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A Happy New Year

I do not know, I cannot see
 What God's kind hand pre-
 pares for me.
 Nor can my glance pierce thro'
 the haze
 Which covers all my future
 ways;
 But yet I know that o'er it all
 Rules He who notes the
 sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with good-
 ness crowned,
 A Hand Divine hath set thy
 bound.
 Welcome the New Year,
 which shall bring
 First blessings from my God
 and King.
 The Old we leave without a
 tear,
 The New we hail without a
 fear.



*Hearty New Year
 Greetings*

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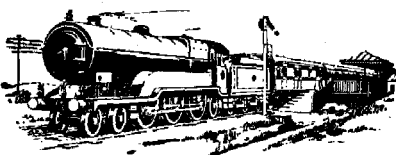
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BECONTREE. January 1. Becontree Temple, Green Lane, Becontree Heath, London Crusader Choir, 6.30 p.m. (Choir at Holloway Prison, 8 p.m.).

BIRMINGHAM (Sparkbrook). January 1—12. Elim Tabernacle, Golden Hillock Road. Campaign by Pastor David Vanstone.

BIRMINGHAM (West Smethwick). January 15—26. Elim Tabernacle, Oldbury Road. Campaign by Pastor David Vanstone.

BOURNEMOUTH (Springbourne). February 5. Elim Tabernacle, Victoria Place. Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

BRIGHTON (Preston Park). January 7 at 2.30 p.m. Laying of Foundation Stone of new Elim Tabernacle, Balfour Road, by Pastor E. J. Phillips.

CLAPHAM. Elim Tabernacle, Clapham Crescent, Saturday, February 4 at 4.30. Tea-time Missionary Conference (open to Young People's Leaders), followed by United Missionary Youth Rally at 7 o'clock. Watch for further announcements of this great gathering.

CROYDON. January 1—11. Elim Tabernacle, Stanley Road. Campaign by Miss M. Ayres.

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HALIFAX. January 7, 8. Elim Tabernacle, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Visit of Pastor P. N. Corry.

HENDON. January 29. Elim Tabernacle, Ravenshurst Avenue. Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

LEYTON. January 9. Elim Hall, Vicarage Road. Visit of Pastor Douglas B. Gray, 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD. January 1—5. Friends' Meeting House, Hartshead. Visit of Pastor P. N. Corry.

WOOLWICH. January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2. Elim Hall, Crescent Road, corner of Burrage Road. Special series of Bible studies on the Work of the Holy Spirit, by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

ABERDEEN. December 31—January 3. Elim Tabernacle, Marischal Street. December 31, Watchnight service; January 1, 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. January 2, 3 and 7 p.m. January 3, 7.45 p.m. Speakers: Pastors E. C. W. Boulton and E. Dainton. Convener: Pastor J. Hill.

BELFAST. December 25—29. Ulster Temple, Ravenhill Road. December 25, at 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. December 26 at 11.30 a.m., 3.30 and 7 p.m. (Baptismal Service); December 27 at 11.30 a.m., 3.30 and 7 p.m.; December 28 at 8 p.m. December 29 at 8 p.m. Speakers include Principal George Jeffreys, Pastors E. J. Phillips and W. G. Hathaway.

BRISTOL. January 1 and 2. Elim Evangelical Christian Church, Terrell Street. Jan. 1 at 11 a.m., 3, and 6.30 p.m. Jan. 2 at 7.30 p.m. (Youth Rally). Speakers: Pastors F. J. Slemming, Pastor E. O. Ellis, and Mr. E. R. Pritchard.

DUNDEE. December 31—January 5. Elim Tabernacle, Dudhope Crescent Road. Dec. 31, 11.15 p.m. Watchnight Service. Jan. 1, 11 and 6.30. Jan. 2—5, 7.30 p.m. Speaker: Pastor J. J. Morgan.

EDINBURGH. December 31—January 3. Elim Tabernacle, Dean Street. December 31st, 7.30 p.m.; Watchnight Service; January 1, 11 and 6.30 p.m.; January 2, 3 and 7 p.m.; January 3, 7.30 p.m. Speakers: Pastors A. S. Gaunt and J. C. Criss. Convener: Pastor J. R. Knight.

GLASGOW. The City Temple, Corner of Bath Street and Eimbank Street. Principal George Jeffreys and Revival Party. Saturday, December 31, Watchnight service, 11 p.m. Sunday, January 1, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (at 8 o'clock in the Regal Cinema, Sauchiehall Street), Monday, January 2 at 11 a.m., 3 and 6.30 p.m.

GREENOCK. December 31—January 2. Elim Tabernacle Belleville Street. December 31, Watchnight Service. January 1 at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (Baptismal Service). January 2 at 7 p.m. Special speakers: Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

LURGAN. December 31—January 8. Elim Tabernacle, Windsor Avenue. Speaker: Mr. Samuel Burke (Grangemouth, Scotland). Convener: Pastor F. A. Farlow.

ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE

The new term begins on January 10, and the lectures (except on Fridays) will be open to any non-residents who wish to take advantage of them. For non-residents the charge is £1 ls. per term. Application should be made to the Dean, Elim Bible College, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

MISSIONARY TOUR

BY MISS A. MARSHALL (EGYPT)

Southampton ...	January 1st.
Eastleigh ...	January 3rd.
Romsey ...	January 5th.
Wimborne ...	January 10th.
Winton ...	January 12th.
Christchurch ...	January 13th.
Salisbury ...	January 15th.

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I bequeath to the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, of 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4, the sum of £ _____ free of duty, for the general purposes of their work, and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary-General for the time being shall be a good discharge for the said legacy.

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The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance was founded by Principal George Jeffreys, its present leader, in Ireland, in the year 1915. The Principal's campaigns have filled to overflowing the largest halls in the British Isles, and have resulted in many thousands of converts to Christ, and notable miracles of healing. The Movement consists of Elim Revival and Healing Campaigns, Elim Foursquare Gospel Churches and Ministers, Elim Bible College, Elim



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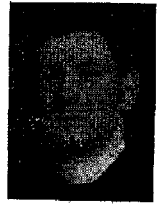
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Land Ahead!

By Pastor J. J. MORGAN (City Temple, Cardiff)

But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

—Deuteronomy xi, 11, 12.



Pastor J. J. Morgan

LAND AHEAD!

The man on the look-out startles us with his cry. For several days we have seen signs of some unknown world, but at last our eyes catch a sight of its dim shadowy outline.

A new world! A land of golden promises! A land of hope and glory. The Promised Land! What great adventures lie ahead! Great exploits for our God and King. We are like Columbus—discoverers of a new world.

The old ship "Time" has brought us safely across

new world. Judging by the faithfulness of our Pilot and the trustworthiness of our ship, we shall disembark to time.

At last! The keel grates gently on the bottom, and with a "Praise the Lord" we spring ashore to claim 1939 for God.

As with Columbus, we

CLAIM IT FOR OUR KING,

and on bended knee consecrate it to the Lord, who hath so prospered us on our journey. It is ours to possess, but to possess for Him. All its treasure store,

A New Year's Petition

Ask what I shall give thee.—I. Kings iii. 5

*Master, I want this year to be
A year of Thy control,
To know the lordship of Thy love,
Triumphant in my soul.
And all my longings, all my cares,
Upon that love to roll.*

*I want to know Thy fellowship
More fully, all the way,
And in its bright reality
To walk with Thee each day,
Losing my life, that in Thy life,
God's will may be my stay.*

*I want to prove, as Spirit-taught,
The power of Jesus' name;
In it to pray, in it to work,
In it each promise claim,
As victors did, who through Thy blood,
Once fought and overcame.*

*Master, oh, make these "wants" to be
Unto fulfilment brought;
And day by day, unto Thyself,
Lead captive every thought;
Then shall, at evensong, be praise
For all that God hath wrought.*

—J.H.S.

the ocean and now we are within sight of this unknown land. As we take our soundings, we realise we shall soon be there. We can almost hear the breaking of the waves on the shore.

What excitement and joyful anticipation prevail. By midnight on December 31st we shall set foot on this

its wealth, its riches, and its bounty are for Him.

What a land! Hills and valleys, sunshine and shadow, woodland and quiet pasture, sweeping slopes and rolling downs.

Not a flat, uninteresting country, but a land of hills and valleys. We love the hills and the hill-top ex-

periences. We love Mount Calvary. With what eager hearts we will climb its heights to hold communion with our Redeemer. There will be the glorious Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus will appear to us in all His dazzling glory, and the Mount of Ascension where we shall learn more about the risen and ascended Lord. Perhaps too we shall climb Mount Olivet and witness the glorious descent of our soon-returning Lord. What a view will be ours in that day!

But mountain-top experiences have their counterpart. There are valleys to be explored. For some will pass through the

VALLEY OF SUFFERING,

others through the valley of sorrow, while some will traverse the valley of Baca—the valley of tears—and some will slip down into the valley of the shadow but will find that the shadow is caused by the presence of the Light of the World.

It is a land of refreshing showers for "it drinketh the water of the rain of heaven." All sunshine and no shadow, all sun and no rain would produce a desert. Thank God for the beautiful sunshine, but praise Him too, for the refreshing rain. It takes both rain and sun to produce fruit and flowers.

Instead of complaining and grumbling at the rain, may we be enabled to see through the eyes of the poet who wrote these beautiful words:

"It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining daffodils;
In every dimpled drop I see
Wild flowers on the hills;
The clouds of grey engulf the day
And overwhelm the town—
It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining roses down."

