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The Coming World War

By Rev. W. D. HERRSTROM

PROMINENT statesmen agree that a war which will eventually involve all nations is inevitable. This is in full accord with the prophecies of the Word of God.

Two thousand years ago, John the revelator predicted a war that would include all countries—a war in which two hundred million soldiers would participate. This coming struggle is announced in the ninth chapter of Revelation. Every invention of our modern civilisation will be brought into action to destroy human life.

The remarkable thing about this prophecy is that when it was written, a war of these proportions was impossible. The God who knows the end from the beginning anticipated our modern war weapons and wrote the history of this future world war two thousand years in advance. It will reach its culmination in the "great tribulation." It will be a time of trouble such as was never known before.

Our Lord said that if this period was not shortened, the human race would commit suicide and no flesh would be saved. Only the return of Christ in glory will end

THIS GIGANTIC CONFLICT

and save the human race from annihilation.

Matthew xxiv. 6-8, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these things are the beginning of sorrows."

The world to-day is beating its ploughshares into swords, and its pruning-hooks into spears. The "war to end wars" has not yet been fought. The greatest struggle in history is yet to take place.

The last world war was a mere skirmish in comparison with the next one. Gigantic engines of destruction will mow down a million men at one stroke and cause large cities to collapse almost in a moment of time. A beam of death invented by Dr. Nikola Tesla is said

to be able to bring down a fleet of bombing planes and wipe out an army at a distance of 250 miles. It will require 50,000,000 volts of electricity to effect this deadly work of destruction.

Bacteria emanations can be projected which will

DESTROY HUMAN BEINGS,

animals and vegetation. Deadly gases will be used that will consume clothing, gas masks, and vegetation. A diphenyl chloral arsenic mixed with air, in the proportions of one to ten million, will cause the victims to throw off their gas masks. A deadly follow-up gas will then choke them to death.

A new death ray pistol firing a charge of magnesium will stun men and animals at a distance of one mile.

Heavily armoured battleships will be destroyed by a super-war weapon operating from a distance of a thousand miles.

Giant bombing planes without human occupants will be directed by radio and caused to release explosives so deadly that they will destroy a good-sized city.

Tanks have been designed which will operate equally well on land or sea. A modern submarine will carry a folding plane which can be assembled in three minutes, launched from the submarine and fly at the rate of one hundred miles per hour.

One of the most formidable engines of destruction that has been designed in the world's history is the new "human torpedo" recently perfected by the Japanese. This torpedo carries a human occupant who

GUIDES THE TORPEDO

to a ship. Every torpedo destroys a ship and, of course, kills the pilot who guides the torpedo to its mark.

Instruments have been designed that will locate bombing planes, which are invisible to the naked eye, and anti-aircraft guns can bring down these planes from an altitude of two miles.

The Germans have developed a gas that will stop the motors of airplanes. When this gas is released an entire fleet of bombing planes will crash to earth.

A flying tank developing one thousand horse-power will travel over the ground at the rate of one hundred miles an hour and can take off for flight within a hundred yards.

Experiments are being made with stratosphere planes which, when projected, may travel at a speed of one thousand miles per hour. Dirigibles are being proposed which will derive their power from the sun. Robot warships loaded with nitroglycerin could be sent to the enemy's territory where battles could be fought without the loss of life because the robot ship operates without a crew.

Satan will give knowledge and direction to the Antichrist in preparing terrible

INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION.

The world will say: "Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

The following account evidently refers to a war in which aircraft of some present or future type will be used:

"The number of the cavalry was two hundred millions; I heard their number. And this was the appearance of the horses which I saw in my vision—and of their riders. The body-armour of the riders was red, blue and yellow; and the horses' heads were shaped like the heads of lions, while from their mouths there came fire and smoke and sulphur. By these three plagues a third part of mankind was destroyed—by the fire and the smoke, and by the sulphur which came from their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; their tails being like serpents, and having heads, and it is with them that they inflict injury" (Rev. ix. 16-19, Weymouth's translation).

The riders of

THESE MECHANICAL HORSES

are clad in armour of red, blue and yellow. Sulphur is used extensively in the manufacture of gunpowder and gas. Fire, smoke, and sulphur remind us of modern forms of warfare. The heads, "like the heads of lions" spitting out "fire and smoke and sulphur," suggests roaring aeroplanes with machine guns timed to the propeller, pouring out a deadly stream of lead. "Their tails being like serpents" might refer to the tapering fuselage of the aircraft from which is dropped bombs and other explosives.

The human race is rapidly turning against God, and as long as man makes war upon God he will engage in war against his fellow men. Demon-possessed dictators, bent upon furthering their own causes, will not hesitate to plunge the world into a conflict even if it makes rivers of blood flow. The source of the trouble is the disease of sin in the heart of mankind. The League of Nations is certain to fail in its programme of outlawing war.

War is in the human heart because of sin and it is impossible to legislate it out by international diplomacy. Eight thousand peace treaties have been concluded in

the past thirty-five hundred years. They remained in force an average of two years each.

Every collapse in

THE MATERIAL REALM

is preceded by a collapse in the moral and spiritual realms. Churches have departed from the faith. Educational institutions have become centres of atheism and agnosticism. There is collapse in every realm. The stage is being set for the great war predicted in the Scriptures. That war will culminate in the battle of Armageddon.

During this battle the Lord will return in glory to bind Satan, the author and instigator of war, and then shall the nations beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Only the Prince of Peace is able to abolish war, for He alone can deal with sin and Satan.

The darkest period in human history will be followed by a reign of righteousness when the Lord Himself will rule the world. The Sun of Righteousness will dispel every cloud of darkness. Shadows will flee away at the coming of Him whose brightness exceeds the glory of the sun.

His sceptre will sway from sea to sea, and shore to shore. The curse will be removed from the earth. Thorns and briars will be no more. The ferocity of the beast and the venom of the serpent will no longer be in evidence. The entire earth will become a

GARDEN OF PARADISE.

The trees in the field will clap their hands. Creation will be in harmony with its Creator, and the world will be at rest.

Peace and prosperity will predominate in the day when righteousness covers the earth as the waters cover the sea. Every problem of the human race will be solved when the King of kings and Lord of lords is enthroned upon the earth.

No doubt the Lord will take out His own from the earth before the final great war breaks in all of its fury. May every Christian who reads these words resolve to be faithful in witnessing for Christ. May every sinner open his heart to the Lamb of God whose blood can cleanse from every stain of sin. To be on the side of Jesus is to be on the side of victory, for He will eventually triumph over every foe.

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He Knoweth our Frame

By W. E. MOODY

"For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth
that we are dust."—Psa. ciii. 14

WHAT comforting words these are! "He knoweth our frame." It is knowledge united with love that awakens sympathy.

1. *He knows the weakness of our constitution.*

Many of God's choicest saints seem to have an extremely fragile frame. The least bodily exertion brings fatigue. God knows the work we would gladly do were we able. He weighs righteously our deeds and actions and will reward us accordingly.

2. *He knows the exact nature of our temperament.*

Some are quick and impetuous; others are cool and phlegmatic. Some are buoyant and cheerful; others are sad and depressed. Some look on the bright side of everything; others on the dark. Remember that God has some work for you exactly suited to your temperament. He will not turn a Peter into a John nor yet a Thomas into an Andrew. Peter did a work on the day of Pentecost that possibly none of the other apostles could have done when he preached that sermon that pierced the hearts of three thousand prejudiced Jews and caused them to cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

But it was to John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," that there came those beatific visions on the isle of Patmos that have thrilled the world. Again, it was the penitent and doubting Thomas who immortalised the words that have been on the lips of thousands of God's saints since the day they were uttered, "My Lord and my God!" And it was Andrew, the man who in bringing his brother Peter to Christ did a greater work in one moment than some of us have done in a lifetime. It was this man Andrew who, in the face of the hungry multitude with no bread apparently in sight with which to feed them, whispered in his quiet way to Jesus, "There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes." And though in his limited faith he added the significant words, "But what are they among so many?" yet he opened the way for one of the greatest miracles on record in the "book of life."

3. *He knows the shattered state of our nerves.*

Hundreds are suffering from shattered nerves. To these the least noise is agony. A footstep, the careless slamming of a door, an ordinary conversation, the sound of music, the whistle of the wind throws them into a frenzy of pain and suffering. They fail to get sympathy from many. They get full sympathy from God.

