was clearly revealed to him that this little word meant for himself and wife what it meant for Jesus and the apostles—a life of faith in God and entire dependence upon the Holy Ghost. Accordingly resigning his pastorate at Great Falls, N. H., Jan. 1, 1893, they, in accordance with Christ's injunction, "Seek not what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, but rather seek ye the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you," stepped out into a life of entire abandonment to God's will and providence.

J. WORK IN BOWDOINHAM.

After several months of work in the States of Texas, New York and New Jersey, he returned to his native town, Bowdoinham, Me., and in the old Lancaster school-house, July 5, 1893, began what has since developed into country evangelization work. The first subject, "Expectancy," taken from Heb. 10:12, 13, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, *from henceforth, expecting*, till his enemies be made His footstool," was preached to an audience of seven. Upon the following evening, at a prayer meeting held in the kitchen of Joel Card on Bowdoinham Ridge the first convert in this special work came to God. She was born, not of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God; and is to-day strong in the power of the Holy Ghost. Meetings were held in different sections of the town until the school-houses within a circuit of ten miles had

weekly services. In spite of hot weather and the hay-ing season—the most unpropitious time of the year—the interest increased, souls were saved, believers were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a surprising interest in world-wide missionary work developed. \$243.50 was pledged for this purpose in one service. From Sept. 25 to Oct. 2, a convention for the purpose of forming an organization in the interests of this work was held at Burgett Park. Realizing that quality of principles rather than human machinery was desirable, the following preamble and constitution was, after much waiting upon God, drawn up and adopted.

PREAMBLE.

Believing the speedy evangelization of the world to be the Master's most important movement in hastening His coming; and further, believing work undertaken with this object in view should be conducted on apostolic principles and methods as set forth in the scriptures, we, the undersigned, do hereby band ourselves in *prayer and faith and labor* to constitute an organization, and we adopt the following Constitution:

ART. I.

The name of this organization shall be the World's Evangelization Crusade on Apostolic Principles.

ART. II.

The Constitution and By-laws of this organization shall be the Scriptures.

ART. III.

The Head of this movement shall be the Lord Jesus Christ.

ART. IV.

The Director of this movement shall be the Holy Ghost, who will take of the things of Christ and show them unto us.

ART. V.

Meetings of this movement shall be held at such time and place as the Director shall appoint.

ART. VI.

Any person living in harmony with these principles may become a member by signing the Constitution.

ART. VII.

This Constitution shall never be altered nor amended.

This constitution was signed by twelve humble Christians desirous of hearty co-operation with the principles of the first Great Missionary.

No attempt has ever been made to increase the original number of members but rather to put into operation the *principles* then adopted. Soon after this convention, three of the members, Miss E. Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sandford, returned to Bowdoinham to complete the evangelization of the town. In one district—a place of which people said, "It is useless to go there as they never go to meetings," precious souls were saved, and meetings which have continued up to date, were established. At the Raymond school-house, an old-fashioned Holy Ghost reformation swept the surrounding region. Sixty people—the most of them men between twenty and sixty years of age—made a public profession of religion. Sinners sometimes broke out in the midst of the discourse into prayer for their souls; and it was quite a common occurrence for the con-

verts to get so happy as to interrupt the preacher with their testimonies. With the exception of a very few, all the regular attendants of the meetings took some public stand for God. It was a sweeping and glorious work of the Spirit; and to this day the meetings at Raymond school-house are remarkable for their power, while a genuine missionary zeal sends the converts far and near, scattering the blessings received, in other districts. Thus the work went on till every school-house in the town, which covers a territory of about forty square miles, had been visited, souls saved in each with the exception of the last, and meetings regularly established in nearly all.

The last day of the year's work, July 4, 1894, was spent by the converts in celebrating their spiritual freedom. The entire town was invited. At 9 A. M., they gathered in the pine grove on a beautiful promontory by Merry-meeting Bay for prayer and praise to the God of their salvation. Each convert told what Christ had done for him or her during the year, the saints shouted aloud for joy, and the entire day was spent in thanking and praising God that liberty had been proclaimed throughout the land of Bowdoinham unto all the inhabitants thereof.

The following description of the day's services is given by a resident of the town:

HOW WE SPENT THE FOURTH.

Proclaim liberty, for this is July 4th, 1894—not with trumpet and bang, with parade and contest, but with prayer and praise and hallelujah, for Christ hath made us free; and this day we gather on a shaded, grassy bluff where the broad Kennebec glitters and ripples around us to hold a feast day to God's glory. One year ago a servant of God had come to this, his native town, with the express purpose of seeing it evangelized. How absurd it seemed! With five established churches, with our Sunday-schools and prayer-rooms, with our societies and praying band, surely it would be a surfeiting of truth to multiply these forces. It had a flavor of presumption to speak of us as though we suffered for the gospel; but wait. At least half of the town were living from one to four miles from any place of public worship, and only here and there a family went regularly to church. Year after year the same people listened over and over to the precious message. One church had closed its doors and the larger number of people did not care even to hear of the only way given in heaven or among men whereby we must be saved. Yet saints had long been praying "Lord send some one to show our friends and neighbors that they are lost;" and to-day we are gathered to hear of answers to these prayers, to learn of wonderful deliverance and to unite in shouts of victory. The crowd draws near as the testimonies open. A man breaks out with: "This is the only sober Fourth I've seen for years, but *now I'm free* from rum, tobacco and profanity. Praise God."

A young lady: "I love Jesus to-day for saving my soul and giving me more joy and peace the last year than I ever knew before."

A once scoffing unbeliever follows: "I thank God that He has not left me in unbelief, disputing the Bible and doubting the existence of a true and loving God. He

has taught me to trust Him and filled me with hope and peace. I thank Him for the Christian workers; surely no one ever told me before, as they have done."

The children's voices are heard as well as the older ones, and a little boy springs to his feet to say: "I thank God for converting Bowdoinham."

A father speaks: "He has blessed me with a praying wife and boy, has taken my sins away and given me a new heart. Hallelujah."

Next his neighbor: "I was a Sabbath-breaker, I had not been inside a church for thirty years, but now the blessed Jesus has come into my heart and I love His people and His word. This swearing tongue that I used to try to keep from cursing for the sake of my children has become a praying tongue, and I love Him. Bless His name!"

A note from an absent convert reads as follows: "I praise God for saving me the past year from rum, tobacco, swearing and bad company." "Yes, so do I praise God," responded others.

A gray-haired man, once a bitter opposer of religion, said: "I thank God that He saved *me*, and if He could save me He could anybody; for I think I was the wickedest man in town. You all knew me and you know I was a pretty hard case. I've found out it means a great deal to be a Christian, but with God's help I'm going to serve Him as long as I live;" and while the breeze is bearing far away the echoing song, "He is *able* to deliver thee," we mark the prevalence of hard-featured countenances and count up a score or more who have been saved from *appetites of unrelenting grip*.

A wife, the mother of a saved family, says: "This Fourth finds me a great deal happier than the last one. I thank God for sending His servants into this town and so wonderfully stirring the hearts of the people."

Her husband, with face all aglow, adds: "I thank Him for a praying family, for taking away my sins, and that I can see *His hand* in everything. I thank Him for giving the Christian workers the courage to withstand the buffeting of the enemy and that now they see more than one hundred and forty precious souls saved through the blood of Christ. Blessed be His name!"

Here and there whole families reported as having found salvation in Christ; and sickness had in many cases yielded to the Divine touch. One of these, a bright young woman, is speaking now: "I was so confirmed an invalid that after critical operations on my lungs physicians told me I could save my life only by living with the utmost care and watchfulness; never going out at night or in damp weather, but I wanted to obey Jesus and be baptized. Thank God, I obeyed, although it was a bleak day with a freezing wind; but hallelujah, when I came out of the water I was well, body and soul."

Now a Universalist who came to the meeting "to see the circus," praises God "for the blood of Christ that cleanses from all sin. I praise Him for the Divine love that fills my heart so that I not only love my family and friends, but *all the world with such a love as I never knew before*. I praise Him for faith and confidence in Him, that I can look up and say 'My Father,' and *know* He is ever ready to hear me. I praise Him for the dear Christian workers, that Father's family is

so large, that mothers and sisters that I never met before often clasp my hand and call me by the endearing name of sister. And I praise His holy name that I need not tread this beautiful path to God alone, but hand in hand with my dear husband I may walk in the light of His love, ever *faithful* ever *fruitful*, always abiding in Him."

And so the testimonies rolled in from boys and girls, from young men and ladies, from gray-haired men and women.

Two converts had triumphed even in death. One had sent from her dying bed the ringing testimony, "Tell my friends I've not an anxious thought," and with radiant face had exclaimed, "O the other side of Jordan!" The other had so rejoiced in the presence of Christ—even to her a conscious presence—as to hold her mind above the depression of sin and suffering.

