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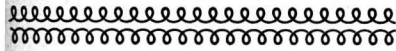
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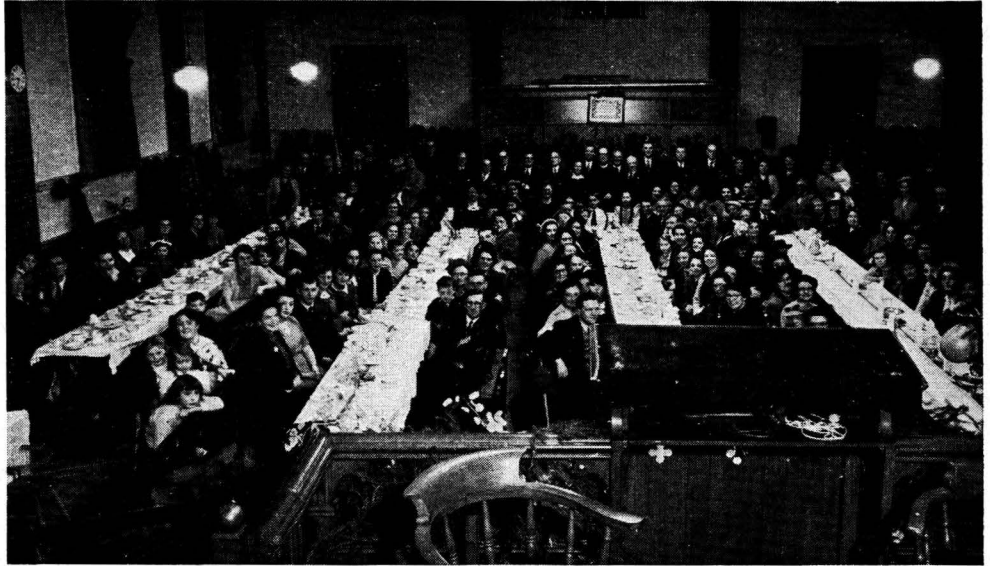
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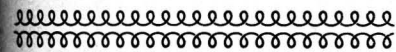
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Longton Church celebrates its Minister's Twenty-fifth Anniversary in grand style



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Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Is Your Christian Experience

◀ By EARL GOLDEN ▶

Fresh ?

“ I shall be anointed with fresh oil ” (Ps. xcii. 10).

WHEN YOU SHOP FOR EGGS, you seek the fresh ones. When you shop for meats, fruits, and vegetables, you shun the stale, wilted, and left-overs. Even so, I believe the outside world, when it approaches the Church, does so with the desire of finding something alive, life-giving, and invigorating.

I once knew a good Christian lady who gave this testimony : “ I thank God for good **old-fashioned, up-to-date** religion.” I sincerely believe that religion should and can be both old-fashioned and up to date.

According to our Scripture text, people wanted Job around and liked to listen to him because “ his glory was fresh in him.” He possessed a spiritual experience that gave of its freshness to others.

There is definitely less demand and many times no demand for the old, the stale, and the left-overs. For instance, the newsboy cannot sell papers even one day old. A restaurant would soon go bankrupt that listed only left-overs on its menu. In order to sell stale bread and cakes, the price must be gradually reduced. The trouble is that they have been away from the fire too long. I greatly fear that many Pentecostal people have been away from the fire of an upper-room experience so long that their testimonies, yea, even their very lives, speak of staleness.

One sure way to detect staleness in spiritual experience is to listen to its testimony. When people continually bemoan and berate the present, only to exalt the “ good old days ” of the past, you can be fairly certain that the freshness of their Christian experience is gone. Many live in the graveyard of the past who should be travelling the glorious road of future resurrection. Some are so affected with ‘ used-to-it-is ’ that they have to feast continually on the stale “ has-beens ” of the past because they do not possess the “ freshness ” of the present.

I do not want to be misunderstood ; I would be first to admit that the “ good old days ” were grand, because I was about then. But my children and your children were not. They need that same “ freshness ” that won you and me to God and His Church. Could it be that the reason so many of our own children have turned away is that we have nothing to offer them but the left-overs of the past quarter-century ?

David said : “ I shall be anointed with **fresh oil.**” Oil in Scripture usually symbolises the Holy Ghost. In other words, “ Does your Pentecostal experience possess its original freshness ? ” One way to find out is to take an inventory of the fruit of the Spirit in your life. “ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance : against such there is no law ” (Gal. v. 2, 3).

“ My glory was fresh in me ” (Job xxix. 20).

Is my love fresh ? Do I love lost humanity as I once did ?
Is my joy fresh ? Do I possess the joy of a new-found experience with God ?

Is my peace fresh ? Do I still possess that peace that passeth understanding ?

Is my longsuffering fresh ? Am I as patient with the faults of others as I once was ?

Is my gentleness fresh ? Do I possess Christian gentleness ?

Is my goodness fresh ? Is my life as filled with good works as it once was ? or have I become self-centred and self-satisfied ?

Is my faith fresh ? or do I weakly acknowledge that I cannot trust God as I once did ?

Is my meekness fresh ? Can I take things as I once did ? or am I more easily hurt and offended ?

Is my temperance fresh ? or did I indulge in questionable practices that I once shunned ? If you can answer a strong “ yes ” to each of these questions, then you can truly say with David : “ I am anointed with **fresh oil.**”

One way to keep your Christian experience fresh is to keep in close contact with Christ. It was when Moses had stayed forty days on the mount with God that his face shone to the extent that he had to wear a veil when addressing the Israelites. It was not hard to discover that the early disciples had “ been with Jesus.” Neither will it be hard for the world to discover that Christian “ new look ” and sense the atmosphere of the freshness of our Christian experience when we have been long at the feet of Jesus.

