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My Dear Brother in the Lord: When I read in the Highway you were to have no evangelist this year, the thought came to me, 'not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts,' and if we have the abiding presence of Christ, the descending sweep of the Holy Ghost, and the overwhelming power of the Triune God, why victory is assured. There is nothing like the presence of Jesus Christ to attract people and bring them together. And we hold the mightiest weapon there is, namely, prayer, and that alone can unlock heaven. Jesus has said, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done." Every outpouring from the skies the church has ever had has been prayed down. In Matt. 3:3, we are told what to do, and God has made it so that He uses human instrumentality to help carry on this great work, and we can "prepare the way of the Lord," and importunate and persistent prayer will cause such a flood tide of salvation to sweep over Beulah and Riverside that people will stand in awe at the presence and demonstration of the power of God. One hundred and twenty souls prayed for ten days and brought the power of God down upon Jerusalem. Elijah prayed and he locked and unlocked heaven. Joshua prayed and the sun and moon stood still for hours. And then when we think that we have warriors of the cross who amidst persecution, ostracism, financial losses, and everything else the devil could heap upon them, have for years upheld the blood stained banner of the cross with holiness unto the Lord unfurled to the breeze (here in Canada) surely they have proved themselves faithful and are competent to instruct us more thoroughly in the way that leads to the eternal city and when we think of the cloud of unseen witnesses who encompass those battle-grounds of God round about who have fought the good fight of faith and have year after year until called home filled their places and prayed through to victory we should take fresh courage and go forth with "fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them," or the powers of evil, and God has said "one can chase a thousand, and two can put ten thousand to flight," and I tell you when we reckon up the forces on the side of God why victory is ours if we keep in vital touch with God, and may each soldier of Jesus Christ today fall in and uphold the blood stained banner with the battle cry, "Victory unto the Lord," and march on with the triumphant tread and charge against the ranks of sin and hell, so that when Jesus comes for us we will have many trophies of grace to lay at His feet "who washed us in His own precious blood and has made us sons and daughters of the most high, and "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised."

Kept by power divine,

J. BAKER.

LETTER FROM ASSUIT, EGYPT.

(From Rev. Jesse McPherson).

Employed by F. W. Foster for a Missionary tour in Foreign Countries.)

April 4th, 1917.

My Dear Brother Foster:

The work for March in the "Synod of the Nile," as it is called, and the work in the College is now a thing of the past. But there was a Government School also of something like 800 students I was asked to hold meetings for and have done so. The American Mission College has, under the same management, an old and new college, the old for those beginning college work and is for both boys and girls, the new for young men only. Old and new college near two miles apart.

Meetings had to be held separately as no building would hold the crowds, and the Government School for same and other reasons held alone.

Take the entire work from the start to finish, I have seen nothing like it. The mighty power of God came down and souls came to Christ by the hundreds, according to man's counting. The Judgment must give the true numbers. I fully expected the last place, the Government School, to be a dry, formal, stiff affair. But it was just the opposite. A finer set of young men I have not met in Egypt, and they were hungry and longing for the word of the gospel, at least after the first meeting. There was a great movement with them for God. The scholars in these various places come from all parts of Egypt. You can see what this will mean. It will touch every part of the country. I will bless God forever for the privilege of being in the great city of Assiut.

Meetings over, I came on to Cairo where I am to hold convention the next thing for the "Egypt General Mission," and is for the missionaries only. Others not invited and are not expected to attend. Strictly a family gathering so to say, where their own heart needs can be met.

This over and all other engagements will have been met. I went yesterday to see our Consul about sailing. A gloomy prospect indeed. What I am to do I cannot now see. Danger now is on every side. All the missionaries, about sixteen in number, who were to go to America this spring have given it up. They were arranging to go the Pacific but danger on the sea is that way now same as the Atlantic. Our Consul does not forbid going the Pacific, but says unless conditions compel, no one should attempt it. When your draft reaches me I will try and find the right thing to do. Consul tells us a few months and the sea will be safe, till then stay in Egypt.

I will hold this letter for a few days and see if there may be some light. We are watching here with great concern the action now taking place with our government at Washington. At last we are in the war. Can only hope this letter may reach you. So many of my letters, both coming to me and mine going are lost.

April 5—Think just as well finish this letter and send it. Will be in meetings again and no time for anything else. The

coming convention will make forty-two revivals for Egypt. All the devils in hell and all the submarines between here and America cannot undo the precious work the Holy Spirit has accomplished in these meetings. Dark as the way seems before me this glorious fact remains.

Both missionaries and natives have taken all the care possible about my travel, board, going, coming, simply everything, that all my time and strength might be given to the one thing of preaching. Had they not done this, I never could have done the work that has been accomplished.

People here watching the movements in the U. S. with great intensity. All believe a speedy victory is coming as a result.

Very few think or know Jesus is coming soon. I mean of those who are yet in the great crowd of those who are "of this world." It has been one of the great themes of my ministry in this world tour. Very largely people have seen and believed this blessed hope in all the meetings held.

A long time since hearing from you, but you may have written and letters lost.

My interpreter, a fine fellow, is writing a full report of the work the past year. An Egyptian, was just out of college, and had also finished a course for the ministry. He was graciously filled with the Spirit one year ago in my meetings.

Yours in the battle,

JESSE MCPHERSON.

Needless to say I am desperate about getting home to my family, five long years. But God has been so gracious to me.

FLAT IMITATIONS.

We once saw a very fleshy minister undertake to illustrate a point in his sermon by attempting to imitate "the blind man sitting by the wayside," by sitting on top of his pulpit, but he was so bulky, and his pulpit was so high that the sublime turned to the ridiculous. So some imitations of Billy Sunday's antics being performed through the country fall so far below the original that they are only a burlesque.

Beloved, let us steer clear of all kinds of imitations and mannerisms and all such things and dare to let the Holy Spirit use the gifts we have. If God wanted us all to be Billy Sundays, he would have built us alike.

Love service is a million times better than things done from a sense of duty.

"We have no right to inflict our moods upon others. If we are out of sorts that is no reason why we should make other people miserable with our cheerlessness."

"Put as much of heaven into daily life as possible. Be happy, and render all happy about you. Keep pure and make all pure whom you can influence by your spirit and conduct."

"Christliness comes not by looking within. There is the danger of thinking too much about self, and soon becoming satisfied. 'Looking unto Jesus' is the golden recipe for growth in godliness."