To-day three new ones rise to accept their freedom in Christ, and so heaven and earth rejoice.

The testimonies were followed by a beautiful baptismal service, and then the multitude brought out their well filled baskets. During lunch ice cream and lemonade were bountifully dealt out to all, without money and without price.

The afternoon was occupied in waiting on God in earnest prayer, in glad songs of praise and in listening to addresses from many friends, including Revs. Clark, Washburn and Small, and Mr. and Mrs. Kinney.

We believe that every section of the town and every church was represented at this unique gathering, and it was a unanimous expression that this had been the best way of spending the Fourth they had known.

Much appreciation was expressed toward Mr. Center and daughters for the use of the beautiful grounds, and also toward those who had given so much labor and care in preparing them for use and had provided chairs, an organ, and other articles of comfort and luxury.

The company began to disperse; as parties sauntered down the wooded road, boats pushed out from shore, and carriages rattled away. Then as we grasped each worker by the hand to say good-bye, and thought of all that God had wrought through them the past year, we realized as never before that whom the Son makes free is free indeed.

MISS CARRIE H. KENDALL.

II. WORK IN DURHAM.

During a few week's waiting upon God at Old Orchard, the Holy Ghost said, "Give ye them to eat." He seemed to point to the five hundred and forty towns with more than three hundred thousand unevangelized and uncared for souls; and the vision seemed to arouse a divine compassion within, which expressed itself in the above quoted words. As in the days of old, Christ was commanding his disciples to take the five loaves and two small fishes and from a human standpoint do the impossible thing—feed a vast multitude with them.

God was pushing the work out into greater steps of faith and expectancy. And the word was *imperative*. To feed the uncared for multitude was a command. It was a superhuman undertaking; yet all God's authority was behind it. As the first step in this direction the Holy Ghost moved upon the hearts of Rev. C. N. Kinney

and wife to give a gospel tent with all necessary equipments to this work. Accordingly the tent was pitched during the month of August at Sylvan Springs, Durham, and, from the first, was mightily used of God. Crowds of people who seldom or never went inside the churches came regularly to the tent. Revs. Kinney, Hoffman and Sandford with their wives were the workers. Within two weeks the Spirit led us to lay before the people the need of other tents to do this same work in other towns. A few minutes after this matter was presented to the audience, money had been pledged for another tent; and tent No. 2 was ordered sent to Bowdoinham. Tent No. 1 made the circuit of Durham and scores of souls came to God. That the work was deep and far reaching in its results will be evident from the following letter written by a lady preacher and the wife of a Methodist pastor, some four months after the beginning of the meetings, and about two months after the tent had been removed to the adjoining town.

THE WORK AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A FORMER PASTOR'S WIFE.

Engaged in canvassing we found ourselves unexpectedly tracing the ground burned over with a revival fire that seemed to have separated the pure gold from hay, wood and stubble. For miles the chief theme of conversation on the lips of some member of nearly every house, was the great salvation. And not unfrequently the whole family had become the subjects of redeeming grace. The depth and thoroughness of the blessed work, among new converts as well as old backsliders, simply amazed us, and thrilled our hearts with unspeakable gratitude.

The depth of consecration that we had been wont to hear presented to Christians as essential to receiving the full baptism of the Holy Ghost, seemed to be the measure of the requirement the converts had accepted.

One lady remarked that she had been kept from every shade of impatience in her family, with a fractious child and trying surroundings, although before her conversion she used to feel irritated nearly all the time, and often downright mad. But now she talked with Jesus as to a friend, and found the old temper sweetly subdued.

One man whom we formerly knew as a moralist, who had surrendered to Christ a few evenings before, told of his experience the next day after starting. He was obliged to go the rounds of his business that day until nearly noon, and although the words, "Praise the Lord," involuntarily poured from his lips all the morning, yet still he felt there was something in his heart not fully lifted. Longing to be alone with God, he seized the opportunity, and upon the hay loft he bowed in prayer, and cried, "O God, communicate to me some way,—lift the burden of sin from my heart—let in the light," when, exclaimed he, "the glory poured into my soul, the darkness was all gone, and *such light, such blessed peace*, and it has been overflowing ever since." And this was evinced to all who met him, as he declared everywhere what God had done for his soul.

The same afternoon, he went out into the woods to get a load of wood, and entered a grove of large tall pines which he owned. He had often contemplated with

pride, what they would bring him in financially, and he thought he would kneel down and pray under them. While pouring out his heart, he opened his eyes and looked around, and, said he, "Those pines didn't look any larger than that whip stock." I asked, 'O Lord, what are all these trees worth? Nothing, Lord, only as they help forward Thy blessed cause in the earth.' "And then," said he, "I just consecrated them all to God." We thought this quite a good experience for a babe in Christ not then twenty-four hours old—one that would do well for an example to some forty year old babes, that never yet have found any meaning in the Saviour's words, "Beware of covetousness."

We have never in our experience found revival work so deep as that following these tent meetings seems to be. Neighborhoods all alive for God, have not only started regular meetings in their own school houses, but are reaching out and holding meetings in other sections. With hearts all aglow with the love of Christ, and lips touched with a live coal from the altar, praying, and exhorting, with power and unction, that strikes conviction to the astonished listeners.

The impression we received is, that the work is only begun, and that the work is to grow and extend all winter, in all that region. A week or two later we providentially found ourselves in a school house meeting in another town (Bowdoinham) where the same work had been carried on, and where we formerly had labored for God with but small perceptible results, although at that time a burden of prayer had been rolled upon us for the neighborhood. As we bowed and listened to the Spirit-inspired prayers and testimonies, from many heaven-touched lips, some of which were formerly addicted to scathing profanity, we looked up to God and exclaimed mentally, "Can it be that this is a reality or is it a heavenly vision?"

These converts were about a year old, but revealed in their expressions and experiences, such teachings as we have been accustomed to hear in holiness meetings, where consecration of tongue, eyes, ears, hands, feet, appetites, and propensities, are required, as preparatory to receiving the great blessing of holiness.

In private conversation we found a clean sweep had been made at the very first when converted. Tobacco, temper, fear of man, purse-strings, all had been surrendered. And then soon after the full baptism of the Holy Ghost was sought and found in many instances. The work reminded us of the revivals we have read of, in the early days of Methodism.

May God spread this kind of work, not only through every section of our own beloved Maine, but from the Pine Tree State to the Golden Gate.

MRS. A. F. TRAFTON,
Chebeague, Me.

III. WORK IN BOWDOIN, AND AT PLUMMER'S MILLS, DURHAM.

While Tent No. 1 was being blessed of God in Durham, Tent No. 2 had arrived in Bowdoinham, and after a week's meetings on that old battlefield, been transferred to the town of Bowdoin. One of the converts in Durham, John Douglass, had charge of the meetings. Bro. Mark Thomas was much used of God in the delivery of the

gospel message. The power of the Highest from the first overshadowed the audiences assembled within these snowy walls, and the eight days in this town were days of remarkable power. Later this tent was pitched at Plummer's Mills, where a baptismal service was followed by an evangelistic service of offering unto the Lord pledges for another tent. During the day a fund was started for a gospel boat which Bro. Douglass declares is to be an evangelizing power along the coast of Maine. God grant that an army with gospel tents, and gospel wagons, and a navy with gospel boats may soon proclaim the joyful tidings of genuine salvation throughout the length and breadth of the Pine Tree State.

IV. WORK IN THE VILLAGE OF LISBON FALLS.

From Sept. 25th to Oct. 2d was held the first annual convention of the World's Evangelization Crusade on Apostolic Principles at the Methodist Church of this place. Rev. Mr. Holmes, the pastor, and the Official Board of the church, very cordially invited the convention to make free use of the building and grounds. Accordingly, both tents were pitched together beside the church. A most wonderful convention was held. Dr. G. B. Peck of Boston, Evangelist David Douglass of Hallowell, Me., Miss Carrie Kendall, Mrs. Maria Lancaster, Miss E. Sisson, and with the eight regular workers and family of singers, assisted in making memorable those eight days.

Upon the Sabbath day \$1,033.73 (which sum was afterward increased by more than one hundred dollars) was pledged in the interests of this tent work. This was God's own seal upon His own movement and was so manifestly the result of the Spirit's operation upon the hearts of men, that all felt true Dr. Peck's declaration, "I know this work is of God."

