

Shiloh

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Bro. Frank Weston Sandford was used of God For God's GLORY ALONE, to start the Ministry & Biblical community called Shiloh (Later named The Kingdom,) near Durham Maine. Born on October 2nd, 1862, in Bowdoinham Maine, and died on March 4th, 1948, in Hobart New York, at age 85. He also was buried in Hobart. After his passing, Victor Abram took over this Ministry. It is now called Kingdom Christian Ministries. They claim to hold to all the same Teachings, but are really not the same anymore. They are VERY few, but some churches in the U.S., are affiliated with this group.

Bro. Sandford was the 10th child, born into a farming family. People recall he always seemed a natural born leader, even from his youth. His Dad died when he was 14. By age 16, he was teaching School. He had completed a year of teaching, and was in his 2nd, when shortly after, his mother invited him to a Revival meeting, at her Free Will Baptist church. He reluctantly accepted the invitation. It was through this, that on February 29th, 1880, at age 17, he was Gloriously Converted. He immediately threw away his tobacco, and publicly announced his Conversion, not only at church, but also at Nichols Latin School.

He went to Bates College, on a general scholarship. Eventually, was elected Class President, and even was a Coach and Catcher, for the Baseball team. Graduating with honors in 1886, he was chosen to give the Commencement Address. He Captained a Semi-Pro team for a summer, and was even approached by professionals to join. After a teammate ridiculed him for attending church on a State of Maine Fasting Day, he left and returned to Bates College to attend Cobb Divinity School. While there, he became frustrated with the mix of Formalism and Religious Modernism, in so called Bible School Training. Bro. Sandford said God Addressed him with The Words of Matthew 5:6 Directly! For the rest of his life, he distrusted "academic religion."

Soon after, at age 24, he dropped out of Seminary, and was called upon to be the pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Topsham. With God's Help and zeal, within three years, God had Blessed him with 300 converts, and more than 100 Water Baptisms, at Revivals.

While pastoring in Topsham, he was principal of the Topsham Schools. He organized sports programs, for local children and paper mill workers.

In 1887, Bro. Sandford's life was beginning to change. For in July, he met with other students at Dwight L. Moody's College of Colleges- Northfield Mt. Hermon School in Northfield, Mass. It was the 2nd Annual student volunteer movement. The College men who attended this meeting, showed great interest in Foreign Missions. Bro. Moody himself, With God's Help, inspired Bro. Sandford with 3 great Spiritual ideas: 1. Personal Holiness; 2. Living By Faith; & 3. Informal preaching. Shortly after, he read Hannah Whitall Smith's book on the "Christian's Secret Of A Happy Life" (1875). Smith apparently stressed the IMORTANCE of "Higher Life" Christianity. He was mostly attracted to her emphasis on action. A life that acts on Faith, one that obeys God, by DOING what He Says!!

Later that fall, Bro. Sandford attended a Conference with Bro. A.B. Simpson, of The Christian Missionary Alliance group, as the Guest Speaker. Bro. Simpson emphasized Missions and Deeper Life Holiness; and also Divine Healing. He met his future wife, Mrs. Helen (Kinney) Sandford, at this meeting. She was the daughter of a wealthy cotton broker. She had surrendered a Career in art, to be a Foreign Missionary for Jesus, just as Bro. Sandford, himself, gave up a Career in Baseball, for The Gospel Ministry.

In the summer of 1888, Bro. Sandford went to the Niagra Bible Conference. There they emphasized the imminent, pre-millennial Return Of The Lord Jesus Christ. All these Doctrines came together for him, after he was asked to pastor a Free Will Baptist Church in Somersworth, N.H.

Apparently, while there, he and another young Minister, were invited to travel around the world, in a Missions trip. Apparently he traveled to Japan, China, India, Egypt and Palestine. While there, he saw the China Inland Mission of Hudson Taylor. He noted with admiration, how they depended on God for all their support, and divide their supplies equally. He developed a life-long passion for the Holy Land, while there, and more knowledge of it. However, almost died when his steamer sank off Jaffa.

