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**GLOSSOP.** Commencing March 14. Elim Tabernacle, Ellison Street. Campaign by Pastor D. Vanstone. (District Crusader Rally, March 19th, 3 and 7 p.m.).

**GREENOCK.** March 9—14. Spring Convention, Elim Tabernacle, Belleville Street. Speakers include: Pastors W. G. Hawkins, L. Newsham, and Mrs. Saxon Walshaw. Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

**GREENOCK.** March 5. Foursquare Gospel Rally, Elim Tabernacle, Belleville Street. 3 and 7 p.m. Speakers: Pastors F. Farlow, L. Newsham and Evangelist H. Jones.

**GUILDFORD.** February 27th. Ward Street Hall, Ward Street. Visit of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

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**MIDDLESBROUGH.** March 6—20. Revival and Healing Campaign, conducted by Evangelist C. A. C. Hadler (late of Pastor P. S. Brewster's Revival Party) in the Jerusalem Church, Brentnall Street, off Grange Road. Sundays, 7.30 p.m. Week-nights, 7.30 p.m. (except Fridays).

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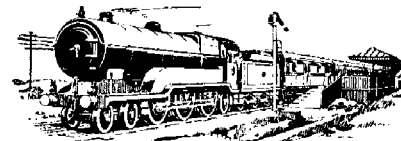
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## Life a Trust

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

WHEN one sees the carelessness of the many one wonders if thoughtful consideration of the value of the life has been given. Yet how valuable and vital life is. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." What changes take place as soon as a child is born. Husband and wife become parents, their parents become grandparents; there springs up a number of cousins, uncles, and aunts. Results of a child being born reach further still until there is a receding ripple from its existence that reaches out, it may be to the utmost shores of time and space. The scope of relationship, indeed, does not stop with earthly and present relationships, but reaches into the unseen and the eternal, for within that child is a living soul and before it lies eternity. "For whether we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord."

One might say concerning one's life, "It is my own, I can do with it as I please, and what difference does that make to anyone else?" How narrow is such a view and how untrue. Not long ago a man received world-wide notoriety, the law having convicted him of a crime. He paid the penalty with his life. But was that all? His wife was left with a broken heart, his child to

### BEAR HIS REPROACH

through life, his mother was crushed; and, were we to carry the matter further, how many there were who suffered, some of them as intensely as he. For suffering cannot be reckoned according to physical pains, but must be reckoned according to mental anguish and heart pangs.

A young man was arrested for being drunk and, upon regaining his intelligence after his debauchery, he begged that he might be permitted his release as, he said, were his mother to know of his plight it would kill her. Who in that case would be the greater sufferer? No doubt the mother, innocent of any crime or wrong herself, yet suffering with his suffering and disgrace. The world is filled with woe because of sins, disappointments, and sorrows caused by others. May we take heed to our ways that our existence may be

made a blessing rather than a curse, a benediction instead of an execration.

What has been entrusted to us in life? We may mention a few of the many things. To begin with we have been blessed with life itself. The infant becomes a child, the child a youth, the youth a man, the man an old man, leaving the footprints of his life behind him while he becomes an inhabitant of eternity in either

### BLISS OR BANISHMENT.

But life alone is not all that has been entrusted to us. There are the capabilities of being which may be used for either good or evil, although we trust that in our case they may be used for good only. Some are endowed with natural talents. They readily become efficient in music, art, or language. Some are capable in business. There seems no end to the possibilities attainable through natural talents.

Then there are the attainments made possible through association. Many more than usually prominent men in the business or professional world credit their success not so much to their ability as to their opportunities. Mr. Carnegie was employed in the office of a dispatcher for the Pennsylvania Railroad when one day trains were approaching each other from different directions. He knew a wreck was inevitable unless warning could be given. It was not within his province to give the alarm, but the proper person not being present, he took it upon himself to send the warning. The result was that the disaster was avoided and he was brought before the eyes of those higher than he with consequent promotion. While working there he learned about steel and the possibilities in that industry, and finally became

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of his day. What might this Scottish lad have been had not circumstances favoured him? Our natural abilities ought to be developed to their full so far as we are able, and we ought to seek associations that will benefit our progress in accomplishment and normal attainment. A man in the East said that he made it his practice to try to associate with persons more intelligent or better than he, for by so doing he was ever

absorbing to himself their knowledge, and the better qualities which they possessed.

There are natural developments that are possible for all of us, but think of the spiritual favours and attainments which may be ours. Those talents which we have by nature may be given to God or to the adversary. How much it is to be regretted when young men or women give their strength, beauty, ability, and often their souls, to the Devil, when these could all be used to the glory of God. Two sons may come from the same home. One becomes an upright, respected Christian man; the other becomes an immoral sot. What a contrast! One daughter gives her life and service to God and receives a host of upright and honourable friends. Another chooses the downward way, gives her life to debauchery and evil and becomes surrounded with the lewd and vile whose friendships prove untrue and treacherous. These thoughts bring to us

#### THE BURNING QUESTION,

what are we doing with our lives? Are we an asset or a liability, a moral uplift or a reproach?

With life comes responsibility. We have responsibility to our household, to our fellowmen, and to God. "No man liveth to himself." If we degrade ourselves we degrade our family; if we abuse our citizenship, our community and nation suffer. If we reproach God and reject His gospel, He will deal with us in judgment. We may here in a measure escape the just rewards of our lives, but we cannot avoid meeting the stern realities of human responsibility when we stand before the Great White Throne. If life has been given to sin, "be sure your sin will find you out." We hear much about our Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Do you not know that He is equally our judge? "For

we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ." "Because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." Our lives will be tested by His searching eye, and we shall be rewarded every one according as his work shall be. For those who have served God and their fellowmen aright, there is prepared

#### HIGHEST HAPPINESS.

"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." For those who have done wickedly "there remaineth a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries."

Should we speak to any who have started down the way of destruction, we offer a star of brightness in the world's darkness. There is One who can change our course, starting us on a different path, a new path, the way that leads to heaven's glory. Listen to the promise, "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." How can these things be? Because God has provided a ransom. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder." "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Knowing the condition into which man has fallen, God has given our Lord Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins, and if we will believe in Him, asking for grace to blot out the past, and power to strengthen against evil, He will in no wise cast us out. Let all of us aspire to that which is best. Let none of us turn from our Saviour and Lord. Let him who feels his need give his heart to God, for, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

## Are You Getting Things from God?

By BEATRICE V. PANNABECKER

**V**ERY few Christians have learned the secret of demanding and getting from God just what they need. God has a good deal more to give than most Christians are getting. The Christian Church is lean and in many places cold and dead, because the Church is not versed in "kneeology." The pressure brought to bear upon the minister by the Church itself takes the time he ought to spend pulling fire out of the sky until his own soul would set a thousand other souls ablaze. A prayerless pulpit means a prayerless pew; a prayerless Church means a powerless Church; no burning desire for the salvation of the lost, hence, no revivals. All because of lack of prayer.

If we could have a praying ministry we would have a prevailing ministry. What a glorious transformation would occur in many a Church. Prayer that "gets through" is a sure cure for ministerial unfruitfulness.

Oh, for a praying ministry and a praying Church. There are no limits to the vast possibilities of such a ministry or such a Church. What can be accomplished

through the ministry of importunate or prevailing prayer is inexpressible.

Through prayer one can surmount all difficulties. George Muller said, "Prayer and faith, the universal remedies against every want and every difficulty; and the nourishment of prayer and faith, God's holy Word, have helped me over all difficulties. I never remember in all my Christian course, that I ever sincerely and patiently sought to know the will of God by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, through the instrumentality of the Word of God, but I have been always directed rightly."

We can get things from God if we will but pay the price. So many are in too great a hurry to wait upon Him. God has a bountiful storehouse of good things for His people. He is ready and willing to give us His best. Have we spent any time this week asking Him for anything of real spiritual value? Have we asked in faith, expecting an answer?

Let us move forward on our knees and see what God will do for both the pulpit and the pew.

### The Way of Salvation

## It Was For You

**U**NTIL Mr. Hsieh was thirty years of age he was without God and without hope. To him life had always been a serious matter, but somehow without goal or meaning. There seemed to be a lack, and although he sought for something beyond his knowledge he seemed to get nowhere.

Mr. Hsieh lived in the small island town, Ho-Yueh-Chow, situated on the banks of the Yangtse River, China. One day he heard of a strange religion which the foreigners had brought to his native land. He resented such a thing, but decided to give it no further thought, as it did not concern him in any way. But those who were propagating this new religion came to Ho-Yueh-Chow, rented a house, and preached every day to large crowds. What seemed so strange to Mr. Hsieh was the fact that there were some people belonging to the place who were willing to stake everything they had on the truth of this strange teaching and find joy in doing so! What did it all mean?