For nearly a month longer, the tents remained at Lisbon Falls, during which time about sixty professed to have given themselves to God. For four successive Sabbaths there were baptismal services at the river, at which over forty were baptized. The place was thoroughly stirred, and that the work was deep and abiding will be seen from the pastor's letter, as here given. After mentioning the invitation extended to Mr. Sandford and workers to hold their convention with them he adds: "On the 26th of September, in my own church, I met for the first time the brother above mentioned. He impressed me as being a man of strong convictions, intense earnestness and deep religious experience. The impression still abides. I may not agree with him in every particular; but the work of the convention and of the succeeding weeks, as a whole, meets my approval and has my sincere indorsement.

I wish to speak particularly of a few aspects of the work, which—as it appears to me—merit and demand the approval of all Christians:

First: The emphasis placed by the leader of the work upon the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures. He believes that every promise is a 'thus saith the Lord,' and is certain of fulfillment. Under his strong words, his faith is contagious. Many believe, receive and are saved.

Second: He emphasizes absolute surrender to God,

heart purity and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, i. e., being filled with the Spirit, as necessary to efficiency in service and the approval of God here and hereafter.

Third: The old-fashioned conversion—including a knowledge of sins forgiven—is regarded by our brother as in the purpose and will of God concerning all in this age.

In Lisbon Falls I think over seventy have been converted and reclaimed up to date. In Durham, Lisbon Falls and part of Bowdoinham and a part of Topsham, I was credibly informed, a week or ten days previous to this writing, that one hundred and sixty-four had been converted and reclaimed. The good work still goes on.

To me the work seems deep and strong. *I never witnessed so deep a work.*

The wife of one of our Methodist ministers who in the sale of books has canvassed in this section, affirms that there is hardly a home in her calls where the angel of mercy has not entered, and that the conversation of the people is on the 'revival.' In her opinion, the work has just begun, and deeper than any she has ever witnessed. God grant it may be so.

Our church was never stronger, if as strong, spiritually as at the present time. We have received twenty-four on probation and there are more to follow. The best of it all is, God is so with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit that there is no division; but the opposite is true: we are bound together by the strong bands of Christian love. We all praise God that we ever met our dear Brother Sandford and the Christian workers who were with him, and rejoicing in the prospect of a larger future for ourselves, we don't forget to pray that God may abundantly own and bless our dear brother and his co-laborers in the work to which He has called him.

G. D. HOLMES,
Pastor M. E. Church.

V. SPECIAL CASES OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE.

1. A person nearly sixty years of age who styled himself "The wildest man in Maine," had spent years in the "wild West," had not been inside a church for over thirty years. Was soundly saved with his two sons; and with his entire family is now on the way to heaven, or, as he expresses it, "we're all tucked in for glory."

2. A gray-headed man of about sixty years of age, once deacon of a Universalist Church, and a bitter opposer of religion, shaken by the power of the Holy Ghost like an aspen leaf. Had poison in his home, bought expressly for the purpose of taking his life. Soundly converted; and his entire family afterward turned their faces toward God.

3. A young man of great force, who had decided to buy a tent and expose errors of preachers in gospel tent, or as he now expresses it, "preach for the devil," wonderfully delivered from Satan. Tobacco habit broken, profanity removed, stock of novels burned and with his entire being aflame with God's love, has taken charge of a gospel tent this fall. Family of five all saved and rejoicing in God. We call him "Hallelujah John," and his "hallelujah" is often a sermon in itself; only the dead object.

4. An infidel who while watching a baptismal service

at the river remarked, "I wouldn't go into that water for one thousand dollars," was just two weeks from that day, with fifteen others, baptized *for nothing.*

5. His little son who, with his three sisters and father and mother have all given themselves to God, though only about ten years old, talks about his experience with a spirituality and perception far beyond many who have been "forty years on the way."

6. An old man nearly eighty years of age who had been a slave to tobacco more than sixty-five years, and such a slave that the physician declared he could not live without it, delivered absolutely from the least desire for it, and then healed of the trouble for which he had first used tobacco. Miraculous in every sense. Has been filled with glory unspeakable ever since his delivery and his frequent shouts of "glory!" have won for him the name, "Father Glory."

7. A family of eight one by one led to God. The eldest daughter was a Christian, was joined by her mother, sister and father, and then, at morning prayers, one by one the others began to pray to God for themselves, until, last of all, the little prattler learned to bow her knees. With the exception of the little girl two years of age, they all pray each morning and have as one of them expressed it "a prayer meeting of our own." The sweetest sight yet seen in this work is that entire family upon their knees in prayer to their Heavenly Father.

8. A man crazed and under the power of the devil completely delivered in answer to prayers of faith.

9. A man who had long been a drinking man, a user of tobacco, and profane in his speech, was deeply convicted, and drank deeply seeking to throw off conviction. The day he started, he went to the city of Bath, and endeavored to the best of his ability, "to get full" as he expressed it. To his amazement the liquor had no more effect on him than water. That evening when the invitation was given at the beginning of the meeting, he walked from the back seat in the school house, down the aisle and across the entire floor, and with his head down, and back to the audience, stood there like a boy who was about to receive a whipping. So deeply was he convicted, that he was like a very child. He was marvelously saved. His swearing tongue became a praising one. The old pipe has never been used since. Intoxicating liquor is an abomination. Family prayers now begin and close the day in that home. Hallelujah! what a transformation.

10. Deliverance of a victim to the opium habit. Had used it twenty-five years, using two and one-half ounces of solid laudanum per day; been crazed for weeks when attempting to cease its use with the aid of powerful antidotes. Went nearly wild with joy at finding herself liberated from its chains; and is completely delivered from the least desire for it. Dr. Peck said he never knew of but one other case in his life of an opium user being delivered by simple faith in God without the use of antidotes.

And so we might go on giving many wonderful cases of salvation, such as a commercial traveller converted like a flash on the streets of Lewiston; of a self-confessed hypocrite delivered from use of tobacco and intoxicating liquor, and all aflame for God, doing great service

in the power of the Holy Ghost; of an advance agent for a dog show converted in a barber's shop; of the wonderful conviction and conversion of a man whose limb had been broken in a drunken row; of a would be Unitarian, in consumption, converted, sanctified, healed and aflame with missionary zeal; of the remarkable conversion of a policeman, also of a ranchman and miner; of the salvation of fallen women and degraded men, and bright-faced boys and girls, and gray-headed hypocrites, and of some long-faced church-members who had long deceived themselves with the "hope" that they were saved, but now rejoice in the assurance of their salvation. Praise God for the work of the Holy Ghost!"

VI. GENERAL SUMMARY.

Since July 4, '93, more than one hundred square miles of territory in five different towns have been thoroughly evangelized; and probably fifty square miles in other towns have been partially evangelized. Throughout this region meetings by the converts and aroused Christians have been carried on in school-houses and re-opened churches. Thus Christian workers are developed, and the salvation of souls continued. For the deepening of the spiritual life among believers, conventions are quite common; and at these nearly \$2,000 have been pledged or given in the interests of missionary work. At present there are three tents and pledges for six more. God being willing, we are expecting in this work one hundred snowy tents for the proclamation of the glorious gospel in this State. About seven hundred people have publicly professed religion since this work began; and, in a work where within one year every dollar invested yields a soul redeemed, we expect many dollars and many souls. We never take collections for ourselves, but we do preach that people should give heavily for the tents and similar necessary equipment in the work. The converts and Spirit-filled Christians have a partnership in this battle, and together we expect to push the campaign throughout Maine, into other states, or wherever in the wide world He may lead. Jesus Christ, with drawn sword, stands at the head of this movement, saying, "As captain of the Lord's host, am I now come," and through our Great Apostle this work stands for hardship, perseverance, aggressive warfare and *victory*. Amen.

F. W. SANDFORD.

HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE ON APOSTOLIC PRINCIPLES CONTINUED DURING 1895.

Since writing the former pages a year has rolled into eternity. We are to-day three hundred and sixty-five days nearer Christ's glorious appearing in yonder sky; the separation of tares and wheat at the end of this age; the fearful sea of flame which as it wraps this globe in arms of fire will sweep sinners to their awful doom; and the beginning of millennial glory in which the principles for which this movement stands will be throughout the whole earth, the rule, rather than the exception.

What hath God wrought during the year in this work? Let us turn back and see.

I. THE PAPER.

TONGUES OF FIRE was one year ago just about to be issued for the first time. Standing strongly and publicly for the literal practice of "*owe no man anything*", not having subscriptions enough to pay for the first two months' expense in publishing, and standing absolutely alone in the world as to the advisability of issuing the paper at that time, no one but God knows what it meant for the editor to step down into that threatening sea and in the name of Jehovah go forward.