After returning to America, his pastorate seem tame and the congregation narrow-minded. Shortly after, (about 1891 or 1892), he asked Sis. Helen to marry him. He had met her again, while in Japan. He asked her how she would feel about leaving the pastorate, and going out to preach The Gospel with no visible support. Another words, preaching The Gopel, and living by Faith, not taking up collections. She replied: "i think it would be lovely." So, on New Years Day, 1893, Bro. Sandford gave his "Farewell" sermon, and told the congregation, that God told him to "Go!" He resigned, and gave away all he had. Apparently, even during a bad time economically.

The congregation had not received his message anyway.

Bro. Sandford then went to Maine, and he and his wife began holding meetings in the rural areas, with no financial support. He continued to preach, With God's Help. When he had preached with a salary, in NH, he said he felt like a hireling. Sometimes like a piece of beef steak sold. Although he did not solicit money, or pass a plate in his meetings, eventually some people slowly started to feel Led of God to support the work. The Lord met the needs. About 1894, in the fall, he had come to the point where he was ONLY following The Holy Ghost Leading him in everything. He left the Free Will Baptists completely.

At this time, With God's Help ONLY, Bro. Sandford began a monthly magazine, called "Tongues of Fire." It was a Newsletter for his Ministry. In it, he requested for other Gospel workers to join him in The Ministry.

A year later, By God's Grace, he had a few Dedicated young people for the cause. He announced the beginning of a Bible School. He called it: "The Holy Ghost and us." There was no tuition, no "courses," and Bro. Sandford was the teacher. The Bible was the ONLY "textbook."

In 1896, God told him to build a home for the Bible school, on a sandy hill, near Durham. At that time, he only had 3 pennies in his pocket. He had faith that God would meet the need without explicitly asking for money. He felt it was okay to just list the needs for prayer in Tongues Of Fire. It was a miracle how God met the need. Thus Shiloh, was born.

Bro. Sandford intended to only name the main building Shiloh, after the place in The Bible. But the name took precedence over the place. Even, over the name "The Holy Ghost and us."

Shiloh became a Biblical community. It was noted as it's own "city," even. About 1901, it looked similar to Jerusalem in pictures, especially with it's unique set up. There was a gold crown atop the main building, and the buildings were mostly all connected, looking like the high walls of a Biblical city. At one point, it is noted there were about 600 residents at Shiloh.

Things were done God's way at Shiloh, not man's way, nor your own.

There was structure in the community.

They had a daily schedule.

Their schedule was something like this: 1 or 2 hrs. of private devotions in the morning; Then Breakfast and kitchen chores next. Followed by 9:a.m. Prayer. Then, Bible school classes till noon. Then lunch. After that: personal, office or household duties. However, this schedule could be interrupted at any time, for specific requests for prayer. God's work cannot be crammed into a human schedule, fussy ideas about order, were not appropriate, at Shiloh.

Bro. Sandford Believed Saturday (the 7th day of the week), is the Biblical Sabbath. So, Saturday, of course was kept as a day of rest. However, Believing that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning, Shiloh kept Sunday as a day of Worship, in celebration of The Resurrection. Bro. Sandford also kept God's yearly Biblical Feasts / Holy Days at Shiloh. Through study of Scripture, and by Revelation of The Holy Ghost, he Believed Jesus was crucified on Thursday, so at Passover time, they had a Solemn Assembly / Prayer, from 9: a.m. To 3:p.m., that day.

In 1896, during summer, while publicly speaking about the two witnesses in Revelation, he said that the school would stand by, and if need be die with them.

In 1898, he found additional Spiritual & financial support from Higher Life Christians in Boston and London. So, he felt to start an outpost in Palestine. On his first trip to Jerusalem, he received the Revelation of the British Israeli message. He quickly wrote a paper about England and America being the descendants of Ephraim & Manasseh. That the 12 tribes were scattered abroad. Divine Healing became an IMPORTANT part of his teaching, at the turn of the century. In 1897, he had seen God perform miracles through Bro. John Alexander Dowie.

[Note: Bro. Dowie, With God's Help, established Zion City, in Illinois. It was originally to be a refuge for God's people, separate from the rest of society. Bro. Dowie in his late years, became ill and was in a wheelchair. He was overthrown at Zion city.]