I cannot think of a greater boon to our church services than a fresh spiritual experience of our worshippers. A fresh spiritual experience will freshen-up the singing, freshen-up the praying, freshen-up the preaching, freshen-up our altar services. Yea, even our hearts, our homes, and our very lives will be enriched with a revival of our spirits.

In order to discover this freshness, I would suggest that we seek a fresh vision of Calvary, a fresh vision of Pentecost, a fresh vision of the empty tomb, a fresh vision of the coming Christ, a fresh vision of our obligation to our church vows, a fresh vision of our obligation to one another, a fresh vision of lost humanity. “ Where there is no vision, the people perish ” (Prov. xxix. 18).

May God grant such a spiritual outpouring of His presence among us that the world will beat a path to our church doors because they find there the freshness of Christian experience for which their hearts are yearning.

It is up to us. Shall we accept the challenge ? Souls are at stake. Time is running out and soon will be swallowed by eternity. We have the answer. We cannot, we will not fail them !

—Church of God Evangel.



LEIGH-ON-SEA MEETS THE McCOLL-GERARD TRIO



Pastor Stormont writes to say how much the folk appreciated the visit of the Trio at Leigh-on-Sea. The services were excellent and the hall was crowded to capacity. Since the visit a number of new folk are coming to the services.

Minister's Silver Jubilee at Longton

Special meetings were held in the Longton Bethel Temple when the Assembly marked the Silver Jubilee year of its Minister. During the opening banquet the Minister mentioned how the call of the Lord originally came to him and how that the words of the Lord to him on that occasion had been his standard throughout the twenty-five years. A loving cup specially made and inscribed in white and gold together with a cheque was presented on behalf of the congregation, also a piece of choice and perfect Wedgwood pottery was presented to Mrs. H. W. Fardell. Many greetings were received and read. The following report is from *The Evening Sentinel*, Stoke-on-Trent:—

Large crowds attended celebration services at the Bethel Temple, Longton, commemorating the Rev. Henry W. Fardell's silver jubilee as an Elim Foursquare Gospel minister.

Mr. Fardell has been at Longton for three of these 25 years, and 200 of his congregation attended a tea held in his honour. The minister received a loving cup from Mr. J. Tune (Trustees' Secretary), and a cheque from Mr. R. Thorley (Church Secretary), both presented on behalf of all church members.

The special preacher at week-end services was the Rev. O. G. Miles, minister of the Elim Foursquare Revival Centre, Leeds, and a well-known evangelist and Bible expositor.

London Crusader Choir at Youth for Christ Rally

December's Youth for Christ rally filled Ipswich Co-op. Large Hall to capacity for the return visit of the London Crusader Choir. The Rev. Bramwell Davies, of Elim Church, Vernon Street, introduced the choir, which recently returned from a tour of Scandinavia. Under their conductor, Mr. D. B. Gray, who founded the choir 25 years ago, they sang several lovely pieces, and special items were given by trumpeters Harold Johnson and John Phillips, accompanied by Ronald Cooper at the organ. The Secretary, Miss Joyce Harvey, sang a solo, and Miss Sheila Annis and Mr. Bram Elliot gave testimony. The programme was completed by a Gospel message from Mr. Fred Henson.

The three services in the Elim Church on the following Sunday, led by Pastor Gray, and the singing of this consecrated choir, attracted people of all denominations. The only way to describe the blessings received, is with the word "Wonderful!" The Ipswich friends hope they will hear them soon again.

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EDITORIAL

Call to Prayer

At the annual meeting of the British Pentecostal Fellowship in the British Isles it was decided to issue a call to all our people in all sections of the Movement to unite in prayer for our own country on Sunday, January 31st.

The urgent need is that our people may be brought to God. There is deep anxiety because of the deplorable moral conditions which exist today. Such a state of affairs, together with the terrible increase of crime, is not only a challenge to us all, but it brings a solemn presentiment of coming judgment from God, in which all will suffer.

No true Christian can sit back complacently and ignore the present trend. If ever there was a time when the need for a courageous stand for the principles of Christ and for the truths—however unpleasant they may seem—of the Word of God, it is now.

The need for passionate preaching, not just for the sake of preaching or putting over a good message, but the impassioned pleading of one who sees the terrible dangers which face those who go their own downward way away from God; pleading that will move men and women to tears—tears for the sinfulness of sin and for the terror of the righteous judgments of God.

It is suggested that opportunities should be given for prolonged waiting on God, and there should be wise encouragement for some fasting with prayer. A conscientious taking of this burden to the Lord, deeply appreciating the urgency of the need, will undoubtedly move the hand of God. Only by a visitation by the Spirit of God can the present trend be changed into a movement toward God and toward the Cross of Christ where alone can be found the antidote to the spiritual need of our fellow men.

Coming Events

From February onwards a charge will be made for items under this heading. The charge will be 2d. per word, figures indicating dates or times of meetings to be reckoned as

half a word. Announcements accompanied by the correct remittance should be sent to the Editor at Headquarters.

Freemasonry

The following is from the *Daily Sketch* of January 7th.

"A vicar says he will not have the Archbishop of Canterbury in his church because of Dr. Fisher's connection in Freemasonry.

"My ban on the Archbishop is a question of principle," the vicar said. "Even if the Archbishop asked to come to my church I would say, 'No.'"

"The Rev. H. Thornton Trapp, vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Paddington, W., added: 'I am prepared to jeopardise my career for the sake of the principles involved.'

"Criticising 'Masonic theology,' he said: 'I don't know how a minister in the Church of England can hold two divergent views on God.

"Besides, there are indications that pressure is being brought to bear, and persons are becoming Freemasons for their own protection. I am prepared to fight this.'

"The Rev. Thornton Trapp was commenting on the current issue of his parish magazine in which he attacks Freemasonry and the Archbishop.