Hallelujah! He has paid every bill upon presentation, made the little paper such a blessing that one editor writes, "IT IS TONGUES OF FIRE INDEED;" a business man known all over the United State, "I WAS WILLING TO PAY DOUBLE YOUR PRICE * * * I AM SO THANKFUL TO HAVE SUCH A SHEET PUBLISHED SO NEAR MY NATIVE TOWN," and Stephen Merritt kindly encourages us by writing, "SO GLAD TO GET THE TOUCH OF THE TONGUES OF FIRE!" We thank God for these and many other messages expressive of appreciation; and taking courage, have decided as long as God makes it possible to issue the paper *twice* instead of once each month. We ask the daily prayers of saints that the Holy Ghost may cause Tongues of Fire to BURN its way throughout the length and breadth of the earth, and have fulfilled in its history the desire as well as the following description given of it by one of God's own saints. "EVERY WORD HAD FIRE IN IT. I ONLY WISH I HAD THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WITH WHICH TO CIRCULATE IT." Oh! may God give its editor a pen of fire, the workers tongues of fire, and make this whole movement a flame of fire. Amen.

II. THE GOSPEL TENTS.

No. 1 was pitched in the month of May, upon a commanding hill on John Douglass' farm in Durham. Some meetings of tremendous power were held here and some hard cases unreached in the fall campaign of 1894, were during this spring, genuinely converted. This tent was in July taken to Wales. Mrs. Sandford took charge assisted by Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Kinney and Miss L. T. Draper. Quite a company of converts were won to Christ, and Mrs. Sandford and the others have the joy of knowing that at least one strong, manly young man from this town is now preparing to preach the gospel. A GOSPEL TENT THAT FURNISHED A GOSPEL PREACHER IN ONE SEASON IS CAPITAL WELL INVESTED.

No. 2 went to Bowie Hill in June and after about twenty-five had professed conversion went to Chebeague Island under Chas. Holland assisted by Ralph Gleason, where more than one hundred others bowed to Immanuel. *Another christian worker* was the result of the splendid work at this island. I might say several, for others will doubtless develop eventually into evangelists. "The power of the highest shall overshadow thee," given at the dedication of the tent, was gloriously fulfilled at Chebeague, the work done on this island being the most blessed yet seen in this movement. The entire Island was shaken by the power of God.

No. 3 was pitched in Richmond soon after the July convention in charge of Mrs. Maria Lancaster, assisted

by B. F. Colby and wife, and later under Mr. Sandford. There was a tremendous battle at this place, but finally the hosts of darkness fell back in dismay, then broke into a run, and continue fleeing up to date. The work in this place is the most satisfactory of any yet shared in *by the writer himself*. The "hundred souls" prayed for at the beginning of the work have *all* been gathered into the Shepherd's fold. Hallelujah the opening words of Mrs. Lancaster on Is. 35, have been abundantly fulfilled. Best of all the work is moving on with God, "a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing," "fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners." Glory to God in the Highest for His stately steppings in No. 3.

No. 4 was dedicated during the August camp-meeting. The power of God in this tent evenings during these meetings was simply thrilling, and scores will forever bless the memories connected therewith.

No. 5 was opened in Webster in September. Brother V. M. Morse had charge, assisted by D. F. Millin a most earnest worker who received the Holy Ghost in great power at the Durham camp-meeting. The truth was faithfully and powerfully presented by these men of God, and as a result a most powerful work commenced.

III. THE CAMPGROUND.

In May John Douglass' woods were a tangled mass of undergrowth. In August they were a cleared and a beautiful pine grove fitted for a large camp meeting. Evangelists had been taking lessons in Nature's gymnasium, and they each graduated with honor. Several acres were cleared of underbrush, a road cut, a splendid well dug, a large platform erected, and plank seats for audiences constructed. Kind hearted neighbor friends, with teams and tools co-operated with Bro. John Douglass and his band of evangelists in making this wonderful transformation possible during one season. "Hallelujah Campground" as it is called, is situated on the banks of the picturesque Androscoggin river, one and one-half miles from Lisbon Falls.

President Hartman from Barbadoes, W. I., in writing an article for The Christian Mission Herald published in the West Indies stated "the all day meeting in Auburn, R. I., was good, the Portsmouth Campmeeting [which Stephen Merritt calls "the most primitive and spiritual campmeeting in America"] was better, but the Campmeeting in Durham is THE BEST." Miss M. T. Draper of Sing Sing wrote "In this day of conventions, when God is so blessedly pouring out Himself upon waiting assemblies it means much to say that never—since Apostolic times—has His presence been more manifest than on the campground at Durham, where 'The World's Evangelization Crusaders on Apostolic Principles' are about to close an eight days convention..... Never have we seen the Holy Ghost received so definitely, quickly and easily." We thank God that *the quality* of the work at this campground brings forth such strong commendation from these able and most deeply spiritual writers. We thank God for this, His Campground, and for the wonders and marvels of His grace we expect to there behold during the coming July and August. We expect to hear the rumblings of the "mighty thunderings, 'Allelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!'"

IV. THE HOLIDAYS.

We believe in capturing the national holidays and using them against the enemy instead of entering closets and sighing over his wellnigh universal control of the public at such times. Fourth of July we have our annual review of the year's work. A general gathering of the converts from the various towns to relate their personal experiences is held each year.

In 1894 it was held at Merrymeeting Bay; this year on the banks of the Androscoggin. What mighty days these were! "The best Fourth of my life" was the general statement among the Christians. Dr. Peck in writing of these services during the last year stated "It might be characterized as a glorious Fourth of July celebration in an expanded sense: for while patriotic allusions to the national significance of the day were heard, there was besides a personal renewal of the 'Declaration of Independence' from bondage to the world, the flesh and the devil." Again after writing at length he adds, "All we have stated can give but a faint view of the blessedness of the convention. It was a most signal occasion of the manifestation of the Divine Presence. There seems to be nothing one would have changed or could regret in the review of the gathering. Man seemed to be hidden and God manifest." A baptismal service was held, the Lord's Supper observed, and preaching services interspersed with soul stirring prayer, praise, and testimony meetings made the day one long to be remembered. Salvation also visited the grounds, and we trust heaven will be blessed with the memory of "the day Christ set me free in Durham."

Thanksgiving Day was spent in the spirit of its name. The converts of Richmond met at the boarding house, connected with Haines and DeWitt ice-house, and passed the day somewhat similar to that of the Fourth of July. Fifty people sat down to a Thanksgiving dinner. The unity of the Spirit was so marked that a shock of power passed around the circle as God's blessing was invoked. The Lord's Supper was partaken of by more than seventy in the early evening. Nine were baptized in the Kennebec River. Sweet, Spirit touched music was furnished by two young lady converts upon the violin and organ, and heartfelt stirring songs were heartily enjoyed by the crowds that thronged the rooms. The enthusiasm of the evening testimony meeting was simply thrilling, and never to be forgotten.

Salvation caused a Thanksgiving Day in heaven as well as on earth. Bro. Smith and wife who had so kindly opened the house for these gospel services have the satisfaction of knowing that about one hundred converts and christians united in saying "It is the best Thanksgiving Day of my life."

Christmas was spent in an all-day Gospel meeting and six men, the most of whom had been prayed for, for many weeks, broke completely down before God. What a day it was! Both the heavenly and the earthly hosts united in saying "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men." Lightning flashes of power went through the audience as one by one in rapid succession they sprang to their feet to ask God's people to pray for them. Others may have Christmas trees and Santa Claus—we prefer Jesus Christ and Christmas gifts of redeemed souls.

It was a touching scene Christmas evening to see four wives kneeling beside their husbands and their faces streaming with tears, calling on God to pardon and save those for whom they had been mightily burdened for months. The entire audience was melted to tears at this beautiful sight.

The following Sunday one of these men, for whom his saintly wife had long carried crushing heart burdens, said with shining face, "*can't say much but I'm solid full. Hallelujah!*" While on his knees seeking pardon he had prayed "O Lord, I want to be cleaned right out. No halfway work about it. I want the whole business, every habit taken away and cleaned up just as clean as a whistle, Amen." He has just driven by the house in which I am writing this paper and said "So happy last night when I woke up I couldn't do anything but cry and say 'Bless the Lord.'"

The last Sunday of 1895 was made memorable at Haley's icehouse by the baptism of four converts. The man who had the vision, his wife who prayed the most of four nights for her husband till he surrendered, a young man who stamped his foot on the schoolhouse floor about 11:40 P. M. Christmas night and said, "I WILL LIVE FOR CHRIST and do it with both feet," and the husband who wanted to be made "just as clean as a whistle."