One day a man asked Mr. Hsieh to go with him to the Gospel Hall, but his invitation was refused. However, when he learned that no foreigner would be preaching, but only one of his own people, he agreed to go. The text of the Chinese evangelist, who spoke to the people that day, was, "God is love." It was such a new idea to Mr. Hsieh. Could it really be possible that God loved human beings? In the writings of the sages he had read of a Supreme Being, but they did not know much about Him—and never had He been represented as a God of love.

Mr. Hsieh was attracted by this new light—here was something to give new meaning to life!

He was held by this truth as he had never been in all his life. During the following days he had many talks with the mission people. Many were the questions he asked, but one seemed pre-eminent. He could find no answer. Why was it necessary for God to send His only Son to die such a cruel death on the Cross? The Chinese evangelist told him it was but the demonstration of the love of God for mankind, but Mr. Hsieh could not fathom such love. For a whole year he thought about the Cross but seemed to get nowhere.

But one evening God revealed the Lord Jesus to Him. It was twilight. He was sitting in his room when suddenly the whole room was flooded with light. Before him a cross was upraised, and upon that cross was the Son of God. With eyes filled with love He looked at Mr. Hsieh saying, "I suffered this for you!" Hsieh found his face was wet with tears, and never from that hour did he doubt the necessity of the atoning death of the Son of God for sinful man. He surrendered his entire being to the Lord Jesus Christ, received the forgiveness of his sins, and became a witness for the Saviour.

Is life without meaning to you? It will remain so until you let the Lord Jesus take control. He stands at your heart's door just now saying, "I suffered this for you!" And will you just now open that door, bid Him enter, and make Him supreme in your life? If you will there will be life indeed! "He that believeth on the Son *hath everlasting life*: and he that believeth not the Son of God *shall not see life*; but the wrath of God abideth on him."



Conducted by Pastor DAVID A. VANSTONE  
CAPTAIN COPPINGER THE CRUEL.

This black-bearded villain lived near Padstow in North Cornwall, something like 100 years ago. As part of his profession of smuggler and wrecker, one of his favourite pastimes was to lure a ship on to the rocks, rob the passengers and crew and dump their bodies overboard into the boiling surf. Nice fellow, wasn't he?

The scheme worked like this. Choosing a dark night, the gang would tie a lighted hurricane lamp to a mule's tail and set a boy to lead the animal backwards and forwards across the greensward at the top of the cliff. The skipper of a vessel nosing her way up towards the Bristol Channel would see with relief the point of light and assume from its zig-zag motion that another ship was ahead "tacking" across the wind. Following the light he was soon aground on the treacherous suck-

ing sands of the Doom Bar, or stove in by the jagged rocks. During the ensuing panic the "wreckers" leaped aboard and with pistol and cutlass forced their victims to part with their valuables. Then, having murdered passengers and crew ("dead men tell no tales") these deep-dyed ruffians scrambled ashore with their booty. So they behaved in "the good old days!"

Yet even to-day I can't help thinking that there are wreckers abroad. At least there are people, young and old, who pretend to be shining Christians, yet by their crooked, zig-zag lives are leading others astray and luring them to destruction. My word! I hope you are not one of the Devil's decoys! You see, we are being watched every day, especially if others know we go to Sunday school. Others are following your example too, especially if you are captain of football, or a prefect. How dreadfully important it is for you to lead others aright, for you are always "on show." Remember the Captain and watch your thoughts! Then your words and deeds will be like a lighthouse warning lives, not wrecking them. Others will say, "I followed the example of Joyce and Jack and they led me to Jesus," instead of, "I thought Sally and Sammy were Christians, but they led me astray and I'm lost."

I say, are you one of Cruel Captain Satan's zig-zag wrecker gang, or are you one of the Saviour Captain's courageous lighthouse crew?

# Possessing the Land

By A. M. CLARKE

*Thou art old and stricken in years and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.*—Joshua xiii. 1.

**W**E wonder what the thoughts of Joshua were at this time. Full of courage and zeal he had gone over Jordan to possess the land. Much had been gained, they were enjoying the fruits of the country and all the enemies were subdued. Then there appears to have been a settling down.

Why this rebuke from the Lord? Because He would have no settling down, no giving up, no saying that enough has been done, no spirit of false contentment. This has been a fault of Christendom all through the years, content with small things instead of going out for the highest and the utmost.

Just before our Lord's ascension He gave the command to His disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How faithfully those early Christians attempted to carry out their Lord's command, yet to-day we find there are many heathen who have never heard the gospel, and some are hearing now for the first time.

Joshua might have said, "It is not my fault, Lord. I was willing to go in and possess the land, but the people were not with me. As for me, I will serve the Lord, but I cannot get the people to follow."

This has been the cry of many a dear servant of God, of many a minister who has laboured to stir up revival in the hearts of His people. It has been noticed in Church history how God has taken a single individual to accomplish that which the whole Church should have done. Many a time He has lifted a "nobody" and used that one to stay the rising tide of spiritual death. Turning back the powers of darkness such souls have lifted the people on to a higher spiritual plane and have gone forth proclaiming the fact that, "there is still much land to be possessed." They have proclaimed a salvation to the uttermost.

All through the ages we find a reluctance, a hesitancy on the part of God's people to possess their spiritual heritage. The promises of God are as real and true as ever. This glorious gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. He is to-day, Jehovah Ropheca, the Healer of His people.

How slow Israel was to go and possess. God had given them a wonderful promise. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you." In the face of that promise we might want to blame God's ancient people for not obeying, but what about the glorious promises He has given to us? Are we not slow to go and possess the land?

The weakness of the Church in this day is due to the fact that many have not received the Holy Ghost, or we may have received the Holy Ghost yet have ignored His Gifts and graces. We do not recognise Him as Captain of the Lord's host, we have failed to keep Him to the front. We have often gone to Him last when we should have done that first. He has been in the hinder part of the ship when He should have been at the helm. Many have failed to keep step with God, and because of this have failed to possess the land also.

Isaiah tells us that God looked and saw there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor. Intercession is a piece of ground that many fail to possess. The prayer life is shallow and in consequence service is weak.

Ezekiel shows how God sought for a man to make up the hedge and stand in the gap before Him that He should not destroy it, but He found none. Have we found a gap that we can fill. If not let us see to it at once and go up and possess the land.

In every age those who do great things for the extension of God's Kingdom have had to go on alone. Abraham took this step. He went forth not knowing whither he went, and God led him over to the land of promise. Some have left the beaten track of worldly religion, have broken free from the ruts and stepped out alone with God. These are the men and women who have possessed the land. Because they have not attempted to make the gospel of Christ harmonise with modern theories, men have regarded them as extravagant and unreasonable. Fox, Wesley and General Booth were all misunderstood. What they did and taught seemed to some so far in advance of what the people knew. They were cutting new channels, going on to possess the land.

Many thought they taught a new doctrine, but it was just another piece of land. The Foursquare Gospel may seem to some a new thing, but in reality we are just going higher up the mountain.

Go up and possess the land! First you must be in it. You must cross over Jordan, dying to self and sin, that the life of Him who takes us onward may be made manifest. Remember that the enemy will contest every inch of the way, but we know he is an usurper.

Every piece that the sole of your foot shall tread upon has been given you by God. All the promises of God in Him are yea and amen unto the glory of God. Remember the Captain of our salvation is with us. "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

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# Since the Lord has Pardoned Me

T.J.E.

T. J. ENGLISH.

*Joyfully.*

Since the Lord has par-doned me, I'm as hap-py  
as can be; For He turn'd my night to day, When He  
wash'd my sins a-way, Now I'm hap-py as the birds up-on the tree.

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# Bible Study Helps

## THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

He descended that we might ascend (John vi. 38, and xiv. 3).  
He became poor that we might be rich (II. Cor. viii. 9; James ii. 5).  
He was born that we might be "born again" (John i. 14; and iii. 3, 7).  
He became a servant, that we might be sons (Phil. ii. 7; and Gal. iv. 6, 7).  
He had no home, that we might have a home in heaven (Matt. viii. 20; and John xiv. 2).  
He was hungry that we might be fed (Matt. iv. 2; and John vi. 50).  
He was stripped, that we might be clothed (Matt. xxvii. 28; and Rom. iii. 22).  
He was forsaken, that we might never be forsaken (Matt. xxvii. 46; and Heb. xiii. 5).  
He was sad, that we might be glad (Isa. liii. 3; and Phil. iv. 4).  
He was bound, that we might go free (Matt. xxvii. 2; and John viii. 32, 36).  
He was made sin, that we might be made righteous (II. Cor. v. 21).  
He died, that we might live (John xix. 33, and v. 24, 25).  
He will come down; that we might be caught up (I. Thess. iv. 16, 17).—Sel.

