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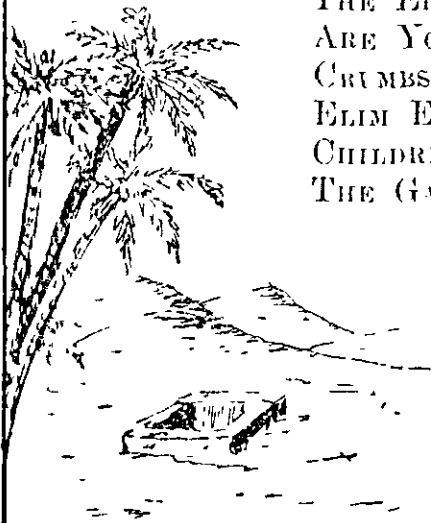
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The Irish Conventions.

"OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS, AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN! LET THEM EXALT HIM ALSO IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE PEOPLE, AND PRAISE HIM IN THE ASSEMBLY"—Psa cvii., 31, 32.

The following reports of the Elim Christmas and New Year Conventions are from the pen of an English visitor. The speakers included Pastor A. Carter, who could only remain for the Belfast Convention; Pastor E. B. Pinch, who was present at both Belfast and Lurgan, Dr. F. T. Ellis, who managed to put in two days at each of the three places; and Mr. John Leech, K.C., who with Pastor George Jeffreys held the fort over the last week-end at Ballymena.—Ed.

Belfast.

Christmas in Ulster! To that land that has known so much of discord and strife comes the message of peace and goodwill. Hope revives in our hearts as we meditate upon the nativity of the world's Redeemer, an event of a most astonishing and glorious description, an unprecedented event. An event which only occurred once within the history of the world. Everything concerning Jesus is matter of delightful contemplation to the Christian. His name is as precious ointment poured forth. 'Tis Christmas in our hearts, for the Christ has come in. The incarnation of Christ declares the possibility of fellowship between man and God, the restoration of that blessed union forfeited by sin.

The hearty welcome accorded one by the Convenor and his faithful band of workers was an early omen of that love and goodwill which proved to be the atmosphere of the whole series of meetings. One felt at once immediately amid the cordial hospitality, the artless sincerity, and fervent enthusiasm of these Irish saints.

Saturday evening found a little band of workers gathering in Arthur Square, a busy thoroughfare of the city of Belfast, but sufficiently removed from the tramways to secure an undisturbed and attentive audience. Ere

long the company began to grow, until there was a crowd of several hundred people listening to the old, old story of a Saviour's love, as one after another stepped on to the little platform, to declare what the Lord had done for them.

When the fixed hour for the Sunday morning meeting arrived, Elim Tabernacle had very few vacant seats, and there was eager expectancy written on every face as the Convener and speakers, together with the members of the Elim Band filed out of the minor hall and took their seats on and around the pulpit. Expectancy changed to joyful assurance as the meeting proceeded. All seemed to be sublimely conscious of the Holy Presence, as successive prayers and praises ascended from adoring hearts to the throne of love and power.

The first message of the Convention was on the "Anointing." The anointing is a sign of kingship. It also sanctifies a man for the priestly office. Like Samuel, we are anointed to save others; not to retire from the field of service, callously indifferent to the crying need of those unfortunate and unhappy creatures whose appalling condition moved the Prince of Glory to give His body to the cross. Isaiah speaks of lightened loads and sundered fetters, "because of the anointing." Tender mention was made of the anointing of Christ by the woman of Bethany. He was anointed to die. Is not this thought intensely suggestive to us,—that we, too, should be "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God," because of the anointing; for we "have an anointing from the Holy One." At the close of the address, Pastor Jeffreys invited all who were really born again to partake of the bread and wine, symbols to solemnly remind us of the broken body and shed blood of our Blessed Lord. We bow our heads in the Presence of Jesus; but, thank God, we hear not only the dull, sickening thud of the hammer on the nails that pierced the warm flesh of the dear Son of God, but we hear the blast of trumpets, and the resurrection shout, together with the rapturous acclamation of the triumphant King, by the "Euchs" of the last days. Praise God for the three-fold look! Backward to the cross; upward to the Throne; and onward to the air.

In the interim, between the meetings, the Minor Hall, behind the Church presented a most pleasing spectacle. Over the friendly cup of tea, many who had not seen each other for a long time were enjoying sweet fellowship; and heartening reports of God's blessing in different parts passed from one to the other. Above the clamour of voices could be heard the occasional clatter of cups and plates, as busy hands washed the used crockery and tried to keep pace with the steady inflow of fresh faces. Judging by the happy looks and bright rejoinders workers found real pleasure in attending to the more mundane matters of bodily refreshment.