"He says: 'It seems that the Christians' God and the Masons' God are not one and the same.

"Dr. Fisher is a Past Grand Master of the Craft . . . he is still a Mason. If there is a strange and erroneous doctrine in Freemasonry, is Dr. Fisher unable to banish it because loyalty to the Craft is more important than Christ and His Church?'"

What Saith the Scriptures?

Questions and answers on vital themes.

Dear Editor,

My wife and I have talked about the Coming of the Lord and are puzzled about some things. We are getting on in years, and are on the threshold of another world. We have preached about the Coming of the Lord and believe that He is coming, but we would like to know the answers to some problems. Here are some of them:

(1) Jesus is coming with all the saints. (Zech. xiv. 5). **Will these saints reoccupy their bodies?** Lazarus died, but he was raised from the dead, and lived again on earth. Then we read that at the resurrection of our Lord some of the saints rose and went into the Holy City and were seen of many. What bodies did they have?

(2) **Will all nations become one with one language** at His coming? God by a miracle confused the tongues at the Tower of Babel and made the variety of languages in the world. Will He reverse that by a miracle and make all languages one again?

(3) **Will the world have different temperatures** after the Lord comes? Shall we need fires to warm us, and sunshades to protect us from the sun? Will there be factories, and coal mines after He comes, or will we sit under our own vine and fig trees and the fruit fall into our laps?

We would be very pleased to have the answers to these and other problems in the columns of the ELIM EVANGEL.

Yours in the Lord's service,

[We would be glad to receive replies to these questions for publication in our columns, but the answers must be brief and scripturally to the point, as the space available for replies is limited. —ED.]

TEST for God's Best

By EDMUND W. JANSS

If you are a child of God, there is a Divine plan for your life. God does not make His way obscure, but crystal clear . . . your part is to recognise it.

EVERY EARNEST CHRISTIAN at some time in his life has asked: "Where would God have me to be? What would He have me to do? How may I best serve Him?"

The tragedy is that some have failed to receive His guidance, not because it was not there, but because they did not recognise it. And they have ended up by missing the boat and have had to be content with a "second best." **Don't let this happen to you!**

The Word of God has some very definite words on this subject of guidance. Take the life of Moses, for example. If you are not thoroughly acquainted with it, read it, studying particularly Exodus ii-iv.

"But," you say, "Moses knew just where to go. God told him definitely!"

Let us see how Moses was led. How did God lead him to Egypt?

"And the Lord said . . . Come now therefore, and I will send thee . . ."

Have you listened for God's voice in His Word? Has He told **you** He wants **you** to go anywhere?

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations . . ."

Do you know that that means **you**? Good! That is the first test of calling.

You've heard about the young man who went to his pastor and asked, "Should I be a missionary?"

"Not if you can help it!" advised the pastor.

"But," replied the young man, "I can't help it! It is something that grips me because Christ told me to do it!"

Are you as certain as that, that God wants **you**? Fine! But where?

Again we look to Scripture for help. We find these words in Exodus ii: "The children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried . . ."

Have you studied about the mission fields? Has any particular field asked for your help? Has God laid any people on your heart? Here is the **test of opportunity**.

I once heard a pastor testify: "In my experience, every church or mission field I have served was first given to me by God. He faced me with every one of them squarely. I never sought one of them. They sought me!"

We briefly search the Bible and discover that this was also true of all God's men. It was so in the life of Gideon, of Jonah, of Jeremiah, of Daniel, of Peter, of Paul. Each of them was faced with a Macedonian call: "Come over and help us!"

So often we try to pull wires and push circumstances to fit in with their wills. But God still guides us as He did in the book of the Acts. There are still open to us great doors and effectual. If we are honest with ourselves and our Lord, we cannot miss them.

Perhaps someone from an African mission has been asking you to come there. You **do** feel the need there. But you see the need of the Japanese and the South Americans, too!

Again we go to the story of Moses for some help for clearer light in guidance.

"And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son." And then, going on to chapter iii: "And Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law. . ."

This illustrates the **test of preparation**. Moses was educated for his call. He knew the Egyptian language. He knew the Egyptian court. And more important, He knew God's command. He was ready physically, mentally, and spiritually, to go to Egypt.

God had been training him in a hard school for eighty years. Forty years he studied under the best teachers in the Egyptian court. Forty years he studied under the best teacher in the universe, working in the desert place. There, God was his Teacher.

Are you prepared? You say you are strong physically. But is that enough? You have reasonably good intelligence? And you know the gospel? How about Bible training? How about language ability? Remember, African natives don't speak English. How do you get along with other people?

These things are vital in the problem of guidance. God does not want misfits in His work. God has a place for every Christian believer. Each one is prepared differently for a different task.

There are assuredly other tests in the Bible. But clearly the most oft-recurring are these:

The test of God's Word—"Thy Word," said the Psalmist, "is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

The test of opportunity—"A great door and effectual is opened unto me," said Paul.

The test of preparation—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

But over and above all of these fingers of guidance hovers the Holy Spirit, warming and enlightening the believer's heart and saying: "This is the way; walk ye in it!"

—Moody Monthly.

THOU SEEST ME

"Unthanked, unnoticed, and unknown
Blamed sometimes and misunderstood:
Yet if our Lord but sees our work,
And by His grace shall own it good,
It will not matter what men say,
Since God is judge of all, not they."

The Return

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE POSITIVE
WILL RETURN

By GORDON LINDSAY

The New Testament contains 318 references to the Second Coming of Christ, while the Old Testament makes at least 25 major references to the First Coming of Christ. Were those of the Old Testament fulfilled? If they were not, then there may well be reason to doubt the certainty of a Second Coming. But if they were, then it would be rash indeed to deny that Christ will come again. We must remember the prophecies concerning Christ's first coming were made by various writers over a period of many centuries. If they were human prophecies they would have failed, or certainly partly failed. Who precisely can predict the course of events ten years from now, or a year from now, without inspired aid? How then could the prophets of the ages past predict unerringly the events of our Lord's life many centuries in advance? Or did they? Let us see.