4. *He knows the secret disease which causes irritability and depression.*

God distinguishes between what proceeds from physical causes, and what comes from the carnal, fleshly mind. Men often condemn when God neither condemns nor blames. He looks to the root of things. "He knoweth our frame."

5. *He knows the weak part of our nature and is acquainted with every avenue through which temptation comes.*

There is a weak part to every man's nature. Satan knows where our weakness lies; and he will bring all the artillery of hell to bear upon that weak point. Satan's knowledge of us is partial. God fully knows the weak spot in our nature and will strengthen us there.

6. *He knows our helplessness.*

Our helplessness is the very reason God pities. The weak are in the way of the strong. But they are not in God's way. He has room, patience, blessing for them. Our very helplessness is our strength.

"When I am weak, then am I strong." Helpless to pray—He helps our infirmities. Helpless to do any real service for Him—He comes and works with us. Helpless to overcome—He comes and lives in us, and we learn to do all things in Him.

7. *He requires us to walk by faith, to trust the unseen, to yield our love and service to One whom no man hath seen nor can see.*

He knows we cannot do this alone. How tenderly He bends over us and teaches us!

8. *God knows us individually.*

Hence He loves us individually. We are not "lost in the crowd." Let us then not grieve His love by doubting it.

9. *God's knowledge of us is perfect; therefore He cannot make a mistake.*

Three or four points mentioned in this brief message have to do with our bodies. Let me therefore, in closing, emphasise the fact that God made provision in the death of His Son on Calvary for our complete deliverance from all the diseases that flesh is heir to. Let us then claim our heritage and stand on His Word. "The truth shall make you free." For part of that truth read Isaiah liv. 4, 5. "Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame. . . . For thy Maker is thy husband; the Lord of hosts is His name: and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel, the God of the whole earth shall He be called."

“AND Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the Law in the house of the Lord” (II. Kings xxii. 8).

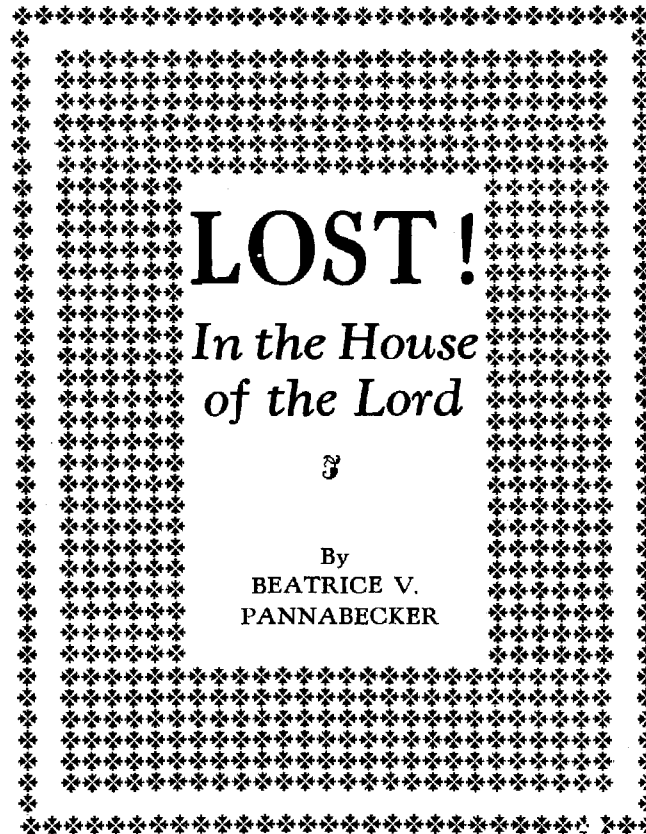
Here is a strange story, an almost incredible story of the Book of the Law of the Lord being lost,—and we marvel at it because it was lost in the house of the Lord. *Lost*—with a company of priests guarding it, whose special charge it was. *Lost*—in the very place where the law of the Lord was justly entitled to have chief prominence.

But, we are confronted by a greater marvel in our day, something seemingly far more incredible. Again the Book of the Lord has been lost in the house of the Lord. *Lost*—under the very eyes of those whose special charge it is—the ministers of God. No, I do not mean that the Sacred Volume itself is lost. In Hilkiyah’s day the book of the Law itself was lost from view, but not so in our day. The Sacred Book is properly conspicuous in the Lord’s house, but many of the most precious truths have been lost from view.

Let us consider a few of the precious truths that have been lost from this Sacred Book in the house of the Lord to-day.

Message of a Born Again Experience Lost from the Modern Pulpit The minister who stands behind the sacred desk tells his people that if they live a good moral life, do not steal, lie or kill anyone that they are all right and will eventually enter heaven. What a deception—it is the blind leading the blind. But God’s Word says plainly, “Ye must be born again.” It may be an old-fashioned doctrine, but it is true and the only way we can enter heaven is to have a complete change of heart, for “sin shall never enter there.”

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost is lost from the Church To-day This is an important truth which has been lost in the Church of to-day. A real upper room endowment of power for service, power to live a victorious life. No more defeat—no more backsliding, for when we walk in the Spirit we have continuous victory. Yes, we can have the very same experience to-day as the one hundred and twenty had in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. A great many people say it is not for to-day. How disappointing



it would be when we read of the upper room experience and the more we read the more hungry we become to enjoy this very same infilling of the Spirit in our own lives, then we sit back in our chair and say, “What is the use of reading about it for they tell us it is not for our day.” It is just like holding a piece of bread and jam in front of a hungry child and saying, “Look at this wonderful tempting piece of fresh bread with delicious jam on it, just examine it well, but you cannot have it to eat, for it is not for you.” What a heart-break and disappointment. Yes, emphatically yes, this mighty Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for us to-day, and for all everywhere who will pay the price.

Doctrine of Divine Healing Lost from the Church To-day The modern minister tells his people that divine healing is positively not for to-day. We have such clever physicians and they can take care of our bodily ailments. The clergy warn their people to stay away from the fanaticism of divine healing. Some say it is not the will of the Lord to heal all who are sick, just certain individuals. When Jesus was here on earth He healed all, yes, everyone. He turned none away. Everyone was healed either by His Word or by His touch. Jesus had no favourites when He was on earth and neither has He to-day. He is just the same wonder-working Jesus. If you are sick in body just give Him a chance to prove Himself as your Healer. It is not His will for any of His children to suffer with sickness of any kind. He made your body, why not let Him heal it? In James v. 14 you will find explicit instructions as to what to do if you are sick in body. Yes, this wonderful doctrine has been lost from the majority of churches, and folks are going about sick when it is the Lord’s will for them to be healed and enjoy good health.

The Fulfilled Prophecies of Christ’s Second Coming are lost in the House of the Lord Just previous to His departure the apostles asked Jesus a very momentous question, “. . . tell us what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world [age]?” (Matt. xxiv. 3), and they received an answer in the form of prophecies covering the whole Gentile age and culminating in His appearance in the clouds of heaven. Those prophecies have now become history. The

scourge of war has left a red trail through the centuries, followed by famines, pestilences. Earthquakes have occurred with increased frequency and fatality. The tide of abounding iniquity rises higher and higher. And the Saviour said, "When ye shall see all these things know that it [His coming] is near, even at the doors" (Matt. xxiv. 33). These things have come to pass, but as a dispensational message it is entirely lost in the modern Church.

The Judgment Message is Lost in the House of the Lord To-day The truth of a judgment to come has been a general truth due to all people since sin entered the world, but, since the coming of Christ and the just judgment of God are inseparably bound together, the same divine compassion that has provided a special dispensational message to warn the world when Christ's second coming draws near has also provided a judgment message to be given out at the same time. It is so much more pleasant to think that there is no hell, no future punishment, no Judgment Day. Some say, "How would or could a loving God send a man or woman to hell?" No, He is not sending you to hell, but if you eventually land there you have gone there of your own choice. You have a choice to make, for there are only two paths, one leads to heaven and the other to hell. Yes, God is a God of love and mercy, but He is also a just God. Do not be deceived, for the Bible is true. There is a hell and a judgment to come. This message of the judgment which is going forth from all true anointed lips is lost in the modern church of to-day.