Sunday evening arrived, and the stewards were busy in the endeavour to find accommodation for the people. Soon, not only the seats, but the aisles are full. The platform is crowded; they are standing in the porch; even the pulpit steps are occupied, and the congregation begins to overflow into the Minor Hall. After a wonderful season of prayer, Hymn No. 4 is announced. In the two previous meetings it has already established itself a prime favourite. Such singing! One does not have to ask if this people mean what they sing. Their beaming eyes and radiant faces provide convincing evidence of their intense earnestness. I pause to listen. They are singing:—

"I stand amazed in the Presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me.
A sinner, condemned, unclean."

No one is unmoved! The wonderful love of Jesus is stirring every heart. Who is that sturdy fellow near the front singing so lustily? A few weeks ago he was the proprietor of a gambling saloon, open for business seven days a week. But he has been captivated by the love of Jesus. "Old

things have passed away, all things have become new." Then they sing the chorus:—

"How marvellous! how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! how wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!"

Again and again they repeat the chorus. Will they ever cease? "Hallelujah! This is heaven upon earth," says someone, and at the rear of the church another breaks forth again:

"How marvellous! how wonderful!"

How such praises must gladden the heart of Jesus! A profound silence settles down upon the congregation as a brother rises to minister the Word. These people are not wild enthusiasts, incapable of appreciating anything other than loudly-voiced choruses. They are now as eager to catch every word and thought, as the Scriptures are expounded, as they were, a moment ago, fervent in their praises.

The speaker turns us to the 1st Epistle of John and the 4th Chapter, and announces "God is love." He says: "I have chosen the greatest theme in the Bible. I am not going to speak about temporal things, nor about angels, no; not even about heavenly splendour or glory. My subject is greater than all these, for I want us to think about God Himself. "God is." That is the first tremendous fact; and again, "God is love." From the earliest conceptions of God, this note of love is missing. "God is mighty." This is clearly demonstrated by His creative work. "God is infinitely wise." Nay! He is wisdom itself. Growth and life are beyond our understanding, and as we listen to the revelations of the botanist, we are confounded and bewildered. "God is Omniscient." Not one detail in this vast universe is ever overlooked by the One Who reads the thoughts of every man's heart. "God is just." His scales always tell the truth. "God is absolutely holy." The slightest suggestion of sin is abhorrent to the Almighty. I can measure God's holiness, because I can read His extreme hatred of sin in the enormity of His sacrifice for its removal. "God is eternal." He does not hasten. A thousand years in His sight are as a day. But the final revelation is the most wonderful. "God is love." This is the most stupendous fact of all. God's heart yearns to do men good. He has an overwhelming passion to bestow His best upon the object of His affection. One has defined love as the desire for, and delight in, the welfare of others. Let me define love as the result produced by "the harmonious working of all the attributes of the Almighty." I am afraid of the might of the mighty, but unafraid of the God of love. In the past, His love found wondrous expression at the creation. In the present, we read, "God is not willing that any should perish"; and we are assured that in the future we shall still remain the constant recipients of His love and kindness, for did He not say: "I go to prepare a place for you"? God's love is ever appealing to men. That cross; those bleeding hands that ministered to the needy; that thorn-crowned brow, are silent witnesses to the greatness of His love. If there is a soul not responding to His love, I shall expect you to reach hell. There is no other place for you. You could not stand in His blazing glory, nor endure to be scanned by those eyes that are as a flame of fire. May we all respond with gladness to the mighty wooings of His tender love!"

Monday, Christmas Day, found the Church packed at every service. It was a time of great power and blessing. At the morning meeting the gifts of the Spirit were in operation, and many helpful and encouraging messages were received from the Lord. After this season of heavenly worship, Dr. Wilbur Chapman's beautiful hymn was sung with touching feeling:—

"One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt amongst men—my Example is He."

The speaker took us back to that first Christmas morning, taking for his text Micah, chapter 5, verse 2. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, 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." "God is intensely interested in a little town. An unnoticed, unimportant place. Yet it gives to the world the Wonderful Ruler. At Sinai, God kept at a distance, but in the manger, God is seen approaching His people, and the God of the manger is the God of the mountain. And now Bethlehem is superseded by the Upper Room. God has come the third time. Christ is the centre, magnified by the law and revealed by the Spirit."