## A Prayer

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE.  
—Galatians v. 22.

*Give me the love that suffers and is kind,  
That envies not, nor vaunts its pride or fame,  
Is not puffed up, does no discourteous act,  
Is not provoked, nor seeks its own to claim.*

*Give me the love that thinks no evil thought,  
Nor dwells complacent on another's sin;  
But in the truth delights, and evermore  
Still seeks the erring to the truth to win.*

*Give me the love that springs from holy faith,  
And still believes, although it cannot see;  
That even for the hopeless hopes the best,  
And loves because of what is yet to be.*

*Give me the love that all things sweetly bears  
Whate'er my Father's hand may choose to  
send;*

*Give me the love that patiently endures  
The wrongs that come from human foe or  
friend.*

*There is but One can live and love like this;  
The Christ-love from the living Christ must  
spring;*

*O Jesus! ever live Thy life in me,  
And all Thy heaven of love and blessing  
bring.*

## God's Saving Grace

### A Testimony of Divine Grace



A few months ago I was walking in the paths of sin, drinking and card playing night after night, leaving my wife and family to indulge my passion for the pleasures of this life. Then a friend of mine named Mr. Bourgaize invited me to the Vazon Mission. In response to this invitation I attended several Sunday evening services. However, the Monday found me back once again in the public house, drinking as hard as ever. One Sunday evening I responded to the call of God, and gave myself to Him. Ever since that time I have been a happy man. Wonderful has been the change which the Lord has wrought in my heart and home. Christ has made me a new man with entirely new desires. My home is now a place of prayer, and my wife and I are living in peace and happiness. It is like heaven on earth since Jesus came into this heart. My greatest regret is that I failed to yield my life to God many years ago, but I am so thankful that He has called me to Himself ere it was too late.—J. QUERIPPEL (Guernsey, Channel Isles).



## The Giving Alphabet

"ALL things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."—I. Chronicles xxix. 14.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."—Malachi iii. 10.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, . . . that they do good."—I. Timothy vi. 17, 18.

"Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."—Galatians vi. 10.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give."—II. Corinthians ix. 7.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."—Matt. x. 8.

"God loveth a cheerful giver."—II. Cor. ix. 7.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance."—Prov. iii. 9.

"If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath."—II. Cor. viii. 12.

"Jesus said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts xx. 35.

"Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord."—Eph. vi. 8.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."—Matt. vi. 19, 20.

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."—I. John iii. 18.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints . . . upon the first day of the week yet every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."—I. Cor. xvi. 1, 2.

"Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth to Thee."—Gen. xxviii. 22.

"Provide yourselves bags which wax not old."—Luke xii. 33.

"Quench not the Spirit."—I. Thess. v. 19.

"Render unto God the things that are God's."—Matt. xxii. 21.

"See that ye abound in this grace also."—II. Cor. viii. 7.

"The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts."—Hag. ii. 8.

"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."—Luke xii. 48.

"Vow and pay unto the Lord your God."—Psalm lxxvi. 11.

"Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"—I. John iii. 17.

"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. v. 20.

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."—II. Cor. viii. 9.

"Zealous of good works."—Titus ii. 14.



## Gleanings from Other Fields

### Veteran Methodist Preacher.

Dr. F. Luke Wiseman, the well-known Methodist preacher, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday.

### The Bishop of London.

Dr. A. F. Winnington-Ingram who has been Bishop of London since 1901 has recently celebrated his eightieth birthday.

### With the Lord.

A well-known Christian lady from the North of Ireland has been called home. Mrs. R. H. Stephens Richardson, wife of the chairman of the Portstewart Convention, was for over twenty-four years closely associated with this convention.

### Christian Union.

We learn that after nearly ninety years of separate fellowship, the "Open" and "Exclusive" members of the Plymouth Brethren in Germany have recently united.

### 5,000,000 Lepers.

Nearly half the five million lepers in the world are within the British Empire. There are ten thousand Christians among this number.

### Rev. Lionel B. Fletcher.

Following extensive evangelistic campaign work in this country, Mr. Fletcher expects to pay a return visit to South Africa in March.

### Famous Preacher's Son.

Rev. Percival Campbell Morgan is shortly to become Vicar of St. James' Church, Brighton. He is a son of Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the famous Bible teacher.

### Christmas Evans.

This year the Welsh Baptists hope to celebrate the centenary of the death of this great Welsh preacher.

### New Rector.

Rev. J. Russell Howden is the new Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Holborn.

### Day of Prayer.

We understand that Friday, March 4, is to be observed as the Women's World Day of Prayer. This Movement was formed some fifty years ago, and includes women from all branches of the Christian Church.

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### ANONYMOUS GIFTS

This is our opportunity of thanking kind friends for their gifts sent anonymously.

Foreign Missionary Fund: York, M.R., £1; Birmingham reader, £2; Pontefract, 10/-.

Elim Debt Fund: Sheffield, per Pastor Hilliard, £1 3/-; York brother, 5/-; Leeds (E. and D.), £6; Glasgow sister, £1.

**N.B.**—Will readers kindly note that gifts for the General Fund, or for any department of the Elim work, should be addressed to the Secretary, 20, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.



The Scripture Union Daily Portion: Meditations by Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

**Sunday, February 27th.** Matt. ix. 35-38 and x. 1-15.

"His harvest" (verse 38).

"His harvest!" Alas, too often we come to regard the harvest as ours rather than His. Ours are the souls that are won, and ours too the credit for winning them. We are insistent on the recognition of our success. Because they came to Christ through our ministry must they needs bear the stamp of our personality? Do we want to perpetuate the fact that we led them to the Cross? Oh, to realise that the harvest is His, and that the glory is His. True He has called us into partnership with Himself—made us co-workers with Him in this great and glorious adventure. Yet because of this we must not assume too much. The thought that it is indeed His harvest should make us all the more careful and prayerful in the way in which we perform our God-appointed task.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That such blessing may rest upon the London Crusader Choir's visit to Oxford.

**Monday, February 28th.** Matthew x. 16-33.

"Take no thought" (verse 19).

What a strange command. Surely in the circumstances visualised in the text there would be the greatest need for most careful thought. To meet the arguments of his opponent the disciple would require the most careful preparation of mind. And yet the Master said, "Take no thought." There is a blessed thoughtlessness which works out in rich reward to those who have the necessary faith to take this attitude. It is that sense of the sufficiency of God which makes the soul thus able to meet its adversaries in the spirit of a quiet and calm confidence. The faithfulness of God assures that grace will be vouchsafed in the moment of need, so that the soul shall not be confounded in the presence of its foes.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For much spiritual encouragement and inspiration in the work of Pastor and Mrs. H. Phillips in the Transvaal.

**Tuesday, March 1st.** Matthew x. 34-42.

"A cup of cold water" (verse 42).

The smallest service rendered out of love to the Master will meet with its due reward. In fact such service brings its own reward for there is always a beneficial effect upon the character of those who thus devote themselves to the service of others. All ministry, however trivial or hidden, is dignified by the motive which inspires it. The eye of God never overlooks the kind thought or the noble action which is done in His name. And He makes the heart burn with a sense of satisfaction in having done that which

gratifies the heart of the Eternal. And how much such a ministry may mean to some thirsty soul in life's desert. It costs little but it counts a great deal to the one whose heart hungers for sympathy and compassion. Let us, as disciples of Jesus, be on the constant lookout for opportunities of ministering to the needy ones around us.

PRAYER TOPIC:

A mighty anointing of Holy Ghost power to rest upon God's people during this special day of prayer in Elim.

**Wednesday, March 2nd.** Matthew xi. 1-19.

"The blind receive their sight" (verse 5).

The advent of the gospel of Jesus Christ always brings light to darkened hearts and minds, setting free from the chains of superstition and fear. It is the evangel of the opened eyes, turning men from darkness to light, and delivering them from error's fearful bondage. "He comes to break oppression and set the captives free." The whole outlook upon life is transformed when Jesus appears. It means the passing of the black clouds of midnight, and the appearing of the warm sunshine of divine grace and truth. Blessed spiritual dawn that ends for ever the night of my desolation and despair. I thank Thee, dear Saviour, that Thou hast made me to understand Thy will, and also made me ready to do that will.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That the Crusader gatherings held throughout the movement this evening may be full of the power and glory of God.

**Thursday, March 3rd.** Matthew xi. 20-30.

"Revealed them unto babes" (verse 25).