You can be Lost in the Church To-day Yes, dear reader, you can be lost yourself in the house of the Lord. You may come to church Sunday after Sunday and sit under the preaching of the full gospel message, listen to it, sanction it, and in your careless way go home and live your same sinful life. You go home and discuss the sermon and say, "Wasn't that a fine sermon for So-and-so?" But how about you? You are so near the Kingdom, but yet so far. Just a step, make a full acknowledgment and confession of your sins, and then, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." You can sit in the same pew in the church every Sunday of the year and from that same pew go straight to hell. Going to church will not save you, it will just add to your condemnation if you do not yield to Christ. Yes, you can be lost in the church because you have refused to accept the offers of mercy which Christ has provided for you.

Are you watching the life of someone else? Someone around you is watching your life. Are you living the life that you would want others to follow your example?

Lost.—You must first realise your lost condition before you can find Jesus. Do not wait another day, but come to Him now, then you can say with the words of the poet:—

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.

A Modern Parable

The Factory that would not Work

A MAN had a factory! He walked round the outside, and then walked round the inside. There were the shafts, all properly set, the cogs all sharp and clean, the great engine all complete. The machinery was all there, but it didn't move a spoke.

He was looking disgustingly at the factory when a man came up and said, "Your factory?" "Yes," he replied.

"What do you make?" "That's the trouble. I don't make anything."

"Doesn't it run?" "No."

"What's the matter with it?" "I don't know."

"Ah," said the man, "I'll tell you; you want to get some hook-nosed oilcans and some imported oil, and oil up all the bearings."

So he got the hook-nosed oilcans, and the imported oil, and he employed men to go round and oil all the machinery and all the bearings.

Then he came down again, walked round inside and outside. Nothing moved. A man came up to him and said, "Your factory?" "Yes," he replied.

"What do you make?" "Don't make anything."

"Don't it run?" "No."

"What's the matter?" "I don't know."

"I'll tell you; you want to fresco it—side walls and ceiling—and I would recommend you to put a

couple of barefooted angels, with trumpets eternally ready to blow—and do it properly."

So he put workmen in, and frescoed the factory, putting a couple of angels on the ceiling, with trumpets at their lips, ready to blow.

Then he came down, and looked it over again, but still it did not move, and while he was looking a man came up and said, "Your factory?" "Yes."

"What do you make?" "Nothing."

"Why? Don't it run?" "No."

"What's the matter?" "I don't know."

"Ah," said he, "I'll tell you. It has no steeple. You want to put up a nice steeple on one of the corners, and I'd advise you to put in a fine pipe-organ, and get a quartette choir at the same time."

So he set men to work, got the steeple up, with a chime of bells that was marvellous, put in a pipe-organ, with lots of pipes, got a quartette choir that would beat anything you ever heard, specially on the "Amen." When they got hold of an "Amen" they just chanted it up and down stairs fit to make your hair stand on end.

Then the man came down, saw the steeple and the organ, and heard the choir and the chimes. But not a thing moved.

"This your factory?" said the man who came up. "Yes."

"What do you make?" "Nothing."

"Does it run?" "No."

"What's the matter?" "Don't know."

"Ah," he said, "you want a picture of the thing taken. Get a photographer to take a picture, have a lot of big copies made and framed, and hung up all round, in the railway stations, in the hotels, in the barbers' shops, and so on, telling about the time the thing is expected to move. Say it will move at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock at night, and the people will come to see it move."

So he got a great big picture taken, and had copies hung up at all the places the man told him about.

Then he came down, walked round inside and out; but couldn't see a hair moving. He was perfectly disgusted. Not a cog trembled!

Just then a working man came up, a hard-handed man. He took off his hat—he was very polite—and said, "Beg pardon, sir, is this your factory?"

"Who told you to ask me that?" grunted the owner of the factory.

"Beg pardon, but is that your factory?" repeated the man. "Yes."

"What do you make?" "Don't make anything."

"Don't it run?" "Run! No, it don't run at all—except into debt!"

"What's the matter, sir?" "I don't know. A man told me to get some hook-nosed oilcans—and there they are. Another man told me to fresco it, and put in a couple of angels. I frescoed it, and if you will come in and have a look you will see two bare-footed angels on the ceiling ready to blow their trumpets."

"Another man told me to put on a steeple, to get a pipe organ, to engage a quartette choir, and I did. Do you hear those chimes? See that organ? Listen to that choir chasing that 'Amen' up and down? Another man told me to get a photograph taken and hung up. I have hung it up! But the machinery don't move a spoke, and I am disgusted with the whole business."

"Well," said the working man, "pardon me, sir, I have never been to school, and I don't know anything about those angels; but I would like to ask you one question: Did you ever put any fire under the boiler?"

"Why, I never thought of that."

"Well," said the working man, "if you will take the chances—it will scare the choir, likely—but if you will take the chances I will put some fire under the boiler."

"Oh," said the man, "go ahead. Move it somehow. Make something of it, if it's only ashes!"

So the working man went inside, took off his coat, opened the door of the furnace, put in the wood, threw on some petroleum, put in the coal, lighted a match, got the fire going, set on the draughts, shovelled in some more coal, and pulled back the throttle valves. The steam rushed into the cylinder, hit the end of the piston rod, the great wheels began to tremble. It revolved, and the machinery all over the factory began to move. A little more coal—and more—and more—and more, while faster—and faster—and faster went the machinery. The quartette choir got scared to death—went out at the back window. The whole thing was moving. Something had happened. Praise the Lord!

Love is the Voice that Calls Me

E. C. W. BOULTON.

CLAUDE C. SWIFT.

Love is the voice that calls me, And love is the

hand that guides, Yea, love one day will

crown me With bliss that for aye a - bides. (a - bides.)

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Bible Study Helps

PAUL'S "BEEHIVE" (Philippians iv.).

1. Be steadfast (v. 1).
2. Be of the same mind in the Lord (v. 2).
3. Be helpful (v. 3).
4. Be rejoicing (v. 4).
5. Be forbearing (v. 5).
6. Be not anxious (v. 6).
7. Be prayerful (v. 6).
8. Be thankful (v. 6).
9. Be peaceful (v. 7).
10. Be thinking good things (v. 8).
11. Be content (v. 11).
12. Be strong in the Lord (v. 13).
13. Be generous (vv. 14-16).
14. Be spiritually fruitful (v. 17).
15. Be supplied (v. 19).

HIS SHED BLOOD

1. **Justified** by His blood (Rom. v. 9).
2. **Sanctified** by His blood (Heb. xiii. 12).
3. **Redeemed** by His blood (Eph. i. 7).
4. **Forgiven** by His blood (Matt. xxvi. 28).
5. **Purchased** by His blood (Acts xx. 28).
6. **Brought near** by His blood (Eph. ii. 13).
7. **Peace** by His blood (Col. i. 20).
8. **Cleansed** by His blood (I. John i. 7).
9. **Victory** by His blood (Rev. xii. 11).
10. **Purged** by His blood (Heb. ix. 14).

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions. Meditations by Pastor J. SMITH

Sunday, January 17th. Joshua x. 1-15.
"And the sun stood still" (verse 13).

I know full well that there are some silly folk who criticise the language used in this verse, and tell us in such high-sounding words that the Bible is wrong, for it is now a well-established fact of science that it is the earth which turns round before the sun, while the latter remains stationary in the heavens. Quite so; and yet these same would-be scientists continue to use the very same language which is here recorded in the Bible, and speak of the sun rising and setting every day, instead of saying that the earth sinks in the morning and rises in the evening. Of course the Bible uses the language of the people. It is also noteworthy that Mr. Maunder of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, traced not only the spot on which Joshua must have been standing, but the date and the time. We have also records from Greece, Egypt, China, and Mexico of an extraordinary long day in their history at a time corresponding with the conquest of Canaan.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For a day of glorious manifestation among God's people.

Monday, January 18th. Joshua xiv. 1-15.

"And the land had rest from war" (verse 15).

As it was with the Israelites, so it is with us: it is not the will of the Lord that we should be always fighting. There is a time for war and a time for peace. There is the fight of faith, and there is the rest of faith. The real reason why we are always fighting, or at least trying to, is for the same cause as we find recorded in the history of the Israelites: they compromised with their foes, and they became as thorns in their sides, consequently they never entered into that rest which God intended for them. So if we would fight with all our might whenever God brings us into a spiritual conflict, if we would persevere in faith and consecration, refusing to compromise with any seducing spirit; then we would afterwards find such a rest of faith, such a wealth of love, such a realisation of the divine presence that would overwhelm us.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That special blessing may rest upon the Youth Campaign now in progress at Canning Town.

Tuesday, January 19th. Joshua xx. 1-9.
"Cities of refuge" (verse 2).