The prophet Isaiah said Christ should be born of a virgin

" . . . Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (God with us") (Isa. vii. 14).

Did a virgin conceive and bear a son? Luke i. 26-35 tells the story. This very thing indeed happened—this Immanuel was none other than Jesus Christ, who was born a little over 1,900 years ago, and from whose birth all time is reckoned, yea, whose life has affected the world as that of no other person.

Luke goes into details explaining that the virgin birth of Christ fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah.

The prophet Micah said that Christ was to be born in Bethlehem

" But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah v. 2).

This is a clear reference to Christ and the Incarnation—of Him alone could it be said that His "goings forth have been of old" even "from everlasting." But was Jesus born in Bethlehem as prophesied by Micah six centuries earlier? The entire world knows the answer. Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived in Nazareth. When her child was about to be born. Emperor Augustus published an edict that the world should be taxed, and that all must register for the proposed tax in their own city, which in Joseph and Mary's case was Bethlehem.

With Mary about to give birth to a child it was a most inconvenient time to travel, but there was no other alternative, the king's edict must be obeyed, and incidentally the inexorable purposes of God fulfilled. While in Bethlehem, Jesus was born. The world at the time was quite unaware of the Event, but angels came down from heaven to proclaim it, not to the wise and the mighty but to some humble shepherds. (Luke ii. 1-20.)

The prophet Isaiah said Christ was to have a ministry of deliverance

" The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-

hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound "

(Isa. lxi. 1, 2).

In the city of Nazareth Jesus stood in the synagogue one day and read this passage of Isaiah, declaring it to be fulfilled in Him. Was He right? Did His ministry conform to the prophecy? For three golden years Christ walked the shores of Galilee, and the hills of Judæa, preaching the Gospel and speaking as no other man ever spoke. He healed the sick, cleansed the leper, raised the dead and cast out devils. He preached to the humble, He bound up the wounds of the broken hearted. He set the captives free, and opened the doors of the prison to those who were bound. He proclaimed the day of Grace. He did not, however, proclaim the day of vengeance of God. That was reserved for His Second Coming! As Christ came and fulfilled the ministry of His humiliation, so will He come again, this time in exaltation! (Luke iv. 18.)

Isaiah declared that Christ would be scourged and mocked

" I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting."

All who have heard the Gospel story know that Jesus was given to the scourgers by Pilate. Why did God permit it? Isaiah tells us in the 53rd chapter that "by His stripes we are healed." God did not overlook anything in providing full redemption for the human race. Isaiah further prophesies of the sufferings of the Messiah.

" Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

" But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

" All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

What an astonishing prophecy, made nearly seven centuries before the coming of the Messiah!

Still more amazing is its precise and perfect fulfilment in the sufferings of the Saviour. That Christ, in fulfilment of the Scriptures, came to earth the First Time assures us that He will certainly come the Second Time in fulfilment of the Scriptures.

" For dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet" (Psalm xxii. 16). " And one shall say unto Him, what are these wounds in Thy hands? Then He shall

Christ Certain

PROVES THAT JESUS CHRIST
SAVED THIS WORLD

Author: "Voice of Healing")

answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friend" (Zech. xiii. 6). (See also Zech. xii. 10.)

In fulfilment, Christ was crucified on a cross between two thieves, there expiating the sins of the world. Today the Cross is a symbol of the devotion of the Saviour in the giving of His life to provide redemption for a fallen race.

Other prophecies concerning Christ First Coming all fulfilled

(1) He was to be born of the seed of the woman. Gen. iii. 14, 15—Fulfilled Gal. iv. 4.

(2) He would come of the line of David. Jer. xxiii. 5, 6—Fulfilled Matt. i. 1.

(3) He was to have a forerunner (John the Baptist)—Mal. iii. 12; iv. 5, 6; Isa. xl. 3—Fulfilled Mark i. 1-7.

(4) He was to ride into Jerusalem on a colt. Zech. ix. 9, 10—Fulfilled Matt. xxi. 1-9.

(5) He was to be given gall to drink in His suffering. Psa. lxix. 20, 21—Fulfilled Matt. xxvii. 33, 34.

(6) His garments were to be divided. Psa. xxii. 18—Fulfilled John xix. 23, 24.

(7) He was to die. Psa. liiii. 8—Fulfilled Luke xxiii. 46.

The Psalmist declares that Christ was to rise from the dead

"For Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption"
(Psa. xvi. 10).

The greatest fact of history is that Jesus died and rose from the grave in fulfilment of the prophecies. Peter showed how the above prophecy was fulfilled in the glorious resurrection of Christ, thus fulfilling in every detail the Divine plan of Redemption. (Act ii. 23-28.)

WHEN WILL CHRIST COME? THE PROPHET DANIEL TOLD WHEN CHRIST WOULD COME!

Perhaps the most remarkable of all the prophecies of Christ's First Coming is found in Daniel ix., where the very time of the Saviour's event was revealed. This is the famous Seventy Weeks' Prophecy. We quote the 25th and 26th verses:

"Know therefore and, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks; shall the Messiah be cut off; but not for Himself; and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined"

(Dan. ix. 25, 26).

In this memorable prophecy, 69 weeks of years were to elapse from the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem which had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, at the time the Jews were taken into captivity.

