

I have found my Saviour. This is just the one I have been looking for. I have found the Saviour." Then bounding out of her room and down the stairs, she called to the minister who was still in the drawing room, "Oh, I have found the very Saviour I need. I love Him with all my heart."

All hatred had gone and the burden of her heart had rolled away.

Thus, the grand old inspired hymn has saved those who would stop long enough for the Spirit of God to speak to their hearts. How we should love these hymns and sing them, for in them are the very words of life.—Light and Life Evangel.

A GREAT MISSIONARY CONVENTION

On the evening of Sunday, March 28th, there closed in the Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, Mass., a great missionary convention. Missionaries from many different fields in Asia, Africa, South and Central America, Cuba and even Europe, all representing independent missionary societies, were present to tell of the triumph of the Gospel of Jesus in heathen and in so-called Christian lands. Their spirit and messages only confirmed the declaration of the psalmist: "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." The young pastor of Park Street Church, Dr. John Ockenja, for the past five years has made this convention an annual event, and each year has witnessed a steady growth in interest and power, the recent convention being a splendid climax.

The Convention embraced two Sundays, with three services a day. It was my privilege to attend many of these meetings, and the influence was so inspirational and encouraging that I thought a few echoes might be of interest to the readers of The Highway. We heard some great addresses. Those by two missionaries, Drs. Paige and Glover, both of whom had spent fifty years in China, were indeed great. They represented "The China Inland Mission," founded by Dr. J. Hudson Taylor, and which from a small beginning has gone on to be the greatest independent mission in the world. Needless to say, like every other real work of God, it has been tried by the fire of indifference at home and of persecution abroad. Many of its missionaries perished in the Boxer uprising, when a multitude of Chinese Christians sealed their testimony with their blood. But after that uprising had been quelled, China opened her heart to the Gospel as never before. "The blood of the martyrs was indeed the seed of the church." Dr. Glover sees in the present war with Japan, a still greater triumph for the Gospel amongst these four hundred and seventy-five millions of stronghearts, whose multiplied millions lived for more than three thousand years without a ray of Gospel light. God saw all that darkness through the centuries. The light is just beginning to reach them. Their inexhaustible material resources of coal, iron ore and other minerals hidden by God in the bowels of the earth are only beginning to be developed. The sleeping giant is being aroused. China has at least four strong Christian leaders in her government today. Instead of soon winding up affairs in this old world, it seems as if God is only making a good beginning in China and other lands.

The stories many of these missionaries told

of moral and spiritual transformations would make as wonderful reading as the acts of the apostles. I was much impressed by a recent editorial in The Highway, on the tactics of Satan to get us to take a narrow view of conditions around us, and become discouraged, and think we have a losing cause. We need to take the "long and the broad view." Our God is marching on even though things around you may be very dry spiritually. One splendid man of middle age who has labored in the African Internal Mission, had a wonderful story to tell. He and his wife with another couple, pressed on two hundred miles beyond the farthest mission in Africa, amongst a most degraded and barbarous tribe, to tell the story of Jesus. Their difficulties seemed insuperable, but they toiled on, gradually learning the language and winning the confidence of the people. Today, he said, "every Sunday in one tabernacle, four hundred people assemble to worship God, while in another great building, fully eighteen hundred crowd in to sing Gospel songs, hear the word of life, many of them to testify to the transforming power of the Gospel, with others seeking the Lord. This has all taken place in a few years.

An eloquent young Russian sees a new Russia coming out of this war, with true religious freedom. A young Cuban, who was studying engineering in a great American institution, got saved, went back to Cuba as a missionary, and has seen a multitude saved (among them his own brother, high in government circles). His presence was an inspiration. In one of the services all the young recruits who had been accepted and all who were offering themselves as candidates, stood in front of the altar—more than eighty of them in all—when the prospective missionaries gave briefly their testimonies and their reasons for going to the foreign field.

The last Sunday was the crowning day of all when thirty-five thousand dollars was pledged for foreign missions. Park Street Church helps support all these independent missions. This church sent out thirty missionaries last year; this year it will send out forty-five—pretty good for one church.

It is well to remember that in spite of war, rum, worldliness in the churches and all opposing forces, our God is marching on. I must believe that there is still enough salt in the church to make it a mighty force for righteousness. When we remember that little over one hundred and forty years ago there was not a single missionary in India; that little over a hundred years ago Robert Morrison saw his first convert in China; that about a hundred years ago Africa was almost wholly exploited by a so-called Christian nation to make Africa's people slaves, and that today in all these lands there are multitudes who would die for Jesus, whom they love. We may exclaim, what hath God wrought? When Paul was preaching, all these lands were peopled by millions of heathens. Christianity was represented by a few little churches Paul organized, and one of them was so corrupt it is hard to think of it as Christian, while others were torn by rank heresies. Take the long look, brother, make an inventory of moral and spiritual assets, and you must be compelled still to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. I say Hallelujah!

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PENTECOST—INCIDENTAL OR FUNDAMENTAL

By Dr. Paul S. Rees

Was Pentecost a fleeting incident, more or less external to the real core and course of the life of the church? Or was it a profoundly vital and richly resultant event, with abiding values and permanent principles? Was it only a particular day, or is it an extended dispensation? Was the baptism with the Holy Spirit for the apostolic church only, as some would have us believe; or does it rest, both as opportunity and obligation, upon the church of every generation?

Concerning the gift of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said to that little apostolic nucleus of his church: "He shall abide with you forever"—promise of a perpetual Presence!

Then Pentecost came. The Holy Spirit cleansingly and conqueringly filled the receptive believers. And Peter spoke. Concerning this gift he said: "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call"—the proclamation of a universal Christian privilege!

Pentecost is age-long and planet-wide! Given a child of God utterly yielding, trustfully expecting, any room may become an upper room, any day a day of Pentecost.

Many people have been confused by failure to realize that the personal fact of Pentecost and the historical framework of that fact are not the same.

The framework: About one hundred twenty disciples. (Where were the five hundred?)

The fact: Any number—one or one hundred thousand—of converted and consecrated souls receiving from God the sanctifying fullness of His Spirit.

The framework: A rushing mighty wind.

The fact: The fresh, vitalizing, winnowing presence of God.

The framework: Cloven tongues as of fire.

The fact: The purging, refining, illuminating, energizing ministry of the divine Spirit.

The framework: Extraordinary speaking in different languages.

The fact: Demonstrating, through the Spirit, that in the church of the living Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, bond or free.

The framework: Special gifts of the Spirit.

The fact: Special grace by the Spirit.

The framework: Outer signs and wonders done among them.

The fact: Inner strength and the well-being of holiness.

Distinguishing, then, between the permanent and the passing, between that which is central and that which is incidental, let us preach Pentecost from our pulpits, witness to Pentecost with our lips and, supremely, let us have Pentecost in our lives.—Pentecost Herald.

THE MARK

Forbes Magazine, a business publication, printed an item recently that will be of great interest to Bible students. "Hall Laboratories, Pittsburgh, announces a 'foolproof' identification system for defence workers. An identification mark is stamped on the employee's forehead, or on the back of his hand, in an ink that is invisible unless exposed to ultra-violet or 'black light.' The ink marks are non-transferable, perspiration-proof, and they resist washing and ordinary wear." How significant in the light of the passages which refer to the mark of the beast on forehead and hand. (Rev. 13:16).—The Midnight Cry.