These cities were always located in some place which was easy of access; the roads leading to them were very wide, some of them up to fifty-eight feet in width, and they were always to be kept in good repair. Bridges were provided

over any rivers of note, and at any parting of the roads there was a sign with the word "refuge" indicating the way to the city. Of course these cities were only provided for anyone who killed a person accidentally. There was no provision made for the guilty. Thank God that there has now been provided a "City of Refuge" for the guilty, the road to that city is straight and plain, precious promises of God bridge the way over any special obstacles, and at every parting of the ways there is the Spirit of God pointing the sinner to the only place of sure refuge—the Christ of Calvary. In Him we are eternally safe, for our High Priest never dies.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That deeper and greater hunger for God may be created within the hearts of the Lord's people.

Wednesday, January 20th. Joshua xxiii. 1-16.

"Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God" (verse 11).

Joshua knew that this was the surest way to secure the obedience of the children of Israel. Solomon tells us that "Love is stronger than death." You will not willingly grieve the person whom you love. You enjoy being in the company of the one whom you love. You dislike to hear anyone speaking evil of the one whom you love. You do enjoy the society of those who are the true friends of the one you love. You hate to hear an evil report of the one whom you love, and you refuse to give it publicity. To do something for the one who is the object of your affection is a pleasure. To think about that one is even a gratification. Now, do you really and truly love the Lord?

PRAYER TOPIC:

Praise for God's definite guidance and governance in the Elim work during the past years.

Thursday, January 21st. Joshua xxiv. 1-15.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (verse 15).

When we choose the Lord to serve Him, it means that we also choose that which is inseparable from Him. We cannot choose the Lord without choosing holiness, justice, truth, mercy, love, and every other divine attribute. We cannot choose the friendship of the world and choose the Lord at the same time, for "the friendship of the world is enmity with God." Such a choice as this of its own nature calls for separation. If we choose the Lord we must decide to part with sin and iniquity in every form: for "He that committeth sin is of the devil." If there is a certain amount of reproach associated with the name of Jesus Christ, and there

is, then we must certainly be willing to bear that as well. If we choose the Lord, He is the Eternal God, and it is therefore a choice for time and eternity. It includes heaven, which is His home, and the earth, which is His footstool, it includes the glories as well as the reproach: it includes everything.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For a real passion to win souls to take possession of the members of our churches.

Friday, January 22nd. Joshua xxiv. 16-33.

"We are witnesses" (verse 22).

One thing is very evident in this portion of the Word: Joshua does not try to make the way of the Lord more easy for the people than it actually is. He gives them fully to realise what it means to serve the Lord, that there must be no compromise with sin, no turning aside from the path once their decision is made. If this course was more adopted in our day there would not be so much backsliding and bringing reproach on the cause of the Lord. There is safety in launching right out into the deep with God. It is a noteworthy fact that under the preaching of Charles G. Finney, who taught a full consecration of your whole self and all that you possessed in this world to the Lord, that the number of those who backslid among his converts was very small compared with those who decided under the ministry of Mr. D. L. Moody, whose preaching was more along the line of simply deciding for Christ.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That God may lay upon His stewards the financial burdens of His work.

Saturday, January 23rd. Eccles. i. 1-18.

"The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing" (verse 8).

To seek for satisfaction in the gratification of the senses is a fruitless task. You may find dissatisfaction, or you may find that the appetite is insatiable; but that soul within you which craves for reality will not be satisfied with anything less than the ideal. What is there in man which continually urges him on, ever seeking for more? If there is a lofty mountain range anywhere he is not satisfied with climbing up a little way, he wants to reach the top, and then in so far as that is concerned he is satisfied. Why does God satisfy? Why does the realisation of the presence of God in the soul satisfy? Because in God we realise that we have reached the highest, the mind is not capable of conceiving anything beyond God. He who has reached and found God has arrived at the top of everything, and therefore is satisfied.

PRAYER TOPIC:

A real touch of God upon all His servants preparing for the ministry of His Word on the morrow.

THIS WEEK'S COVER

shows an interesting picture of just outside the city of Nain where Jesus raised the widow's son to life (see Luke vii. 11-18).

What Water B

THE PATHWAY OF OBEDIENCE

"THEN cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptised of him." No place was so remote as not to have been reached by the impulse of the great revival—the call to penitence from the desert had thrilled the land. But it was not in obedience to this call that Jesus entered on this long journey. He heard a voice, which others might not hear. The inward call of the Spirit was witnessing that His hour had come.



One day I took up my Bible and it opened at the above passage. I read a few verses, and the thought came to me, "What doth hinder thee to be baptised?" I perceived that this was God's voice to me—and when true grace works in the soul, there always comes with any true purpose of heart the desire to follow Him.

In submission to His will, I purposed within my heart, "Where He leads me I will follow." Years have passed since I was baptised, yet, the experience ever stands out brightly, the impression then made upon my Christian character abides, and the thrill of inexpressible joy still lingers in my heart.

Water baptism to me means obedience to His voice and identity with the Lover of my soul, whom I desire to follow.

S. Penney.

NEWNESS OF LIFE

"How long have you been dead?" inquired the old church deacon, as I prepared myself to go through the waters of baptism. "Five years," I replied. "Well, it is near time you were buried," he retorted. Five years "dead" and yet never had been buried. Such was my strange spiritual condition. Yet I praise God for the memory of that happy funeral service, for it brought fresh light and inspiration to my soul.



I had been exercised for a considerable time about the necessity of water baptism in keeping the commandment of God. When I sought the advice of my Christian friends they told me that it was not essential. How I praise God I was led to obey the Word, and for the joy of witnessing before men, angels and demons of my union with Christ in His death and glorious resurrection. As I came up out of the waters the choir sang, "Up from the grave He arose." That is the real meaning of water baptism to me. It gives me a clear conception of my spiritual standing in Jesus Christ. With Him I die, with Him I live, and together we walk in newness of life. Romans vi. 4 makes it clear that it is a real funeral service and the only person who has the unique experience of attending his own funeral is the happy child of God.

J. Kelly

THE COMMAND OF CHRIST

I COULD not consider my Christian life as being complete had I not been baptised in water.

"If a man love Me he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him" (John xiv. 23).

This was the final answer when I was considering the important step of baptism; if I was to follow Christ fully, I must obey all the ordinances of Holy Scripture. The Lord Jesus Christ is my example, and He was baptised.



Water baptism is the command of God, of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of His disciples, and although not essential to salvation and the new birth; on the other hand it is essential for a life of full obedience.

Water baptism is to me a very important testimony, for it is a public confession of belief in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Going down into, and under the water, speaks of death and burial—the rising again out of the water, of newness of life (type of resurrection).

Although I realised on the day I was baptised that there was no saving power or virtue in the act of baptism, yet I had great joy of heart in the knowledge of this act of obedience to the Word of God.

David E. Forsyth

Baptism means to me

SIGN—SEAL—SEQUEL

AS a sign it witnesses to the wondrous truth of a personal salvation. The act of being immersed proclaims that "I am crucified with Christ," and coming up out of the water signifies that "the life which I now live in the



flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." It is a very blessed declaration to a previous experience that my sins have been washed away in the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness.

Secondly, it acts as a seal to my determination to follow the Master all the way. In Acts xviii. 8 I read that the Corinthians heard, believed and were baptised, thus expressing their desire to leave all and follow Christ. I remember the foggy Friday night when I travelled ten to twelve miles to the Surrey Tabernacle to be baptised, and I look back on that night as an indication of the decision to obey the commands of the Lord.

Lastly, there is a sequel. Obedience brings blessing. One step forward for Christ prepares the way for a further advance, and thus for greater blessing. It is not without significance that baptism was the commencement of the Master's ministry. Luke iii. 21 reads: "Jesus having been baptised, and praying," suggests the importance of baptism in His life.

Therefore, to me, water baptism means consecrated service, increased blessing.

Arthur V. Boston

THE WATER TEST

BAPTISM by immersion is truly the "water test" of true discipleship. A "water test" where so many believers like Gideon's men miserably fail. In this, as in all other matters of faith and practice—"we ought to obey God rather



than men." Church history records that a certain king compelled his subjects at the point of the sword to be baptised. But the only compulsion of course that is morally valid, is that of "the Sword of the Spirit." This experience to me was the pathway that led into a new life in God. As a believer it was imperative that I should heed the farewell command of Him "whose I am and whom I serve." It meant identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It was the "funeral service" of my old life. In "baptism," I acknowledged what I had learned at the Cross, that the "flesh" is incurably bad, and therefore only fit to be put out of sight. A confession to the world of a break with the old life and a committal to a new life in Christ. I have proved that this path of obedience is ever the path of safety, peace and blessing: although the feet that tread it may sometimes bleed by reason of the roughness of the way. In the full acceptance by faith of the truth expressed in this ordinance lies the secret of sanctification and true holiness.