Now a "week" in prophecy stands for seven years (Gen. xxix. 27)—a day for a year. Daniel's prophecy declares that the Messiah should be "cut off" or crucified 69 weeks or 483 years after the commandment went forth to rebuild Jerusalem. Secular chronologies vary a few years with each other during this period, but those that vary the most, show that the 483 years ran out about 30 A.D.—the year of the crucifixion of Christ. This prophecy is staggering in significance and is an amazing proof of the Divine Inspiration of prophecy. Think of it, over 500 years before Christ was born the year of His crucifixion was given in a prophecy that has been on record since that time.

A review of these prophecies and their amazing fulfilments should have a solemn effect on every thinking man or woman. Could any man have made all these predictions and caused them to be so marvellously fulfilled long centuries after? The answer is that it would be utterly impossible. The only explanation is that the prophecies were inspired of God.

But note: The same Bible also declares that Christ will come again—this time in triumph, in victory, and to execute judgment on the earth. Jesus Himself said He would come again. As He was about to bid farewell to His disciples, speaking to them at the Last Supper, He said: "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there you may be also" (John xiv. 2, 3).

Christ will come again, to raise the dead and translate the living. The apostle Paul graphically related this in I. Thess. iv. 14-17.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

For those who are looking for Him, Christ will come again. The inspired writer speaks of the Second Coming when he says in Hebrews ix. 27, 28:

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many (First Coming); And unto them that look for Him shall He appear the SECOND TIME without sin unto salvation." (Second Coming) (Heb. ix. 28).

With such a marvellous fulfilment of the prophecies of the First Coming of Christ, how could any refuse to believe the prophecies of the Second Coming? Shall they not be

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Do you know how to pray?

I SHALL NEVER FORGET the story of the United States Marine during the war. The marine was walking down a highway in California thumbing a ride. A minister of the Gospel picked up the marine in his car. As the two men drove down the highway the minister noticed that the right sleeve of the marine's uniform was folded and pinned up against his shoulder, for his right arm had been amputated at the shoulder. The minister asked the marine how he lost his arm. The marine replied: "I lost that fighting the Japs as we were taking an island from them in the Pacific." The Minister, looking again at the marine, asked: "Did you pray when you were shot down?" The marine answered: "Pray . . . do you know how to pray?" "Of course I know how to pray," replied the minister. "I am a minister of the gospel." The marine said: "Well, sir, I will tell you the story. Here is how it happened. We had left our ship and were wading ashore up on the beach to take the island from the Japs. A Jap sniper sitting high in a tree shot me high in my right arm near the shoulder and I fell to the beach. As I lay there I knew that I was dying, for the bullet had cut an artery and every time my heart beat the blood spurted out on the ground. As I lay dying I could hear the cries and the prayers of many other marines who had also been shot down on the beach. Preacher, most of them were not cursing—most of them were praying, for I could hear them praying and asking God for help. Preacher, I know that the reason the marines were praying was not because they were cowards but because their parents had taught them how to pray. I knew that I could not last very long, in fact only a few moments, and Preacher, as I lay there dying on that beach, I cursed my mother! She taught me to play cards, even at the bridge club at the Church; she took me to the theatre, but she never taught me how to pray, and I didn't know how to pray! But as I lay cursing my mother because I wanted to pray and she had never taught me how, a fellow marine lying near who also had been shot in one arm heard me cursing my mother. He crawled over to me and put one good arm around my shoulder and said: 'Don't worry, chum, I know how to pray; my mother taught me how to pray and I will pray for both of us now.' Preacher, he didn't pray a very long prayer, but he said, 'God, you are with us for You promised to be with me and to uphold me with Your mighty hand of power, and underneath are Your everlasting arms. God, we can't last long here on this beach; make it possible for us to be picked up off this beach right away.' And, you know, Preacher, it wasn't but just a few moments until we were picked up off this beach and they took us to a hospital shop, and there they told me they would have to amputate my arm to save my life. But, Preacher, there is one thing I know, even though they amputated my arm—it was not the amputation of my arm that saved my life—it was the prayers of that fellow-marine who knew how to pray because his mother had taught him to pray!"

The greatest tragedy in the life of a soldier boy or a

sailor, or any boy or girl, is to have a father and mother who are not Christians, living in sin and whose sons and daughters never heard them call their names in prayer. What judgment and terrible remorse of conscience awaits those fathers and mothers in a ceaseless span of eternity to come, as the blood of their children cries out to them, ringing out through the corridors of hell for eternity.

Remember this, fathers and mothers, your prayers send the Holy Spirit to the remotest section of the earth where that son or daughter may be, for distance means nothing to God! It is as David of old cried: "Though I descend into hell, God is there. Though I take the wings of the morning and go to the uttermost parts of the earth, though I ascend into heaven, Behold, God is there!"

—Sel.

Miracles Still Happen

Here is an account of a miracle that happened in China some years ago, and is vouched for by Miss Blanche Appleby, Atlanta, Ga., who was for years a missionary in China.

In the city of Canton, China, there lived a woman named Cheung Sz Sham. She could not read or write. While very young she was married to a poor stupid gambler. From this union came sixteen children, of whom some died from lack of care, others were sold into slavery or vice, while still others were engaged (or bargained for) before they were born—providing they were girls.

Disease robbed her of eyesight, and when about 50 years of age she grew so ill that death was expected at any moment. Lying in the dirty, dingy, dark room she called home, totally blind, and life ebbing away, she heard someone talking to a neighbour and saying: "Jesus is all-powerful; there is nothing He cannot do. He can heal the sick, cause the lame to walk, restore sight to the blind, cast out demons and all manner of evil spirits, and can even raise the dead." The speaker was a distributor of Christian literature employed by two Pentecostal missionaries in Canton. Sz Sham heard it all.

"In what temple does this strange God live?" asked Sz Sham of her neighbours, who had dropped in to see whether she were dead yet. They did not know, but told her that some 'foreign devils' lived at the Big East Gate, and then added, 'They are to be feared, you know.' 'How can I find this God who is so powerful?' thought Sz Sham as she fell asleep.