Tongues of Fire began heralding wonderful miracles by God at Shiloh. A 3 yr. old blind girl received her sight, and God raised Sis. Olive Mills from the dead. Bro. Sandford heard of Sis. Mills passing, and rushed to her room. He shouted: "Olive Mills! Come Back! In The Name Of Jesus Christ Of Nazareth, Come back!" God brought her back to life! He Believed in the laying on of hands, and praying the prayer of Faith In Jesus Name. He didn't believe in trusting doctors. Bro. Sandford Believed sickness was either discipline from God, or an attack of Satan. In 1899 he felt to build a hospital. The hospital had running water and electricity, eventually. Doctors were only allowed for consultation and diagnosis. No medicines were offered, ONLY prayer. Once, in January 1904, when prayer was offered for a young boy, he still died. Bro. Sandford was sued with manslaughter charges. In the Androscoggin County Courts, the charges were dismissed. It was settled that no one could charge him for merely Believing in the prayer of Faith.

All the students got a desire for foreign Missions. Bro. Sandford felt to get a boat, to be able to go to Palestine. First, they acquired a \$10,000 "Coronet." Later, a larger one they called "The Kingdom." They had made a couple quick trips to Jerusalem. But on this major voyage, The Kingdom ran aground off the coast of Africa and was destroyed. Bro. Sandford of course picked up the crew. Now, two crews were aboard The Coronet with only enough supplies for one crew. God Led Bro. Sandford to go to Greenland, but everyone pressed him to go home. They were 3 weeks from home. He gave the order to go home, but he warned them that they might not make it. It was a nightmare. It lasted a month. Six men died of scurvy. When they reached Maine, officials were waiting on him. In 1911, he was convicted of manslaughter, and put him in the Atlanta Georgia State Penitentiary for 7 years. After he got out, they tried to make a go of Shiloh, but when Sis. Elma Hastings died, the government claimed the children were neglected. They were shut down in May of 1920.

Notes:

Bro. A.J. Tomlinson of the Church Of God, and Bro. Charles Fox Parham were influenced greatly by Bro. Sandford, for God's Glory ALONE!! Bro. Parham had even visited Shiloh, apparently, even before he had his Bible school, and before The Outpouring Of The Holy Ghost at Azusa St.

Bro. Sandford Believed in Closed Communion. Another words that you needed to be TRULY Born Again, before you partake.

He did not believe in a pre-trib rapture.

In the prison, God used him to hold weekly Bible classes. He sarterd with 1, and it grew With God's Help ONLY to over 100.

Some of the men went to work in the mills locally before Shiloh closed, after that the people's motive changed.

Only the main building at Shiloh remains. The work is no longer connected with "Kingdom Christian Ministries." It is called "Shiloh chapel."

God spoke to Bro. Sandford once and told him "Elijah Is Here!" He was the forerunner of The Elijah Ministry in the last days. He had The Ministry and Anointing of Elijah, and he Believed that anyone who was Chosen by God to carry The Truth Of God's Word he preached, would have that Anointing too.

Perhaps it would be of interest to you to know that the steamer was painted white, and that the saloon was finished in *white and gold*. We arrived in New York, which I left night before last; got to Boston next morning; saw my brother a few minutes; then slipped in here last night, and, as you see am here this morning, glad to be here, because I know that if it had not been for the Almighty God, I would, instead of being here, have been in Liverpool with perhaps only a few dollars to my name after paying expenses across England. It seems to me a peculiar thing, that the President should be there to wait on me. [Mr. Sandford broke in with, "Our President was there too."] For some reason, unknown to himself, he was led to introduce himself to me. So I praise the Lord that He made my pathway over the sea both ways. I am here this morning because He wants me to be here, and that is why I enjoy it.

If I had got the money when Mr. Sandford spoke of cabling it to me I would probably have been on the steamer which lost four of her boats, they being smashed in a storm, and I should have had a rough passage, having to go through all that. (By Mr. Sandford) "What about the third vessel?" If I had gone on that boat, the one I had made up my mind to go on, I would have arrived at Naples, and there would have been no President to meet me; and, so I saw afterwards that the Lord had a very good reason for putting me on the North German-Lloyd boat instead of the other one, I had planned on taking. Praise the Lord!"