So in this new world there will be showers, refreshing showers, showers of blessing, which will bring forth flowers and fruit to God's glory. It is a land

GOD SPECIALLY CARES FOR.

It is under His all-seeing eye, from beginning to end. Every moment God will have His eyes upon it; it will never be out of His sight. There will be no day when He will forget us, no hour in which He will desert us, or leave us to ourselves, or to the enemy, His eye will always be upon us.

May this New Year be a land of fulfilled promises. May we find in it all that heart could wish. May we explore its beauties, and find God in all its days.

Land ahead! We shall soon be there. Remember what sort of a land God has said it will prove to be: "A land of hills and valleys . . . a land which the Lord thy God careth for, the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year unto the end of the year.

We step unto the shore of this new world and say, "This is all for our King, and we claim it for Him."

Seed Thoughts for the New Year

Gathered by ALICE E. LUCE

A milestone is not made for sitting on, but to show us how far we still have to go. Each new year we enter marks a milestone in life's journey. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

* * *

There are two inevitable looks at the beginning of the year, one backward and one forward. The former fills us with gratitude for all the Lord has done for us in the past, and with shame that we have done so little for Him. The forward look should be one of faith in His keeping, enabling power, and of determination to be more than ever consecrated to His service.

* * *

The natural man, looking "under the sun" says that there is nothing new—all things continue in one monotonous cycle of repetition and recurrence, history ever repeating itself. It is good for us to face the fact that with the best that man can do this is true; "all is emptiness and chasing after the wind" (*Spanish Version of Eccl. i. 14*).

* * *

On the other hand, when man looks above the sun he finds just the opposite. When he accepts Jesus as his Saviour he becomes a new creature, old things pass away, and all things become new. God puts a new heart and a new spirit into him, causes him to walk in newness of life, gives him daily new joy, new peace, new courage, new love for Christ and for souls; and

in due time there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein will dwell perfect righteousness. Praise God for New Year promises!

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When we stand at the entrance of a new and unknown pathway, our greatest need is a guide. The Holy Spirit offers to make the coming year a personally-conducted tour for each one of us. We know not the way to go, but He knows every step, and will keep us in the centre of God's will if we only let Him take our hand and lead us. "My times are in Thy hand." "He leadeth me."

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Like snowflakes or like petals of sweet flowers
In shining showers from heaven,
My Father's promises to my full heart
This New Year morn are given.

—Written by a converted Japanese leper.

* * *

Do not meet to-morrow's trials to-day! God's promise is that "As thy days so shall thy strength be." He does not give it to-day to be used to-morrow; but each day's need brings its grace sufficient. We know not what trials, difficulties, perplexities, necessities, temptations, or persecutions will meet us in 1939; but God knows, and that is enough for the soul who really leans all his weight on Him. "He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold."

WHY? WELL!

By Pastor L. W. GREEN (*Elim Tabernacle, Dowlais*)

1st JANUARY?
31st December!

God can turn the mark of interrogation into the mark of exclamation.

Facing the dawn of 1939, with its new untrodden ways, thousands will be wondering, "Where? How? Why?" But if God be with us, then ultimately the "Why?" will be changed to "Well!" His presence transforms problems into praises. Enumerating trials and tests in Luke xxi., Christ says concerning each, "It shall turn to you for a testimony." The Apostle Paul proved this for he writes, "Wherever I go, thank God, He makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ; diffusing the perfume of His knowledge everywhere by me" (II. Cor. ii. 14, Moffatt).

1939? Have we problems, queries, tests or trials? Let us be wise with our "Whys" and take them where Christ took His, when He cried, "My God, why—?"

Since every phase of human life is dealt with in God's Word, let us consider the experiences of some whose tests have been turned to testimonies.

Are you, as Jacob, at the ford, Jabbok, distressed by family difficulties? Prior to his meeting Esau, whom he had wronged, he meets God. He first sees the Lord, and then he sees the Lord in his brother, for out of his predicament comes this testimony, "I have seen God face to face,

... I have seen thy face [Esau] as though I had seen the face of God." Prayer solves problems. A night with God changes Jacob's "How?" into "How He undertakes!"

Perhaps your problem is more like Job's than Jacob's. Is physical trouble your test? Then see the snapshot of this man from the land of Uz. He was great in character and in possessions. His home was known as "The Nest," and certainly it was well feathered. Satan, however, gained permission to test Job to the utmost limit of trial. Stripped of his stock, bereaved of his family, broken in health, feeling God-forsaken, Job cries in anguish of spirit, "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth" (Job xix. 20). It seemed as though the only part of his body left untouched by the enemy was that with which he could curse God. Job's comforters through mistaken conceptions of suffering, wrongly diagnosed the root cause of his trials, and consequently failed to find the remedy. "Miserable comforters are ye all," says Job, "Physicians of no value." Such quack doctors take no crooks out of the ??, but the Divine Physician solves the problem of suffering, causing Job to shout from the depths of distress, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The resurrection will answer the riddles of to-day.

Interrogation without God—Exasperation.

Interrogation with God—Exclamation.

Why?—"God in the shadows,"—Well!

Perhaps your particular problem, however, is neither family trouble, as Jacob's, nor is it physical trouble, as

Job's. Yours might be a circumstantial test. You wonder why you are placed in certain circumstances. Watch that dusky son of Africa now climbing the Hill of Calvary. The Bible narrative describes the scene thus: "And they compel one, Simon, a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear His cross" (Mark xv. 21). Note, "As he passed by . . . coming out of the country." A burden was thrust upon him that day. Circumstances cast an unwelcome load upon his shoulders, for he was "compelled" to carry the cross. But tragedy was transformed to triumph. The very burden brought him side by side with the Son of God. Simon, compelled by force at the commencement of the Via Dolorosa, was surely compelled by love at the summit of Calvary's Hill. He transferred that cross to Christ, and in the light of Romans xvi. 13, we have reason to believe that he transferred his sins to His Redeemer too. You query your environment? It can bring you into intimate contact with Christ.

See, too, how seeming failure can be turned to success. On the awful night of our Lord's betrayal, a young man is aroused by the tread of troops. Having around him a linen cloth, he enters the Garden of Gethsemane, only to be seized as a suspected follower of the Nazarene. Fear overcoming shame, he flees naked for his life. Was that young man John Mark? Evidence suggests it was. Later he figures as a would-be missionary to the lawless heathen hill tribes of Asia Minor. But apparently fear causes him to return to Peter at Jerusalem. Yet God overrules seeming failure, for Mark, urged by Peter, and inspired by the Holy Ghost, writes his Gospel, enriching the world.

Not only individual, but national and international questions find their answers within the sacred page. Habakkuk was harassed as he beheld wrong ruling, and right being ruled out. But he took his secret problem to the secret place, and discovered that though God seemed silent, yet He was silently working out His wise plans and purposes, and Habakkuk, the doubting Thomas of the Old Testament, exclaimed, "The just shall live by faith . . . I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Individual, national, and international problems are only the outcome of the world-wide sin problem. All have sinned, but sinners have been redeemed by Christ's blood at Calvary. This is beautifully portrayed in the story of Gomer, Hosea's prodigal wife, who leaves her husband, and sinks deeply into sin. Eventually she is to be sold in the slave market, but God instructs Hosea to go to that market and redeem her. Three words are used in the New Testament meaning "To redeem": *Agorazo*—to acquire at the forum; *ex agorazo*—to acquire out of the forum; *lutroō*—to loose by a price. Praise God, that in Christ, He came into the slave market, redeemed us with His blood out of the market, and set us gloriously free.

God can turn the mark of interrogation into the mark of exclamation. Problems? Solved in Christ! Hallelujah!



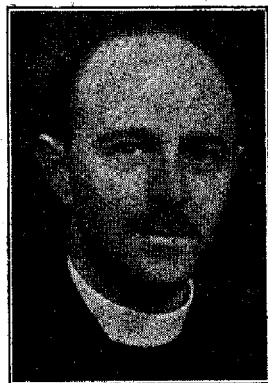
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We Live in a Wonderful Age!

By Pastor LESLIE H. NEWSHAM (City Temple, Glasgow)

1938 passes into history with all its series of crises, wars, and rumours of wars. The story of the frightful persecution of the Jews, hounded and chased from their homes, deprived of their livelihood, yet unable to leave the lands where they are being persecuted. China, Spain, Czecho-Slovakia—what a parade of frightfulness! The much-vaunted vision of the progress of man toward enlightenment and true civilisation is shattered before our very eyes.

I suppose we are all apt to get a little despondent at times when we see the trend of events, and we ask ourselves whether we shall ever see *that prayer* come true that is so often on our lips, and which the Lord Jesus Himself taught us to pray: "*Thy kingdom come.*"



Pastor Leslie H. Newsham

We seem further away from the fulfilment of this prayer to-day than when our Victorian fathers uttered it. Dictatorship countries with their power politics seem to be swaying the world, and we are caught up in the wash of their rearmament policy. Fear dominates the hearts of men everywhere, while the leaders of the

nations cry *peace* with their lips, and with their hands fashion engines of war.

You will be saying that the writer has surely forgotten the title of his article. No! I want to show you how these facts so strikingly coincide with the prophecy of Jesus concerning the last days, "Upon the earth,

DISTRESS OF NATIONS,

men's hearts failing them for *fear*, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth" (Luke xxi. 25, 26).

