RELIGION AT BED-ROCK

"The International Sunday School Lesson For April 27 Is he Holy Spirit Our Helper," Acts 2:1-8.

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re are more tongues in Paris were heard at Pentecost. Ours igger world than Peter knew. the forked tongues of fire upon the little company of nd women gathered in Jeru- to await the promised out- g of the divine Spirit, they ented the universal outreach ristianity. From that room the les went everywhere preach- The rapid dissemination of Message became one of the rs of history; and it made over orld.

world is larger than theirs, is also more easily reached. fly in an earoplane over the of Paul's long, tedious mis- y journeys in a few hours. It ut yesterday that I covered in t and a morning the distance Rome to the tip of Italy, which the prisoner apostle weary Couriers carried the decrees sar to the limits of the Roamn e, so that the outermost prov- were many days or weeks in g news; but now the ends of rth read at breakfast what one in Paris the day before. rea has enlarged since the day ntecost, (already the Bible is d in five hundred languages ialects), but so also have our al facilities. The apostles had h opportunity as the Christian h to-day possesses.

the World Was Turned Upside Down

y had a Power which explain- e wonder. So marvelous was effect upon life that they got utation as earthquakers. Peo- eclared that they had turned orld upside down. No pagan n was too strong for them to Even Caesar's household was d by them. The military of the Roman empire became to them. Greek philosophy was their tool. Exploration ommerce and travel and even ution were but as so many by which the message flew. In ess ways, overcoming all ob- this new Power operated human society for its benefi- ransformation.

Power is variously named in cord; but it was the Spirit of ing God. He was the expres- f the Divine. He was Omnipo- method of operating. Unseen, ible, indescribable, incompre- le, this mysterious Spirit of expressing Himself to and h man. Theologians have o catalogue the qualities and teristics of this Divine y; but in vain. He may be ex- ced, but he may not be de- d. This Spirit is he who sup- nts supernaturally all that is for God humanly. He takes orld's worst and makes it the He is the one supreme explana- f the miracle of Christianity.

After Paris, What?

s lesson is being written in an room in Paul's old city of alonica. As I have wandered its muddy, filthy streets, and ave come into contact with its sordid oriental life, I have much upon Paul and the r that he wrought here in the go. For he made heathen alonica Christian—and by no that is not at the command of hurch to-day.

ing the pagan cities of com- t Rome, the little company of lian disciples needed a new nent. Roman arrogance could overawe them, Roman power dishearten them, and Grecian ophy could confute them. It vain for them to go forth as anded unless they had some l inducement which the proud could neither match nor meet: sciples simply had to possess irresistable equipment.

t is the logic of Pentecost. It ecessary and inevitable. The t of the Spirit was a natural ry of the resurrection. Chris- 's heralds had to be both en- ged and empowered.

the present time all the world ting upon the deliberations of ace Conference in Paris. The issioners have envisaged a new order. They see what must olished and what must be es- hed. So far as sagacious manship can do so they have ed for a better state of human y everywhere. Out here in Salonica, however, amid such and sordidness as the Peace ission knows nothing of, it is to everybody that if the desir- nder is to be wrought there is l some such Power as turned essalonica upside down.

Law Versus Life

ry mile I have traveled since ar began—and I have been all ay around the world, and back to France, and one more half around again—has only in- ed my conviction that all the cost of the conflict will have wasted unless the heroism of attlefield and of the home can plemented by a new and more sense of spiritual obligations. n vain that we have chased the ut of France if we do not also his spirit out of human hearts. en to be free matters little un- hey are also noble. To-day I ncheon with three British of- —a lieutenant colonel, a major captain — who have been h the bitterness of the Salon- mpaign, and as we discussed estion of what is ahead of the they were a unit in thinking nly religion, vital, unprofes- religion, can save society. No aws will avail unless there be ew life.

t is merely the average man's of affirming his belief that there is no refuge for the race except in a visitation of the Almighty Spirit of the Eternal God. We cannot maintian civilization successfully, much less Christianity, without this divine re-enforcement and enabling. This is an hour of history when every believer in the realities of our religion should pray and work without ceasing for a baptism of the Holy Ghost upon all the disciples of Jesus, for the saving of mankind.

A Wave of Carnality

A stout ship rides the waves that submerge a weaker, smaller vessel. Something like a wave of carnality is sweeping over the world, in the wake of the great surge of spiritual and moral passion which war's earthquake shock set into motion. Whether the freed spirits of men will ride this dangerous breaker, or be overwhelmed by it, is yet undetermined. Certainly there is not enough good seamanship in mere conventionality or custom or habit of churchliness to see us through. We must have the Steersman whom the New Testament calls the Paraclete.

More is involved here than formal Christianity. All the old sanctities, of woman's noblest place, of the home, of our social organization, of the Church, and of men's fraternal relations one with another, are being challenged from Russia and nearer points. It almost seems as if all the evil forces of the universe were rallying for one desperate charge upon humanity. The times are protentous. Wherein is our hope? Is it anywhere else than in a greater spirituality for men and women individuality—a spirituality that is an expression of the presence of the Spirit who has given to the disciples at Pentecost?

Backenstoss Realty Co. Moves to Larger Quarters

Announcement has just been made of the removal to larger quarters of the real estate offices of the Backenstoss Realty Company (formerly Backenstoss Bros.) who have been located in the Russ Building for several years.