Tuesday was a day which had been eagerly anticipated by many for a long time, the afternoon being set aside for a Baptismal Service. Long before the time announced for the service to commence the building was crowded, and every available seat occupied. Aisles and porchway were quickly filled,—and still the people were coming. There was no accommodation for worshippers in the Minor Hall, as, divided into separate compartments, it provided rooms placed at the disposal of the candidates. The address by Pastor George Jeffreys on Water Baptism from Matt., chapt. 3, v. 13-17, was most convincing, and made a profound impression on the listeners. Opportunity was given the candidates to rise and testify to their conversion. It was astonishing to note how many of these men and women, a number of whom had only known the Lord for a short time, were able to declare that they had been baptized with the Holy Spirit, as at the beginning. Amongst the number were some who had been reclaimed from lives of vice and debauchery, and had found in Jesus the double cure

"Saved from sin, its guilt and power"

What a scene it was! Fifty-seven were immersed by the Pastor. Before the service was concluded, an invitation was extended to any who desired to obey the Lord's command, on the next occasion afforded them in the Tabernacle, to stand. Thirty-two people rose from their seats. It was a great and memorable day that will live long with many of us.

Pastor A. H. Carter, of London, and Pastor E. B. Pinch, of Grimsby, had been with us from the beginning of the Convention, ministering the Word, but on Wednesday they were joined by Pastor F. T. Ellis, of Langley. Dr. Ellis was warmly welcomed, and at the evening service, after the singing of another favourite hymn, he announced his text from Matt., chapter 4, v. 21, and I. Pet., chapter 3, v. 10. He pointed out two parallel passages in the Greek text, which had been differently translated. The words translated, "mending their nets" were rendered in the second case "make you perfect," and so the latter passage might thus be made to read, "The God of all grace, mend your nets." How are nets broken? he asked. Sometimes by the ordinary wear and tear of fishing. And are not the ceaseless cares and constant worries of a monotonous routine frequently responsible for the rending of our spiritual life? But the God of all grace can mend our nets. His grace is always sufficient. What is the Grace of God? It is the help of Jesus for nothing. Sometimes the net is badly torn on the submerged rock, and how often hearts are broken and lives ruined by some jagged secret sin. Again, nets have been broken by the multitude of fishes, and there are some men who have been ruined by prosperity, but thank God! there is One Who can mend the nets. A broken net renders us useless, and a half-consecrated Christian cannot catch men. "Yes!" concluded the speaker, "get your nets mended, and go in for fishing on a big scale. Catch the big ones—but don't forget the sprats!"

So blessed and helpful were the services that it was decided to continue the Convention with an extra meeting on Friday evening. At this juncture, Pastor Carter was compelled to leave us, in order to fulfil another engagement at a Convention in Scotland. The prayers and good wishes of the Belfast friends went with him.

Lurgan.

Saturday morning found about twenty of the Elm Band, together with the Convener and speakers, on the platform of the Great Northern Railway Station, Belfast, eager to carry to Lurgan the full gospel of redeeming love. Arrived at the town after a journey spent chiefly in hymn singing we soon found the Town Hall, where a large crowd of people were already gathering. A service of much power and blessing in the afternoon prepared all for a mighty meeting in the evening. The large and commodious building was packed, and the spirited and earnest messages of Pastor Ellis and Pastor Pinch made a deep and lasting impression upon the congregation.

Sunday was a wonderful day. Jesus was very precious to us as hundreds of people partook of the Communion, and the spirit of God richly fed our souls as we took bread and wine together, in the presence of the King. The evening service was a crowning time of blessing. Over an hour before the service commenced, the large building was crowded. Then the stewards began to find it difficult to get the people in. Aisles, gallery, and even platform were crowded with people, until there was just room for the speakers to stand. Over a thousand people listened to the message of hope and peace. How they sang! I think I can hear them now, whilst the whole congregation seems to sway with the singing —

“Hallelujah! This is my song,
Jesus, Jesus, the whole day long,
Swells the choirs, mighty and strong,
Praise His Holy Name”

May the many who received strength and blessing in these meetings continue to live in constant and blessed union with the One Who sends us these times of refreshing. Amen.

The following report of the Lurgan Convention is taken from the “Lurgan Mail” of January 6.—

LURGAN PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION

The annual Pentecostal Convention, held in Lurgan Town Hall during the last week end, as usual attracted large congregations, the spacious building being packed out. The enthusiasm which prevailed at the meetings gave evidence of the hold this movement is having upon the masses.

The Convener was Pastor George Jeffreys, under whose leadership the work in the North of Ireland commenced a few years ago. The movement has, we understand, been spreading rapidly in Wales and England. It was only last month that a fine building in London was opened under its auspices.

The preachers in the Town Hall, Rev. Dr. Ellis of Langley, and Pastor Pinch, of Grimsby, gave their messages in true apostolic fashion, and claimed to the full every promise contained in the Scriptures.

One remarkable feature of the meetings must not be omitted—the hundreds of enthusiasts who claimed to have received the mysterious gift of speaking in unknown languages.

Another Convention commences in the Protestant Hall in Ballymena next week-end.

Ballymena.

Once more the large Protestant Hall at Ballymena resounded with the praises of the saints in this old county town, so well known to readers of the '59 Revival.

It was the third and last on the list of the Christmas and New Year Convention programme.