How often it is thus. The wise and the prudent of this world stumble at the revelation of divine truths, and the simple and humble enter into possession and enjoyment of these very things. It is to the open heart that God comes and unfolds the secrets and mysteries of the Kingdom. So often it is human wisdom that prevents the mind from receiving the vision from above. Men cling to their own ideas and fail to grasp the message of the Lord. The Jews with all their religious training missed the meaning of the gospel of life which Jesus brought. The door into the Kingdom was opened wide but they failed to go in thereat. They received Him not because their minds were blinded by their own foolish pride and self-will. They lived in a realm that made them inaccessible to light and truth.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For blessing to attend the reading of these daily meditations.

**Friday, March 4th.** Matthew xii. 1-21.  
"How they might destroy Him"  
(verse 14).

Thus the miracle which Christ had wrought produced nothing but murderous intent in the hearts of these leaders of religious thought. Instead of provoking them to wonder and worship it strengthened their desire to slay the Christ. Right through the ages this has been repeated in the history of the Christian Church. The manifestation of divine power has aroused the bitter opposition of those who refused to admit the claims of Christ to sovereignty. How vain are all such attempts to extinguish the fire which God lights. It burns on with increasing power over men's hearts and consciences. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the Son of God. All satanic plans to destroy the ever-living One have been foiled. Like the waves of the sea are broken on the rock-bound coast so the fury of man spends itself in vain against the impregnable rock of truth.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For God's suffering saints in Spain and China, that they may be upheld at this time.

**Saturday, March 5th.** Matthew xii. 22-37.

"Every idle word" (verse 36).

What a power for good or ill the tongue may possess! The influence of a word is incalculable—it may affect eternal issues. Therefore what a need that this member of the body should be governed by the Spirit of Christ, so that our lips may show forth His praise. With the tongue we may minister life or death, darkness or light, joy or sorrow. It is a most solemn thought that God will hold us to account for the use to which we have put our lips. It is when our lips are "kept for the Master's use" that they bring forth the fruit of righteousness. Blessed Lord, take these lips of mine and guard the springs of thought that I may magnify Thee by every word that I speak. Let me not lend my lips to unworthy things. Grant unto Thy child the wisdom to speak under the urge of Thy Holy Spirit.

PRAYER TOPIC:

The divine anointing to rest upon our Elim ministers as they prepare for the morrow's services.

**Faith looks at the promises instead of staggering in weakness before the apparent impossibility.**

**I**T has become more and more evident that we need again and again to reiterate the Pentecostal truths for which we stand. A Pentecostal body stripped of these supernatural gifts of the Spirit is little different to any other evangelical movement. It was only because God poured out these miraculous gifts and because they were rejected by the Christians of other denominations that the necessity arose for another movement untrammelled by the chains of unbelief or the grave-clothes of a dead formalism.

If we are to lose the supernatural manifestations of the Holy Ghost let us return to the bosom of professing Christendom. It is unnecessary to bear the stigma of being "peculiar" when our only "peculiarity" is that we are not "peculiar" enough!

Is it not spiritual treason for a man to enter a Pentecostal ministry, or to join a Pentecostal Church, and then to turn round and deny the supernatural gifts of the Spirit? While it is true that we do not want wild-fire let us beware lest in attempting to put out the wild-fire we stamp out the fire of the Holy Ghost. Orderliness in our worship we should have since "God is not the author of confusion" (I. Cor. xiv. 33), but may God deliver us from the order of the graveyard!

Some time ago I was preaching in a certain Church and arranged a series of

#### WAITING MEETINGS

at which a number received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. It was reported that there had not been a single waiting meeting in that Church for seven years! Things ought not so to be! We believe in the Holy Ghost—let us then have times of waiting upon God for the incoming of His power and blessing, for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah xl. 31).

The inspired apostle commences his great chapter on these supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit with these words, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (I. Cor. xii. 1).

Nothing is so blinding as ignorance, for ignorance keeps one in darkness of mind. It is reported that in the Scottish banks alone there is a sum of over £40,000,000 in unclaimed deposits. This could only be so because many who have a right to some of this money are ignorant of the fact. How many Christians are ignorant of these spiritual deposits which God has placed in heaven's bank and so make no claim to them.

Prejudice keeps many a Christian from applying to God for these gifts of the Spirit. Bunyan in his *Holy War* places Mr. Prejudice and sixty deaf men under him in charge of the Eargate of the City of Mansoul. How could any message from Emmanuel get past such a guard as that?

# The Gifts of

By Pastor C. J.

## I. The Purpose of and Need

Concerning all such God says He will not have us to be ignorant of

#### THESE GREAT TRUTHS.

The divine purpose in the bestowal of these spiritual gifts is that they may provide the basis for Christian ministry. This is evident from a number of passages in Scripture. In I. Corinthians xii. 7 the manifestation of the Spirit is said to be given to every man "to profit withal." Therefore to use these gifts out of divine order or for self-exaltation is contrary to the divine plan. They are for the edification, or the building up, of the Church. Wherefore Peter writes in his epistle (I. Peter iv. 10, 11), "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God . . ."

Natural ability may fill the Church's empty pews and may glorify the preacher, but ministry without the fulness of the Spirit can never turn the hearts of men to God. Years ago F. B. Meyer was speaking at a Northfield Convention and in the course of his sermon he said, "So many young men are having a hard time working for God, instead of yielding themselves to God, that He may do His own work *through* them." At that time Dr. Chapman, the evangelist, was so discouraged that he had written out his resignation intending to return to secular employment. He saw a report of this sermon in the *Tribune*, and tearing up his resignation, he went to his room and on his knees yielded himself utterly to God for Him to do His own work through him. After that God led him out into his great revival work. Since God has called all truly converted into the

#### MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION,

for all saints are in the spiritual priesthood (I. Peter ii. 9), there is a great need of these supernatural gifts to-day.

Some expositors would persuade us that these spiritual gifts are only those natural gifts imparted at birth, of which we all have a share, consecrated upon conversion to God's service and cultivated and enlarged. The simple answer to this is that these nine gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit (I. Cor. xii. 7, 8).

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ed for the Gifts of the Spirit.

Since the world of the unconverted cannot receive the Spirit of Truth because "it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him" (John xiv. 17), it is evident that these gifts of the Spirit cannot be natural gifts of which the unconverted have as much a share as the converted.

No natural gift of learning languages can ever be called the gift of tongues, for we find fishermen speaking languages they had never learned (Acts ii. 7), neither could any aptitude for the study of medicine ever be classed as a gift of healing, for these same fishermen healed without the use of drugs or surgery (Acts iii. 6, 7).

Then there are not wanting others who say that the day for these supernatural gifts has passed and that they ceased on the death of the apostles. Quite apart from the fact that we have evidence that they are still in use to-day (since all over the world God has imparted these gifts to seeking hearts), the onus of proof rests upon such as make this claim to prove their assertion. Nowhere in Scripture does God so much as hint that these gifts are to be, or have been, withdrawn. He

## GAVE THEM TO THE CHURCH,

for the "manifestation of the Spirit is given . . ." (I. Cor. xii. 7), and He hath set them in the Church (I. Cor. xii. 28), and nowhere does God say He has cancelled His gifts. Indeed the contrary is true for "the gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Rom. xi. 29).

In the face of these scriptural facts how dare any one assert what is so obviously untrue?

If anything else were needed to show the foolishness of such a contention one need only quote from history to show that whenever the Church of Christ was in a state of revival, these supernatural gifts were in operation. Mosheim's *Ecclesiastical History* gives instances from which I cull the following. Concerning the first century of the Christian era he writes:

"Many, as soon as they were baptised according to Christ's directions, and consecrated to God by prayer and the imposition of hands, were able immediately to

express their thoughts in foreign languages which they had never learned, to foretell future events, to heal the sick by pronouncing the name of Jesus, to call the dead to life, and to perform other deeds above the power of man" (p. 22, Sec. 9, Reid's Edition).

"This rapid propagation of Christianity in the second century is ascribed by writers of the second century almost exclusively to the efficient will of God, to the energy of divine truth, and to the miracles wrought by Christians . . . the other gifts with which God favoured the rising Church of Christ were, as we learn from

## NUMEROUS TESTIMONIES

of the ancients, still everywhere distributed" (p. 53, Sec. 6, and p. 54, Sec. 8).

Of the third century Mosheim writes: "Among the divine causes (for the enlargement of the Church in this century) besides the inherent energy of heavenly truth, and the piety and constancy of the Christian teachers, especially noticeable is that extraordinary providence of God, which we are informed, by means of dreams and visions, induced many persons who before were either wholly thoughtless or alienated from Christianity, to come out at once and enrol their names among the followers of Christ. To this must be added the curing of diseases and other miracles which very many Christians still performed, by invoking the name of the Saviour" (p. 86, Sec. 4).

Irenæus, who was Bishop of Lyons from A.D. 178 until his martyrdom about A.D. 202, writes:

"Wherefore also those who are in truth the disciples, receiving grace from Him, do in His name perform miracles, so as to promote the welfare of others, according to the gift which each has received from Him . . . others still heal the sick by laying their hands upon them, and they are made whole."