The answer to her question came that night. As she wakened she beheld the vision of a stately Man arrayed in white. His very presence lighted the dark, poverty-stricken room. He spoke to her in the Cantonese language, saying: 'I am Jesus. I have come to heal you now.' Immediately she became very happy, the fever left, and her blind eyes received sight. She arose and witnessed to her neighbours.

Later this Chinese woman received the glorious gift of the Holy Spirit and was given through a miracle the ability to read and understand the New Testament. All things good and blessed are possible to God and possible to all who believe all things.

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ — We "Fight the good fight"

Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

What I want in a Man!



I AM NOT so conceited as to think that I must have the perfect man, nor do I suppose that any such man would be even slightly interested in ringing my doorbell. His very perfection would make it impossible for him to tolerate my many imperfections. Yet at the same time I am determined that I shall not fall into the trap of grasping at just any opportunity "to get a man" with little thought for the lifetime that follows the wedding. In the years that I have known the Lord Jesus Christ, my life has been full and rich, wonderfully joyous. He has met the needs of my heart, has given me the deep satisfaction of knowing that I am in the place where God wants me. Consequently, I shall be slow to make any decision which involves the one with whom I would spend the rest of my life.

Sometimes I think it might be simpler if we could look through a catalogue and order the man who meets our specifications. However, there is a much more foolproof method, just leaving that selection up to the God who made us and loves us, trusting Him to direct our lives to the right one at the right time. Surely the Father who has given us life and love and hope and all things we enjoy, can be trusted to give us the very best when it comes to a husband.

What will I look for in the right one? Popular songs, magazine articles, and moving pictures—all of which make a mockery of genuine love—would have me believe that thrills and chills and accelerated heart beats are sure signs of love. Yet the lives of the proponents of that idea prove to me beyond any doubt that they are the world's greatest failures at the most important phase of human life. So, according to the Word of God—which is, after all, the only sure foundation upon which I may base any decision—I must look deeper for qualities which signify the kind of man with whom I could share a lifetime of love and

happiness. "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I. Sam. xvi. 7). This must be the guiding principle as I consider worthwhile qualifications of a prospective husband. Outward appearance or looks seem very insignificant. What is the difference whether he be large or small, short or tall, handsome or homely? It is the heart that interests me. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. xxiii. 7). I must look for the traits of character, the qualities that issue from the heart.

"The greatest of these is love" (I. Cor. xiii. 13). So the very first thing I look for, and which I must find, is a heart of love. Love for Jesus Christ comes first; I could have no companionship with a man who did not love my Saviour. The man I want must have a life which proves a desire to live according to God's Word, with a heart bent on pleasing Him.

He must respond with love to his family, to other members of the family of God, to those who are without the Saviour. I will not fool myself in thinking that one who loves nobody else can really love me. The romantic statement, "I love you," means nothing unless there is an indication that he means to give himself for the one he loves, even as Christ did.

I could not love nor respect a man whose heart is not clean—free of any of the sordid dirt which seems to occupy the hearts and mouths of the man of the world today, free of the shades of dishonesty which are rather expected and accepted by most.

A man is not a real man, surely not a soldier of Jesus Christ, whose heart is not firmly fixed, not to be swayed nor moved by the winds that blow; fixed on the living God, though he be alone as he does so; succeeding in whatever he attempts, not contented with mediocrity.

This is what I want in a man.

—Abridged from the *Moody Monthly*.

The girl who wrote these words is an American. Do you agree with her? I know this: that many of our fine Christian girls have been lured away from Christ by an unconverted boy friend. When you find yourself becoming fond of an unsaved boy or girl you must act quickly—the

longer you leave it the stronger it grows, and your life is in the balance.

Just a thought—

Something every girl wants to have and every boy wants to be—A strong man, e.g., Daniel.

A SHORTAGE OF BOYS? A SHORTAGE OF GIRLS? WHICH IS THE PROBLEM OF YOUR CHURCH?

On the first Sunday of this year I was at Motherwell in the Town Hall where the Elim Church holds its Sunday evening services. Four hundred people were present and fifty of those present were boys and girls of Junior Crusader age. They occupied the front rows. That number was made up of twenty-four boys and twenty-six girls—the girls had won that night, and therein lies a story.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor T. W. Walker

SUNDAY, January 24th. Revelation ii. 8-11.

"But thou art rich" (v. 9).

Our reading indicates that the Church at Smyrna had known persecution and travail. It is almost true to say that if we have never known persecution we have never witnessed perfectly. All that live GODLY in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (II. Tim. iii. 12). After His conversation with the rich young ruler Christ dwelt upon the spiritual riches received by those who faithfully dedicate their all and in the midst of His list He includes persecutions (Mark x. 30)! There is nothing like trial for making you sure of your own conviction. Without opposition it is easy to be complacent and flabby. Modern indifference to the message has a worse effect than active hostility for we argue, "If unsaved souls couldn't care less, why should I bother?" It may well be that persecution will come again; we must be ready for it. There is no doubt it will help us to find new riches in Christ.

MONDAY, January 25th. Revelation ii. 12-17.

"I know . . . where thou dwellest" (v. 13).

To poor, unwanted, outcast Hagar, it was a great comfort to know that God on high saw her plight and cared for her. This text is not one of consolation, however, but of warning. The whole passage is taken up with God's message of impending judgment if the Church at Pergamos continued in its conformity with the world. Favour and monetary gain are great stumbling blocks to the free witness of the Gospel. Lot found in his daughters' immorality the dread results of dwelling in the wrong place. Jacob discovered the same dire consequences in the wronging of Dinah, his daughter. Samson lost his might mainly because he dallied in the company of pagan Philistines. "In the world but not of it" must be our unalterable motto.

