

It is clear from Mary Mossman's account of the meetings under Pastor Stockmayer that she was profoundly affected. Her description show the foundations of her later teachings of total dependency on God, quiet waiting, and moving "step by step" into relationship with Him. This trip impacted Mossman's teaching, writing, and ministry for the rest of her life. This article was published in the Alliance Witness Magazine in April 1883.

The teaching here is the deepest and most thorough of anything we have yet met. Romans 6 and 7 to the 7th verse, give the summing up of all. We go into the chapel to the Readings at 7:30 am and 3 and 7:30 pm; all is the hush of death until Pastor Stockmayer or Madame Mahlerb speak, and their eyes are so on the unseen that it intensifies the awe one feels there.

We are not able to board in the Castle, but they procured board three minutes' walk from there and although all the teaching is in French and German, and we have no knowledge of what is said, we are usually there. We feel so much the presence of God that it is very helpful to us. There are some English speaking persons here, and Pastor Stockmayer is of the number, so we often get a word, and yet we go into meeting and out again and, perhaps, not a word—only the silent pressure of some friendly hand—and 'tis so with them all. A precious young lady from France is here who takes notes, and comes in every morning and translates them to us. We never met such friendliness among strangers as we have found here.

Pastor Stockmayer is an eminently successful evangelist, and is from home now much of the time. In his absence Madame Mahlerb goes on in the same line of teaching; she has a great insight into scriptural teachings. The teaching here is, that we died in Christ 1883 years ago, and we are, by faith, to accept this as a fact, and to lie as dead before Him and in Him, and let Him in His own divine moment, infuse the life which we have in Him, and in Him alone; we are, by faith, moment by moment, to live thus,— "No more I, but Christ." We cannot hurry God in His work; we are, step by step, to reign by faith over the evils as they appear, until we become so developed in God that the life, rather than the death, appears.

Some are healed here, and some are not visibly improved, but get a spiritual blessing and, as they go home and live out the teachings, the healing is given. Christ is the one theme, and I can assure you He is magnified here. "Tis the blood, the blood, now cleanseth." Pastor Stockmayer says we should not pray to the Spirit—it is not scriptural—but to Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God, and He will move the Spirit in us, and we, by believing in the inward Presence, must press on under His guidance and quickening to appropriate who is given according to our needs. We prize every hour we are here, and to us it is one continued time of waiting on God for all He has for us.

We expect to go on to Italy this week. We do not know why we go but feel that we must. He who plans for us and guides us, will meet us in all our needs. We live not for

the present gratification, but for *Eternity*. I copy some of the notes I have taken here. Some may possibly take a new stepping into life through the thoughts given.

Jesus Christ, by the finished work On the Cross, brought to us all we can need, for body and soul, and it is ours to believe for the operations of the Spirit, and press on to receive Him in our present needs. We must rest in entire confidence in this work. God in us must overrule all evil. Our enemies are His enemies and it is ours in Christ to claim exemption from them. No ONE has any claim on you but Christ. It takes time to work out all this in us. All must be yielded to the claims of God. We must be brought to feel our helplessness and in proportion as we do so, will lie our strength. When we are in the right position before Him, help will come. We cannot help God. We must see the members all on the Cross. The head was placed there and the thoughts thus to be regulated. We are to be silent in His presence, interiorly so, as well as exteriorly.

There are evil powers that can only be overcome with light. We must be filled with God, and in all circumstances abide in quiet confidence in Him, and in due time the light will come and reveal truth, and the truth makes free. We are to take our position in Christ by faith, and live thus, and we shall come into the attitude of faith which is the one He requires of us.

Thus I have put down some of the general points brought forth in the teachings. We need more persons in America who are in spiritual power on this line, and yet we there lack definite teaching as to the work of Christ in the work of redemption: at least, I greatly fail there, and find many others who do. I have long sought to find teachings that would make it more clear to me, but until I came here, never found my soul's wants met in this respect. Whether I can, in the fullest sense, take all, is no matter; I am to press on to all I can have. I can see that I have failed in not apprehending the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, the All-sufficient One. I believe we in America are to be united in our aims and teachings, and the work will go on gloriously. It is spreading wonderfully; we hear of it everywhere we go.

May God bless you in your work, more and yet more, ever prays,

Yours in Him,
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