J. Morris

A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

WHAT words can express "What water baptism means to me?"

It was not until the Good Friday of 1928 that I followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. The service, and the message of that night shall I ever forget?—Never.



It was in the Royal Albert Hall, London, when the first baptismal service was held, conducted by our beloved Principal.

What a service! And what a message! As I sat and

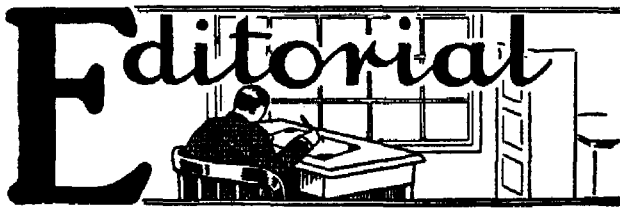
listened obedience to the Lord became more and more the desire of my heart. Throughout that service I was deeply conscious of the divine presence of Christ.

That step of surrender has meant a closer walk with God, a new revelation of Jesus Christ, and a greater zeal to follow Him more faithfully.

What joy became mine as a result of obedience in immersion; there came over me such a deep sense of God's smile and blessing. I heard His call, and I followed. My prayer now is:

O Jesus draw me,
Dear Lord just draw me,
Into a closer walk with Thee;
O let me feel Thee for ever near me,
I want to know Thee, more, and more,
and more.

H. W. Dielding



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Church Membership.

WE have found ourselves asking the question more than once of late, "Is Church membership too easy in these days?" Perhaps if more prayer and care was exercised before candidates are admitted into membership the Church would spare itself some of the subsequent leakages which take place. Some time ago we were much interested in reading an extract from an old Church record of 1856 which told of Dwight L. Moody's examination for and admission to Church membership. Mr. Moody was at this time about eighteen years of age, and it is evident from the following that nothing was taken for granted. The record runs: "First awakened on the 16th of May. Became anxious about himself. Saw himself a sinner; and sin now seems hateful, and holiness desirable. Thinks he has repented. Feels dependent upon Christ for forgiveness. Loves the Scriptures. Prays." Then later the record continues: "Thinks he has made some progress since he was here before. Has maintained his habits of prayer and reading the Bible. Is fully determined to adhere to the cause of Christ always. Will never give up his hope, or love Christ less, whether admitted to the Church or not. His prevailing intention is to give up his will to God." Then a little later appears the entry: "Admitted May 4th, 1857."

What a revealing passage is the above. Evidently this Church regarded membership as a very important thing and not to be entered into without serious reflection on the part of the candidate himself, and careful examination by those more mature Christians who formed part of the local assembly. If more prayerful attention was paid to this phase of Church life there is little doubt but that there would be greater spiritual life and power manifest in Christian communities. Candidates for Church membership should be made to feel the importance of the step which they contemplate, and not be allowed to lightly slip into this position of privilege and responsibility.

Elim Jubilee Fund.

The Elim Jubilee Fund has recently been augmented by a gift of £200 from a depositor in the Elim Publishing Company, Limited. It was with great joy and thankfulness to God that we received a letter stating that this sum which had been invested in our Publishing Company should be handed over to the Elim Jubilee Fund.

"Call Upon Me"

THE Master says, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." He loves the little sparrows that He made, and not one of them falls to the ground unseen by His watchful eye. And He who loves the sparrows and watches with compassion their fall, who provides for them so bountifully, is interested in and loves His last creation, man. He declares that He has not only counted but has numbered every hair of your head. And if He is so interested in the outward man, do you not think that He is likewise interested in the inner man? There is no need of either your spirit or soul that He does not know. There is no need in your physical frame of which He is not cognisant. He who made the sparrow, fashioned its dainty wings, arranged its perfect poise and its ability to light upon the tiny twig, knows your inner mechanism, for He made you and you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

He knows what you lack, and He will graciously provide. He knows your very frame. He knows your nervous system. Out of His riches in glory He will provide all you need in the realm of the physical, mental and spiritual. He knows when you seek to serve Him, to labour in His vineyard, and what you lack to make you efficient in service He will provide. He says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts." He will not fail to provide for those who follow after love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts to use for His glory. He declares that those who know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Seek to know Him better, to live in close union and communion with Him. To those who really get to know Him He whispers, "Call upon Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not now." He has provided His Spirit for you, so that you can drink of the brook in the way, and thus be encouraged to ask for great things.

Do not limit the Holy One of Israel by small petitions, as though He were stingy and had no great resources. He has resources that are far beyond all our conception. Honour Him by asking for great and wonderful things, and for an outpouring of His Spirit in a way yet unprecedented. Call upon Him for signs and wonders to be wrought. Call upon Him for great grace to be bestowed. Call upon Him for great power to be manifested. And He who so adequately provides for the sparrow will adequately provide all that you may require for the highest service of the King.

What our readers say :

Next week the new Correspondence Columns will open and letters already to hand from our readers will appear. The attention of our correspondents is again called to the need of conciseness in all contributions to this section of the magazine. Letters should be addressed to "The Elim Evangel," 20, Clarence Road, Clapham, London, S.W.4, marked "Correspondence Columns," and should give the writer's name and address as a guarantee of good faith.

The God of the Extraordinary—Luke 5

Notes of a Sermon by Pastor LESLIE H. NEWSHAM

THE names of God are many and interesting—each revealing a different aspect of His all-sufficiency. We speak of Jehovah-rophi, the Lord our Healer; El-shaddai, the Almighty; Jehovah-jireh, all-sufficiency; Jehovah-nissi, the Lord our Banner, and so on.

One tells us of a God who saves; another that the same God sanctifies; another that He empowers; another that He heals, and so on.

Our finite minds are only capable of standing in awe and contemplating one aspect at a time, and there we have to stay for long in order that we may drink in all the beauty and glory and perfection of that one aspect.

The aspect I wish to dwell upon to-night, is that of the *God of the extraordinary*.

This is a title which I myself have coined—you will not find this title actually spoken of in your Bible, but you are bound to see God revealing Himself as such in your study of the Word of God.

Sometimes I think our greatest need is to know God as the *God of the ordinary*. So many are always seeking for the *extraordinary* workings of God that they think that He is not manifesting Himself or working unless miraculous healings are taking place continually—unless there has been a message in tongues in the service, there is no *power* in the meeting. I call them, "Spiritual Sensation - mongers!" **S u c h**

people fail to see God in the routine of life. You can easily detect these people. They are spiritual neurotics, unable to concentrate for very long in any one corner of God's vineyard, but where there is a new sensation you will find them agog with excitement, running here and there, either on the mountain-top or else bemoaning the failings of the present-day and rhapsodising about the past.

Please do not misunderstand me. I do not wish you to think that this title "*God of the Extraordinary*" is synonymous with the "*God of Sensations*"—far from it. When I speak of the God of the extraordinary I am thinking of God who works in ways far removed from man's way.

Come with me in imagination to the shores of Lake Gennesaret; it is early morning in autumn, clear and fresh with nothing to disturb the stillness of that early hour. The dew glistened in the first rays of the early morning sun. Down by the sea-shore were fishermen washing their nets, close inland were two picturesque boats riding upon the water.

In the distance comes the murmur of voices and the tramp of many feet; into view over the rise of the hill sloping down to the water's edge comes a great crowd of excited and gesticulating people; in the midst of that crowd is One who is strangely placid and calm amidst the surrounding excitement—no flush of triumph is upon His face, no flashing eyes—no hurried step; the fact that men fawn upon Him and crowd after Him arouses no excitement in His breast.

His is a work and mission of the heart—not of externals—perhaps He knows that amongst this crowd are some who follow merely because of the crowd, some are sensation-mongers only, following for the thrill, perhaps some of these very people will join in the cry, "Away with Him! Crucify Him!"

The eyes of the Christ were not blinded by the excitement and triumph of the moment, it was not possible for Him to be drunk with the wine of apparent success. A cry comes from my heart that we all may reach that place, whether our work is in the pulpit, in the Sunday school, among the Crusaders, or as Church officers. So often we count success as a seal to our ministry. Oh! for the clearer and purified vision! True success cannot be tabulated by statistics—true success can be gauged only according to our faithfulness to God's will.