Some of the Elim Evangelists were to be seen as in former years coming off the afternoon train, and the early arrival of some of the saints from the country districts was quite noticeable.

The large hall had been neatly decorated for the opening service, and when the congregation assembled, it was evident, from the spirit of the first hymn, that it was of the type that meant real business with God. Dr. Ellis, who could only remain two evenings, kept the people in rapt attention, as he revealed the teaching contained in the various pictures of the Bride of Christ, so magnificently drawn by the Holy Ghost in the Old Testament.

His message on the Thursday left an indelible impression on the hearers, the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ being lit up with new light, as he unveiled the glories of his Lord.

The week-end services were taken by Mr. John Leech, K.C. His first message, on the helplessness of man in contrast with the power of God, brought encouragement and hope to those who felt their inability to do much for the Master.

The Sunday morning service will never be forgotten. The saints were gathered around the table of their Lord, and He was revealed in the Breaking of Bread. They saw Him as the One Who had appeared to put away their sin at Calvary, as the One Who in the present appeared as their Advocate before the Throne, and they saw Him, by faith, appearing at no distant day in the clouds to take them to be with Himself.

As the service drew to a close, quite a number filed out to the front to be anointed for healing, and the power of God was present in a remarkable way, delivering the sick and afflicted, while thankful hearts poured forth adoration and praise to God.

The closing addresses on Solomon's Temple will never be forgotten. Step by step the huge congregations followed the process through which the stones passed from "excavation to obliteration." They saw how they were first of all excavated from the quarries, and then afterwards placed in the Temple to be covered with cedar wood and gold. These closing addresses truly enough were epoch-making ones.

The solid Ballymena saints have remained true to the Pentecostal testimony, although it was prophesied by some opponents, during the first mission conducted by Pastor George Jeffreys six years ago, that the people would be left high and dry in a few weeks' time.

Pastor Pinch, who was announced to speak at this Convention, was not present owing to the fact that he had left for Kilsyth to act as deputy for Pastor George Jeffreys. Encouraging news has since come from Kilsyth.

HIS GIFT AND MINE.

Over against the treasury,
 He sits Who gave Himself for me.
 He sees the coppers that I give,
 Who gave His life that I might live.
 He sees the silver I withhold,
 Who left for me His throne of gold,
 Who found a manger for His bed,
 Who had not where to lay His head.
 He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
 And I am debtor in His sight.

—Missionary Review.

The Welsh Conventions.

Brief reports of the Dowlais and Merthyr Conventions have come to hand from our dear Brother John. The speakers at both places were W. J. Thomas, of Pontyates, Ivor Roberts and Edgar Griffiths, of Cwmtwrch, Bernard Swift of Swansea, and B. Davies of Taunton. Pastor Stephen Jeffreys was the Convener at Dowlais, and Pastor Robert Smith at Merthyr.

The writer describes the ministry of the Word at both places as "soul-inspiring," and says "we have been fed with a feast of fat things."

As usual, both places were packed out, and quite a number of converts were registered in the Lamb's Book of Life. The trumpet notes for deeper consecration resulted in many giving themselves afresh to the service of the Lord. Prayer is requested on behalf of these two centres.

Elim Tabernacle, Clapham.

The readers of the "Evangel" will be interested in the photographs of the Elim Tabernacle at Clapham, London, given in this issue, and also in the report below by Mr. Henry Proctor, F.R.S.L. The building was officially opened under the auspices of the Alliance in December, by Pastor George Jeffreys, who gave a week's Bible Studies on the- Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, resulting in great blessing to the hearers. Following the opening services he officiated at three Baptismal Services, the Baptistry in the Tabernacle having been given by one of the Lord's people.—Ed.