No journalist recording the happenings during the crisis so recently passed could give a more accurate account of the feelings of men all over the world as they gazed into what has been termed the "very mouth of hell." *Fear* caused them to cry out for *peace*, and drove this nation once again to her knees (would to God she would stay there); and yet to-day there is no feeling of security. Nations fill the press and the ether with violent recriminations, and go on arming—for *security*! With quavering voices we hear men saying "*Peace!*" God's Word says: "For when they shall say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." Mr. Chamberlain remarked when he returned from Munich that he hoped we should now have peace for our time; how rudely have these hopes been so quickly shattered. But Jesus says, "These things must first come to pass," and we are the people privileged to see the closing stages in this great drama of the nations marching on just as the

Lord prophesied; to-day we see the prophecy of Joel iii. 9 to 13 being fulfilled. "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men . . . beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; . . . put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down, for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great."

Shall we who

BELONG TO THE LORD

not remember that Jesus said: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, . . . for your redemption draweth nigh"?

Events are marching on apace! Signs are appearing on every hand that shout aloud that Jesus is soon coming!

One of the most wonderful signs is surely that of the deliverance of Jerusalem in 1917; exactly 2,520 years from the date when God gave the Promised Land into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, viz., 604 B.C.

Since that date we have seen the prophecy of Isaiah lv. 13 fulfilled before our very eyes. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." This striking fulfilment must be apparent to the most casual observer. In the last twenty-two years Palestine has been transformed from a wilderness into a garden after 2,000 years of desolation!

Other signs mentioned by the Lord have been strikingly evident during this generation. Famines, earthquakes in divers places, pestilences. But space forbids more on this line.

The practical issue is, in the light of these events *what are we doing about it?* If, as we believe, the coming of the Lord is so near at hand, surely there should be some

NOTE OF URGENCY

in our work for the Master! 1939 marks yet another step towards the day when Jesus shall rapture the Church, when the burden of armaments under which the nations are now groaning will be loosed upon the peoples of the world; when the day of opportunity will be ended.

I feel sometimes when we come to the end of the old year and start the new that "turning over a new leaf" is almost a ritual with some people. All they do is to turn over and *go to sleep again*. We make resolutions, promising God we will do better in the year that is to come—it is all so futile, we so soon forget those good resolutions. But surely, here is an impetus that should keep us working seven days of every week, every month of the twelve that may lie before us in the coming year. Predicted signs have been fulfilled, they have passed into history, and soon, oh! so soon the end will be here.

Make your good resolutions by all means, revive a slackened prayer life, recommence that daily Bible reading, go out and win souls for Jesus, but keep the promise of the Lord's coming as a beacon light before

you, warning, exhorting, and inspiring into a more earnest and sincere working for the Master. Don't lose the tent aspect; set up the altar and be ready to move off when Jesus comes, and you will not be left with sad regrets that you did not put into practice those good resolutions you made.

It is true that Jesus said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven," nevertheless, He has also said, "When ye see all these things, know that it is near, *even at the doors.*"

There is a Jewish legend which is quoted by Dr. A. J. Gordon in a splendid book, *Ecce Venit*, recently republished, which represents two venerable rabbis musing among the ruins of Jerusalem after its destruction. One is sadly bewailing saying, "Alas, alas! this is the end of all. Our beautiful city is no more, our Temple is laid waste, our brethren are driven away into captivity." But the other replies, "True, but let us learn from the verity of God's judgments which we behold about us, the certainty of His mercies. He hath said, 'I will destroy Jerusalem,' and we see He hath done it. But hath He not also said, 'I will rebuild Jerusalem,' and shall we not believe Him?"

Which legend points a moral for us to-day. This old world is in the throes of a great agony just as God has foretold, but has He not also pointed to these as the birth-throes of a new age which He will inaugurate when He returns to reign on the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, when every tongue shall confess Him Lord of all and every knee to Him shall bow?

We are living in a wonderful age! God's judgments

are abroad, we are in the midst of a great storm, the seas and the waves roaring, but the same Jesus who quelled the fears of the disciples of old with His

"BE OF GOOD CHEER,"

is with us to-day. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, *therefore will not we fear*, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof . . . *the Lord of hosts is with us.*" Pray on with fervent and believing heart: "*Thy kingdom come.*" *It will surely come.*

NEW YEAR'S WISH

What shall I wish thee this new year?
Health, wealth, prosperity, good cheer,
All sunshine, not a cloud or tear?
Nay, only this:

That God may lead thee His own way,
That He may choose thy path each day,
That thou mayest feel Him near alway,
For this is bliss.

To know He rules, come loss or gain,
Sorrow or gladness, sun or rain;
To know He loves in ease or pain,
Is perfect rest.

Oh, How I Love Him

Arr. by W. G. HATHAWAY.

Oh, how I love Him! How I a-dore Him! My Breath, my

Sun-shine, My All in All. The great Cre-a-tor Became my

Sa- viour, And all God's ful-ness Dwell-eth in Him.

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Bible Study Helps

THE NEW MAN IN CHRIST JESUS (II. Cor. v. 17)

1. He is a new Creation (II. Cor. v. 17; Gal. vi. 15; Eph. ii. 10; iv. 24).
2. He has new Life (John x. 27, 28).
3. He has a new Heart (Psa. li. 10; Ezek. xxxvi. 26).
4. He has a new Walk (Rom. vi. 4; cf. Eph. iv. 17).
5. He has a new Name (Rev. iii. 12).
6. He has a new Commandment (I. John ii. 8; cf. John xv. 12).
7. He has a new Service—witnessing (Acts i. 8).
8. He has a new Power (Acts i. 8).
9. He has a new Joy (John xv. 11; cf. Acts iii. 8).
10. He will have a new Song (Rev. v. 9).

THE LAW OF SPIRITUAL LIFE IN FOUR WORDS

1. **Admit**—that is, accept the truth of God.
2. **Submit**—that is, obey it.
3. **Commit**—that is, live in entire dependence on God.
4. **Transmit**—that is, let the life flow forth all around.—Bishop Wilberforce.

Good Advice for the New Year

By Pastor S. PENNEY (Elim Tabernacle, Canning Town)

Trust in Him at all times.—Psalm lxxii. 8.

WE stand at the threshold of another year. A New Year! How much is wrapped up in that single phrase! What unforeseen events, what mingled emotions, what infinite possibilities and boundless opportunities are hidden in that short period of twelve months! We would, if it were possible, peer into the future and learn what each of those three hundred and sixty-five days has in store for us. As we pass over this dividing line, between the past and the future, we cannot tell what new experiences and what changes shall come to us, nevertheless our hearts are cheered, yea gladdened, and our faith marches forward triumphantly, because we know and are assured that the Word of God has a message for every experience we may be called upon to pass through. And here is an excellent piece of advice for the New Year: "Trust in Him at all times." Every moment of every day, as the months pass, let your faith rise in triumph unto God.



Pastor
S. Penney.

These words of Scripture present to us the One, and only One who is the right object of our trust and confidence. I find it impossible to agree with those who assert that it does not matter what a man believes so long as he believes in something. It matters a great deal, maybe far more than some people imagine. A man is made by what he believes. The object of our trust shapes our character, determines our life and our destiny. Wesley relates the following circumstances: a poor woman of the Roman persuasion, having had the misfortune to break her china crucifix, immediately went to her priest to inform him, mourning greatly on account of the sad occurrence, and crying: "Now I have nothing but the great God to trust in." When Wesley repeated these words he appeared to be strangely moved, and in a manner peculiar to himself, exclaimed: "What a mercy she had a great God to trust in." Surely this is one of the truths of our Christian faith which causes an eternal hope to spring up within our breasts, "A great God to trust in." How many there are in the world who have broken idols. Those in whom they trusted have bitterly and cruelly deceived and disappointed them. We are warned against these false objects of trust. Put your trust in the great God of heaven and earth; others may fail you, earthly friends may forsake you, but this Friend will never leave you, nor deceive you.

Were I asked to make a list of the Psalmist's favourite words, I would certainly include the word "trust." He never seems to get away from it. It is one of the conspicuous words that

ADORN THE SACRED PAGE.

How many and varied were the meanings that David conveyed by the word "trust." For example: trust means to take refuge. Often this man of God was surrounded by dangers and difficulties, and he found refuge in trusting in his God. "The name of the Lord is a

strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Thrice blessed are we when we have the Lord as our refuge and fortress. "Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee." At another time it gives the idea of support. There are people who are weak and not able to walk very well and they often receive support by leaning on another's arm. We sing in one of our hymns about "leaning on Jesus." The cheering thought about our Lord is that He offers us His arm every hour of every day. How blessed to be conscious of the everlasting arms of Jesus supporting and upholding us daily!

Continuing this piece of advice, we are told when to trust. "At all times,"—and remember he who uttered these words was a man of fluctuating experiences, but he had found that making God the object of his trust worked well in his own life, and so passed it on to us. He knew what it was to live in the sunlight and then pass through the shadows. Pleasure and pain—triumph and tears were his. But here is the prescription he had for

EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE OF LIFE,

"Trust in Him at all times." We are not told to trust only when our days are bright and our lives are filled with the goodness of God, days when our dreams are realised and all goes well. That would be trusting God sometimes. How different life would be if we would act upon this advice in the hour of temptation. There is no other way by which we can be delivered and gain the victory over Satan, save by trusting in Jesus. In the day of reproach, when it becomes increasingly difficult to live for the Lord Jesus, when the storms of adversity and opposition blow upon us, our trust is the anchor that keeps our soul. In the time of uncertainty, what a blessed thing it is to know the Lord and place our trust in Him. I know of no better example of this than the one we have given to us by Job. He knew what it was to trust God in his good days, he also knew what it was to trust God in his dark days. Think of that ever-memorable declaration, made at an hour when he was surrounded by calamity, "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him."