Do not, I pray you, subordinate everything that you may be counted

successful in the sight of man—subordinate everything that you may be faithful to God and you will indeed be successful.

The Christ makes His way to the shore and as He does so, one of the fishermen looks up from his work on the nets and for a moment, as he looks upon the crowd he is puzzled to know why so many should be about at such an early hour.

If you had watched him closely you would have seen that his face suddenly lit up, he had caught sight of One who had filled his vision for nine long months—nine long months he had waited for some word of the Christ and now *here He was* making His way toward him.

What surprises me is that the Scripture does not say that Peter flung down his net and raced toward Jesus, but we are just told that Jesus entered into Simon's boat and asked him to push out a little from the shore, and then Jesus sat down in the boat and taught them.

A beautiful scene! No flaming oration falls from His lips, no wild gesticulations no crowd psychology,

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just a beautiful talk, with Peter looking on, wondering if this were all really happening.

He has finished speaking now and is talking to Peter. Jesus was just as much at home dealing with the individual as with the crowd. Now Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught!" You may not know it, Peter, but you are facing one of the greatest tests of your life and I am almost breathless as I wait for the answer. Peter was being introduced to the God of the Extraordinary, for the Lord Jesus had given an extraordinary command. Had they not been toiling all night and used every artifice known to fishermen and yet had returned empty? and now they were not only to abandon their own methods but adopt methods which all other fishermen would scorn and laugh at. Every fisherman knew that the morning light would make the net apparent and that fish would be found, not in the deep but the shallow water!

What shall it be, Peter? your own way, or God's way, even though it be extraordinary? Shall it be the wisdom of man or the wisdom of God? Speak up, Peter. "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing . . . nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net."

God bless you, Peter! You are treading

THE PATHWAY OF FAITH.

You certainly took your eyes off Jesus sometimes and began to sink (which one of us, I wonder, can afford to throw the first stone at Peter in this respect?), but you conquered and you came through this test with flags flying!

Some ministers there are who tell us that preaching days are over, that we need new methods and new systems. They tell us that the old message of salvation and the new birth is quite old-fashioned, modern intelligence cannot accept such a simple message.

Modernise the Church! they cry. Modernise the message! bleat some other lost sheep. Use every method the mind of man can conceive in order that we may justify our existence as a church; make our ministers entertainment managers, introduce cinemas, dances, socials, dramatic societies, whist drives, anything! BUT KEEP OUR CHURCH GOING! But they are letting down the wrong nets, at the wrong time, in the wrong places, so that all vestige of divine authority has gone and all they succeed in catching are a few old crabs that are making havoc of their nets!

But God is still a God of the extraordinary, and He has ordained that we go out

INTO THE DEEPS

with the gospel net of salvation.

We may imagine that we can think of many more successful methods of attracting the people and bringing them to salvation, but only by using *one message* and *one net* can we say that we let down the net "at Thy word," and after all it is the authority behind us that is most important.

Peter let down his net and just as Noah, Abraham, and many others were laughed at for their simple faith, so perhaps Peter was laughed at. *But please do not sympathise with Peter!* He does not want your

sympathy. He is not ashamed of his simple faith, neither is he frightened of the scorn of other fishermen.

Immediately the nets begin to fill! They call for the help of their partners to land the fish—the boat's almost down to the gunwale—Extraordinary! Yes! Of course! God is the God of the extraordinary.

People look on and marvel as to why revival has come to the Elim Foursquare Churches of all places! Those queer people with the old-fashioned net which we abandoned years ago! Perhaps that is just why! Extraordinary!

Psychology! says the cynic.

Coincidence! says unbelief.

Sensationalism! says

THE WORLDLY-WISE

minister. And then I open my Bible and read again, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah lv. 8), and again "by their fruits shall ye know them" (Matt. vii. 20).

Argue about the methods as you will, but you *cannot* unless you are wilfully blind, deny the results.

Let down your gospel net at God's command regardless of the arrows of scorn and you shall still find that God is the GOD OF THE EXTRAORDINARY!

CHANNELS ONLY

*Jesus said, . . . The words that I speak,
. . . they are spirit and they are life.*

Lord, art Thou seeking a person
To live Thy life in and through?
A willingness in Thee gathered?
A will to be, and to do?
Art Thou seeking a place to abide in?
To work Thy works as of old?
To prove Thyself mighty Saviour
In one that to Thee will unfold?

My body, my soul, my spirit,
Freely I give unto Thee
To be a vessel or channel
All, always Thine, Lord, to be.

"The words that I speak"—yes, I hear
them;
O Lord, make them live now in me,
Set them on fire by Thy Spirit,
A flame to burn out for Thee.

Melt the hard-hearted sinner,
Heat the cold-hearted saint;
Give life—in abundance—the measure
To those who are weary and faint.

"The words that I speak"—Thou sayest
"Are spirit—are life" to receive;
And I give myself utterly to Thee
That others may see and believe.

MISS WARBURTON BOOTH.

Training the Godly Mind

II.—Training for Godliness

- By E. ADAMS

WE are to train for the godly life. Discipleship means discipline. When we took the vow of personal allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ we committed ourselves to the great adventure of a godly life. And as we are now laying a foundation for eternity we need to put our best thought and energy into it. The Christian race is not a spurt, but a long-distance race, and we need to use our brains in order to win.

Paul was out to win, as he tells us in his Philippian Letter, but, militant spirit though he was, we sometimes detect beneath his triumphant shouts an undertone that resembles a groan. Christian living is not always set to music. It is not only the "fed up" young man or woman of the world who says sometimes, "What's the good of it all?" We are in danger of getting discouraged, of growing morally and spiritually weary, of ceasing to care very much about first things. And some, as they get older, suffer from fatty degeneration of the conscience.

It is not every one that starts off well who continues or finishes well. We all have our handicaps; the race is long; the weather is not always fine; and we have our "bad times" after, as well as before, we get our second wind.

The godly life costs. It means sacrificing time for eternity; the natural for the spiritual; our own interests and ambitions for the gospel and God's plan.

The fact is that all life, as we know it, costs. The grass is sacrificed for the sheep, and the sheep for man. The tree is cut down and sacrificed to help to make a ship, a house, a church. And the godly life is no exception in its demand for the sacrifice of the lower for the higher.

Godly freedom must be purchased by self-discipline. Through the painful struggles of the embryo butterfly, as it labours to emerge from its chrysalis shell, the perfect insect will be developed in the full enjoyment of the higher liberty of its superior life.

The young believer is not to expect to be wheeled about in a baby-carriage under the caressing smiles of his mother-church. The New Testament does not contemplate coddled saints, young or old. We are not to be parasites, clingers and creepers, and spoon-fed Christians. When in the country you may have seen a notice-board within sight of the road, with the words: "Hardy Plants Nursery." It is well if the young Christian is hardy enough not to wilt under the cold winds of neglect and difficulty.

The man in pursuit of all-round godliness is compared to an athlete, and so must attend to diet and exercise, and must keep the rules. He is a soldier, and must be devoted to his Commander, and be as free as possible from other concerns. He is a workman, and so is to strive to put in honest, intelligent and efficient work. He is a farmer, and is to toil and expect fruit from his toil. How much do we know of all this?

Timothy is urged to seize hold of eternal life, to cultivate godly character and usefulness, so that his progress may be evident. We are in the Lord's train-

ing school, and those who are trained by its discipline reap the fruit of it afterwards in the peace of a righteous life.

On a notice-board by the road crossing a flying field of the Royal Air Force appeared the words:

"Keep moving. If you stop you are in danger, and a danger to those flying."

Unless we make progress in our Christian life we are in danger—in danger of becoming slack, of going to sleep, of losing our joy and even our assurance. And we are liable to be easily side-tracked by the world, and to become a ready prey to the error-germs that abound in the mental atmosphere. And we become a danger to others, too. For the example of the non-progressive Christian is discouraging, and as a mere camp-follower he is a source of weakness in the Lord's army.

Godly living embraces the whole of the life. Our circumstances in life are the field in which we train; and what matters most is how we train in our particular field.

Prayer Changes Things

Philippians iv. 6

Prayer is requested for:

A backslider who is suffering from great depression, that rest and peace may be found in God.

One who contemplates going to South Africa, that God may prevent any step out of the divine will.