Nine believers were, BY REQUEST, baptized by moonlight Dec. 31, Iceboro. It was a beautiful sight; the second full moon during the month, (an event which it is claimed has never before taken place since the birth of Christ) making the scene one of surpassing loveliness. While the sun was borne down the Kennebec to the enterprising part of Bath about 100 joyous saints at Bro. Heath's home were watching 1895 out. Two precious souls, and the Lord's Supper partaken of by His followers upon their knees, made the closing hours of the old year memorable. Surely the glory of the Lord has shown round about these national holidays during 1895. Glory to God the Father, and to God the Son and to God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

The need of a place where workers might search the Scriptures and together be led into the truth by the Holy Spirit has long been felt. But the writer confesses to being surprised, on his birthday, Oct. 2, at the revelation of God's will in this respect. However, he felt so sure it was God's voice, that, without means, without teachers, without students and without a place to open the school he publicly announced its commencement that very week. The following day the first lesson was given. There was one teacher and one student; but the Holy Ghost who does not despise the day of small things encouraged both by His presence. The school for a short while was held in Richmond where the writer was conducting evangelistic services each evening. Finally it was located for the winter in Litchfield at the home of B. F. Colby where splendid accommodations were secured. The first term closed today (Dec. 20); and it is with profound gratitude that the writer records God's unerring leading and faithful providence. The passage of Scripture God gave for this school, so utterly dependent upon its Great Teacher for support

financially, physically, mentally and spiritually is found in Joel 2:19 "I will send you corn, and wine, and oil and ye shall be satisfied therewith and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen." The nine members of the school are glad to report their Father's loving care in every respect during the term. Every expense has been paid, the question "Can the Lord furnish a table in the wilderness?" answered with an emphatic "Yes," and the Scriptures opened up to the students' understanding as only the Holy Ghost can reveal and teach.) It has been a most emphatic success and without doubt is the most signal step of faith taken during the year. We believe that hundreds of young men and women throughout this State are to pass through this word, and Spirit-honoring school on their way to the evangelization of this world on strictly apostolic lines. New students and possibly one or more teachers are expected the coming term which opens New Year's.

The following circular expresses the principles of the "Holy Ghost and us" Bible School, which is now located in Durham, Me., (R. R., station 1½ miles distant, at Lisbon Falls.) Its God given name is taken from the passage of Scripture in Acts 15, 28. "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us"—words prefacing the decision of the early church concerning important doctrinal points—and it signifies that "the Holy Ghost" shall be the Theological Teacher IN REALITY, every Scriptural question being settled by Him, and adopted by "us." Christ said, "when He is come He will lead you into ALL TRUTH;" and the School firmly believes the Lord meant just what He said and said just what He meant. Accordingly its members gather day by day for the fulfillment of that promise; rejoicing in the glorious fact (uttered by the Master Himself) that its privileges are greater even than those of the Apostles in Galilee. "I tell you the truth, it is expedient (advantageous) for you that I go away." Why? "If I go not away the Comforter ("which is the Holy Ghost") will not come unto you, but if I depart I will send HIM unto you." The Text book used is the One written by the Teacher Himself "that the man of God may be PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED unto all good works." The Teacher insists upon each pupil's practicing AT ONCE the lesson given; and none others need apply for admission. The terms are gospel; "without money and without price." At least two hours labor daily is expected of each student in the interests of the School. The expenses for board and room-rent will be \$1 per week; and poor students not having that sum need not fear to apply, PROVIDED GOD SENDS THEM. Each student is to furnish his or her room, and provide table utensils for personal use; but when without means to do so, God manages it for those HE sends. There is not a penny behind this work—no influential men (among men) no wealthy ones—and we do not wish any until they too are God-sent. WE HAVE GOD and beside Him there is none else. The school stands for abandonment to God's providences as absolutely as to God's word. "Seek NOT what ye shall eat.....drink..... nor wherewithal ye shall be clothed" is Christ's imperative direction to christians. "But rather seek..... ("FIRST") the Kingdom of GOD and ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU" is His banknote for

those who unhesitatingly and without asking any questions OBEY HIS COMMAND. We have only one question to ask during each moment of Time—"What do you wish me to do, Lord? Knowing His will, we do it. He manages the rest. We do not believe that Christ, after His Sermon on the Mount said "Peter and John will now pass the hat for a collection." Following unhesitatingly in the footsteps of the Great Apostle and of the twelve, we never take collections; and are able to give at least this part of our Lord's reply to those sending unto us. "Go your way and tell..... what things ye have seen and heard.....to the poor the Gospel is preached." We believe in THE BLOOD that cleanseth here and now from ALL SIN; and in THE SPIRIT that leads into ALL TRUTH. We believe God's remedy for sin on Calvary is perfect; and that His unspeakable gift at Pentecost, or "The Oil.....UPON The Blood" will fit us as it fitted "the one hundred and twenty" to carry on "ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO AND TEACH" for the evangelization of a lost world. We EXPECT and CLAIM and are beginning to HAVE the gifts of the spirit as "set in the church" by "God" in 1 Cor. 12. Endued with the Holy Ghost, and having received "the best gift" the Spirit will divide unto us, we stand ready to start at any moment for any part of this globe under the auspices of the Original Missionary Board. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." "As My Father hath sent Me, so send I you." "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you..... and be witnesses unto ME.....unto the uttermost part of the earth." "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them..... So they BEING SENT FORTH BY THE HOLY GHOST departed;" and twenty years later one of them was inspired to write "that the Gospel.....was preached to EVERY CREATURE WHICH WAS UNDER HEAVEN."

VI. SPECIAL OPERATIONS OF GOD'S SPIRIT.

1. One of the worst drunkards in a city near by, had sworn to end his life before night—a desperate character whom very few christians would dare to address—was led by a Holy Ghost business man to one of our conventions and there soundly saved. Has been shining brightly ever since; or as he said a week later "*Brothers and sisters I was saved and I know it.*" His wife has since become a christian and his little family now rejoice in a noble christian father and husband instead of sorrowing over a drunkard one. Instead of saying "I was about as degraded a specimen (of humanity) as could be found in this country," he can now hold up his head in God and say "I'm the child of the King!" Hallelujah!
2. A man, aged about sixty, an inveterate user of tobacco throughout his life, soundly converted and so completely delivered from the use of tobacco that never for a moment since has he had the least desire for it. Thank God for His lightning flashes in this work; the thunderbolts of omnipotence which annihilate the manacles of Satan in less than one second, and cry to the prisoner, "Go forth for I have loved thee!" Bless Him!
3. A lady, four of whose ribs were broken by being thrown from a carriage last February, and whose case was pronounced by the physicians as incurable. The

broken ends had been driven into the lungs in such a way that each breath caused almost unendurable agony. Was instantly healed in answer to the prayer of faith, and has since done her housework unhindered. Praise God for this marvelous and miraculous act. He is *alive*, and with oldtime love and power.

4. An aged saint who after three weeks of fearful agony with what was supposed to be sciatica, was instantly delivered in response to the faith that said "In the name of Jesus Christ I command the devil to leave this body and no more to trouble it." Hallelujah, "devils fear and fly." Readers may smile at this but so did that gray-haired sufferer. The difference being that her's was a smile of glorious relief instead of incredulity. "In my name shall they cast out devils," and they are not all out yet; until they are, this part of the Bible had better not be taken from the Scriptures.

5. A lady of nearly sixty who in response to the prayer of faith and laying on of hands was instantly healed of failing eyesight caused by her age. Unable to read a word before without her glasses, she found herself immediately after prayer, able to read the finest print she could find in the house. Praise God that the One who said to Bartimeus long ago, "Receive thy sight, Thy faith hath saved thee" is from His Father's throne, often speaking to the blind in these days.

6. An aged and notorious drunkard instantly delivered from all desire for tobacco and for intoxicating liquor. Several weeks later he was prostrated with what five physicians pronounced his last sickness and was advised to use tobacco again. His reply was "No I prefer to die as I am. I am ready to go," or words to that effect. "I tell you there's been a *change* in that house" said a neighbor. Once a rendezvous for drunkards, now for saints; once the scene of a poor lost man staggering on to hell, now of a shining faced son of God walking steadily on in the King's highway of holiness toward heaven; once the shame of his companion, now her joy. *Praise God* Oh! it is wonderful! What a God we have!

7. A man of uncommon ability, filled with a Christless form of religion, and refusing to attend the gospel services. His wife against his wishes gave her heart to God and then prayed the greater part of four nights for her husband, often arising from her bed and praying aloud. First he had a vision or dream in which the evangelist delivered him from the difficulty in which he found himself. Next while working far from home in the woods he declared if ever he heard the voice of a human being he heard his wife and children calling him.

He answered and then went several times to the top of the hill searching for them. He finally gave up his day's work and walked home. Thank God the first hour that evangelist spent in this man's house he led him to Jesus. The brother is now a shining faced worker for God, whose home is thrown open to christian workers even as the Bethany home to Christ. "There are diversities of operations but it is *the same God* that worketh all."