In this confidence let us begin the New Year, and we shall find, like millions that have gone before us, that our God in whom we trust will not fail nor forsake.

He goes before! Be this my consolation;
He goes before! On this my heart would dwell!
He goes before! This guarantees salvation;
He goes before! And therefore all is well.

This Month's New Books

- "The Romance of Evangelism." By Hugh C. C. McCullough. 2/6 (by post 2/9).
- "The Weymouth New Testament." 2/- (by post 2/4).
- "The Inconvenient Uncle." By K. M. Macleod. 2/6 (by post 2/11).
- "The Glendevon Mystery." By Spencer Deane. 1/6 (by post 1/9).
- "Palestine Portrayed." By S. W. Gentle-Cackett, B.D., F.R.G.S. 1/6 (by post 1/8).
- "Out of Romanism." By Ellen D. Dando. 1/- (by post 1/3).
- "Christ and the Created." By Samuel Gorman. 2/6 (by post 2/9).
- "Uncle Neville's Will." By E. E. Enoch. 2/6 (by post 2/11).
- "They That are Left." By B. M. W. Grautoff. 2/6 (by post 2/11).
- "Love's Victory." By Rita Perrott 3d. (by post 3jd.).

[Any of these books can be obtained from the Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Clapham Crescent, London, S.W.4.]

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portion: Meditations by Pastor JOSEPH SMITH

Sunday, January 8th. I. Chron. xii. 23-40.

"Of Zebulun . . . fifty thousand, which could keep rank, they were not of double heart" (verse 33).

What a testimony! Would to God that this could be said of all in our churches up and down the land. Can we keep rank? Are we of one mind and one heart, ready to obey the word of our Captain? How often we find the Christian likened to a soldier. We wear the King's uniform, we have declared our allegiance to Him, we have volunteered our services to fight His battles. Then comes the drilling: learning to stand upright, to march in step, to take aim with a rifle. How the Lord puts us through similar experiences that we may be upright in character, that we may know how to maintain fellowship with our brethren in oneness, that we may know how to use His Word with effect! These men of Zebulun were also right at heart. Remember that our Captain is called "Faithful and True"; let us have His Spirit.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For showers of Latter Rain outpouring in our Elim Churches to-day.

Monday, January 9th. I. Chron. xiii. 1-14.

"And they carried the ark of God in a new cart" (verse 7).

There is a wonderful lesson for us in this portion of Scripture. It is not a question of how much we sing and shout, but are we doing things according to the Word of the Lord? The men of Israel might have thought that they were honouring God by building a specially new cart on which to carry His ark. It is here we see that ignorance does not excuse us. They ought to have known that the ark of God was not to be taken on a new cart at all, but to be borne on the shoulders of the Levites. We see many new carts to-day by which men are trying to carry on the work of the Lord, but let our message be: "Back to the Bible." Get your shoulders under it, ye sons of Levi; take the work of God on your hearts, carry it to the throne of grace, and God will help you as He helped the Levites (chapter xv. 26) after they had learned their lesson.

PRAYER TOPIC:

Special prayer for international peace and the extension of Christ's Kingdom in all countries.

Tuesday, January 10th. I. Chron. xiv. 8-17.

"When thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, then thou shalt go out to battle" (v. 15). David had learned that the secret of

success lay in implicitly following the commands of the Lord. He not only went out to battle when the Lord commanded him, but he went out to battle in the way in which the Lord commanded him. He received from God his mode of attack. O that we had learned this secret of success like David! When we go forth to win souls for Christ, to wait on the Lord to show us just how to go about it, to look to Him for the right words, to go forth in the right spirit, and especially to listen for the sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees: then it is that the Lord has gone forth before us. When the gentle breeze of the Spirit begins to move in our souls, then it is time to get on the march. What an awful thing if David had then held back through fear! What would God have thought of him?

PRAYER TOPIC:

For God's blessing on lecturers and students during the new term of the Elim Bible College commencing to-day.

Wednesday, January 11th. I. Chron. xv. 25-29; xvi. 1-6.

"The ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David" (verse 29).

The city of David was the proper place for the ark. It was never intended to be the private possession of any individual or family. Truly it brought blessing to the house of Obed-edom, but God intended it to be in the place where it might bring blessing to all Israel. We as members of the Church of Christ, standing for the whole counsel of God, have long enjoyed the covenant blessings of the Lord in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but although it has meant a mighty blessing to us we are willing to step into the great procession and join with all the other members of the Church of Christ to help them bring up this ark of God into the midst of the dwelling place of the Son of David. Like Obed-edom (xv. 24) we are willing to act as door-keepers for the ark. But these, our brethren, must be willing to humble themselves, to dispense with their new carts, and take this ark of God on their shoulders, get under the burden of it, feel the weight of it, and then with joy and rejoicing we will watch it going up to its place.

PRAYER TOPIC:

The touch of Christ to rest upon those seeking healing for their bodies.

Thursday, January 12th. I. Chron. xvi. 7-27.

"He suffered no man to do them wrong" (verse 21).

How tenderly the Lord cares for His people! In all their movements His eye was steadily upon them. But I hear

someone exclaim: "Listen to what Paul has to say: 'For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.'" Yes, but he goes on to show that we in this gospel dispensation have something far exceeding that which men enjoyed under the old covenant. Observe his glorious contradiction of what men look upon as outward defeat. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Truly that must be divine which can triumph and be accounted victorious under such circumstances. Yes, our God still watches over us, if I might say so, more closely than ever, and takes an eternal interest in our training, in our perfecting, that we might be partakers of His holiness, made ready to sit with Christ on His throne and govern the universe with Him.

PRAYER TOPIC:

Thanksgiving for the faithfulness of many of God's stewards.

Friday, January 13th. I. Chron. xvi. 28-43.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (verse 29).

This is the only kind of worship that is acceptable to God. There is indeed a beauty in holiness. It is moral righteousness. It is that attitude of mind and heart which only desires to do that which is right in the sight of God and man; to do that which is right by your neighbour; to do that which is right toward the Lord. And why should not everyone desire to do this? What is there wrong in God requiring this? What else could He require? He could neither require more nor less and remain an object of worship. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

PRAYER TOPIC:

Blessing upon the prison work of the London Crusader Choir.

Saturday, January 14th. I. Chron. xvii. 1-15.

"As David sat in his house" (verse 1).

I can picture David sitting down by the open window of his palace, looking out over his royal garden, and quietly beginning to meditate on all the way the Lord has led him: how He has fought for him time and time again, how He has blessed his kingdom, his family, and all that he has; and looking around he praises God also for this his beautiful house of cedars. Then his heart smites him: he realises that he has never built a house for the ark of God—it remains in a tent! But the Lord is watching on, and pleased to see into David's heart and to note all his ponderings. Then the Lord begins to tell David some of the great things He is still going to do for him, and for his seed after him. And although God saw fit that David should not build the Temple, yet that gracious thought in David's heart concerning the house of God was very precious in the eyes of the Lord, and came up before Him as sweet incense.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That times of refreshing may be enjoyed by all our Elim missionaries.

Bonnie Scotland

Notes of an Itinerary

IT was our first visit to Scotland, so we looked forward with interest to meeting the Scottish Foursquare brethren. On the way from London we got off at Sheffield and enjoyed a short stay with Pastor and Mrs. A. S. Thorne. Pastor Thorne dedicated his life to the service of the Lord at one of our missionary meetings in the early days before we went to Mexico. We held a splendid meeting at the Sheffield Foursquare Church. The brethren there are enthusiastic and have a warm heart for foreign missions. The Missionary Band at this church had a pleasant surprise for us, and during the service the secretary of the band came to the front and handed us £5 which they had gathered together among themselves as their special contribution to help spread the Foursquare Gospel in other lands. God bless the Sheffield Foursquare Missionary Band! This first meeting was a happy one and we were made to feel quite at home among the Sheffield saints.

The next day we had to take leave of Pastor and Mrs. Thorne for the rather long journey to Greenock, our first stopping place in Scotland. There a very happy week-end of fellowship was spent with Pastor and Mrs. Magee. The first meeting in Greenock was on the Saturday night and we were surprised to see more than 250 people turn out for this meeting. It was

A JOY TO MINISTER

to these Scottish saints and to feel the right warm welcome extended to us. Sunday morning was spent in praise and worship around the Lord's table and we learned that our Scottish brethren delight in these times of worship when the human voice is hushed and we listen to the voice of our Lord and Master. Sunday evening there were some 600 people present and it was a privilege to minister the Word of God and relate some little of the work of the Lord in poor, war-stricken Spain. We left Greenock with fond memories of Pastor and Mrs. Magee and the people to whom they minister.

The next place of call was Kilsyth, and here we were told of some historic places in and around the town dating back to the days of the Covenanters, and while speaking at the meeting there we felt something of the spirit of those Scottish Christian warriors who fought and died rather than submit to those who would rob them of their right to worship as their conscience dictated. The visit to Kilsyth was short, yet very blessed.

As the itinerary had been pre-arranged, we had to move on speedily to Edinburgh, the next place on the list. Edinburgh is a beautiful city and Pastor and Mrs. J. R. Knight very kindly took us to see some of the most interesting places. Among these was the house where

BRAVE JOHN KNOX

lived. Here we saw the rooms where he lived, and the window from which he preached, as well as other interesting objects dating back to the days of Knox. Our main object in going to Edinburgh was to meet

By Pastor & Mrs. G. H. THOMAS

the members of the Church there, and that night we had another splendid meeting and found numbers of earnest Christians, eager to know more about the foreign missionary side of the Elim movement.