It is therefore a fact that the miraculous gifts of the Spirit were in evidence until the third century after Christ and that the age of miracles did not cease upon the death of the apostles.

Whenever there has been a revival of the primitive faith and morals of the early Church there also has God revived the supernatural

## GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

"These attend the cradle of every spiritual reformation, as they did the birth of the Church herself. Waldenses, Moravians, Huguenots, Covenanters, Friends, Baptists, and Methodists all have their record of them," says Dr. Gordon in *The Ministry of Healing*.

Thank God, these gifts of the Holy Spirit are still in the Church of Christ awaiting hearts that are humble enough to receive them.

(To be continued).





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## Elim's Easter Festival of Praise.

ONCE more we are approaching our annual Foursquare Gospel Demonstration in the Royal Albert Hall—that festival of joyous fellowship and worship towards which so many hearts will be turned in expectancy during the next few weeks. Already some of the Lord's prayer warriors will be busy preparing the way for another day of remarkable ministry in the Holy Ghost. Eternity alone will reveal how much we owe to these wonderful Easter gatherings. No statistics could possibly reveal the spiritual results achieved or the widespread influence exerted. All over the country one meets those whose lives have been transformed and whose bodies have been healed in these great meetings. How grateful we are that God ever put it into the heart of our beloved leader to inaugurate these annual demonstrations and thus provide a channel through which blessing might flow on such a large scale. We are believing that this year's meetings in the Royal Albert Hall will once again bring together a vast crowd of the Lord's people to participate in this pageant of pentecostal power and glory.

## A New Series.

In this week's issue of the *Elim Evangel* appears the first of a series of valuable articles on "The Gifts of the Spirit." These are being contributed by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston. We are confident that this series will meet with much appreciation from our readers. It is a subject of vital importance to the Christian Church in general, and to the Elim Movement in particular. We shall follow these articles with keenest interest, and pray that the pen of God's servant may be guided to give valuable instruction to the Lord's people at this time.

## Guard Your Lips.

A LADY has recently been threatened with a law case because she passed on a rumour that the foundations of valuable property were sinking. Only a public apology saved her from costly proceedings.

Human nature swings to extremes. It is easy to be filled with hope and joy—it is just as easy to give way to depression and murmuring. It is a serious thing to say that foundations are sinking; that a work is breaking up.

No work of God breaks up when a faithful heart or group keep on trusting in the Lord. The scaffolding may be destroyed; bad workmanship may be exposed; corrections may be necessary, but God will not allow the foundations of God-planned work to sink or smash as long as He can find loyal hearts who will faithfully co-operate with Him. Prayer warriors never speak of final destruction. They see safer construction as a result of prayer and faith.

# SECRETARIAL NOTES

By W. G. H.

*Under this heading we hope from time to time to give jottings of interest regarding our own work and our own workers.*

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*First and foremost, we are glad to report that the Lord has answered prayer in a very definite way for our beloved Principal. He is now able to go out again and enjoy the fresh air and is feeling splendid. He is also talking of resuming his campaigns after a short holiday. There will be no need for us to give further reports concerning his health.*

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*Pastor E. J. Phillips expects to return to Letchworth about the 18th inst.; though, unfortunately, he will not be able to resume work just at present.*

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*We regret to report that Mr. David Hood, Mr. Noe Brooks, and Mr. A. R. Burt have recently resigned from the Elim work, being no longer able to stand with us on our Fundamentals regarding Pentecost. We trust they will find some other sphere of successful service for the Master.*

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*Recent changes of ministerial appointments are as follows: D. J. Rudkin to Birmingham (Selly Oak); A. V. Gorton to Wimbledon; F. J. Slemming to St Leonards; J. Dyke to Leyton; F. A. Hodge to Merthyr; L. F. L. Smith to Penzance; G. Bishop to Bermondsey; S. Homer to Hull (Mason Street); L. Timbrell to West Bromwich; E. C. Jones to Dunfermline; H. Palliser to Worcester; T. H. Stevenson to Armagh; and R. J. Cook to Cleckheaton, Yorks.*

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*A reconditioned hall in Dorset Street, Blandford was opened on February 9th as a home for the Foursquare Church in that town. Those present at the opening service included: Dr. Lect (Blandford), Pastor W. G. Hathaway, J. R. Moore, R. D. Bradley, L. W. Green, and W. R. Cole. The latter was planned to continue with a short campaign.*

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*We have been glad to receive from time to time, in our correspondence, and personally, warm expression of loyalty and sincere desire to co-operate with Headquarters in every way in the advancement of the work of the Lord in which we are busily engaged.*

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*Pastor C. J. E. Kingston crossed to Ireland on February 11th to conduct a few weeks' special meeting and to co-operate with the newly-formed Irish Headquarters' Committee in propagating the work in Northern Ireland.*

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*It is encouraging to us to receive, from time to time gifts to the Elim Debt Clearance Fund. Quite a number of Churches have, quite spontaneously, taken up special offering or made special donations to assist us in our big effort, some sending substantial amounts. We appreciate these special efforts and thank all concerned for their practical support.*

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*A series of Studies on the Work of the Holy Spirit is being given at Wood Green and Barking by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton, with much resultant blessing.*

# FUNDAMENTALISM

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# MODERNISM

By Pastor J. WOODHEAD



**T**HE recent Home-call of Dr. Dinsdale Young has meant a great loss to the Church of God. His death coming at this time is a challenge to every lover of the Word of God. "Who will fill the gap?"

The Rev. Luke Wiseman, in his appreciation, broadcast on the same night that Dr. Young died, reveals the reason why the ministry of this dear saint and servant of God was so wonderfully blessed. He gloried in the old-fashioned gospel. He based his sermons on the rock of evangelical teaching. He was in, a very real sense a Fundamentalist.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking of Dr. Dinsdale Young on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee celebrations, said if the two generations of people to whom he had preached had followed his teaching, it would not have mattered what ministers sat around the table in Downing Street. What a statement from a great statesman, regarding a great Fundamentalist! It implies this, that the "old-fashioned Bible," and the "old-fashioned gospel" hold the key to many of our national problems. This is by no means new information, for wherever the gospel has been received men's hearts have been changed and the result has been seen also in changed conditions. No form of earthly government could ever accomplish this. It is the work of Christ alone.

He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

Yet to-day we find the very truths which have brought untold

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being denied by those who are paid to proclaim them.

Nineteen centuries ago religion and the world joined hands to crucify the Lord of glory; it would appear that this union has never been dissolved, for to-day we see a determined opposition to divine revelation. While we are not pessimistic regarding the ultimate issue, because truth will triumph, yet we are concerned for the multitudes of people who, while having a cloak of profession, are being deluded, and instead of rejoicing in the truth are lost in the fog of modern theology.

One of the favourite taunts of infidel speakers is that "Christians do not half believe what they profess to believe." Alas, we fear this taunt is sometimes justified. Those who reject religion altogether are prepared to do some hard thinking, while many who declare themselves Christians are content to let others do all the thinking for them.

If the godless conditions experienced on the Continent ever prevailed in this land it would be because the Church is ignorant of the power of the Devil, or is not willing to make sacrifices for the defence of truth. Christians of other lands are well aware of the dangers that threaten them, but here in England a condition of apathy prevails.

Hugh Redwood says the real danger is that of slackness on the side of religion and of

### FAILURE TO REALISE

that a "new strategy" is urgently called for.

The low standard of spirituality, the lack of Bible knowledge, witnessed to-day is the outcome of modern theology proclaimed from many modern pulpits. Congregations who sit under and consent to these modern perversions are not willing to fight their way back to fundamental and historic Christianity. Mr. Redwood is perfectly right: "A new strategy is called for." It was when General Foch issued the command for the allied armies to put their backs to the wall that the advance which ended the war began. It is high time we Christians put our backs to the wall and began to *contend earnestly* for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

The activities of the Devil in this country are different from those in Russia and Germany; instead of a mass attack from the outside he is bent on sabotage within. The raging storm outside fails to injure the gospel ship, so he tries to get those within to hole the vessel from inside.

Those who ought to be feeding the guns which defend the castle are spending their time pouring water on the powder. To cover up their failure, they compromise with the world; to hide their ever-decreasing statistics, Sunday films and dances are introduced. Yet it is only this old-fashioned gospel that is the power of God unto salvation. Let us briefly review some of the fundamentals that are being denied to-day.

### 1. *Is the Bible infallible?*

#### AN INFIDEL SPEAKER

in one of the London parks was asked why he always attacked the Bible and no other book. "Why cannot you let it alone?" he was asked. "Because it won't let me alone," he replied. I believe this is the difficulty with many of our Bible critics. I may be asked, "But surely you do not believe in an actual Garden of Eden?" Yes, I believe in it just as much as I believe in those beautiful gardens I was privileged to visit last summer.