Then we all knelt in humble gratitude and adoration to Him who holds the waters of the deep in the hollow of His hand, and praised our great Missionary Director for this glorious close to the going out and coming in of the two God-sent ones last May. Our brother left Shiloh May 16th with \$7.50 *en route* for Jerusalem. He has not run in debt, has paid every bill, has travelled nearly 13,000 miles, touched four continents, crossed an ocean and the Great Sea, spent more than two months in foreign travel besides sojourning five months in Palestine, and returned with half as much money as he sailed with, ruddy of countenance and victorious as David from his conflict with Goliath. Hallelujah! and let every saint in the churches of the Living God rise up and bless the God who only doeth wondrous things.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE.

SHILOH, SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 1, 1899.

Mr. Sandford. I feel;—I do not know why it is; but I feel every New Year's Day that I have passed into another epoch. Every old year seems to be something that has passed away from the new, like passing from one stage to another; as a school-child passes from the "Grammar", to the "High School."

I am no more the same as I was yesterday; I feel that I have really "passed over," and also that it is the same with the work. There is a spring in the work for 1899, that looks something like what Dan was. He was "lion's whelp;"—that is a young lion;—"which shall leap from Bashan" i. e. a mountain. The picture is that of a lion springing for its prey—in the air—before it touches the ground.

All I can think of is a lion in the air, and, by the way, that is what the Lord gave me for New Year's. He gave me three words. "*As a Lion.*"

I could tell by the messages you have given, (referring to the New Year messages the various students had just given) that the spirit of the Lion was in our midst. He has been speaking to others as well as to me.

I. Over in Genesis 49th chapter and 9th verse we read, "Judah couched as a lion," (then he added) "*and, as an old lion.*"

There is a vast difference between the young lion, and the old one. A young lion may have vitality; but, an old lion has rugged, massive, lordly strength. "Judah coucheth *as an old lion*. Who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from beneath his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

They will all flock around Him.

Over in Prov. 30th chapter, 3rd verse we read that there are three things that "go well," and one of those he mentions is the lion (in the margin) "a mighty old lion." Bringing out the thought that Judah shall not only be a lion, but shall be a *matured* lion.

Now, in Rev. 5: 5, when defeat seemed to be in the courts of heaven, because no man in heaven, or in the earth, or under the earth was able to open the book, and the apostle was weeping, heartbroken, because so sorely disappointed there came one of the elders who said, "Weep not, stop crying, behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah . . . hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

Then all heaven broke out in that wonderful matchless psalm of praise while the first seal opened, revealed One conquering and to conquer, carrying the lion message of salvation to every poor lost sinner, bound by the awful power of that lion who goes about roaring and seeking whom he may devour.

What a marvelous picture in view of the message that He has given *us* for 1899. There is absolutely no power that can stand before the Lion of Judah. ABSOLUTE POWER ALL ALONG THE LINE. He breaks every seal Himself and does not need any help. The seven seals stand for every possible phase of resistance to the comprehension of God's Word and the practice of the same, and the Lord Jesus Christ breaks every one of them; and, whom the Lion makes free, *is free indeed for 1899.*

Job 38: 39 Gives a question asked by the Almighty to a man who had been questioning His power or ability, or willingness to do the best things for those who are to be perfected through suffering. After asking about a hundred questions the Almighty says, sarcastically to this man "*Will thou hunt prey for the lion?*" "I do not need any help. I can get my own prey" was the Almighty's thought. The Lion of Judah does not need your help. He broke the seals Himself. He will do in the nineteenth century what He did in the first; will reproduce for *you* what He accomplished for the weeping apostle; namely; loose every seal for 1899 that He wants loosed, break every chain He desires broken, and hurl with omnipotent hand into the sea every mountain opposing His progress in His Bride. All that He wants of you and me is praise and confidence in our majestic Leader, our lion-like King, our mighty Redeemer. Let every saint that hears me and every saint that reads this say Amen. [A mighty chorus of Amens.] Glory be to His holy name! The marvelous part of it is that Christ; this Lion of Judah— is actually "formed within *you*;" and He is all that He is, and all that He was, and all that He ever can be in you this minute. You may grow in Him but He is "the mighty old Lion" who from eternity to eternity is God.