From Edinburgh we travelled to Dunfermline where we have a body of faithful believers being shepherded by Pastor E. C. Jones. Here too we found keen interest in missionary work and a longing to know more about the triumphs of the Cross of Christ in Spain.

On we go, this time to Aberdeen, the most northerly point of our tour. Pastor John Hill is in charge of the Church there. Our stay was just for one night and as there was a lot to say and a short time in which to say it we got busy. The interior of the Aberdeen church is just beautiful and credit is due to those concerned, but as the building does not make the Church, we are more concerned with the "living stones" in the Church and we are glad to find that Aberdeen Foursquare Christians are no exception to the rule, but really are "living stones." The addresses were listened to with rapt attention, and that

HEARTS WERE TOUCHED

was evidenced by the response shown in the offerings afterwards received towards the spread of the gospel in other lands.

From Aberdeen we again turned south to Dundee where we spent the week-end with Pastor and Mrs. Hawkins. The first meeting was on the Saturday night and as we entered the church and beheld the sea of faces we held our breath—what a crowd! It is just wonderful how the Scottish saints turn out on Saturday night for a religious meeting. It was a grand service and the Dundee folk listened attentively to the talks about Spain, and how the gospel is penetrating towns and villages that for centuries have been kept in the darkness and bondage of the Romish Church. Sunday morning finds us again around the Lord's table and it thrills us to see such a large company of people met together on the Lord's Day morning to remember His death.

Sunday evening's service is a monster gathering; there must be 600 to 700 people present. What a privilege to address such a gathering! The presence of the Lord is very real and there is great liberty in speaking, and as we hear about the oppression, bondage, and need of Spain, we again thank God that our forefathers in this country had enough backbone to stand and fight for these liberties that we now enjoy. Praise God for the liberating

POWER OF THE GOSPEL

of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Dundee congregation sang some favourite Scottish hymns and among them was one in an unknown tongue to us, but we have the translation:

Yes, oh yes, will you no come back again?

And tell us how the Saviour came to die for sinful men.

You will get a hearty welcome, if you'll only come again.

And tell us more about the love of Jesus.

We are in the train again and this time on our way to Glasgow. On arrival we are welcomed by Pastor

L. Newsham and a Glasgow fog and rain. It is the monthly day of prayer, so we go along for the afternoon session and join with others in earnest prayer on behalf of so many needs. The meeting over, we are free to look and admire the beautiful Glasgow City Temple—Elim's Cathedral. It is a magnificent building and must be an inspiration on Sunday evenings with its 600 to 700 worshippers. We were there on the Tuesday night and even then there was a congregation of well over 200 people who listened appreciatively to the talks on Spain and the gospel in other lands.

Our Scottish itinerary is over, but we cannot stay in Scotland—much as we would like to. We have another meeting in Carlisle. This is not our first visit to the border town, but interest has not waned and

although it is a Crusader meeting in the ordinary course of events, the church is well filled and we again privileged to put before our brethren the needs of

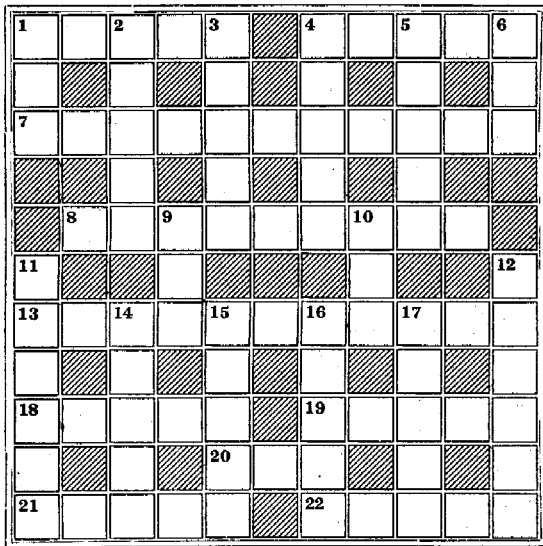
THOSE OTHER SHEEP

for whom Christ died. It was a joy too to renew our acquaintance with Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Taylor and the friends at Carlisle. What a privilege is ours to be amongst those who have been washed from sin in the precious blood of our Lord Jesus and to be co-workers with Him in carrying this glorious message to the ends of the earth! Those who go and those who remain to "stand by the stuff" are carrying out our Lord's last command to preach the gospel to every creature.

OUR SPECIAL "EVANGEL" CROSSWORD

For Increasing Bible Knowledge

No. 9.



The solution will appear next week.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Joseph's brethren found money in them.
4. Place associated with Tyre.
7. A book of Moses.
8. Paul was described as being such a fellow by Tertullus. (Acts 24).
13. Occupation followed by Aholiab (Ex. 38), still engaged in to-day, but mostly by women.
18. Jesus said to Peter: "Wherefore didst thou —?"
19. The Pharisees paid tithe of this.
20. The father of Canaan (Gen. 9).
21. The same as ceremonies.
22. Job lamented that his days were "— without hope."

CLUES DOWN

1. The countenance of hypocrites is this.
2. Elijah drank water from it (1 Kings 19).
3. Jeremiah refers to this cane from a far country (Jer. 6).
4. A seat for Elisha.
5. "Hurtful lusts which — men in destruction" (1 Tim.).
6. No.
9. The name of a gate mentioned in 2 Kings 11.
10. Adam's wife.
11. Zacharias spoke of God's mercy as being this.
12. Uriah's calling (Isa. 8).
14. Such iron needs to be whetted (Ecc. 10).
15. Solemn statements of truth.
16. Weights of gold (1 Chron. 29).
17. "In three days I will — it up."

SOLUTION TO NO. 8 CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Cords (Judg. 15: 13). 4. Heads (Gen. 43: 28). 7. Reformation (Heb. 9: 10). 8. Noe (Luke 3: 36). 9. Say (Matt. 16: 15). 11. Oil (Matt. 25: 3). 12. Cosam (Luke 3: 28). 14. Roman (Acts 22: 27). 15. Evangelists (Eph. 4: 11). 18. Foot (Num. 22: 25). 19. Ring (Gen. 41: 42).
Down: 1. Chronicles. 2. Rafters (Song of Sol. 1: 17). 3. Sores (Luke 16: 20). 4. Hoary (Job 41: 32). 5. Ahinoam (1 Sam. 14: 50). 6. Singleness (Eph. 6: 15). 10. Ar (Deut. 2: 9). 13. Might (Dan. 2: 20). 14. Ruler (John 3: 1). 16. Ago (Acts 15: 7). 17. Sun (Matt. 5: 45).

A YEAR UNTRIED

A year untried before me lies.
 What it shall bring of strange surprise,
 Of joy, or grief, I cannot tell;
 But God, my Father, knoweth well.
 I make it no concern of mine,
 But leave it all with love Divine.

Be sickness mine, or rugged health,
 Come penury to me, or wealth;
 Though lonesome I must pass along,
 Or loving friends my way may throng;
 Upon my Father's Word I rest;
 Whatever shall be will be best.

No ill can come but He can cure;
 His Word doth all of good ensure;
 He'll see me through the journey's length,
 For daily need give daily strength.
 'Tis thus I fortify my heart,
 And thus do dread and fear depart.

The sun may shed no light by day,
 Nor stars at night illumine my way;
 My soul shall still know no affright
 Since God is all my life and light.
 Though all the earthly lamps grow dim,
 He walks in light who walks with Him.

O Year untried!—thou hast for me
 Naught but my Father's eye can see;
 Nor canst thou bring me loss or gain,
 Or health or sickness, ease or pain,
 But welcome messenger shall prove
 From Him, whose name to me is Love.

—Sel.



The New Year.

OUR first words on taking up once more the editorial pen—after having laid it down just eight years ago—will be of greeting and best wishes for the New Year to all readers of the *Elim Evangel*. God grant that during the year 1939 His presence may be so real to every one of us that through sunshine or shadow, pain or pleasure, loss or gain, His love, joy, and peace shall fill our hearts and minds, causing us to rejoice in Him continually.

We have just passed through a year of national anxiety, and world affairs still present a cause for much concern. We do not know what 1939 may bring forth. Events are marching on to the great climax portrayed in the Word of God. A "little while" and we may hear the heavenly summons to "arise and come away." May we be more earnest than ever in our efforts to extend the kingdom of God on earth in the time that remains to us. God grant a world-wide outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a revival that will result in a great ingathering of souls before Christ returns for His redeemed ones!

Forthcoming Features.

A NUMBER of helpful new features will find their way into our columns during 1939. Foremost among them is "Your Problem." Many of our readers must from time to time come across passages of Scripture or doctrinal difficulties which perplex them, and they are invited to send us their problems. These problems will be printed in the *Evangel*, when other readers will be asked to submit their solutions for publication. This will undoubtedly be a popular feature, and readers are asked to send us their problems without delay to enable us immediately to commence this column.

How often do we hear opposers of the present-day outpouring of the Holy Spirit say that the Pentecostal experience is purely emotional and has no spiritual value! An unanswerable reply to those who make this contention will be found in a unique series of articles entitled "I was there." A number of writers will contribute to this series.

Articles on Pentecost from the pen of Pastor Hathaway have always a very practical value, and we have no doubt that the series he is now writing entitled, "Problems of Pentecost," will be no exception to the rule. At the same time they will clear up many misconceptions and misunderstandings.