"But really you do not believe that the sun stood still?" I certainly do. Surely it is not unreasonable

to believe that He who created the sun should possess the power to control its movements?

Yes, I even believe the story of Jonah and the whale, in spite of all that the critics have to say. This account of Jonah has been confirmed by more than one well-authenticated incident.

*Sixty-three Years of Engineering Science and Social Work*, by Sir Francis Fox, records an incident told to the engineer by the manager of a whaling station.

In the vicinity of the Falkland Islands in February, 1891, two boats attacked a sperm whale which, with a lash of its tail, upset one of the boats. One of the men thrown into the water, James Bartley, could not be found. The whale was killed, and next morning the stomach was hoisted on board the whaling ship. The sailors were startled by something which gave spasmodic signs of life, and inside was found the missing sailor, doubled up and unconscious.

He was kindly and

#### CAREFULLY TREATED

by the captain and officers and gradually regained possession of his senses. At the end of the third week he had entirely recovered from the shock and resumed his duties. Bartley affirmed that he would probably have lived inside his house of flesh until he starved, for he lost his senses through fright and not from lack of air. It finally dawned upon him that he had been swallowed by a whale and he was overcome with horror at the situation. He could breathe easily, but the heat was terrible. Death stared him in the face, he tried to look at it bravely, but the terrible quiet, darkness and heat combined with horrible knowledge of his environment, overcome him. Other incidents could be given to prove this long-assailed Bible story, but without outside confirmation, the fact that our Lord believed it is enough for us.

The Modernist says the Bible cannot be accepted as infallible because much contained therein is not fit for young people to read, and again because parts of the Old Testament encourage cruelty. Against this I would say that in the whole of Christendom it would be impossible to find one life which has been made impure by reading the Word of God. An unclean book would cause its readers to be unclean, but the noblest lives have been those shaped by the Word of God. No one has ever been ruined by reading the Bible. It is because the Bible has been neglected in our homes that many of the young

#### PEOPLE OF THIS GENERATION

are so godless and immoral.

The person who does not like the Bible, who is critical of its contents, and shocked at its records, has never experienced its power in their life.

A lady who excelled in making wax flowers and fruit was criticised severely by her friends and her work unjustly derided. She convicted them by showing them an apple with which they, as usual, found fault. One complained of the colour, another of the shape, and so on. When they had finished she silently took a knife, cut the apple and ate it. In like manner test the Bible—prove its power and its truth, and cease criticising it.

#### 2. Was Jesus born of a virgin?

The Virgin Birth of Jesus has been proved in many ways:

(a) *By the testimony of Scripture.* Prophesied by Isaiah, announced by angels to both Mary and Joseph (Luke i. 34, 35; Matt. i. 20-23). These angelic announcements leave no doubt whatever in the mind of the child of God of the supernatural nature of the birth of Jesus.

The chapters containing the account of the Virgin Birth are in every ancient manuscript. If these chapters are to be rejected, then the entire books must be rejected.

(b) *This fact was accepted by the apostles and early Christians.* The whole Church right down the ages has accepted this fact (though creeds have differed to some extent). For 1,900 years

#### THE VIRGIN BIRTH

has been believed by the main body of Christian believers.

(c) *The greatest proof of all is the pre-existence of Christ.* In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. He came out of eternity into time. Bethlehem did not mark the beginning of His life, but was just an incident in it. Those words "in the beginning" carry us back beyond even those early records of creation, for "by Him were all things created" (Col. i. 16). And the Word was made flesh (the wise men recognised He was God, and worshipped Him. If He had not been God their worship would have been idolatry). It was God taking upon Himself humanity. Not only God dwelling in man, for there are many with such an experience to-day. He was God and man combining in one personality the two natures. It is impossible to accept Jesus as the great Teacher, Leader or Example and reject the Virgin Birth.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb,  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail, the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Immanuel.

Another question being asked to-day is:

*Can the miracles of the New Testament be accepted?*

One of the greatest proofs of the New Testament miracles is that Jesus Christ, who is always the same (Heb. xiii. 8), is performing like miracles in these days. Inspiration foresaw that a time would come when attempts would be made to take away portions of the Bible, and recorded a warning to all such (Rev. xxii. 19).

The result of accepting these very truths that are being challenged to-day is that lives have been changed, lost hopes have been regained, fetters snapped, and slaves released.

The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. The theme of the Bible is Jesus, you will find Him the Key to all your problems, the Panacea for all ills, the Refuge in storm, the Defence in battle, and above all, the Saviour and Redeemer of your soul.

Christian Biographical Series.

# George Muller of Bristol (No. 4)

## MOTIVES & FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

By Principal P. G. PARKER

**N**O one can understand George Muller's life who does not understand the main motive behind it. He loved all children—but that was not the main motive behind his work. He especially pitied poor children, who had both parents dead, and who were without relatives to support them—yet even this was not the main motive of his work. His words have been quoted again and again, but the briefest account of his life necessitates their repetition :

“ I certainly did from my heart desire to be used by God to benefit the bodies of poor children bereaved of both parents, and seek, in other respects, with the help of God, to do them good for this life. I also particularly longed to be used of God in getting the dear orphans trained up in the fear of God; but still the first and primary object of the institution was, and still is, that *God might be magnified by the fact that the orphans under my care were, and are, provided with all they need only by prayer and faith, without anyone being asked by me or my fellow labourers, whereby it might be seen that God is faithful still and hears prayer still.*

That I was not mistaken has been abundantly proved both by the conversion of many sinners, who have read the accounts which have been published in connection with this work, and also by the abundance of fruit that has followed in the

### HEARTS OF THE SAINTS

for which from my inmost soul I desire to be grateful to God, and the honour and glory of which not only is due to Him alone, but which I, by His help, am enabled to ascribe to Him.”

So George Muller prayed on and moved on. Never asking anyone for a penny—but God alone. The money came. By pennies and pounds. By farthings and thousands.

At last he closed the rented houses in Wilson Street and moved out to Ashley Down. On Ashley Down, Bristol, God's plan reached its fruition. “ Whatsoever God produceth shall come to perfection.” Yes, in perfect surroundings George Muller was enabled to build *five large orphan houses* to home 2,000 orphans. How it was done has been told in a number of detailed lives of this God-blessed philanthropist.

Covering a period of twenty-one years the building continued. First a home for 300. Then two more to hold 850. “ Enough,” one would naturally say. So did George Muller, naturally. But then he was not working naturally. He was working supernaturally. So he determined to increase the accommodation up to 2,000. Said he, “ I am not a fanatic or enthusiast, but, as all who know me are well aware, a calm, cool, quiet, calculating business man; and therefore I should be

### UTTERLY OVERWHELMED

looking at it naturally. But as the whole of this work was commenced, and ever has been gone on with, in

faith, trusting in the living God alone for everything, so it is also regarding this intending enlargement. I look to the Lord alone for helpers, land, means, and everything else needed. I have pondered the difficulties for months, and have looked steadily at every one of them; but faith in God has put them all aside.”

So on January 6th, 1870, No. 5 Orphan House was opened, and 2,000 children were homed by a poor man who trusted in a rich God. The buildings themselves cost about £120,000.

Mr. Muller in his early years was freed from military service in Germany because of frailty of body. He was threatened with consumption and was never robust. Yet he lived to be ninety-two years of age! God's grace and strength were sufficient for him.

*Over a million pounds* passed through his hands. During his lifetime he received for himself £81,490. For the orphans £988,829. For missionary work and Bible distribution £460,000. A total of £1,448,829. His own gifts were given away again, so that he died, even as he commenced, a poor man.

“ The funeral took place on Monday, March 14th, 1898, and never had such a scene been witnessed in Bristol before. Although all the arrangements were carried out with the

### STRICT SIMPLICITY

that he himself would have desired; tens of thousands gathered to witness the cortege pass from the Orphan Homes to Bethesda Chapel, and thence to Arno's Vale Cemetery. The immense crowds that thronged the route from end to end were most orderly, reverent, and sympathetic, and scarcely a business house in the city omitted to draw its blinds or put up black shutters, while from the cathedral, city and suburban churches, and public buildings, flags floated half-mast, and muffled peals were rung in several instances.”

(Next week : Muller Stories.)

### THE ROAD OF JOY

In the joy of the Lord are we strong ; cheerfulness is the support of our strength. It acts as the remover of difficulties. It is to our service what oil is to the wheels of a railway carriage. If there be not a holy cheerfulness to oil our wheels our spirits will be clogged with weariness. The man who is cheerful in his service for God proves that obedience is his element; he can sing: “ Make me to walk in Thy commands, 'tis a delightful road.”—C.H.S.