8. A lady who had "a form of Godliness" but not "the power thereof." In response to the invitation for anyone to come who would "like to receive the Holy Ghost whether they understood or not" she threw her

miserable pride away, knelt like a little child, and received Him. The transformation was wonderful. She is an entirely different person since she joined the church of the living God. She has been baptized into Christ's body and like the Head "goes about doing good."

9. A fisherman who had used tobacco for years and tried to hold on to the world with one hand, while professing to be a christian, broke down under the power of God and gave up tobacco, world and all. He was completely delivered, is trusting fully in Christ, is going on with God, and being mightily used in telling the good news to men.

10. A slave to drink while on his knees before God seeking forgiveness for sins had a wonderful vision. He beheld Jesus, the mighty to deliver standing with outstretched hands while the power of God so fell upon the people that for hours they continued praising God with a loud voice.

11. A horse jockey and drunkard who after declaring to his mother that he was "good enough" had retired and had a startling vision. God seemed to come to his bedside and held him out over hell saying "I shall now leave you to your own life unless you decide to follow Me." He surrendered and God took possession. Up to date he has walked with God, and bids fair to walk through Eternity with his Mighty Deliverer.

12. Seven converts from four generations in one family. All walking into the water together to be baptized. The aged greatgrandfather and grandmother, the grandfather (owner of a dance hall which he had dedicated to God for use of gospel services) and grandmother, the parents and the lighthaired boy of eight. The God of all the families of the earth had caused joy and gladness to drive sorrow and sighing from their home on earth while their Lord was preparing mansions above. Thank God the story of Calvary is yet mighty. Drunkards, cardplayers, slaves to lust, tobacco, and cursing, revilers, skeptics, Sabbath breakers, haters of men and God, devilpossessed, the sick in body and soul, and those bound hand and foot by prejudice, fear of man, distrust of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His great promises, have been freed from their shackles the past year by *believing God*.

VII. CONVENTIONS.

Conventions have become glorious in the salvation of souls, baptism of believers, and the building together, amid Shekinah glory, of the Saints into a holy temple for the habitation of God through the Spirit. They are becoming more and more glorious. The consciousness of God's presence and power is rapidly increasing. Their quality as regards loyalty to the truth is such that one feels God may at any moment arise and shake terribly the surrounding region. At some of these, one uninterrupted current of power has been turned on by Jehovah upon the congregations for eight consecutive days. Usually each speaker, speaks only as the Holy Ghost moves upon him or upon the leader to ask him to do so. As Dr. Peck, Bro. Hartman and other workers have often remarked "I never saw a Convention so controlled by the Spirit of God independent of man." The highest ambition for this movement is that it may be purely the movings of God, the Holy Ghost

being in reality its Personal Leader in every respect. "God of Pentecost bear us all up, and out, and on, with Thee," is our prayer, and faith, and only hope.

VIII. METHODS.

During this year a variety of method and experience have been in this work. We have labored in churches in connection with pastors, in those deserted or nearly so by God and man, in gospel tents, boarding rooms to ice houses along the Kennebec, schoolhouses, cottages, halls, and under Nature's canopy at our campground. We have lived with the people, stopping in different homes as invited, or secured a house and boarded ourselves; and since the school has been opened have driven from six to ten miles to each meeting, returning from our twelve to twenty miles drive usually about midnight. Usually we have worked on the principle of moving the meetings gradually so as to keep in touch with the work already done, and by conventions care for the former fields of labor.

IX. GENERAL SUMMARY.

A territory of about two hundred square miles have been evangelized. Old time religion has passed through these towns with the power in it to save any that cared to be saved. Workers have come and gone. No one can remain in this work except they have an Apostle's spirit. It stands, not for seeking what one shall eat and drink and wear, but for seeking FIRST the kingdom and righteousness of God, and absolute confidence that God's banknote "all these things shall be added" is worth one hundred cents on each dollar. (And we don't take any collections to help God pay his bills either.) Hallelujah! As we look over the year WE KNOW WE HAVE WALKED THROUGH IT WITH GOD. Our banners with "The Truth" upon them and standing strongly for every sentence in God's Word, can still be flung to the breezes without fear, and without shame. And as the saved drunkard said, "God has done it all."

X. CLOSING THOUGHTS FOR 1895.

As we look back over the year we can see the fulfillment of the Scripture given us a year ago. We then were thundering along on the express to Chicago en route for Texas. God gave these words for 1895, "The Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court and behold the glory of the Lord filled the house." Then he showed through these words that suffering must precede the glory. "Under his glory He shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire;" and then that power over sinners would follow. "For wickedness burneth as the fire and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire;" and last that there must be unswerving loyalty to God with no pity on those who differed from God's word. "NO MAN SHALL SPARE HIS BROTHER. This year has fulfilled the scriptures given that night. The first half of 1895 seemed a failure at every turn. God only knows the sufferings when prayers, labors and strength of body, soul and spirit seemed tottering for months. Then came six months of such glory as is indicated by the statements already given by Dr. Peck, President Hartman, Sister M. T. Draper, etc. And now the people are indeed "fuel of the

fire." More than one hundred have started in Richmond and probably 150 will have been baptized in this work since July before 1896 is ushered in. The saints of Richmond are receiving the truth into good and honest hearts and a great company are obedient unto the faith. Homes are open to christian workers, visiting christians, and strangers in the good old fashioned way. The converts are standing together as the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, and are determined to have Maine and the world evangelized on apostolic principles. The whole State of Maine is calling for Holy Ghost reapers. This globe is hungry and thirsty for the gospel that has no wrinkles in it, but one that asks help from God alone; one that can go to any part of this globe with no more of a missionary board behind them than Paul and Peter had. God is raising up such a work and tho' small and with no human resources behind it, *it is pleasing God and living His word.* In the stillness of the night hours He said last week: "I am He that was dead and behold I am ALIVE for evermore and have the keys of death and hell." "PREACH THE PREACHING I BID THEE." And the answer was, "Amen Lord, I'll do it." This message seems to glorify the closing days of December. The whispered words which the Almighty has given the writer for 1896 are found in that wonderful Psalm, the twenty-ninth. Every verse tells of Jehovah and the last of His people's receiving the power of God. Like a beautiful picture in a variegated frame shines out these wonderful words—words that are to illuminate 1896 with surpassing power and beauty:

"THE GOD OF GLORY THUNDERETH."

To this message God adds "And let all the people say, Amen."

Beloved, let's say it; say it with emphasis; say it with faith. Signs and wonders are to characterize the coming year. The fulfillment of God's word is at hand. I dare to write it for a scoffing public to read. God is no liar. His word is to shake this globe in a struggle with that of man; and He says we shall know whose shall stand, His or man's. "I will speak, and the word that I speak shall come to pass." "No word of God shall be void of power;" "The Lord will hasten it in his time," and "His time is at hand." Spiritual giants are to be developed during the year and which shall your name be, David or Goliath? "The Spirit of God began to move him at times," was the beginning of Sampson's prowess. It is your only hope and mine. Let's give unto God, the Holy Ghost, the glory due unto his name and 1896 shall hear "the voice of the Lord.....dividing flames of fire.....shaking the wilderness.....breaking the cedars of Lebanon.....giving strength unto His people," and sitting King upon the floods, yea, King forever. And one year hence we shall all unite with tremendous earnestness in saying, "*The voice of the Lord is powerful.*"

"I am so glad tonight I have Himself—the mighty Holy Spirit inside—and he can put me through anything, and He can do anything through me, and can make me anything He wants me to be," said the first student in the Bible School during the August meetings.

THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE ON APOSTOLIC PRINCIPLES CONTINUED DURING 1896.

Another year has passed. We are glad to be able to state that the above words, written in the closing hours of 1895, have been blessedly fulfilled. What we then wrote, almost with fear and trembling, it seemed so startling, has actually transpired. How differently we can write concerning signs and wonders from our present standpoint, than from that occupied last year at this time. This has truly been BY FAR, the best year of this movement; yes, the best we have ever spent upon this globe. God's mighty movings have appeared on the right hand and on the left. It can truly be said of this young work, as was said of Samson of old, "the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times."

I. THE GLORY.

"The God of glory thundereth," the message given last December, for this year, was prophetic as to the Bible School's experience at Bro. Colby's home in Litchfield. One day at the close of a lesson on the gifts of the Spirit, (1 Cor. 12,) Mr. Sandford asked the class, "Now shall this be merely a lesson, or shall we insist upon its actual fulfillment?" They had scarcely fallen upon their knees to claim the fulfillment of God's word, ere the power of the Holy Ghost came upon the class. First the Spirit of supplication came upon Mr. Sandford. Next the Holy Ghost led one of the students out in a similar prayer. Then the power of God so affected the whole school, that for hours the students remained upon their knees before God in silence. That praying season proved to be an epoch in the School's history. The very air thereafter seemed to be filled with God. Waves of thought seemed to be conveyed by the Holy Ghost from the Eternal One, to the little group of seekers after truth. The Scriptures were opened up as they had never been before. "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" had they been spoken in an audible voice by God during these days, would truly have seemed words fitly spoken. Scholars passed from room to room on tip-toe, as if in the stillness of eternity. The one word, softly repeated over and over by devout hearts in these days, repeated very softly but almost continuously by some, was the word "Glory!" Most of the scholars were permanently transformed, their spirits glorified; truly the school had been introduced to "the God of Glory."