We are not discontinuing any of our present features or contributors, and amongst others the following new contributors will enrich the *Evangel*: Dr. Nathaniel Beattie, Mr. J. Douglas Craig, and Mr. J. A. Vanstone.

If every reader would endeavour to secure at least one new reader, it would help to bring blessing to other souls and to extend the kingdom of God during 1939.

SECRETARIAL NOTES

By W. G. H.

A few changes have recently been made in some Churches, among which are the following: C. Johnson to Worcester, J. McInnes to Ireland (probably to Annaghanoon), and H. Palliser to Neath.

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Pastor E. F. Cole leaves Ulster Temple, Belfast, at the end of December, and will conduct a month's special meetings in some of our Churches in England prior to taking up his new appointment in February.

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Pastor P. N. Corry will take charge of Ulster Temple, Belfast, early in the New Year, and will remain there until May.

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The *Elim Bible College* will open on January 10th for the New Year term. The attention of readers is drawn to the announcement on the inside front cover.

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Arrangements are in hand for a forward move in the New Year and several Evangelistic Campaigns are to be conducted by various *Elim Evangelists*. Watch for announcements under "Coming Events" on the inside front cover.



Gleanings from Other Fields

Mr. J. Edwin Orr.

Mr. Edwin Orr has had a successful revival campaign at Hong Kong and is now in China.

Westminster Chapel.

Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones has been appointed Associate Minister with Dr. Campbell Morgan at Westminster Chapel.

An Evangelical Stalwart.

Readers will learn with regret that Rev. I. Siviter of Ilfracombe has been seriously ill. He is making progress, but is still very weak.

The Faith Mission.

Mr. D. W. Lambert, M.A., has been appointed Principal of the Faith Mission Training Home at Edinburgh. For many years he was on the staff of Cliff College.

Universal Week of Prayer.

A Week of Prayer is being observed this week throughout the world! it is organised by the World's Evangelical Alliance,

Bible Demonstration.

The congregation at last month's Bible Demonstration in the Royal Albert Hall was the largest for several years past. Emperor Haile Selassie was present and spoke of his unshakable belief in the Divine origin and authority of the Bible. He said: "My love for it increases with the passage of time: all through my troubles I have found it a cause of infinite comfort."

THE UNKNOWN TO-MORROW

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

By the late Dr. Alexander Maclaren

It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.

—Acts i. 7

THE New Testament gives little encouragement to a sentimental view of life. Its writers had too much to do, and too much besides to think about, for undue occupation with pensive remembrances or imaginative forecastings. They bid us look forward, but not along the low levels of earth and its changes. Mist and cloud conceal the path in front of the portion which we are actually traversing, but when it climbs, it comes out clear from the fogs that hang about the flats. We can track it winding up to the throne of Christ. Nothing is certain, but the coming of the Lord and "our gathering together to Him."

The words of this text in their original meaning point only to the ignorance of the time of the end which Christ had been foretelling. But they may allow of a much wider application, and their lessons are in entire consonance with the whole tone of Scripture in regard to the future. They teach us the limits of our care for the future, as they give us the limits of our knowledge of it. They teach us the best remedies for all anxiety, the great thoughts that tranquillize us in our ignorance, viz., that all is in God's merciful hands, and that whatever may come, we have a divine power which will fit us for it; and they bid us anticipate our work and do it, as the best counterpoise for all vain curiosity about what may be

COMING ON THE EARTH.

1. *The narrow limits of our knowledge of the future.*

We are sure that a mingled web of joy and sorrow, light shot with dark, will be unrolled before us—but of anything more we are really ignorant. We know that the great majority of us will be alive at the close of this year; but who will be the exceptions? A great many of us will go on substantially as we have been going on for years past, with our ordinary duties, joys, sorrows, cares; but to some of us, in all probability, this year holds some great change which may darken all our days or brighten them. In all our forward-looking there ever remains an element of uncertainty. The future fronts us like some statue beneath its canvas covering. Rolling mists hide it all, except here and there a peak.

I need not remind you how merciful and good it is that it is so. Therefore coming sorrows do not diffuse anticipatory bitterness as of tainted water percolating through gravel, and coming joys are not discounted, and the present has a reality of its own, and is not coloured by what is to come.

Our future we may contemplate. Our fault is not that we look forward, but that we do not look far enough forward. Why trouble with the world when we have heaven? Why look along the low level among the mists of earth and forests and swamps, when we can see the road

CLIMBING TO THE HEIGHTS?

Why be anxious about what three hundred and sixty-five days may bring, when we know what eternity will bring? Why divert our God-given faculties of hope

from its true object? Why torment ourselves with casting the fashion of uncertain evils, when we can enter into the great peace of looking for "that blessed Hope"?

2. *The Safe Hands which keep the future.*

"The Father hath put in His own power." We have not to depend upon an impersonal Fate; nor upon a wild whirl of Chance; nor upon "laws of averages," "natural laws," "tendencies," and "spirit of the age"; nor even on a theistic Providence, but upon a Father who holds all things "in His own power," and wields all for us. So will not our way be made right?

Whatever the future may bring, it will be a loving, paternal discipline. He shapes it all and keeps it in His hands. Why should we be anxious? That great name of "Father" binds Him to tender, wise, disciplinary dealing, and should move us to calm and happy trust.

3. *The sufficient strength to face the future.*

"The power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you" is promised here to the disciples for a specific purpose; but it is promised and given to us all through Christ, if we will only take it. And in Him we shall be ready for all the future.

The Spirit of God is the true

INTERPRETER OF PROVIDENCE.

He calms our nature, and enlightens our understanding to grasp the meaning of all our experiences. The Spirit makes joy more blessed, by keeping us from undue absorption in it. The Spirit is the Comforter. The Spirit fits us for duty.

So be quite sure that nothing will come to you in your earthly future, which He does not Himself accompany to interpret, and to make pure blessing.

4. *The practical duty in view of the future.*

The great thing we ought to look to in the future is our work—not what we shall or what we shall not endure, but what we shall do. This is healthful and calming.

The great remedy for morbid anticipation lies in regarding life as the opportunity for service. Never mind about the future, let it take care of itself. Work! That clears away cobwebs from our brains, as when a man wakes from troubled dreams, to hear "the sweep of scythe in morning dew," and the shout of the peasant as he trudges to his task, and the lowing of the cattle, and the clink of the hammer.

The great work we have to do in the future is to be witnesses for Christ. This is the meaning of all life; we can do it in joy and in sorrow, and we shall bear a charmed life till it be done. So the words of the text are a promise of preservation.

Then, dear brethren, how do you stand fronting that unknown? How can you face it without going mad? If you know God and trust Him as your Father through Christ you need have no fear. To-morrow lies all dim and strange before you, but His gentle

and strong hand is working in the darkness and He will shape it right. He will fit you to bear it all. If you regard it as your supreme duty and highest honour to be Christ's witness, you will be kept safe, "delivered out of the mouth of the lion," that by you "the preaching may be fully known."

If not, how dreary is that future to you, "all dim

and cheerless, like a rainy sea," from which wild shapes may come up and devour you! Love and friendship will pass, honour and strength will fail, life will ebb away, and of all that once stretched before you, nothing will be left but one little strip of sand, fast jelling with the tide beneath your feet, and before you a wild, unlighted ocean!

The Way of Salvation.

Able to Save—Able to Keep

By EDITH GOREHAM CLARKE



"Dipping a pen into her flowing blood said: 'Quentin, sign it with your mother's blood.'"

RUPERT JARRETT picked up the paper his wife had handed him, and read with the title of an article on the first page—"Able to Save—Able to Keep."

"Thank God, He is able to do both!" he exclaimed, a note of conviction in his voice. "If anyone should doubt it, Quentin Kerr is a standing monument to the truth of that statement."

"Tell me about him," said his wife, putting down her cup of tea. "I am interested in that man. He looks as if he had suffered much."

"He has, indeed, and but for the grace and keeping power of God, I do not know where he would be to-day. Many years ago, when I first came to these parts, he found himself in prison because of his sin. He was given to drunkenness, became a sot, and grieved the heart of his godly mother. After serving his term of imprisonment, he found his way back again to his old home, and the mother who loved him, pleaded with him to sign the pledge. But like the honest man he always was, he said, 'Mother, I have signed enough pledges to paper the wall: I need something more than a pledge.'

"But she said to him, 'Quentin, perhaps if you sign it this time it may help you.' Having a pledge card near at hand, she urged him to sign the paper once again. But he refused again, saying, 'No, mother; I am not going to sign.

I need a power that can make me a sober man, and change my life.'

"Growing desperate, his mother took a knife, and with it opened one of her veins, and dipping a pen into her flowing blood, said: 'Quentin, sign it with your mother's blood, and that may help you.' With the tears streaming down his face, the poor wretch took the pen, and signed his name. But even the blood of his mother could not keep him from the power of drink. Before the week was out, poor Quentin had broken his pledge, and once more well-nigh broken his mother's heart.

"Then one day, I know not how, nor shall know in this life, there came on him conviction of sin, in its old-fashioned form—a sight of how richly he deserved the wrath of God, and banishment from Him for ever. With almost a fire in his brain he went to his mother, and with God-given wisdom she led him to the feet of Jesus. As by spirit-sight he saw the Lamb of God upon the Cross of Calvary, and knew that He and only He could save and keep him from the punishment and the power of sin.