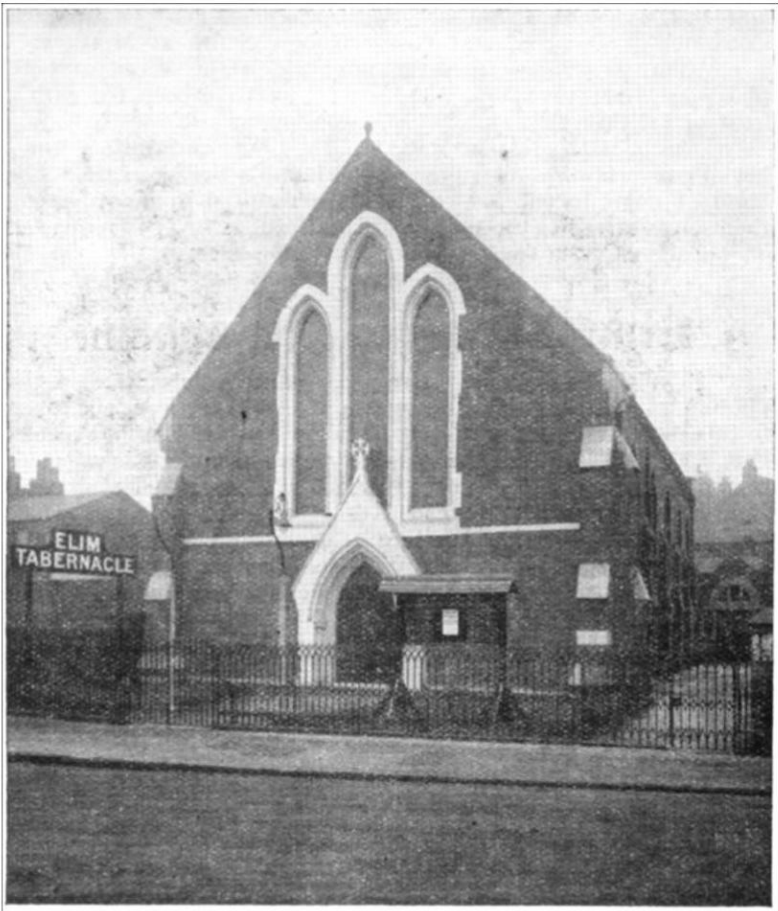
Just a year ago the Elim Pentecostal Alliance entered into the possession of an old disreputable looking building in Clapham, which had been going to rack and ruin for years. Some slight repairs were effected, and bright services were begun under the leadership of two able evangelists, and followed up by Pastor George Jeffreys. From the first, the meetings were a success; full of such joy and brightness, that many of the young people said at the end of the after-meeting: "Oh, we ARE sorry to go, we wish it could continue all night."

But, best of all, souls were saved nearly every night; on one occasion five surrendered to God in the open-air meeting. Many received a definite baptism of the Spirit, with the SIGN of tongues. A continuous work of healing has been kept up throughout the year; and many diseases have been healed through anointing and laying-on of hands as in Apostolic times. People have come from great distances; not only from the North of England, but from Wales and Scotland, and many from distant parts of London, for the Pentecostal Baptism and for healing; and some have given ringing testimonies that their desires have been fulfilled beyond all their expectation.

But as the building had been hired for one year only, it was necessary to decide at the end of September as to the purchase. Much prayer for guidance was offered, and Pastor George Jeffreys was definitely shewn that it was God's will that the glorious work should continue. The response to appeals for the necessary funds was delightfully spontaneous

and joyful. No sale of work or bazaars or concerts were even suggested, but the church seemed full of cheerful givers such as the Lord loves. Then a transformation began to be effected, and the dirty old building which was a disgrace to Clapham, has become "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

A friend of mine who went to see the alterations, saw a familiar



ELIM TABERNACLE. CLAPHAM,—EXTERIOR.

face among the workmen and discovered that it was one of the pastors arrayed in a paint-spattered frock which he said was his surplice. And the evangelists were found hard at work in the same way, reminding us that Nehemiah's sword and trowel was found not only in the hands of priests and princes but also in his own. But Pastor George Jeffreys has proved himself in another sense, "a wise master-builder" (Gk., architect) in building up the assembly. He is dearly-loved of the people, as are also

the Evangelists, and the visiting pastors have been much appreciated. During the month of December we have held three baptismal services, at which more than 70 have been baptized, each one after giving a clear testimony to the new birth. An old gentleman who was present, testified that in all the 60 years since his baptism, he had never seen anything like the joy and enthusiasm with which these testimonies were given. On Sunday morning (December 17) an ordination service was held at which four elders were ordained—Brothers Beard, Bonner, Lewis, and Proctor.

After 42 years of Christian experience, the writer can affirm that he has come into contact with no church where the Scriptures are so definitely adhered to in every detail. Moreover, every kind of extravagance, which has marred so many revivals, has been strictly excluded here. Pastor George Jeffreys is a level-headed man, extremely logical and thorough in his discourses, founding all his doctrines upon the "Impregna-



ELIM TABERNACLE, CLAPHAM,—INTERIOR

ble Rock" of Holy Writ. At the same time there is none of that deadly dulness which is the hall-mark of so many "orthodox" churches, but every visitor is impressed with the happy look on the faces of all the people, young and old, alike.

At some of the meetings there have been stirring episodes, when we have seen people who come in bath-chairs enabled to walk home without them. Persons who have been deaf for 13, 18, 22, and 25 years have been enabled to hear the ticking of a watch. Pastor Stephen's campaign for 5 weeks in June and July was greatly owned of God in healing Mrs. Mansfield, from Cardiff especially, was healed of two cancers, and on returning home, her miraculous healing was so noised abroad that twelve people came from Wales during the following week for healing. Some glorious meetings have also been held for the send-off of missionaries, among whom were Mr. Capper, of the P.M.U., for China, Miss Henderson

for the Congo, and Dr and Mrs Slocum for the Punjab, with a view to entering Afghanistan later when the door should be opened.