# Critical Comments on Current Concerns

By "PURITAN"

**Whose Hand is This?** The following is culled from the "Daily Herald," February 8th:

"Quebec, which has suffered from a "red literature" scare since the semi-Fascist Duplessis Government took office in Montreal Province, has a new book on its danger list. It is the Bible. Officials of the Grand Ligne Mission, a French Canadian Baptist body, report that their local missionary has been forbidden to distribute the New Testament. A police superintendent explains that the Bible might camouflage "other forms of propaganda."

Under a by-law, passed in 1933, it is a punishable offence to distribute in the streets of the city any book, pamphlet, or circular without written permission beforehand from the Chief of Police. It is not very difficult to trace the sinister hand behind this work. Quebec is overwhelmingly Romanist, and the Pope has declared the Bible in the tongue of the people to be a "poisonous pasture."

**It was in Quebec** that the notorious Rahard case occurred.

The Rev. Victor Rahard was a Roman priest till 1928, when, by the grace of God, he was brought into the light and liberty of the Gospel of Christ. He became Rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Montreal. In 1933 thousands of French Romanists in Quebec revolted against the Church of Rome. Many turned atheists and communists, and burned down some costly churches. Large numbers, however, came under the ministry of the Rev. Rahard, and it is estimated that some five thousand were converted. There are now six congregations of converted Romanists in Montreal. In 1934, the Rev. Rahard was arrested in Montreal on a charge of blasphemy because he had called the Mass a blasphemous superstition. On January 25th, 1934, he was placed in the Dock with criminals, finger-printed and partially stripped. The case was twice adjourned, and then on February 9th, the Crown prosecuted. Rahard's Counsel dropped a bombshell by holding up the Church of England Prayer Book and challenging the Court's jurisdiction in the following words: "The Rev. Victor Rahard is not on trial here. The Prayer Book of the Church of England, of which King George V. is the head, is on its trial. How can the Crown Attorney, representing the King, charge the Rev. V. Rahard with blasphemy when Article 31 of the King's Prayer Book declares the Mass to be a blasphemous fable and a dangerous deceit?"

The case was adjourned seven times during 1934, and finally, on April 25th, 1935, Dr. Rahard was found guilty by a French-Canadian Romanist judge, and sentenced to a fine of £20 or one month's imprisonment.

**Popish Suppression of Public Services** was well emphasised in the above case. I quote from a manifesto issued by the

Protestant Truth Society on August 1st, 1935, to all the members of British Parliaments. "The case has been subjected to repeated postponements, but there has apparently been a conspiracy of silence on the part of Reuter, the Press Association and the B.B.C. in withholding news. The suppression included a Test Cable sent on June 16th, 1934, to the Press Association announcing Dr. Rahard's triumphant acquittal on a second charge of posting up notices of meetings on his own church. A strong representation was made by the United Protestant Council about this suppression, and the Press Association blamed Reuter; but Reuter denied this responsibility. The Test Cable was sent direct to the Press Association who, when confronted with the copy, admitted receiving it. The manager then offered the flimsy excuse that as the cable did not come by Reuter, they did not send it out to the British papers. The Freemasons and Orange Order of Canada took the matter in hand and traced the cause of the suppression in the first place to the Canadian News Service, owned by a Roman Catholic, Henri Gagnon, proprietor of the Quebec newspaper "Le Soleil." A brief, misleading account of Dr. Rahard's conviction on April 25th, 1935, was cabled, but all details suppressed."

**My Heart's in the East End!** So said Cardinal Hinsley the other day when opening a school for training up a young army of papists in London's poor

quarters. I wonder where his pocket is? I believe he gets in the neighbourhood of £20,000 a year. The heart of his predecessor, Cardinal Bourne, was probably at Buckingham Palace, because he was fond of talking about the day when the English King might fall in love with the Vatican.

**The Martyr Pope (?)** In the course of much flattery offered to the Cardinal at the above function, one speaker suggested that he would one day become Pope, to which Hinsley replied: "I have no ambition to wear the white robe. One day, maybe, I shall have a red mark on my neck, but such a quick exit from this world would not be so painful as the constant martyrdom of the pope." Now that is news to us. We should have thought that the Vicar of Christ would be living in a state of unbounded joy rather than an unceasing martyrdom.

**Teetotalers Pay Less.** So announced the "Daily Herald" recently. The Directors of the Eagle Star Insurance Company have decided to grant 10 per cent. concessions on the usual premium to motorists who are pledged abstainers, and signify their intention to remain so. This Company knows what it is doing. In course of business to-day, I called at the office of a very large builders' merchant, which firm uses a large fleet of motor lorries. Whilst waiting in the lobby, I was interested to observe a notice which read as follows: "It has come to our knowledge that certain of our drivers are taking alcohol during the course of their work. It cannot be too highly emphasised that alcohol, even in small quantities has a detrimental effect upon the driving capabilities of any individual, and we wish it to be definitely understood that the consuming of alcoholic drink during any driving period, including meal times, is strictly prohibited, and will not under any circumstances, be tolerated."

**Blood Money.** In the "News Chronicle," February 10th, the following item appeared. "The Chancellor of the Exchequer gives the liquor revenue figures for 1937 as follows: Beer, home and imported, £65,546,000. Spirits: home and imported, £36,610,000. Wines: £5,626,000. Hop and hop extracts, £165,000. This may appear to be very lucrative on the surface, but what if we could get the opinion of the thousands of women who have continually felt the weight of a drunken husband's fist, and the thousands of little children who go to school on empty stomachs because the family income has been half-absorbed by the blood-sucking brewer? I called at a home this week on Monday, and there wasn't a penny in the house to buy food for the whole of the week. And there were six little children, the eldest a boy of nine. And yet the father is in regular work, earning over £3 a week.

**A Knock-Out.** The above reminds me of the two poor, ill-clad women, both with black eyes and bruised faces. They were gazing at the Brewer's latest handiwork, a blatant poster proclaiming the alleged powers of strong drink. These words were printed across it—"Beer with a punch in it." One turned to the other and exclaimed: "Ay, and we know it."

**The Bravest Deed of the Year.** For this, the Royal Humane Society has presented the Stanhope gold medal to Ernest Hill of Rugby Street, Hull. On the night of November 8th, 1936, while the steam trawler, *Northern Spray*, was shooting her trawl off the west coast of Iceland in bad weather, Harold Daniels, aged 18, was swept overboard in the pitch darkness. Hill dived overboard in full fishing kit and sea boots. He got his man, and although both suffered terribly from cramp in the icy water, a thrilling rescue, taking nearly 20 minutes, was accomplished. Well done Hill! A magnificent deed. Here is a lesson for us Christians. There are men sinking in the darkness all around us. Are we content to remain snug in our cabin, or asleep in our bunks, closing the portholes to shut out the cries of the struggling seaman, or are we ready and willing to plunge in at the cost of our respectability and popularity, and get hold of that fellow who needs God's saving grace? God help us.



# ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

CONDUCTED BY PASTOR DOUGLAS B. GRAY

Our Commissioners' Corner.—No. 8.

**"THAT IN ALL THINGS  
HE MIGHT HAVE THE  
PRE-EMINENCE"**

(Col. i. 18).

By Miss Adelaide Henderson

We'll burn our boats behind us,  
We'll fling our ladders down,  
No battle wound shall bind us,  
Till Thou hast won Thy crown.  
[AMY CARMICHAEL].

The supreme test for each one of us in the theatre of life is to so lift up Jesus in all His attractiveness that others may be captured by Him. A young man, not long ago, speaking of one of his companions, said: "Yes, his company always does me good. When I leave him I feel more keen, more in love with my Lord than I was before."



Miss A. Henderson

Wonder what the other young fellow possessed that drew forth this remark from his companion? A gifted young Hebrew scholar whose testimony also carried persuasive power and passion in lifting the souls of men to Christ, once said: "We ought to give earnest heed to the things we have heard lest we drift away from them" (Heb. ii. 1, R.V.). That is just what the young man with the winning power in his life paid earnest heed to. He paid attention to his prayer life and to the study of God's Word. From constant close contact with his Master it was easy for him to speak winningly for Him. He was no drifter. "A short life and a merry one," the Devil whispers in the ears of youth. By this he does not necessarily suggest violent rebellion to God's Son. Just get rid of unpleasant moral requirements. Do not face up to things which would curb your lawful and legitimate desires, or hurt

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**ANNUAL  
Young Peoples' Leaders' Rally  
and Fellowship Day**  
February 26th, from 3.30 p.m.  
**ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE  
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All Crusader Secretaries, Sunday School Superintendents and Secretaries, Cadet and Choir Leaders of London and Home Counties heartily welcome.  
**VARIOUS SPEAKERS ON SELECTED SUBJECTS.**  
Full details from the Chief Crusader Secretary

**Foursquare Gospel  
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**THE TOWN HALL,  
Birmingham**  
March 9th at 3 and 7.30 p.m.  
Crusaders remember the  
Massed Choir  
directed by Pastor Douglas B. Gray.