"I heard him tell his story one night before a crowded audience, and never shall I forget the look on his face as he said: 'What the blood of my dear mother could not do, the blood of Jesus Christ has accomplished. No matter how far you have travelled from God, no matter how that life of yours has been stained by iniquity, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can cleanse you from all sin, and keep you in the hour of your deepest and strongest temptation, from falling.' Yes, indeed, Quentin Kerr is a miracle of grace—once a besotted slave of drink and vice, but now cleansed and kept by the power of God, and spending his life in preaching the gospel of his Redeemer!"

Mrs. Jarrett had been listening to her husband's story with great interest. "No wonder Quentin Kerr is such a power for good!" she exclaimed, when he paused. "A man whose life has been so radically changed must carry more weight with those who knew him as he was, than any number of sermons from another man. Yes, truly, God is a wonder-working God, and He certainly is 'able to save and able to keep!'"



The Elim Evangel



NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Campaigns and Special Meetings—Encouraging Results

ENLIGHTENING BIBLE STUDIES

Crusader Activities

Edinburgh (Pastor J. R. Knight). "Abundant blessing" is the experience of those who attend the mid-week Bible studies at Elim Tabernacle, Edinburgh. During the past weeks the subject has been "The Gifts of the Spirit," and much light has been thrown on a subject otherwise misunderstood. The outcome of such ministry must of necessity be an enriching and deepening of the life in God.

The gospel service continues to be a "forward move." Sunday evening sees the numbers augmented by strangers coming in and becoming recipients of a pure Gospel told forth with fearlessness.

The Crusaders took part in the week-end services on a recent occasion. Musical items, testimonies, etc., spoke eloquently of the youth of the church—youth on fire for God.

A variety of subjects has been arranged for the weekly Crusader meetings, and much interest is evidenced by the young people as they take part in the various programmes.

A FRUITFUL CAMPAIGN

Visit of Pastor and Mrs. George Kingston Birmingham (Graham Street) (Pastor S. Gorman). The campaign recently conducted by Pastor and Mrs. George Kingston has brought great blessing to all. Much prayer had ascended to the Throne of Grace that God would anoint the ministry of His servants, and our Heavenly Father, who is always more willing to give than we to receive, answered prayer in His own wonderful way.



Pastor George Kingston

The messages given by our brother and sister were anointed by the power of the Holy Ghost, and many precious souls found Jesus as their Saviour. Special mention must be made of the Saturday evening Convention meeting when the convicting power of the Holy Spirit was so dominant that many people rose from their seats and walked into the enquiry room to get

right with God. The healing power of Jesus was also greatly manifested, and many of God's children testified to definite healing taking place in their bodies. One sister was able to rise from her bath chair and walk round the church, whilst God's people praised the Lord for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men.

Meetings for those seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit were held before and after the service each night, and many received a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Everybody was blessed, even the Cadets were not forgotten, for Mrs. Kingston came along, showing the children by different illustrations how they too might shine for Jesus.

The last meeting of the campaign came all too quickly, and as we look back over the campaign we give praise to God from full hearts.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Father and Son Among Candidates

Bishop Auckland (Evangelist H. E. Ward). The following report of a recent baptismal service is reprinted from the "North Eastern Gazette":

"A baptismal service was conducted in the Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, in North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland, last night by Pastor H. E. Ward, of Bishop Auckland.

There were nine women and three men candidates for baptism, the men including a father and his son. The candidates gave their testimony and Pastor Ward spoke on the importance of water baptism.

This is the second baptismal service held since the church opened, the first having been conducted during the initial campaign eighteen months ago.

SPECIAL WEEK-END SERVICES

Visit of London Crusader Choir

Barking (Pastor J. McAvoy). What a blessed week-end for the friends at Barking! Saturday night brought Pastor Le Tissier and the Kensington Crusader Choir to the Elim Hall, and God was manifested in the meeting.

Pastor Corry spent a full day with us on Sunday, commencing with the breaking of bread service in the Hall, and then at 3 and 6.30 p.m. in the Bath's Hall.

The London Crusader Choir, directed by Pastor D. B. Gray, were at both these meetings, and as usual rendered some beautiful choir pieces. One stranger to the evening meeting remarked that "it was many a long day since he had enjoyed such a meeting."

Pastor Corry clearly and definitely explained the old but wonderful story of salvation through the atoning blood of

Jesus Christ, it being a gift from God and a personal experience.

Both these meetings were well attended, and at 8 o'clock a song service was conducted by the choir, when many friends from neighbouring churches joined us.

MINOR HALL ERECTED Free of Debt

Bournemouth (Winton) (Pastor A. J. Chuter). It was with grateful thanks to God that at the close of Pastor R. D. Bradley's ministry amongst us during the last 18 months it was announced that the whole of the cost of the new Minor Hall, recently erected, was paid.

Pastor Bradley played no small part in the erection of the building, and to him, and to all the brethren who so ably assisted by freely giving their time and labour, we owe a debt of sincere gratitude. This building will now be used for the week-night meetings and choir practices, and, as it was prayed on the opening night that the building might become the "power house" for meetings in the larger hall, so we continue to believe that "the Lord will add daily unto the Church such as should be saved."

During the last month four souls have been definitely saved, for which we do praise God.

We have been much favoured by the wholehearted and loyal ministry of the Word by Pastor Bradley, and pray that as the result of his faithfulness in sowing the seed of the Word of God, and by the inspiration and life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, our new minister, Pastor A. J. Chuter, may be used to reap in many souls for the Master.

RALLY OF SURREY CHURCHES Baptismal Service

South Croydon (Pastor J. Robinson). The first Rally of the Surrey churches was held at South Croydon, and proved to be a time of rich blessing. The service took the form of a baptismal service, and the text over the baptistery, "Behold the Lamb of God," reminded us of that great baptismal service in the Jordan, and of Him whose steps the candidates were following.

The five candidates from the various churches represented were baptised by Pastor Robinson, under whose ministry this church is experiencing so much blessing of late. Pastor Byatt of Caterham was the special speaker, and his theme was the conversion of the Thessalonians.

We recently had a visit from Pastor Penney, a late Pastor of this assembly. Although it was the Crusader meeting, it was open to all for this special occasion, and much blessing was ex-

perience. As Pastor Penney dwelt on the children of Israel passing over Jordan on dry land, we were once again reminded that "with God all things are possible."

We praise God for His continued blessing on this church.

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN EVANGELIST A Refreshing Campaign

Clapham (Pastor C. J. E. Kingston). Clapham saints have been truly blessed of God in a recent campaign conducted by the Australian evangelist and missionary, Miss M. Ayers.

Much prayer preceded her visit, and during the two weeks in which she ministered, the power of God rested in a mighty convicting way, searching the hearts of all. As each anointed message went forth, packed with thrilling stories culled from the experience of work amongst the cannibals, we beheld with new wonder the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes! mighty to save, and heal, not only in far-away Australia, but right here in our midst "the very same Jesus" was working.

Long to be remembered, too, will be the solemn call to the Crusaders to a re-consecration. One felt the moments very real indeed as each Crusader offered individual prayer before the large gathering present.

The tide of blessing rose until the last

Sunday of the campaign, when to a well-filled church, Miss Ayers gave a final heart-searching message from the text, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. vi 7). This was beautifully illustrated by an Australian boomerang.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS

Visit of Wrenthorpe Crusaders

Brighthouse (Mr. H. G. Edwards). Praise God for showers of blessing! Our church is progressing favourably under the God-blessed ministry of Mr. H. G. Edwards who has been giving a series of messages on the signs of the times and the second coming of Christ. These messages have been a blessing to each heart and have given the people a greater desire to watch and pray. One sister received an Acts ii. experience when we were having our breaking of bread service, after seeking for nearly five years. Thank God for a church that is spiritually hungry; there is a great desire among the members to wait upon God for the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We have been favoured with a visit from the Wrenthorpe Crusaders who ministered the Word in song and gave testimonies and messages. The meeting was packed and we all spent a happy time of fellowship together in the presence of the Lord.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Special Speakers

Rugby (Pastor W. N. Brambleby). The first anniversary of the opening of the new building took place amid great rejoicings in the faithful ministry of former workers, who, with the members, made such success possible.

Pastor W. E. Smith, whose campaign founded the assembly two years ago, was the special preacher. For the five days he spent with us we shall have happy memories of forceful and inspiring preaching.

Pastor Mahood from Coventry preached the first sermon, and we were much encouraged by the "Iron which swam."

All available accommodation was taken up for the family tea and reunion.

On the Sunday, friends from Birmingham brought greetings from their churches, the Crusaders sang "There'll be no dark river there," and Pastor Smith preached, making an earnest appeal for souls.

God is blessing His Word in the midst, and souls are being saved, bodies being healed, and a great spirit of thankfulness prevails that the seed sown some five years ago, when meetings were held in a loft, by some half-a-dozen faithful friends, should bear such fruit.

Why the Titanic Sank

THE world is full of tragedies of unheeded warnings. One of the greatest was the sinking of the *Titanic* with the loss of 1,517 lives.

In a book entitled "S.O.S.," by Karl Baarslag, published by Methuen, Mr. Baarslag recalls that

on April 15th, 1912, at 10.21 p.m., the Leyland liner *California* was stopped by field ice not more than 20 miles from where the *Titanic* went down a few hours later.

Evans, the radio operator of the *California*, tried to tell Phillips, his opposite number on the *Titanic*, of the fact about 11 p.m., but Phillips "was busy 'copying' messages from Cape Race, and Evans, being so much nearer, and having a broad spark note, naturally interfered."