The growth of the Church has been as steady as it has been phenomenal, for at the ordination service nearly all the congregation signified their desire to be admitted to permanent membership, and this in a field which another Christian body had given up as absolutely barren and hopeless. A Sunday School has also been formed, under the supervision of Mr Bonnet, to which the children of the district are invited.

Healing through the Name of Jesus

By HARRIETTE S BAINBRIDGE

The Name of Jesus, through faith in His Name, will certainly avail to bring His healing touch into your suffering body.

Praying in doubt will lead you nowhere. The difficulties which are so sorely perplexing your heart and mind will soon be solved, if day by day, with an open Testament before your eyes, you will simply trust God's Holy Spirit **to cause you to understand** the cases of Divine Healing which are recorded in the Gospels, even as He understands them, and if you will also rely on the Spirit to inspire within your heart the divine faith which touches Christ the Divine Healer, receiving an inflow of His healthy life which speedily overcomes sickness and disease in the mortal body.

When you have consciously received this Supernatural Remedy, you will **need** no other remedy. But do not throw aside any remedy, which you may have found helpful, **before** you have accepted the Bible Remedy for sin and sickness—which is the faith of Jesus—for healing of soul and body in His All-powerful Name.

Do not forget that it is quite useless to **say** that you believe in Divine-Healing unless you can prove your words by drawing nigh to Christ the Divine Healer, **asking Him in faith to heal your maladies.**

“The prayer of faith” is a definite request which is always inspired by the Holy Spirit in the heart and mind of the watchful and obedient believer in God, and in His Word which abideth for ever!

Faith **does** nothing. Faith simply **receives** that which God says He is doing. Faith is continually receiving from God, as the green earth is continually receiving from the sun and the atmosphere. Faith is an atmosphere in which God accomplishes His mighty works in our spirits, souls and bodies.

When our Lord Jesus Christ commands us to “have the faith of God” (Mark xi, 20-25), He is virtually showing us how all the evils which are afflicting us may be caused to wither and die, even as the barren fig-tree was dried up from its roots.

Faith enables us to become **continual receivers** of that

which God says He is **continually doing** for the child-like in spirit who simply take Him at His Word. Faith also causes us to become unconscious bestowers of the very blessings we are receiving to those around us. For the faith of others is stimulated to seek great things from the Lord when they see a fellow-believer exercising effectual faith in the Ever Living, and receiving manifestations of divine power in his life. As they consider his faith, and see the blessed results it is accomplishing for him, they feel their own hearts stirred to seek more of the fulness of God than they have hitherto experienced.

Items of Interest.

We have received a splendid report of the special Christmas Convention at Clapham, London, from Mr. W. Lewis, one of the elders of the church, and we hope to insert it in our next issue

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At the close of the Lurgan Convention, Pastor and Mrs. Pinch crossed over to Scotland, to address the friends at the Kilsyth Convention. Others speaking were Mr. Small, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Hume. It was a season of great profit and cheer. The hymn, which was made such a blessing at the Irish Conventions, was sung as a solo by Mrs. Pinch, before her address. Again and again the chorus was repeated, and the fine old building was made to ring with the words, "How marvellous! How wonderful! Is my Saviour's love to me!" Thursday evening splendidly concluded the series of meetings; the large hall, which seats about five hundred people, was crowded to overflowing. Praise God for such wonderful tokens of His love and presence!

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Our readers will be glad to have the following news from Pastor E. C. Boulton, who is in charge of an assembly under the Alliance at Hull, which was formed as the result of the recent revival campaign conducted in the city by the Pastors Jeffreys "God is graciously blessing our work here in Hull; scarcely a meeting passes without souls being saved. At the first of a series of bi-weekly Divine healing services the Lord gave us a wonderful meeting, several testifying to the power of God delivering from diseases; one dear woman who had not heard for years went away in possession of her hearing, whilst another was freed from heart trouble. To His precious Name be all the praise! We are now commencing a ten-days' special evangelistic campaign at one of our local missions, where we trust to see the power of God manifested as in apostolic days. Many hearts are burning with desire to see a great movement of God in our midst; many also are conscious of impending blessing on a larger scale than hitherto experienced. Surely this expectation shall not be cut off!"

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Pastor A. H. Carter writes to say that the first term of the year 1923 at the Bible Training School at Hampstead is now in progress. Intending students should apply at once for admission, £1 per week toward board only being the contribution necessary from each student. In prospect of the Lord permitting an immediate extension of the work, which will include the training of sisters, he asks that any sister desiring to enter on the commencement of the next term, kindly apply at once. The school is open to all who have a definite call to home or foreign service, and to such as desire to spend a period in quiet study; and the prayerful interest of all God's people is sought. Contributions towards the work

should be addressed to the Principal, Pastor A. H. Carter, "Pentecost," 12, South Hill Park Gardens, Hampstead, London, N.W. 3.