II. THE THUNDER.

"The God of glory THUNDERETH." July 1st, this prayer, or its equivalent, was given by the Spirit: "Lord for three and a half years we have stood for a testimony to the truthfulness of Thy Word, even if the testimony was far ahead of our experience; now as we have been true in our testimony, wilt Thou not fulfill in our experience in the next three years and a half, with signs and wonders, Thy Word, concerning which we have testified." That prayer was answered, and for six months

God has been showing His power in marked and unusual ways.

1. The Gospel Yacht.

"The gospel yacht has never yet been seen by mortal eye, yet it is a settled fact to the eye of faith. Faith sees that steamer flying its significant flag "The Truth," and bearing along the coast and into the harbors, one whose glorious 'Hallelujahs!' stir to their depths, the souls of astonished listeners. If Faith sings loud and clear, Fact will soon pull open the throttle valve, and send the steamer's whistle along the coast of our beautiful State."

These three sentences were written last year. Since that time the gospel boat has become a fact. Costing originally \$2800, the "Warren" its present name, was purchased by John Douglas, at an especially fine bargain, and was dedicated June 1st. The dedication services were very spiritual and impressive. Hands were laid upon our brother, and he was especially set apart for the glorious work of preaching the gospel among the islands of our coast, or elsewhere, as God might call him. One sinner bowed in prayer at the dedication, and several more in the evening service at Long Island, as God's seal upon this opening day in the history of the gospel yacht.

2. Baptismal Services.

These have been held each month during the year, with the exception of the first three months. More than one hundred candidates have been immersed in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Some of these occasions have been truly wonderful. The audiences upon the shores have often been thrilled, as not only the regular candidates, but sometimes as many more from their own ranks, have made their way to the water's edge, and walked into baptismal waters amid the surprised Hallelujahs of the delighted saints.

How marvelously these occasions have been blessed, will be indicated by the following descriptions of these scenes, taken from accounts which have appeared from time to time in TONGUES OF FIRE.

"A beautiful feature was the immersion of an entire family, the father (formerly one of the most profane and ungodly men of the town), his wife and four children. One blessed fruitage of the baptism was the marked impression made on the spectators, one of whom a drinking man, gave up his tobacco, liquor etc., and became genuinely converted as a result of the service."

"A great mass of people thronged the shores of the beautiful baptismal pond, on the afternoon of the 16th, to witness the immersion of nine believers.

The first to go into the water was a great tall Georgian, who had followed the Holy Ghost from Georgia to Maine, arriving in time to be immersed. He could not conscientiously, subscribe to any church creed, and pastors in the South refused to baptise him unless he would join some church. Accordingly he had started for St. Louis, where a Holy Ghost preacher stood ready to baptize believers without attempting to choke down their throat some human creed, but before reaching that city, learned that this preacher had gone to California. He had seen an account of our work in the newspaper, had attempted several times to write, but the Holy Ghost had checked him each time. Now how-

ever the Spirit led him North, and that without any knowledge whatever of this work, other than what he had read in the paper. Praise God that He has a place where believers in Christ can obey the scriptures without being jammed into a straight jacket, and spiritually mutilated for life. Praise God also for true men.

The wife of Cyrus Cartland, (formerly a Friend preacher, whose ministry was taken from him because he obeyed the commandment of the Holy Ghost "Repent and be baptized," but who has since been ordained in this work), standing on the bank before walking into the water, offered up a soul stirring prayer to God.

John Douglas' mother, an elder in the Friends Church, had at last made up her mind to follow Jesus Christ, and as the time arrived, was so eager to be buried with Christ, that she ran like a happy child, into the waters. Every spiritual heart was gladdened at the sight of these two godly women (both officers and most highly respected members in their denominational church) loyally following the One who had died for them.

A bright faced young convert from Cornish, was there full of convert joy and baptismal gladness.

After the service was apparently over, the power of the Holy Ghost so affected little Edith Douglas, John's daughter, that just as she was, she went into the water with her Saviour.

Before the tears were hardly dried upon the eyes of the deeply affected audience, a lady from Mass. who had been sprinkled, but never baptized, was convicted by the Holy Ghost, and (though pronounced incurable at the hospital,) followed Jesus into death, burial and resurrection life. Before she left the camp ground she several times declared herself healed, and she certainly appeared well and happy.

Upon a beautiful week day evening, a brother from Richmond, who had been marvelously reclaimed, at his special request, was baptized in this same sacred place.

The following Sabbath, seven believers followed his example. Oh! what marvelous blessing flooded the vast audience. A Congregational lady from Reading, Mass. though for years a member of the church, was baptized for the first time. God had honored the loyalty to the truth within her heart, by giving her son as the first student to the Bible School. Another Congregational lady from Boston actually shouted softly in the water, "Glory!" and was heard to say as she walked out "Oh! Jesus IT IS TRUE"; and on the bank, with shining face, "Oh! it is just GLORIOUS!"

A dear convert from Wales, formerly a strong skeptical man witnessed a good confession before many witnesses. A Methodist sister from Bowie Hill followed the Bible instead of Methodism. A dear sister from Freeport was marvelously blessed as she entered into the meaning of death, burial and resurrection. A most touching scene was a beautiful young lady, whose eyes were closed to the natural light, following Him who is the Light of life. As she returned to the shore, her mother threw her arms around her child, saying with deepest emotion "Oh Hallelujah!"

An Episcopalian sister from Charlestown completed the list.

One week later ten believers were baptized, making twenty-seven in all during the camp meeting. The first-

to go in was a man who had long ago, when at death's door, desired to be baptized. He was followed by a grand old brother, whom everybody had learned to love, aged 76, who had been wonderfully healed. As he came out of the water, he said with shining face "I can truly say I am happier than ever I was before in my life. Praise God! I never was so happy in my life as at this moment in following the Lord in baptism." As he walked along the bank he said, "My cane is gone, my plaster is gone, and I am all gone except Jesus." Hallelujah!

A brother from Lewiston, formerly an officer in the Salvation Army obeyed Christ, and then made this remark "I am sure I have been satisfied with Jesus for a long time, but now I believe He is satisfied with me." Amen, that is good theology.

Several converts from Long Island followed Him who walked and talked among the fishermen in Gallilee.

An Episcopalian sister from Germantown, Pa. was buried with Christ in God, and was so filled with "new wine" that for a long time she continued shouting His praises, and waving her hand in glorious triumph. Oh! she got a marvelous victory, for she had buried a vast amount of staid propriety in the waters.

After the service was dismissed, a dear sister who had long been desiring to be baptized, but whose husband had been opposed to it, went into the water, determined to follow Christ in spite of her best clothes, or any other hindrances. The result was her husband followed her in about a minute, and amid the "Hallelujahs" of the delighted audience was himself baptized.

A little later a convert from Lewiston stepped into the water, to the delight of his friends.

What glorious seasons these have been! The saints, and angels and Christ from yonder heavens, have rejoiced at these glorious scenes below."

III. HEALING OF THE SICK.

God has certainly thundered in this respect. Where one person was healed last year, scores have been this year. Some have been instantaneous and miraculous in every respect. Many have been gradual, in accordance largely, with the faith of the sufferer. Some of the most remarkable cases have been those whom the writer has never yet seen, who have been healed in answer to the simple prayers of faith offered in the School. A variety of diseases have yielded to the touch of Him who "healed them all," such as scrofula, fever, tooth ache, head ache, rheumatism, nervous prostration, sciatica, asthma, consumption, restoration of eyesight, deafness, cancer, tumor, mental derangement.

During the latter part of the year, each Thursday forenoon was devoted to praying for the sick, requests from such, coming from most of the States and even from Canada. God has so blessedly heralded the gospel of healing throughout the country, that many requests for prayer from suffering ones come in each week; and yet in comparison to the magnificent promises in the Bible, the work done in this respect seems to have attained but its infancy. God however is leading, and will manifest Himself more and more mightily as the days go by.