They will occupy by the end of this week the entire second floor of 331 Market street which will enable them to offer better facilites to a fast growing business.

This firm announces the following sales of local real estate for the month of March: 235 Hamilton st., W. T. Smiley to Paul C. Sload, of Elizabethtown; 2206 Jefferson st., Wm. Consylman to William S. Bentz; 227 So. Nineteenth st., C. Raymond Wolfe to Jacob G. Keplinger; 1331 N. Second st., Charles R. Gardner to Paul W. Burtsfield; 1630 Green st., Charles E. Landis to Charles R. Gardner; 2117 Green st., William C. Wanbaugh to Albert Fitz Randolph; 1612 Chestnut st., Charles W. Rice to Edwin J. Shoop; 2140 N. Fifth st., Myrtle R. Gardner to Elizabeth I. McNeal; 1813 N. Fifth st., Charles P. Hoffman to George S. Sides; 1549 Vernon st., Harry N. Hershman to Rheba L. Rhoades of Palmyra; 648 Reily st., Nellie G. Trostle to Ralph Jury; 425 Hamilton st., William L. Green to Harry M. Hasson; 226 Woodbine st., Wm. H. Windsor to Board of Trustees of St. John's Reformed Church, Harrisburg; 87 Disbrow st., Anne E. Mitchell to Clarence D. Duncan.

Pearls Are Scarce Because of the War

Chicago—Coming down through the ages is the expression "a pearl of great price." It has now become plural, and Chicago jewelers declare that milady who owns pearls must treasure them more highly than ever because of their increasing scarcity.

"What causes the scarcity"? A leading pearl importer was asked.

"The war," he replied gravely, and when his questioner scoffed, and insisted that neither soldiers, horses, aeroplanes, tanks nor ships consume pearls, he replied:

"You are quite right, but the war did consume men, and ships. It upset the natural conditions of the whole world, and not until the whole history is written will the world know how completely the Orient, the chief scource of supply of pearls, was convulsed.

"Some of the best pearl fishermen in the world fell on the West Front in the ranks of the French Colonials, Turkish massacres throughout Persia demoralized the whole region of the Persian gulf, a prolific source of the finest pearls.

"Plots and insurrections, of which the Singapore rebellion was the most serious forced a cessation of even minor maritime activities. The English were compelled to establish the most stringent rules and use the utmost precaution, because an apparently harmless pearl fisherman's boat might carry almost anything sinister.

"We in the United States are so far away from 'India's coral strand' and the mysterious Far East that we do not realize the war's effect in that part of the world. But the fact remains that pearl fishing has been put 'on the blink' for more than four years, nor has the vigilance yet been relaxed."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO WELCOME SOLDIERS

To the Editor:

The Pittsburgh mothers, wives, and sisters of the men of the One Hundred and Seventh Field Artillery have organized for the purpose of giving the men of the One Hundred and Seventh Field Artillery a grand reception and ball two or three days after their return from overseas.

Meetings are being held each Thursday evening to make arrangements for their reception in the Artillery Armory, Emerson and Alder streets, Pittsburgh.

Now if there are any mothers, wives, or sisters in Harrisburg who have members of their families among the One Hundred and Seventh Artillery and can not attend this meeting, but who wish to contribute toward the reception, they can write to the chairman, Mrs. Robert Brown, 714 Portland street, Pittsburgh, or the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Franhel, 738 North Beatty street, Pittsburgh. We want every man in the One Hundred and Seventh Artillery represented. Mothers are giving one dollar each to help this great reception along.

Mrs. Robert Brown, chairman,
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Buy The New Victory Bonds---They'll pay you a good revenue; better than previous issues, but that isn't the point. You ought to buy them because they help "finish the job." The war taught us economy, not simply saving money, but in spending it for the right things. These bonds are one of the right things—Let us buy all we can.

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Are another means of saving money, that's why we recommend them, and do you know that one reason why Doutrichs have sold so many more suits this Spring is because we had "good clothes," plenty of them. We placed our orders early last Fall at guaranteed prices so that it would give our customers the benefits of all doubts. When clothing went higher month by month we didn't worry, we knew we were on the safe side. There were a great many calamity howlers among makers of "cheap" clothes and the merchants who handle their product. They saw they were in wrong for nobody wanted anything but "good clothes," naturally they were losing their trade and thought the country was going to the Bow-wows. They started something they couldn't finish.

On the other hand manufacturers and merchants who handle "good clothes" were having a marvelous business—all they could take care of, that's our case exactly. We have never seen such a wonderful season. The merchant who didn't "get under cover" early, is feeling pretty sick at not having the right kind of clothes that the average dresser wants. Men will forget the price they pay but they don't forget the clothes they bought. We feel that you can make more friends by selling them the right thing, and that's why we do it.

" Mr. Doutrich" said a customer the other day: "this is the greatest store I have ever been in. It's easy to see why you are getting the clothing business in Harrisburg. The way you treat your customers and the absolute guarantee of complete satisfaction you give your customers is positively without equal, and your whole organization seems to be imbued with the personal service ideas. You'd almost think every employe was an equal owner with you, they take so much interest in their customers"— "Yes," replied Mr. Doutrich, "that's the secret of our success, courteous, painstaking and efficient employes are of great value to any store.

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