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We have read with great interest "Missionary Pioneering in Congo Forests." This book (of over 200 pages), compiled by Mr. Max Wood Moorhead from letters, reports, articles, etc., contains the soul-stirring account of their first journey to the Congo, the founding by Mr. W. F. P. Burton and Mr. James Salter on virgin soil at Mwanza of a Christian Church, the establishment of the Congo Evangelistic Mission, the remarkable blessing of God which has followed, and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, after the pattern of Pentecost, in Lubaland. It is under this mission that Mr. Cyril Taylor and Miss Henderson are working in the Congo. The book is profusely illustrated, and it should be read by all those interested in the second foith of the Gospel to the dark places of the earth. It is obtainable from Mr. J. N. Pail, "Westwood," Langford Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, England, at the price of 3s 6d. (postage extra). All profits from the sale of the book are to be devoted to the furtherance of the work of the Lord in the Congo.

News from Miss Henderson.

News from Miss Henderson is most encouraging. God is answering prayer, and in a wonderful way helping her to learn the language. Then her health is very good, and though the climate is exceedingly trying, Miss Henderson writes that she always seems to have plenty of energy, even in the greatest heat. She is already able to make herself understood in a little way, and visits different villages, conversing and praying with the people. The following letter, written to "Evangel" readers, will be read with great interest.—Ed.

Dear Friends in the Homeland,—

I am ever so sorry that this will not reach you in time for Christmas. I did so want to convey to you all my heartiest greetings and earnest prayers that the New Year 1923 may bring all of you more abundant blessing from God, and fresh zeal and enthusiasm in your witnessing for Him. That it may be spent more in the secret place of earnest and continued communion with Him,—not in spasmodic effort, but the setting apart of a certain time each day, a time that shall even mean sacrifice from sleep in the early morning hours, or from other legitimate duties that can well be relegated to a second place to the call to prayer. Experience has taught most of us out here that without earnest and continued prayer, kept up day by day, life becomes sapless, powerless, useless. May God make us this year more than ever, an earnest and faithful, praying people.

I do want to thank you all for your prayers for me during the time of my great sorrow. The sudden and unexpected death of my dear loving companion, Miss Elsie Winifred Brooks, when just completing our long journey by boat up the Congo River, was a great shock to me. The close union that existed between us was unmistakably of God, and it seemed to us all along that in a most wonderful way God had perfectly fitted us for one another.

We had so looked forward to our working together in Congo, and had together made so many little plans for our work up there, but the One Who loved her best, saw her work on earth finished, and so He took her to Himself.

No words of mine could describe the life and character of my departed comrade. She was the sweetest and most unselfish woman I have ever met. Her whole desire was to help others, and to win the lost for Christ, and ever and anon she would speak in the most touching way of the dear black women in Congo, whom one day she hoped to bring to Jesus, and for whom God had given her a truly wonderful love.

She is buried in a beautiful spot on the top of a sunny hill, in the midst of the land for which she left home and friends, to help to bring the glad tidings of a Saviour's love to its dusky sons and daughters. I know that you are praying that God shall call someone else to take up her work, for the need truly is great, but let me ask your prayers for her loved ones in the south of England, who have very nobly borne their great loss, that God may abundantly bless them for their sacrifice.

And now for news of Congo. Thank God, He has been blessing the work here in a very real way. Many of my Father's children have been praying for us, and prayer has been answered. Last Sunday we had a special time of blessing. About twenty decided to leave aside their heathenish beliefs and customs, and expressed their desire to follow Jesus. They came right out to the front, and knelt down to be prayed for,—and there and then accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Can you imagine this happening in a land where a little over seven years ago they had never heard of Jesus, and again and again ran off into the woods when our first pioneer missionaries tried to preach to them?

I often wish the dear people in Ireland, England, and elsewhere, who so faithfully and loyally bear us up in prayer, could see the way in which God has blessed the work of the Congo Evangelistic Mission. It has truly been marvellous what God has accomplished here within the last seven years, but all this has only awakened in hundreds of other hearts a great desire to hear and know about the wonderful God, Who has made so many people happy in the stations where the work has been opened up, and where we have either native evangelists or white missionaries.

Dear readers of the "Elim Evangel," will you ask God what He would have you do in helping to send out more missionaries to spread the Gospel in Belgian Congo? Will you pray God to send us a mighty, Holy Ghost revival, not only in the stations and villages already evangelized, but right over the whole country? And lastly, will you ask God to keep those already on the field so in touch with Himself, and so filled with His Spirit, that we shall never lose the freshness and tenderness of the vision that first inspired us to come out here, but that gladly, willingly, shall we pour out the best of our lives in the service of God in Congo.