IV. THE LORD'S HOUSE, OR BIBLE SCHOOL BUILDING.

During the Spring, God said to Mr. Sandford "Let us arise and build," and March 31st directed him to commence the excavation. Without a penny to spare for this purpose, he, together with the members of the Bible School, obeyed God. After moving thousands of feet of coarse gravel, they were enabled by the favor of God, to lay the beautiful white corner stone, July 4th, and about the middle of August, the wall was finished; a magnificent basement 40 x 60 feet had been excavated, and a brick front soon followed. Slowly but surely the frame-work went heavenward. The first floor, second floor, third floor, and the roof, successively appeared in answer to faith. Oct. 2nd, one year from the day God directed Mr. Sandford to start a Bible School, the chapel was dedicated to its use, and also for general gospel services. God has wonderfully answered prayer, the only period of inability to write checks for bills presented, being twenty-four hours. Then for three months the battle of faith continued. A large turret seven stories high was erected, and other necessary arrangements for preparing the house for use were purchased. A boiler with steam fittings for the private rooms on two floors, heats the building. After the winter months have passed, a veranda 12 feet wide (D. V.) will extend around the whole building, and the clapboards by that time being seasoned, the entire structure will be painted pure white. The building aside from the chapel, will accommodate sixty regular occupants. No human being has ever been asked by Mr. Sandford or his workers, for a penny of money. They have simply followed God's directions, and He has moved on the hearts of the people to send in the money, furnish the labor etc. necessary to put up the house, which a builder and contractor estimated would be worth from \$6000 to \$8000.

Truly "the God of glory" has "thundered" in preparing this place for His laborers, about thirty-five of whom are now gathered daily within its walls to search the Scriptures.

V. CONVENTIONS.

The Conventions which have been held throughout the year, have been attended with marked increase of power. The Annual August Convention extended through the entire month, and was one never to be forgotten by the people who attended. The last half of the month was characterized by remarkable healing power, and the great eternal stillness of God.

An intensely spiritual convention was held in Auburn, by members of the Bible School, and short series of meetings were held in Richmond, Lewiston, Manchester and Boston.

The outside work this year, however, has necessarily been largely surrendered to the work of constructing God's tabernacle.

The New Year's Convention, proved to be by far the most far reaching in its significance. Evangelist Mrs. E. R. Leger, while speaking Dec. 31st, was interrupted by one of the strongest sinners in the region, a young man, who requested Mr. S. to pray for him. He was soundly converted, and has since been baptized. Sister Leger's words were deeply blessed to the Christian peo-

ple. Brother Fred McGregor of Lowell, spoke in the burning power of the Holy Ghost, the audience being mightily moved. 1896 was watched out by quite a large congregation of deeply spiritual Christians, who were looking forward with great longing that 1897 might be momentous in the world's history. At midnight, a large white flag, 25 feet long, with the word "VICTORY" in blue, was hoisted to the flag staff over the turret of the building. And there at the very blackest hour of the night, it floated, one hundred feet above the earth beneath, significantly standing for victory amid the blackest and most adverse circumstances which the world, the flesh and the devil can invent; for victory over the whole world, whose nations still lie in darkness; for victory amid a time of trouble such as the world has never seen, which is about to appall the nations with the awful scenes of Revelation.

VI. OUTLOOK FOR 1897.

1. The Flag of "VICTORY" is flying, and by the grace of God shall continue to fly throughout this year. This means going to the tremendous depths of God's thought in the Scriptures—in our own individual lives, in the lives of God's saints collectively, and then through them out to the great world lying in darkness. This flag stands for the actual fulfillment of the marvelous promises made by Jesus Christ to the believer, for salvation from sin, sickness and Satan. It stands for victory in sunshine, in the shadow, and in the blackness of midnight. It stands for victory under any and every circumstance; for all that Christ died that the human race might win; for all He meant when He said "all power in heaven and earth is given unto Me," and "behold I give you power over all the power of the enemy." For all He meant when He said "Go ye therefore; and disciple all nations," and "these signs shall follow them that believe. In My name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if perchance (as Rotherham translates it) they may drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Yes, this flag stands for the same quality of victory as that recorded of the believers of old, concerning whom the evangelist wrote "After the Lord had spoken unto them.....they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following."

2. As we look out over the coming months, God assures us that this is to be a missionary year. New Year's day a large white sign, with large gilt letters "THE TRUTH" in the centre; a sharp sickle on the left and a sheaf of grain on the right, and Rev. 14:15-16 beneath, was placed over the entrance to the Lord's house.

The mighty movings of the past year have been preparing the saints throughout the country for general co-operation in world wide conquest. The newspaper reports concerning this work, have heralded the news of this apostolic religion from Maine to Texas, and from New York to California. An owner of a gold mine in California has written asking our special prayers that his mines may yield the rich ore for the interests of the world's evangelization; while another in Colorado has sent in a similar request for the same purpose, and in the interests of the Ocean Liner. Our papers have been scattered broadcast, as in replying to the hun-

dreds of letters from sick ones who have written requesting our prayers, we have usually sent our tracts and TONGUES OF FIRE. The School is rapidly filling, and men and women from various walks of life, are inquiring their way to the place where God has written His name. There is no doubt that a community of holy men and women, desirous of knowing the deepest truths, and entering into partnership for the world's evangelization, will soon be gathered to this neighborhood.

The first half of the year will probably be spent in searching the Scriptures, waiting on God, and preparation for the coming of our King. Then as God opens the way, forth will go the harvesters for the reaping, of which the eight souls given the first Sabbath of 1897, are but an earnest. Shall we not ask our Father to make every Sabbath of '97 witness a baptismal service, as the first two have already done.

Dr. Kiefer from Texas is here, and this blessed man of God expects by the month of October, if God opens the way, to carry the gospel to the banks of the Moselle, Germany, and there throughout that region, represent God's mighty movement. In his first tour there throughout Germany, Poland and Russia, about eight thousand souls publicly confessed Jesus Christ. Let us all stand in faith that God shall send him forth, like Caleb of old, to take the hardest places for his Lord.

Other members of the School are hearing the call to South America, and others are listening for His calls to other lands. Like doves to the windows, they are flocking, and will continue to flock to the Lord's house, and thence on angel wings to every kindred and tongue and tribe and people and nation upon this globe.

To all possessed of the spirit of the great Harvester, TONGUES OF FIRE repeats the angel's message "THRUST IN THY SICKLE AND REAP, FOR THE TIME HAS COME FOR THEE TO REAP."

NOTICES.

1. *Tongues of Fire, 1895*, bound in book form with pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Sandford on first page, can be ordered for one dollar. This volume has seven lengthy and very valuable articles on the Holy Ghost—articles which every saint interested in this movement should surely possess.

2. *Prayer Crusade Calender*, for each day in the year, by Mrs. H. Kinney Sandford, can be ordered in book form, twenty-five cents. A useful present which should be scattered among the saints that believe in a crusade of prayer for this world's evangelization. Any one wishing to give them away may have these calendars for 15 cents, or one dozen for one dollar.

3. The Tract—"Two Years experience with the Holy Ghost", by F. W. Sandford, may be secured for \$1.00 per hundred. One of the Friends, who has recently received the Holy Ghost, writes this is "the most useful article in leading people to receive the Holy Ghost," that she has ever known.

4. The tract "Twenty-five Reasons Why I Know the Holy Ghost is a Person," by F. W. Sandford, can be ordered for \$1.00 per hundred. The power of one's Christian life depends upon his receiving, recognizing and knowing the Holy Ghost. This tract gives the Scriptures upon this subject throughout the whole Bible, showing conclusively His personality.

5. *Pray the Lord of the harvest to send Holy Ghost laborers to the Bible School, and to keep others away.* We want the first quality only, those who "forsake houses, land" etc. and "reach 100 fold."

6. The new singing book "Warrior Songs for the White Cavalry" can be ordered for 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen; \$18.00 per hundred.

7. Any desired motto for the decoration of the walls of one's room can be ordered of Mrs. H. K. Sandford, in blue, pink or red cardboard, for one cent per small, and two cents per capital letter. The money received from these sales will all be used in the interest of God's work. Will friends kindly assist by securing orders?

8. *Tongues of Fire, 1896*, bound in book form, will, for awhile, be sold for half price, fifty cents, or sent post-paid for 60 cents. Afterwards the price will be one dollar.

9. The three great gatherings of the year are: First, Fourth of July Convention (July 3-5) at which D. V., the grounds having been properly laid out and the Lord's house painted, the entire property will be formerly dedicated to God. Second, The yearly Campmeeting (Aug. 7-22) when the people bring their tents, food, bedding, etc., and camp out. Third, The Annual Convention (Sept. 25 to Oct. 2) at the opening of the school year. Reduced rates on the railroad are secured to each of these meetings which are held at Durham, Me., the R. R. station and Post Office address, however being at Lisbon Falls, Me., 1 1/2 miles distant.

We invite YOU to come to any or all of these gatherings and see for yourself what God is doing.