TUESDAY, January 26th. Revelation ii. 18-29.

"Hold fast till I come" (v. 25).

For young people especially, this is a hard thing to do. Temptation is so subtle and opportunities of succumbing more readily available today than ever before. Sin is not considered wrong if the consequences can be avoided. We need the constant reminder of this text. Jesus is coming not in some remote future, but perhaps now! His advent is nearer because of the passage of time since His ascension and because the signs of the time clearly indicate it. Shall I be found holding fast? The apostle was very wise to remark, "and having done all, to stand" (Eph. vi. 13).

Each Sunday evening there is a competition between the boys and the girls, and it is represented in the form of two vapour trails on a chart and two aeroplanes make their way up the vapour trail, which is marked at stages indicating their progress. As each boy and girl enters the building so the respective aircraft is moved up until the service starts, and the final places are decided. When the boys win there is a great hoarse cheer, and when the girls win they nod their heads coyly and say: "We've done it again, boys." As you can well imagine, each Sunday evening becomes an exciting event. I wonder how many boys and girls who read this page attend the other services of the church. Do your very best to be at next Sunday evening's service, and take with you a friend.

Tailpiece. Love is expensive—it is revealed in sacrifice.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE on page 47

WEDNESDAY, January 27th. Revelation iii. 1-6.

"Remember" (v. 3).

Memory is a wonderful thing. A small thing, a chance word, a glance, will suddenly recall happenings of years gone by. In a moment we re-live an experience which we thought we had forgotten. Though our recollections are often surrounded by nostalgia, we are often astounded by the wealth of detail we had perhaps only half noticed at the time of the event. This recalling is not a chance one, however. It indicates an act of mind and will. It is a command to a people who had wandered far from the original purity of the truth. Repentance brought redemption and meditation on Calvary and all the Lord's benefits must bring a healthy and frequent renewing of our vows.

THURSDAY, January 28th. Revelation iii. 7-13

"He that hath an ear" (v. 13)

In words reminiscent of those frequently used by our Lord, John draws attention to the possibility of hearing without understanding. In these days, Satan is doing all he can to distract attention. The still, small voice is easily missed amidst the cacophony of radio, television, traffic, machines and the thousand and one noises of a mechanised world. "You must hear this! You can't miss this!" he says. Neon lighting and dazzling display divert attention from the tawdry trash he has to give. Nebuchadnezzar was right in line when he made such an appealing image of himself and accompanied his command with the lush music of his primitive symphony orchestra (Daniel iii.). Read again the message to Philadelphia—does it apply to ME? Did the words merely pass through my mind?—or did I really take the message in?

FRIDAY, January 29th. Revelation iii. 14-22.

"Neither cold nor hot" (v. 15).

Here is one of the most outspoken indictments of tepidity ever written. We turn nauseated from a half cold drink or meal, something which has been hot but has cooled down to uninteresting, unappetising lukewarmness. There is no such thing as the average person; human nature cannot thus be levelled into mediocrity. The apologetic, half-hearted efforts of many ecclesiastics are a sure sign of lack of conviction. Christian witness must create a stir; in the days of the Early Church, its exponents were accused of turning the world upside down. In personal witness, though tender understanding is required, we need to be bold, to speak from a moved heart. In public declaration, we can boldly assert as we preach Christ from His word, "Thus saith the Lord!" It is very easy to be half-and-half—we must be out-and-out!

SATURDAY, January 30th. Revelation iv. 1-11.

"Thou hast created" (v. 11).

A great significance attaches itself to the worship accorded to the Lord in this unveiling of a heavenly scene. Christ the Saviour King is lauded in terms identical to those applied to God in Isaiah's vision (Isa. vi.). The Bible never doubts Christ's deity. Not only so, the adoration of the elders shows that God's creative purpose was and is fulfilled in His Son. Teaching about the authority of might, the survival of the fittest, the accidental development of man and his fortuitous improvement as so much Satanic-inspired mumbo-jumbo compared with the sublime wisdom and planning of God. He is not simply a First Cause—He is Creator, Author, Finisher, Alpha, Omega, First, Last, in all and above all. Yet through Calvary's blood, we can say "to each loving heart how near."

COMING EVENTS

BELFAST (Ulster Temple). Continuing. Ulster Temple, Ravenhill Road. Campaign by Russell Richardson, Canadian Evangelist. Suns., 7 p.m. Week-nights (except Fri.), 8.

BIRMINGHAM. Jan. 30. Elim Full Gospel Church, Muntz Street, Small Heath. Great Amalgamation Rally. Conveners: Pastors J. Dyke and W. Millington. 7.30 p.m.

BROADMOOR. Jan. 24. H.M. Institution. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir, 5 p.m.

DORKING. Feb. 6. Elim Church, Willow Walk. South London District Presbytery Rally 7 p.m. Speaker: Pastor A. R. Boston.

HASTINGS. Feb. 7. Elim Church, Silverhill Hall, St. Leonards. Pastor's Anniversary. Special speaker: Pastor G. M. Every, Margate.

HAYES. Feb. 6. Elim Church, Keith Road. Visit of the London Crusader Choir. 7 p.m.

ILFORD. Jan. 24. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Elim Students. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

LEYTON. Jan. 23-Feb. 7. Elim Church, Vicarage Road, Sat. (23rd), 3 and 6.30. East London Revival Rally. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon., 7.30. Pastor S. Gorman. Second Advent Series (until Feb. 7, Fris. excepted).

MANSFIELD. Feb. 12th-17th. Elim Church, Co-operative Hall, Clerkson Street. Second Anniversary. Speakers: Pastors L. Lambert and J. Hywel Davies. Convener: Pastor J. C. Mulvagh. Fri., Mon., Wed., in Quaker Lane Hall, 7.30 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Tues., 7.30 p.m. Clerkson Street Hall.