**Saturday at Seven**  
March 5th at the  
**KENSINGTON TEMPLE,  
Kensington Park Road,  
Notting Hill Gate.**  
**MODERN YOUTH**  
(a team of young men and women led by  
**Pastor D. A. VANSTONE**)  
will give thrilling messages on the power and practical aspect of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Hear a doctor, London stenographer, pharmacist, Civil servant, university student, and an overseas visitor, give their own story.  
**MASSED CHORAL ITEMS**  
by choirs of Kensington Temple, East Ham, Islington, Barking, Leyton and Ealing.  
**Pastor Douglas B. Gray**  
(Chief Crusader Secretary), will preside, supported by  
**Crusader Commissioners & Youth Leaders**  
**THIS IS FRIENDS' NIGHT—**  
**EVERY CRUSADER SHOULD BRING  
A FRIEND! EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## NEW MALDEN

The peculiarity of Christian enjoyment is its scorn for circumstances, its independency of the very thing by which secular pleasure is produced. From a natural standpoint, our Crusader services rarely exceeding an attendance of ten, should be far less conducive to happiness than those with a large attendance, where much variety in the items and arrangement of the programmes is possible. Our experiences of joy in this small company, however, are as complete and satisfactory as in large gatherings. This is in accordance with the principle laid down by Christ, when He promised His presence would grace an assembly if it were constituted by even as small a number as two or three. Certainly we are denied sundry attractions possible were our numbers greater, but the ultimate effect on our joy is perfectly negligible.

The main feature of our services has been a talk by the minister on some doctrinal subject. These talks have been mentally refreshing and spiritually invigorating. The most notable event lately took place on January 26th, when Pastor South visited us with a party of South Croydon Crusaders. Their fellowship, musical items, vocal solos and duets, and an address on "The Christian's Position," were not only enjoyed but also spiritually effective. A few strangers were observed to have been present, who, we think, could not help being impressed with the manifest reality of the visitors' religion.

We thank our Master for His evident pleasure with our work for Him.—G.C.

## RYE PARK

The Elim Crusaders at Rye Park can bless the name of the Lord for the way He has led them. This is their first report, and they can look back to October, when the branch was formed, and praise God for His wonderful love. Four months have passed and each one realises their responsibilities to our victorious Leader, the blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

At the first meeting there were nine present, and seven of the number saved, but before the meeting had closed we were all united in the bonds of love which can only be through Him.

After two months the first open meeting was arranged, when God's power was realised in the midst. The first efforts of many were greatly blessed.

Please pray for this branch that it may ever press forward in His name, with the gospel banner held aloft.

## SMETHWICK

We are still having blessed times in our Crusader meetings at West Smethwick under the able guidance of Pastor W. B. Kelly. God's richest blessings were our portion over the Christmastide in all the meetings and especially in the Crusader meeting before Christmas Day, when we had our own Christmas tree with a "present" for every Crusader. Each Crusader, upon opening his or her "present," found to their amazement that they had to do some service for the Master, such as sing, read Scripture, speak, etc.

your life's pleasure in any way. Be generous to yourself in other words. Satan loves to blind; he can tell lies *ad lib.*, for he has been a liar from the beginning. But God says attend to the things you have heard, cut yourself free from the sinister solicitations of the evil one. By force of choice come out from all these deadly dopes for "them that honour Me I will honour," and I will make you

princes and princesses in My house and kings and priests in My service. There never can be power in a life where things contrary to the will of God are allowed, for the root cause of powerlessness is sin unforsaken. Is there some secret place in your life, the door of which is locked against Jesus? In the palace of your affections are there certain guests you could not introduce to

your Lord? The way to freedom, to gladness (without sadness) is to be a bondslave of Jesus Christ. To be His property to the uttermost possessed by One whose deepest desire is the perfecting of the one possessed by Him. To be a habitation of God by the Spirit is to be radiant in a life of holy living and holy daring, in the fulfilment of the deepest things of life.

## Who and What?

By Pastor JOSEPH SMITH

### What Became of the Seven Churches of Asia? (continued)

**Philadelphia** (Rev. iii. 7-13). This city stood about twenty-five miles south-east from Sardis. It was the second city of Lydia, and was built by King Attalus Philadelphus, from whom it received its name. The city with the surrounding country came into the possession of the Romans in the year 133 B.C. It long withstood the power of the Turks, and was not taken until 1392.

It is noteworthy, as stated by Mr. Hartley, in the "Missionary Register," "the circumstance that Philadelphia is now called Allah-Shehr, 'the city of God,' when viewed in connection with the promises made to that church, and especially with that of writing the name of the city of God upon its faithful members, is, to say the least, a singular concurrence." It is also very remarkable to note the connection between the promise in the twelfth verse: "Him that overcometh, will I make a pillar in the temple of My God," and the remark made by Gibbon about this city: "Among the Greek colonies and churches of Asia, Philadelphia is still erect; a column in a

scene of ruins." There is still to be seen standing amid the ruins one solitary pillar reminding the traveller, as it were, of the promise made to those who resist the moral decay and corruptions of the present age.

Barnes in his notes on the New Testament informs us that this city still covers a considerable extent of ground, running up the slopes of four hills, or rather of one hill, with four flat summits. The country, as viewed from these hills is very magnificent—gardens and vineyards lying at the back and sides of the town, and before it one of the most beautiful and extensive plains of Asia. "It is indeed an interesting circumstance," says Mr. Hartley, "to find Christianity more flourishing here than in many other parts of the Turkish empire: there is still a numerous Christian population; they occupy three hundred houses. Divine service is performed every Sunday in five churches." Dr. Keith, in his book: "Evidence of Prophecy," remarks: "Nor is it less interesting, in these eventful times, and notwithstanding the general degeneracy of the Greek Church, to learn that the present bishop of Philadelphia accounts 'the Bible the only foundation of all religious belief'; and that he admits that 'abuses have entered into the church, which former ages might endure; but the present must put them down.'"

Let it be noted that Philadelphia is one of the two churches with which the Lord found no fault, and which received no word of rebuke from His mouth.



## Monthly Book Window

**GOWANBRAES.** By Margaret P. Neill. (Messrs. Thynne & Co., Ltd. 3/6, by post 3/10).

An interesting novel with a definite scriptural tone. The reader's attention is held from beginning to end by a cleverly-thought-out mystery, with touches of romance, and it can therefore be classed as a book with special appeal to young people. The introduction of travel and life in India is especially helpful and unusual, giving an insight into the ways and customs of the people. The underlying Gospel teaching makes it a book that is worthy of recommendation, as throughout its pages the reader is kept interested and instructed in the things that matter most.—E. G. B.

**RUSSIA SLAYS.** By A. Toyler. (G. T. Foulis & Co., Ltd., 1/6, by post 1/9).

This book has gripped me. It is a peep behind the scenes, written by one who not only has seen for himself, but is blessed with a keen sense of discernment as to how and why Russia is in the state in which we find her to-day. The chapter on "Equality of Sexes" is particularly good, especially that part of it wherein the writer deals with Russia's "Levelling Down" plan, compared with Christ's "Levelling Up" plan. This book fires my soul to go forth and labour for God and my country with greater zeal than I have ever done before. If you have a Socialist friend, or enemy, be sure and send him a copy.—JOSEPH SMITH.

**A CHALLENGE TO EVOLUTIONISTS.** By Douglas Dewar, B.A. (Thynne & Co., Ltd. 2/6, by post 2/9).

What a pity this small book has such a big price! The Rationalist Press Association floods the market with cheap subversive literature, and this useful book costs 2/6. It sets forth one side of a debate between Mr. Douglas Dewar and Mr. Joseph McCabe on the motion "That the Weight of Evidence is against the Theory of Organic Evolution." The debate was the outcome of an invitation by the Evolution Protest Movement to the Rationalist Press Association to defend their doctrine of Evolution. It is significant that the Evolutionist refused to allow publication of his defence.

—H. W. GREENWAY.

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It is not a book to be laid lightly aside, but will often be used by the reader for reference.—J. WOODHEAD.

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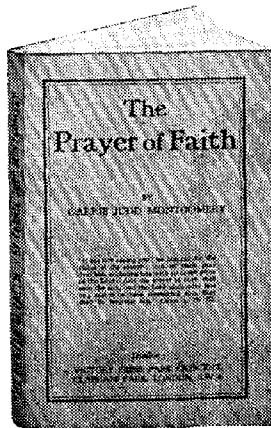
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