Let Him loose. Take your little, miserable bars of half faith and partial unbelief down. Have faith in GOD and confidence in the Almighty and *let God arise.* He will take care of enemies for 1899. You let Him loose, will you? (By the audience) "Amen!"

He is able to do only according to the power that worketh in you. "Are these the doings of Jehovah?" "Is the Spirit of the Lord straightened?" Yes. Paul says to the Corinthians, "you are straightened in your own bowels." You are so little in your confidence and comprehension of what He is, that He is not able to do what He would really like to do. "He is able to

do only according to the power that worketh in you." He is bounded by your power to believe; SO I SAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH "LET THE LION LOOSE DURING 1899." NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST, I DECLARE IN THE NAME OF MY GOD, THERE IS A SPRINGING LION IN THE AIR OVER ISRAEL THIS YEAR. THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT IS LEAPING ON HIS PREY.

Prov. 28:1 "The righteous are bold as a lion." "Righteous even as He is righteous" John says we are to be. This passage gives us the result; when we accept the righteousness of the Lion of Judah for our own, *then* "the righteous are as bold as a lion." "And turneth not away for any" (added Brother Gleason.) Yes, that is right; they are bold and turn aside for no one. Bold? Of course they are.

Hallelujah! The Lion of Judah in *me*, (will you say, in *you*) shall not turn away for any this year. I care not what the Devil may manufacture to come up against me. I will have *unlimited faith in my unlimited God, for 1899.*

II. We ought to be lionlike because of our parentage. This was spoken of the tribe. God intends the same for the ten tribes of Israel. Ezek. 19: 2, we read, "What is thy mother?" and the answer is, "*a lioness.*" "Dan is a lion's whelp." His father is therefore a lion. "Gad . . . dwelleth as a lion," Deut. 33: 20. "He executeth the justice of Jehovah." In 1 Chron. 12: 8, we read that the descendants of Gad who came to David in a time of great suffering, who, as Brother Gleason just preached, was being perfected through seven years of reproach and seven years of wandering over the face of the earth, were lionlike. "There separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness, men of might, and men of war for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, *whose faces were like the faces of lions.*"

If you turn over to 1 Kings 10: 19, 20, you will read of Solomon's marvelous temple, and the throne. "The throne had six steps. . . And twelve lions stood there." That is, each of the twelve tribes is represented as being a lion. Now, since the father of Israel was a lion and the mother was a lioness, we should expect lions from such parentage, and in this temple which represents God in His glory and majesty more than any other building ever represented it, each one of these twelve tribes is represented as being a lion. And, beloved, the only way to reach the throne where sits the Royal and Majestic One, is by going up these six steps, on each step of which are two lions and on each side as we go are six lions, and thus amid the twelve lions of Israel we approach the Lion of Judah. Hallelujah! it is lions who are going to reign and sit upon the throne beside Him who is the Great Lion of the Universe.

So lionism is in the air because the Lion of Israel is in the air. He has sprung already, and a company of royal hearted followers are gathering around that King in action, to leap, not from Bashan, but from wherever they may be, upon the prey.

Again, you see all Israel spoken of in this way in Num. 23: 24, where Baalam declares there is "a shout of a king" among the Israelites, that there is "no divination against Israel," and then adds, "Behold, the people shall rise up as a *great lion*, and lift up himself as a *young lion*; he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink of the blood of the slain." The all-conquering power of Israel is here represented. We find, in the 24th chapter and 9th verse another description given by the Spirit of God who came upon Baalam when he saw Israel abiding in his tents. "How goodly are thy tabernacles, O Israel. God brought him forth out of Egypt, he hath, as it were, the strength of an unicorn. He shall eat up the nations,

up?" The secret of this marvellous transformation, that of people from slaves to kings in royalty of character and hence in power is explained in Ezek. 36: 27, "Say unto the house of Israel, A new spirit will I put within you, and I will put *my Spirit within you*, and cause you to walk in my statutes." That is the secret; a new spirit, conversion; my Spirit, the Holy Ghost; and the result, the entire Word of God lived, you shall "keep my statutes." The reason why Israel was to be a lion was because the Spirit of the Lion of Judah was to be put within His people, and then the Spirit of the Lion throughout the ten tribes of Israel would result in a great lion before whom the nations would bow and become a thing of nought.