Evans, says the author, was told by Phillips to "shut up," and Phillips then told Cape Race that he had just been jammed by the *California*, and to resume traffic.

Evans listened for a few minutes to the stream of messages passing from Cape Race to the *Titanic*, and then went to bed.

It was nearly midnight; he had been on duty 16 hours; his ship was stopped; there was nothing for him to do.

If he had kept his earphones on ten or fifteen minutes longer he would have heard the *Titanic's* S.O.S. after she struck the iceberg which sent her to the bottom.

No blame or reproach could attach to Evans. He had been on duty for sixteen hours, and in

those days no relief man was carried by ships. He had tried to convey his warning of danger ahead and Phillips had failed to receive it or to give ear to it because he was too busy. The warning was unheeded and later as a result the call of the *Titanic's* S.O.S. was unheeded by the only ship that could have saved the lives of all on board. At 11.40 p.m. the look-out man on the *Titanic* saw the ice ahead, 37 seconds later she struck. The shock was so slight that passengers who were still up hardly noticed it and some even went on deck, saw nothing and returned to their game of cards. So swiftly did she sink that the mail room which was twenty-four feet above the water-line was awash in twenty minutes and at 2.20 a.m. the *Titanic* sank.

Individuals may turn a deaf ear or be too busy to hear the warning note of the gospel; communities may return to their gambling and be lulled to slumber by the word "unsinkable," but as surely as that palace of steel sank to the bottom like a stone, so the ship of state—of individual as well as collective security—is in peril because of the open disregard for God's Word.

To those who know the truth the call is more insistent than ever that whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, both in season and out of season, we must preach the Word.—P.N.C.



ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

CONDUCTED BY PASTOR DOUGLAS B. GRAY

Fellowship Time

This week we are commencing a new series of special interest to members of the Fellowship Links, in which we hope to introduce them to some of their fellow-members.

Here we have a photograph of Miss Helena M. Williams of Hamilton, Bermuda, who wrote to us three years ago saying: "It would be a fine thing if a correspondence could be started between the young people of Elim and Bermuda." This was really the beginning of our Fellowship Links Scheme although it was not actually launched until a year later.

Miss Williams is the leader of a young people's work at Heard Chapel, which she herself organised about five years ago, and being deeply interested in our own Crusader Movement, gave it the designation "Crusaders' Missionary Society." From a letter received recently from another Hamilton Crusader we learn that the Crusader Movement is spreading around the island.

We would say on behalf of the Fellowship and Elim Crusaders generally, "God bless the Bermuda Crusaders and use them mightily in their work of visiting the sick and needy, and above all, in ministering to the suffering souls of mankind."



Be Sober

Frequently we are exhorted to "be sober," to "think soberly," and to "live soberly."

1. *Be sober*—in all the spheres of life, that the office filled may be commended (I. Tim. iii. 2).

2. *Be sober*—in wakefulness, and not allow the sleep of slothfulness to mar us (I. Thess. v. 6).

3. *Be sober*—and put on the armour of faith, love and hope, and thus be prepared for the assaults of the enemy (I. Thess. v. 8).

4. *Be sober*—and thus be vigilant to qualify against the assaults of the Devil, and overcome his devices (I. Peter v. 8).

5. *Be sober*—and watch unto prayer, "for the end of all things is at hand" (I. Peter iv. 7).

6. *Be sober*—is the command to young and old (Titus ii. 2, 4, 6), for unless we watch we shall be worried.

7. *Be sober*—and "hope to the end" (I. Peter i. 13), for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Leaders and Youth Workers. Consider!

A New Year's Appeal

The recent Home Office "Criminal Statistics for 1937" report, is of special interest to leaders and workers amongst youth. It would suggest that the new methods of dealing with youthful offenders are succeeding. At the age of thirteen boys give a lot of trouble, 13.5 in every 1,000 being found guilty of indictable offences. In girls the worst age is between fifteen and eighteen. But by the time nineteen is reached the rate of lawlessness is halved and the decrease continues. How well we know that habits can be broken or made in youth. We must more than ever intensify our efforts, spur ourselves to captivating boys and girls this new year, who at the moment are outside the influence of Christian life or the Church. The turning of these young folk from a wild career is of more value than the saving of one in later years, after maybe, a season of sin and sorrow, although the latter may seem to be a more spectacular and therefore immediately more satisfying process.

Crusaders, you can serve the Kingdom well by endeavouring to get other young folk to the Sunday school, the Cadet meetings, not forgetting your immediate associates, who should be invited to the Crusader activities. The challenge is to you. Consider the call!

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BOURNEMOUTH (SPRINGBOURNE) CRUSADERS
(Pastor and Mrs. H. Fardell and Mr. A. G. Day Crusader Secretary)



Monthly Book Window

CRUICKSHANK OF CALABAR. By Alexander Gammie. (Pickering & Inglis, Ltd. 2/6, by post 2/10).

From Aberdeen to Africa! From the quiet atmosphere of the parish "Kirk" to a region where idolatry, infanticide, human sacrifice, and all manner of depravity held sway. This was the experience of Dr. Alexander Cruickshank. Never such a popular figure in his lifetime as Mary Slessor, his fellow-worker, but one whose work during the fifty-five years spent in Calabar was just as wonderful. This record of Cruickshank's life and ministry inspires, and furnishes one further proof of the triumph of Christ over all kinds of evil.—JOHN HILL.

DANIEL, THE GREATLY BELOVED. By G. W. West. (Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd. 2/6, by post 2/9).

There are interesting points and discussions in this book, but on the whole it is quite ordinary. The author is very hesitant on many points. We unhesitatingly allow that if there is indecision in one's own mind then a decisive view-point should not be expressed, but when the indecision is frequent we wonder whether one is justified in writing a book.

The author believes in the complete inspiration of God's Word.—PERCY G. PARKER.

JOY IN PROSPECT AND FRIEND TALKS WITH FRIEND.

By Pleasance M. White. (Thynne & Co., Ltd. 1/6, by post 1/9).

A delightful little book which is divided into two parts. In the first section, "Joy in Prospect," are essays on nature, and the spiritual lessons which nature is always willing to teach to those who go about with their eyes open to behold God's handiwork in this world. Section II. consists of homely, friendly talks which will gladden and cheer the heart and refresh the soul; here "Friend talks with friend."—J. J. MORGAN.

SPIRIT OF REVIVAL. Biography of J. G. Govan. By I. R. Govan (Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd. 2/6, by post 2/10).

This book which tells of the rise and progress of the work of the Faith Mission in Scotland, Ireland, and other places, brings home to us many glowing examples of the triumphs of faith and love over the forces of evil, and of the goodness of our heavenly Father who is ever ready to meet the temporal and spiritual needs of those who are willing to step out by faith on His precious promises. Its leading characters are just common or garden folk, men and women who know God in a practical way. I heartily recommend this book.

—JOSEPH SMITH.

HELP FOR THE NEEDY SOUL. By Dr. H. A. Ironside. (Pickering & Inglis, Ltd. 1/-, by post 1/2).

This is an ideal book for anyone who is interested in the salvation of souls, or who desires to become better acquainted with the methods of dealing with souls, either in meeting their difficulties, arguments, excuses, or anxious inquiries. It is also a splendid book to give to a doubting Christian, or to an anxious sinner. As the print is clear and the style is easy, it would also be a good book for the sick room.

—JOSEPH SMITH.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PRISON GATE. By Capt. W. Spencer. (Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd. 1/-, by post 1/2).

A most interesting and challenging book! A record of twentieth-century victories in the cause of Christ's Kingdom. Full of pathos, yet, beautifully tinged with humorous and personal incidents. The book is well written by a Church Army Captain of renown, one whose experience is widespread, and who can authoritatively write on such present-day social problems. Considering the present Prison Reform Bill, now passing Parliament, this book is of added interest and appeal.

The author is definite in his belief that the worst can be

saved from a life of sin by regeneration through the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ . . . "Christianity should always be practical. Men respond when there is a vigorous, commonsense, human presentation of the Truth," writes Captain Spencer.—DOUGLAS B. GRAY.

THE UNVEILED FUTURE. By L. M. Dorman. (Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd. 3/6, by post 3/9).

In these days of rapid change in world affairs interest in the future is increased.

The author of this book (which is an exposition of The Revelation) endeavours to unveil the future by interpreting the visions of John.

Although written from the Futurist view-point the main teaching is God's dealings with Israel.

Much of the information will be new to many and may not be acceptable—e.g., "The Great Harlot" is trade, the commercial system, in all its contingencies. Nevertheless it is suggestive and thought-prompting. Prophetic students of all schools will find it a source of interest.—J. REGINALD KNIGHT.

THE BIBLE. By G. Campbell Morgan, D.D. (Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd. 3/6, by post 3/10).

This book consists of fourteen chapters on the Bible, the substance of which were given at the Westminster Bible School. Its pages are pregnant with spiritual teaching and sound scriptural judgment. The volume is most thought-provoking and soul-enriching, and will well repay a second and third reading. The chapters dealing with "The Bible and the Child—the Need," and "The Bible and the Child—the Method," will prove very helpful to the Christian parent seeking to effectively teach the Bible in the family circle.—S. GORMAN.

THE PROPHECIES OF BALAAM. By E. L. L. Langston, M.A. (Marshall, Morgan & Scott, Ltd. 2/6, by post 2/9).

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Some splendid comparisons are given of Israel's confederated enemies and the confederacy of the end-times prior to the advent of the King. It is a book I enjoyed reading.

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