RANDALSTOWN. Continuing. Elim Church. Campaign by Pastor A. Wilson. Suns., 7 p.m. Week-nights (except Fri.), 8.

ST. HELENS. Jan. 23, 24. Elim Church, Duke Street. Visit of Pastor H. W. Greenway for Sat., 7 p.m. (Rally). Sun., 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

SWINDON. Jan. 30, 31. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. Miss Vera McGillivray, Elim missionary to Formosa. Sat., 7 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, will visit the following churches during January: 23, 24—Aberdeen. 25—Carlisle.

Miss L. W. Loosmore, prospective Elim missionary to Southern Rhodesia will visit the following churches during January: 23—Hull (Mason Street). 24—Hull (City Temple).

Miss F. Grossen, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following churches:

January 23, 24—Halifax. 25, 26—Knottingley. 27, 28.—Sowerby Bridge. 30—Dewsbury. 31—Huddersfield. February 2—Wrenthorpe. 3—Leeds. 4—Bradford.

THE RETURN OF CHRIST CERTAIN—Continued

just as precisely fulfilled? We are told, however, that many will disbelieve, and of these the apostle Paul reveals that Christ is coming in judgment, "in flaming fire to take vengeance on them that know not God."

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels." "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." "When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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14. Up	27. Esther	13. Delete	
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"Whosoever liveth shall never die"

THE LORD JESUS said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die" (John xi. 26).

Eternal life cannot die, and only those who have eternal life, live. Human existence is not real life, for it is of only short duration. It can be wiped out in one small moment. Not so eternal life; it endures as long as God endures, for it is God.

Christ was God, but when Christ died the God life did not die. "That Eternal Life" did not die. Only the human flesh, which He took upon Himself, died. Christ could not die until He had clothed Himself with that which could die. His own words were, "A body hast Thou prepared Me" (Heb. x. 5), and it was this body, this human body without blemish, that died. It may be said that when Christ died on the Cross, for the moment (when life left the body), God stepped out of Him. God, the ever-existent One, had to forsake and vacate the human body, before His Son could die. His own words were, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Mark xv. 34). In that last awful moment of human existence God had to turn from the Son of His bosom, the Son of Man, in order to justly receive us.

The thought of it and the act of it is too wonderful and too unique for the finite mind to comprehend. We have only to believe and accept the fact and truth of it without understanding it, for all love's actions cannot be understood, even those of human love.

This awful death, this awful experience of One so holy, pure and perfect, results in the wonderful salvation of such

filthy, degraded creatures of rebellion as ourselves—if we believe and receive Him. Through that marvellous death there is brought unto us and placed within us that eternal life, that deathless life, which is His own.

Then only can it be truly said of us that we live, for then only have we real life. It is then we shall never die, for we cannot. It is not possible for eternal life to become extinct. The body may crumble into dust and become non-existent, but the life germ continues eternally. It is planted for new growth. The seed within germinates into a "spiritual body" (I. Cor. xv. 44). That seed is the "Word of God."

Peter explains the appropriation of that new life, that eternal life, in these words: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I. Pet. i. 23). "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven" (I. Cor. xv. 47). The second man "shall never die"!

"This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." "This (the Son) is the True God, and Eternal Life" (I. John v. 11, 12, 20).

All who believe may have this life, for "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John iii. 36).

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Wrigglesworth.—On January 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Wrigglesworth (née Couldwell) of York, God's gracious gift of a son, Michael.

MARRIAGES

Calderwood : Lonsdale.—On January 2nd, at Bethesda Elim Church, Belfast, by Pastor W. J. Maybin; William Calderwood to Elizabeth Margaret Lonsdale.

Vogt : Crowder.—On January 2nd, at Elim Church, York, by Pastor R. B. Chapman; Meinrad Vogt to Maureen Crowder (both Elim Crusaders).

WITH CHRIST

Fitton.—On January 6th, Walter Percy Fitton, aged 71, Trustee and Deacon of Elim Church, Halifax. Funeral conducted by Pastor John Gardiner.

Harvey.—On December 23rd, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, aged 53, loyal member of Elim Church, York, since its inception. Funeral conducted by Pastor R. B. Chapman. "With Christ which is far better."

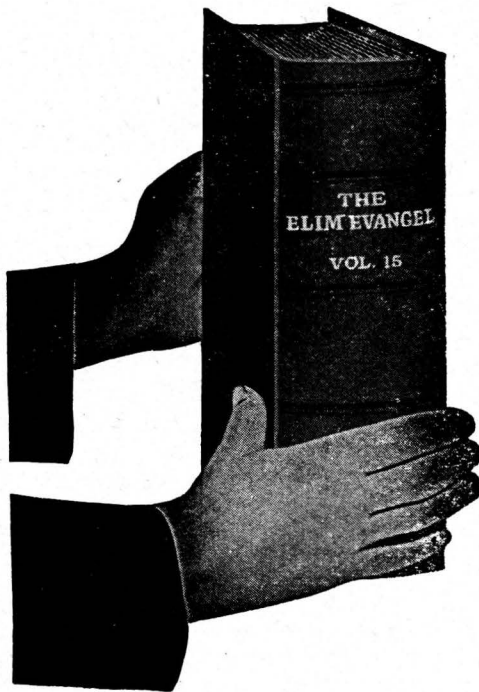
Hawley.—On January 2nd, Annie L. Hawley, aged 85, mother of the late Pastor S. Hawley, and faithful member of Elim Church, Graham Street, from its inception. Funeral conducted by Pastor John Dyke.

Kingham.—On December 17th, Mrs. Maude Kingham, aged 56, beloved member and worker at Elim Church, Clapham. Funeral conducted by Pastor F. A. Hodge.

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