III. Next, the Lion of Judah and His Lioness. We read in Revelation "He that overcometh shall sit upon my throne, even as I," I, that is, the Lion of Judah talking, and He adds "he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, shall rule over the nations, even as—who? (audience) "I." (Mr. Sandford) "As who?" "The Lion of Judah." (audience) "Amen!"

Now in Rev. 14 chap. 1-5 v, we see the Lion, and his Lioness, the Bridegroom, and the 144,000, who constitute the Bride.

They sung as it were a new song in Mount Zion, and no man could learn that song but the 144,000 which were redeemed from the earth. "These are they which are not defiled for they are virgins. They follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth," and this Lamb is a Lion, for when John came to look for the Lion, he saw a Lamb slain, and then the Lion-Lamb, leading 144,000 other lion-lambs. These were those led as lambs to the slaughter who yet had the spirit of the Lion within them. "In their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God."

Now I want you to notice the Lion of Judah working in connection with this company of people or rather with those of a similar character. "They went forth" after Jesus ascended, "and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Is not that a picture of the Lion, who had ascended, working with the Lioness? Is not that a picture of the Head up there, and the body working in conjunction, even while they were absent from each other? That is what is going on through '99. He is absent: nevertheless He is working with us as we go forth preaching the word, and the Spirit of the Lion is in us, and He through us, is springing upon His prey. You mark what I tell you. It is to be a year of uncompromising attack on every last false thing throughout the land; a year when the Lion will strike with irresistible power at sin, Satan, flesh life, false religions, everything that is in the way of the great, mighty Lion of Judah working with us as we work through these twelve months ahead. "Israel, thou art my battle axe," are the words of Jehovah to His ancient people; "with thee I will break in pieces kingdoms; with thee, I will subdue nations; with thee, I will thresh mountains, and through thee, the knowledge of the glory of thy Lord shall fill this earth." Hosea 11: 10. He is speaking of England; (in the 9th v.) "I will not return to destroy Ephraim," in the 10th v. "They shall walk after the Lord; he shall roar like a lion." There is God Himself represented by that majestic beast; Jehovah roaring to the mighty nations. Great Britain already rules sea and land over a fourth part of the human race, and colonies on every continent of the globe. Jehovah's like a lion, and when He roars something takes place. he shall roar then the children shall tremble and that is just where we are; to the west of England is west of Palestine.

revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear?"

Whom did He mean by the lion? He answers it in the next sentence "The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy." When the Lion rises in His majesty and roars in us, as He is doing, and going to do throughout this year, I ask who can but open his mouth and proclaim the words that He, inside is seeking to utter; who can but prophesy and speak in behalf of the Lord your God. The Lion inside of us is going to open our lips this coming year as He has never done.

Micah 5: 8. We have in this chapter a picture of the Lion: the lion nation; and then the Lion working in conjunction with the lion nation in irresistible power. First we have the Lion in Bethlehem,—“little Bethlehem,”—but “though thou be little yet out of thee shall he come that is to be ruler in Israel;” that is the Lion of Judah “whose going forth has been from old, from everlasting.” This is a picture of the Lion in His majesty as He stands before men, smitten with a rod, despised, rejected, enduring suffering, and being perfected in the days of His reproach. It is more difficult for the lion, when an enemy insults Him, *not* to use His power than it would be to use it. Then we have the picture of His nation cast off (i. e., for Baal worship, 721 B. C.) until they return to God through the gospel. Therefore will He give them (Israel) up until the time when she which travaileth hath brought forth (i. e., the man child, Rev. 12.1-5) hath brought forth the man child, a company of overcomers, those who really have the lion spirit within them. They will be the mate of the Lion, the Bride of the Lamb, one with the Lion Lamb.

After the overcomers are brought forth then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel; and what takes place in that period? “The remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flock of sheep” (which is a picture of the warrior power of the Lion in the gospel age, a picture of the irresistible power of the United States and England among the nations; and, as well, the irresistible power in the company of overcomers who are to be the Bride of Jesus Christ, who will follow Israel with spiritual truth; engage in spiritual warfare, to proclaim the gospel unto every kindred, tongue, tribe, people, and nation). Then you will see the union of the Lion with His lion bride, and the lion nation in millennial glory is the result. v. 4, “He shall stand and feed in the strength of Jehovah . . . in the name of the Lord his God, and they shall abide, for *now* shall he be *great unto the ends of the earth.*” Then shall come the fulfillment of that promise, “Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” “You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost—the Spirit of the Lion of Judah—coming upon you, and shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.”