A man who is suffering with skin trouble, that he may be completely healed, and led to suitable employment.

A believer, in business difficulties, that the Lord may undertake, and that strength may be sustained to go through the trial of faith.—S.P.

A child of God, that she may be completely delivered from an evil habit.—V.M.

A young man suffering from nerve trouble, and is terribly depressed, that he may be converted and healed. Also for an old lady who is greatly troubled on account of lack of assurance regarding the forgiveness of sin.—J.C.

One who is suffering terribly through cancer, that God may heal for His glory. Also for one suffering with chronic catarrh, and another weak-minded person, that in each case the Lord may deliver.—M.C.

Three friends whose friendship is threatened by the attacks of Satan, that perfect harmony may be created and maintained.

A young man, that he may find suitable employment. Also that a widow suffering from arthritis may be saved and healed.—C.S.

A believer, that she may be delivered from a growth. Her case is critical.—T.G.

A sister suffering with internal trouble, that the Lord will lay His healing hand upon her.

PRAISE THE LORD!

What God is doing in the Churches—Souls and Signs follow the Ministry of the Word

SCATTERING SEEDS OF BLESSING

Missionary's Farewell

Croydon (Pastor H. Kitching). Since last May God has been pleased to bless the efforts of His people. The Lord has been very mindful of His own, and His tender mercies have been lavished upon His redeemed ones. During the last months other servants of God have ministered in the church, including Evangelist James Shaw, and Pastor S. Penney who filled the pulpit during the resident Pastor's holiday. The Crusader week was an inspiration, and the church is indebted to all those who came along and gave of their best. Latterly Pastor John Woodhead came and conducted a week's special services. Much blessing has been the result of this visit. On December 15th the church bade farewell to Miss Hocking, who has obeyed the Captain's command to serve in the foreign field. She has been an immense help to the Croydon assembly.

December 17th was a notable day for the children of this church. Last September Pastor Kitching inaugurated his "Sunshine Corner" with a children's demonstration—every week since a children's service has been held. Hundreds have attended these unique meetings. Recently the "Christmas Treat" was held. A huge Christmas Tree was erected on the platform, decorated with toys and articles that all children love. A special feature was "Uncle Harry's Plum Pudding," which exploded with a loud report when attached strings were pulled by a dozen children. Over 500 children and adults attended this festive treat. At the end of the service an apple and orange

was given to each Cadet, and after the singing of the Cadet prayer the service was brought to a close.

Below we give a local newspaper report of this gathering:

"SUNSHINE CORNER"

"Uncle Harry" Brings Joy to Children

"Sunshine Corner" is a new innovation in Croydon, commenced at the Elim Tabernacle, Stanley Road, West Croydon, by Pastor H. Kitching, well known in England, Scotland, and Ireland as "Uncle Harry."

"Sunshine Corner" has proved to be a very popular form of children's meeting amongst the youngsters. Crowds of children have attended these services up and down the country. Pastor H. Kitching commenced the services weekly in September last, and every week entertains the children himself at the "Corner."

On Thursday of last week the customary children's treat was held at the Elim Tabernacle. A decorated platform, together with a Christmas tree, were provided. Toys and fruit were distributed to the children by "Father Christmas" (Mr. F. Henson), and special items were given by the children, such as "The Lighting of the Christmas Tree" and "Sailing Ships." A feature of the evening was "Uncle Harry's Plum Pudding," which was carried to the platform by a very small and pretty girl dressed in white, preceded and followed by six boys who acted as trumpeters. Cords were attached to the pudding. When these cords were pulled

by twelve children the "pudding" exploded and yielded toys and novelties. The church was crowded with both children and adults for the event.

—"Croydon Times."

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

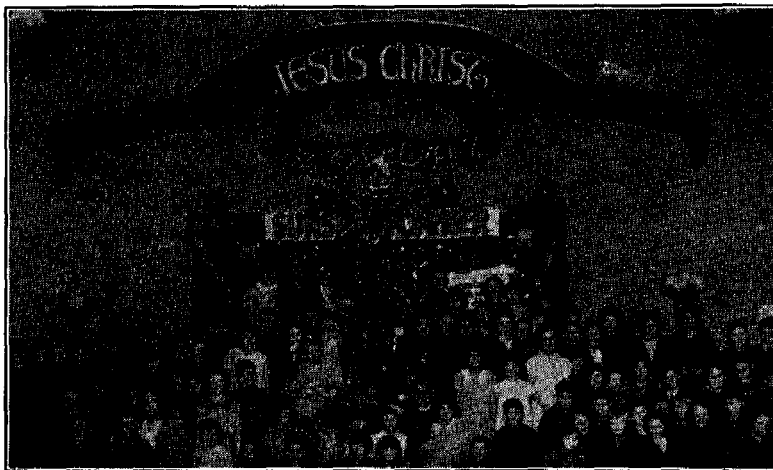
A Blessed Campaign

Aberdeen. The believers of the Elim church in the "Silver City by the Sea" have enjoyed a feast of good things during the recent visit of Pastor H. J. Rodwell. A true "son of the soil," Pastor Rodwell opened up the Scriptures to us in a most refreshing way, and, during the different studies it was grand to hear the musical rustle of leaves as Bible pages were turned to search "and see if those things were so." The congregation was enthralled as it listened to a series of expositions on the wondrous subject of our Lord's return; and it is with renewed joy and anticipation that the saints go about their daily tasks "looking for that blessed hope"—His glorious appearing.

During the campaign cinemas were hired on two successive Sundays for the gospel services, both meetings being well attended. The subject at the second of these Cinema services was "What happens after death." The audience listened with rapt attention, and the message was blessed to many souls. At that gathering a spiritist challenged Pastor Rodwell on certain of his assertions, but he was quick to respond with a God-inspired answer.

The Lord's people will not soon forget the last service of the campaign—one felt the atmosphere charged with Holy Spirit power as Pastor Rodwell preached from the words, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" Following the Pastor's appeal a husband and his wife wept their way to the Cross and there found peace. A bright testimony meeting followed, and quite a few testified to God's healing power in their bodies; one sister, who was unable to sleep without a narcotic, slept naturally for the first time for months after being prayed for by the Pastor; another dear soul in her inimitable Scotch brogue told how she could now thread a needle, previously her eyesight had been so bad that she could scarcely find her way about; a young girl who has suffered much pain from an abscess in her spine has been healed,

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Sunshine Corner at Elim Tabernacle, Croydon

Chief Secretary's Notes

Many Crusader Choirs were active over the Christmas season carol singing, Kensington Temple Choir creating much interest and receiving remarks of appreciation for their song ministry amongst busy London West End shoppers.



The newly reorganised Kensington Temple Crusader Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Goodwin, has commenced their gospel song ministry with much promise. We wish them rich blessing and success in this noble service.



Barking Crusaders rendered an interesting and edifying song service, entitled "The Message of the Bells," which was arranged by a local Crusader, Mr. Arthur Rickett.



The Ilford Quintette Party recently visited Wormwood Scrubs Prison, and kindly substituted for another party at very short notice. Their service was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation of men.



The "Message of Bethlehem," a Christmas song service, was rendered at Maidstone Prison just prior to Christmas, by the London Crusader Choir. Pastor D. B. Gray arranged and directed the programme, and the men heartily joined in singing some of the immortal carols. From Maidstone the Choir journeyed to Borstal Institution, Rochester, for tea and an evening service in the chapel.



(Conducted by Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY)

Mr. F. Henson conducted the choir in the absence of Mr. Gray, who had to return to London from Maidstone.



Dunfermline Crusaders have visited Dundee Church, with good results, and joys of happy fellowship and co-operation.

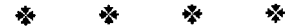
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Massed Choir Items

WE INVITE YOU

Crusader Secretaries, Sunday School Superintendents, Cadet and Choir Leaders to the Annual Rally at Elim Woodlands, Saturday, January 23rd at 3.30 p.m. If you can be present we warmly welcome all

YOUTH LEADERS

Next week particulars will be given of the new Easter music for the Royal Albert Hall choir singing.



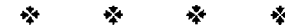
The Centenary service of Frances Ridley Havergal held at East Ham Tabernacle, drew a large congregation, and proved an inspiring and challenging meeting. Pastor E. J. Phillips convened the service. Miss A. Henderson's commentaries from Miss Havergal's life, and the concluding address by Pastor W. G. Hathaway brought us into a deeper sense of adoration and consecration to a life of abandonment to the service of Christ. The choirs of East Ham, Islington and Kensington each in turn sang Frances Ridley Havergal's compositions with pleasing effect, and the massed items were led by Pastor Douglas Gray, who arranged the service.