And they went forth in 1899, and preached, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following. Hallelujah! 1899!—“AS A LION,” is written over it. Those are the words that describe the attitude of God Himself; words that describe the attitude of God's Bride; words that describe the attitude of God's Church; words that describe, in their fullness, what God through this movement, like a Mighty Lion, is about to do to the ends of the earth. Praise His holy name!

I find it so easy to trust Him for the things that are needed when I can truly thank Him for *everything no matter what it is.*

Sunday Evening, Dec. 10th, 1898.

Frank Macdonald of number 806 63rd Street, Chicago, the night following his miraculous healing, gave the following testimony:

DEAR FRIENDS:

I have been troubled since the time I was four years of age with deafness of the ears. I always had to take a front seat at the church or else I could not hear the pastor preach, and if there was the least little noise in the place, even then that spoiled it for me so that I could not possibly hear anything. Last evening I came to the conclusion that I was going to have that thing done away with. I never understood divine healing before, but last evening it came to me like a flash in the word, “Obedience.” [He at that time arose and declared to the large audience, “I am not going out of this room till these ears are unstopped.” While praying his ears opened.] Now I have obeyed his word, and have called for the Elders of the church to lay hands on me, and to anoint me with oil, and to command my ears to be opened. Tonight I stood at the back door as far away from the speaker as I could possibly get, and I heard his voice which I have never been able to do since I was four years old. Praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He has opened my ears and I know now that I can stand at the door and hear the speaker even when he speaks very low. I heard Brother McGregor speak, and he has a little voice and does not speak but very low, and I could hear every word right at the door. Praise the Lord for what He has done for me!

GLORIFIED THROUGH SUFFERING.

Having been asked for this little sketch from my diary, I will say a few words of explanation.

After what had been a day of hard work and testing on the afternoon of Jan. 13th I knelt in my room in prayer. It was one of those times when one seems to get so near God, and the soft light of His presence makes all bright. As I prayed I asked God to make me a blessing in this world. In answer to this it was as though a cloud came over the brightness around me and a hand reached out to me suffering, oh, such dark, hard suffering, while God said, “You want to be a blessing? Will you take this suffering? You must have it in order to be the blessing you desire.” After a moment's hesitation, for I had not expected blessing to mean suffering, I bowed my head and said, “Yes, Lord, I will take it, and though I don't know what it is to really suffer, I trust You to carry me through when it comes.”

Jan. 14.—Praise God for another day of testing. It has seemed as though I could not touch anything in the printing office without “pi.” (mixed type.) I got so tired that after the work was done so I could leave about four o'clock, I came up stairs and lay down. I said, “Lord, please won't You tell me what this all means?” He said, “I will show you.” I did not get anything more.

After supper there was a little more work to be done in the office. I went in and almost the first thing I had another very bad lot of "pi." That seemed almost too much. I could stand no more. The tears would come. I said, "Lord, *why* have You let this happen today?" He said, "Don't ask why." A little later I said, "Why is this?" As a command it came, "Don't ask *why*." Then I kept still and God began to talk to me.

"You asked to have the touch of God on your life," He said. "I offered you suffering. You took it. Now are you going to quiver when it comes? This is only a little touch, just a taste. Do you want it now? Shall I go on? Will you take the suffering I have in store for you?" I gladly answered, "Yes, no matter what comes I want it." I could not cry any more, it was all sunshine for God had just put this hard day into my life to fit me as a "lively stone" for His temple. Then the Lord said, "I told you I would show you. This is it." The revelation came only through another trial.

A. K. G.

STANDING ALONE.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER WRITTEN TO ONE OF THE STUDENTS.

DEAR SISTER:

"Going on still." Oh! I'm so glad He enables me to do so. "The cross is not greater than His grace." Hallelujah! Isn't He a wonderful God? Bless His dear name! He is so good! I am glad that wherever we are we can be true to Him, aren't you? It pays to serve Jesus. "Our light affliction . . . worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." When things look black isn't it a blessing to know that we are together with Him in heavenly places "far above all" on the throne? Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

It was a blessing to me to hear how God led you in trusting Him for postage stamps. But you did not know that I way up here was trusting Him for the same thing. I knew well enough that you put all your money into room No 1 and as I was praying for God to make you write when He wanted you to, it came to me that you had no stamps. I asked God to give you some and was trusting Him to do it. Bless Him! He is faithful.

I was in the same fix myself, for I had no stamps and no paper. I asked God to keep me seeking first His kingdom, and I knew that as I did it, His "shall" would prove true.

Last Sunday I felt God wanted me to wait on Him in fasting and prayer. Having to work all the week—surrounded by confusion I felt just like shutting myself away alone with God. Such restfulness as I had! I did not feel much like praying, but just lay back in His arms in perfect trust and restfulness.

Oh, He was so real, it seemed as if I could trust Him for anything. Bless Him! Oh, He is so faithful! Before} night He gave me fifty cents. As I returned to my knees it made the tears flow quite freely to see how

people doubt God? Aren't you glad we can trust Him? Praise His dear name!

Well I don't know when I can come back to school. I never saw anything hang on as the work does here. But we are more than conquerors through Him anyhow.

These brave words may seem of little account to the average reader, but a true heart—one that *longs* to return to Shiloh—beats within the breast of the writer, and makes a hero plod on through the hundred work of farm life. *God bless him.* F. W. S.

THE PLACE OF POWER.

Not long ago I saw the autograph of a sweet Christian girl, and instead of her resident city was the one word "Hid." Do you live in that holy place, or are you restless and open to the attacks of Satan? If not you are out of place, for God wants to hide you.

To hide a thing is to conceal it purposely. God has prepared a secret place for each of His children, where they may rest in perfect security. But the adversary is ever watching his opportunity to get you from the side of Jehovah. Sometimes he tries to tempt by inviting you to listen to him; he tells you that you are not safe, that God has forgotten you, and that you cannot scale the heights that God has commanded you to attain. Or as the angel of light he comes and in subtle ways endeavors to lure you from your hiding place. Every particle of unbelief or discouragement or carelessness you allow him to put upon you, moves you farther and farther out from beneath the "Wings of the Dove." But there is a way to ever be hidden. Believe God's word, "Your life is hid with Christ in God," rest in Jehovah, cast aside your own weakness and failures as not being worthy of your attention, and rely on His omnipotent overshadowing. Then you are perfectly invincible, for God is Almighty, Christ is Victor and with Him you *are* hid. E. M. P.

LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN.

DEAR MR. SANDFORD:

Jesus has healed me. I thank Him. Mamma was afraid I was going to have pneumonia. I am so glad I have Jesus to heal me and a Bible School to pray for me. Love to baby John and Faith.

From LORA M. PRATT.



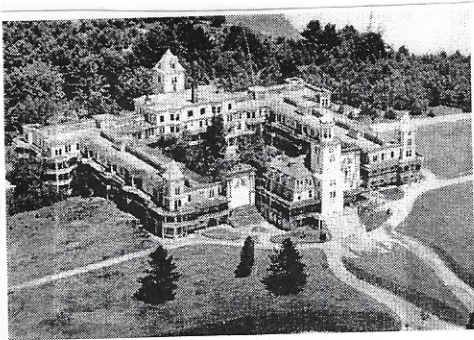
DEAR BROTHER SANDFORD:

I had a present of five dollars given me to put in the bank, but the Bible says that we are not to lay up treasures on earth, so I knew it would not please the Lord, and I want to give it toward the children's building. I want to go to the children's building when it is done.

Your friend in Christ.

Bro. Sandford Instituted an annual fall convention, early on. It stretched from Sept 25 - Oct 2. It ended on his birthday. He liked the date. One day he realized it was near the Feast of Tabernacles. He said "This is the feast of Tabernacles," and kept it as such every year.

Because of all the discrepancies with the calendars, Bro. Sandford apparently set an annual date for Passover in conjunction with March 15th. So from abt March 28 - April 4th they kept Passover yearly.



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