We are pleased to hear that Pastor James McWhirter (Crusader President) and Mrs. McWhirter, are shortly to visit some of the Scottish churches conducting Crusader services. We hope to publish particulars shortly.



"Songs of the Sanctuary," the musical publication of nearly forty pieces, is being used in a number of our churches. Pastor E. C. W. Boulton is the writer of the hymns, and the musical settings are by various well-known Elim composers. Elim Crusader Choirs will find this publication very acceptable for all vocal purposes.



Crusader secretaries are reminded to send in regularly reports and photographs of local activities or special visitors.



Dundee City Crusaders with Pastor and Mrs. W. Miller Barton and Mr. R. Boyd, Crusader Secretary

PRAISE THE LORD (continued)

and so on. Yes, much blessing has followed Pastor Rodwell's visit, and, amidst opposition, God was present in saving and healing power—four precious souls being saved, and five or six definitely healed.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD
Inspiring Studies

Ealing (Pastor D. Forsyth). The church at Ealing will not soon forget the

recent visit of the London Crusader Choir, which was very much enjoyed by the large congregation; the singing of the various pieces and the messages and testimonies were an inspiration to all. There were two decisions at the close of the service. The Pastor has recently been giving a series of inspiring talks upon the Philippian epistle, and also during the past few Sundays helpful

discourses on "Why I believe the Bible to be the Inspired Word of God." These have been most helpful and uplifting. A few weeks ago four new members were received into fellowship, two of whom were from the Acton branch; also five others were transferred from other assemblies. The church is able to report steady progress, and look forward to even better results in the new year.

If Death Should Call Your Name To-day !

By M. L. PORTER

THE summer of 1922, hurrying by, brought with it the development of my trouble which had been increasing with the years. I was sick. Death slowly beckoned with its finger, calling, "Come on! Come on!" I knew this, and I shrank back shuddering. With trembling heart I cried, "Oh, no! Not yet! Please, **not yet!**" Terrible and agonising was the knowledge that **death** was creeping near me. I had watched while they buried other people—even those near and very dear—but the pain and dread of those scenes were misty unrealities, quite different from this. Now death was calling **MY** name.

I was lost! But I knew it not, nor shuddered over the fact that I stood without hope and without God in the world. I knew nothing of the Word of God. I had always managed to dodge its call. I had mocked at those who professed knowledge of it. With unconscious egotism I had predicted the extinction of the Bible within the coming century. I knew not that God had written, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away" (Matt. xxiv. 35). Alas, I had not the faith to accept it though it were shown me. My soul's eternal welfare was far more serious than my ill health, had I only known it, for God says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. xviii. 4). My soul had feasted upon sin, but this fact was of little moment to me.

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified;
Knowing not it was for **me** He died
On Calvary.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "They are **all** gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable: there is none that doeth good, no, not one," says Romans iii. 23, 12, speaking of those who know not Jesus Christ as Saviour. I knew Him not as I stood shuddering at the thought of death. How I thank God for the day He showed me my sins, and also told me that **HE** had found and furnished the Ransom for them! (Job xxxiii. 24).

The surgeon's knife and medical aid pushed back the approach of death, and after weary days my physical strength was renewed, though I still stood condemned and guilty before God. Yet God was merciful to me, for during the days of return to health He, through the Holy Spirit, led me to His Book, the Bible. There I

found that though I had sinned and come short of His glory, though I had by word and deed proven myself an enemy towards Him, "**God so loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

One day I suddenly saw myself to be the sinner that God said I was. That very moment I also believed that

Jesus, God's well-beloved Son, came from Heaven's glory and went to the Cross for **my** sins. He took the wages of my sin that God might be "Just and the Justifier of all who believe in Jesus." After finding Rom. x. 9, 10 and Matt. x. 32 with John i. 12, I began telling others that Jesus died for me.

To-day I know myself to be a child of God, through faith in the death and resurrection of His Son, even Jesus my Lord, who loved me and gave Himself for me, who is soon coming back to take me home where I shall be for ever with and like Himself.

I have, and do hereby confess Jesus as my Lord, and I assuredly believe that God hath raised Him from the dead, and because He lives, I shall live also, through all eternal ages. God has accepted me, only because,

Jesus paid the price
Himself the Sacrifice,
On the Cross for me.

My sins are **all** gone, and I stand complete in Him.

"O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?" (I. Cor. xv. 55).

O Death I need not fear thee;
My Saviour stands beyond
Thy dark and shadowed mystic bars,
And waits with outstretched arms.

He came from heaven's splendour;
He came to die for me:
Sin, Death, nor Hell, can vanquish
My soul by Him set free.

O Death, I need not fear thee
If thou shouldst call to-day;
Thy hardest blow could only bring
Me safely home to stay.

There Jesus waits to welcome me,
A sinner saved by grace;
I shall be with and like Him;
I'll see His wondrous face.

For all things are mine; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or **death**, or things present, or things to come; all are mine; and I am Christ's and Christ is God's (I. Cor. iii. 21-23).



Death slowly beckoned with its finger, calling, "Come on! come on!"

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Elliott : Peace.—On December 26th, at Southend Hall, Bradford, by Pastor John Woodhead, assisted by Pastor G. Dunk; George Elliott to Ellen Peace.

Moore : Eilin.—On December 26th, at the Baptist Chapel, Barnsley, by Pastors L. H. Newsham and G. W. Pickering; John Moore to May Eilin (both Elim Members). C214

Stammers : Lawrence.—On December 26th at Springfield Pentecostal Church, Gravesend, by Pastor J. Kelly; George Alfred Stammers to Lena Lilian Lawrence (both Elim Crusaders). C215

Virr : Illingworth.—On December 24th, at Southend Hall, Bradford, by Pastor John Woodhead; Ernest Virr to Lucy Illingworth (both Elim Crusaders).

WITH CHRIST

Armstrong.—On December 18th, Mrs. E. Armstrong, of Scarborough, the beloved wife of T. N. Armstrong. Funeral conducted by Pastor T. Tetchner.

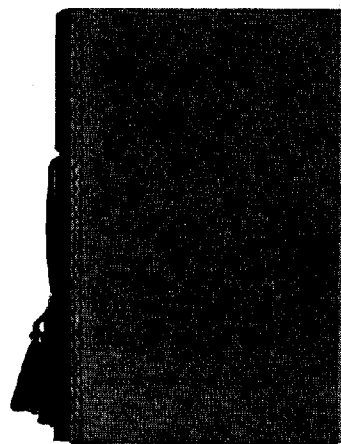
Ellis.—On December 11th, Mrs. E. A. Ellis, of Scarborough. Funeral conducted by Pastor T. Tetchner.

Evans.—On December 19th, Margaret Victoria, the beloved wife of Aubrey W. Evans, aged 39, passed into the presence of the King. Funeral conducted by Pastor T. E. Francis.

Heatley.—On December 26th, Mrs. Annie Heatley, of the Elim Church, Barnsley. Funeral conducted by Pastor L. H. Newsham.

IN MEMORIAM

Derrill.—To a memory as fragrant as flowers. My beloved chum, Ruth, "called for higher service," January 9th, 1936. Lovingly remembered. Nancy. C213

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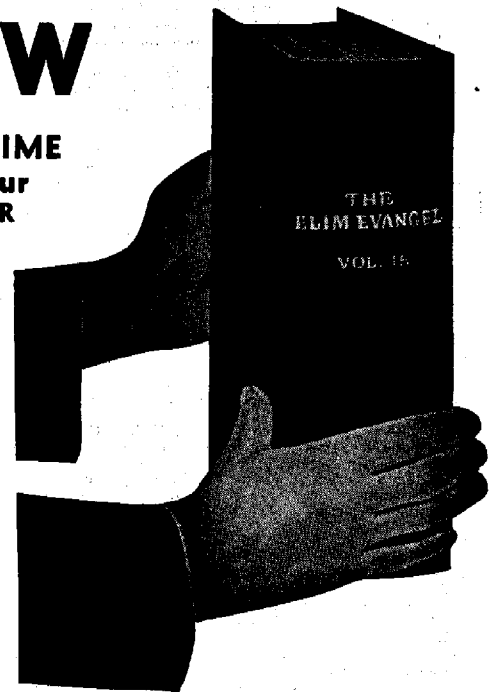
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