With warmest Christian love to you all,

Yours in His joyous service,

ADELAIDE HENDERSON

Mwanza Kasungu,

Kikoudja, Katanga,

Congo Belge, 28th November, 1922

Pause at any verse of Scripture you choose, and shake, as it were, every bough of it, that, if possible, some fruit at least may drop down. If your soul really hungers, the Spirit of God will not send you away empty. You shall at length find in one, and that perhaps a short verse, such an abundance of delicious fruit that you will gladly seat yourself under its shade, and abide there as under a tree laden with fruit.—
Martin Luther.

The Blessing of Failure.

By PASTOR E. C. BOULTON.

“That night nothing.”—John 21, 3.

“Ah! what years of bitter trouble,
Grief and pain might oft be saved,
If upon our Lord's strong shoulders
Our life's "government" were laid!
If we sought His guidance always,—
If we waited upon Him
Till His Holy Spirit led us,—
Not our vision weak or dim.”

What a poor, miserable, disappointing business it was! Humanly speaking everything was most favourable for success. Plans were well laid; the time well chosen; no effort spared to make the expedition successful;—and yet it failed. Such resolution; such zeal, but no results. They caught nothing “that night.”

That particular night would stand out permanently and prominently in their experience. What a blow to their pride! The humiliation of it all!

Let us observe that this night of humiliating failure issued in a morning of glorious revelation, followed by unprecedented success. The Master knew the extent of their power and endurance. After the night came the morning, and with the morning came JESUS, and His appearance changed everything for those tired, troubled toilers. How timely are His advents! Do you remember that other occasion when these same disciples were in difficulty and danger on the Sea of Galilee? When with strength spent and exhausted by their efforts to battle with the storm, Jesus came? And again those two disconsolate disciples on their way to Emmaus, how as they journeyed, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them? Perhaps our greatest failure is but God's preface to our most glorious triumph. At the moment we are not in a position to rightly interpret or value the hour of humiliation; our eyes are dimmed with the tears of a great disappointment; our heart is strangely heavy with the sense of a great loss, we went forth with a vision of victory, so confident of success. Our heart contains a great unanswered question, why this failure? Beloved believer, He knows the way that you take! Have you considered that temporal success might have proved your spiritual undoing? Why, your utter helplessness will work out untold blessing as you are led to cast yourself wholly upon the Lord. A new spiritual strength will find its expression in your life, and you will yet learn to bless God for this “strange thing” which has befallen you.

There were many things which stood out in bold relief and in striking contrast on that memorable night of failure. Things which would leave a lasting impression upon the char-

acter of that crest-fallen company. Their failure—His faithfulness; their blindness—His blessing, their distress—His deliverance; their poverty—His provision.

Dear reader, has your life come under the control of some unsanctified ambition? Something for which you may have sacrificed much, and in the realisation of which you hoped to find the essence of satisfaction? Have you lived and laboured with this earthly goal in view? What has it yielded? What is the net gain of those long years of struggle and sacrifice from a spiritual standpoint? That beautiful thing, the creation of your own desire, now lies in ruins at your feet. Do you not see that out of the debris of this shattered ideal, God purposes to produce a "new thing"? He wants to introduce into the music of your life a sweeter harmony; a rarer rhythm, a richer tone. Just now you are in the midst of the night of deep disappointment; no stars shine in the firmament of faith; but, beloved, remember "the morning cometh"! The morning of a new resurrection revelation of Christ! Endure a little longer; the dawn is not far distant, and with the opening day shall come the command of the Risen One, "Cast the net and ye shall find" And then great indeed shall be the reward of that moment,—the night of emptiness and nothingness shall be followed by the morning of abundant fruitage.

"To Him bring the things you cannot set right,—
Thy failings to Him confess,—
Let Him henceforth guide and thy life control,
"Failure" He even can bless.
Then leave with the Master the saddened past
And in His strength forward go,
"Reaching forth to the things that are before,"
And life with blessing shall glow."

The Epistle to the Assembly at Rome.

By THOMAS MYERSCOUGH.

BIBLE STUDY, No. 2.

It is necessary now to note the Spirit's designation as given in chapter 1, 1—6 The Gospel dealt with in the epistle is "The Gospel of God

concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
And declared to be the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by resurrection from the dead:

By Whom we have received grace and apostleship,
For OBEDIENCE to the Faith among all nations
For HIS NAME

Among whom are ye also the called (lit., invited) of Jesus Christ."

There can be no shadow of doubt to the Christian who truly fears God, but that the Gospel of God is an imperative statement from Him concerning His Son; and the Salvation which He has wrought out to the

Glory of the Father, was wrought without taking counsel with poor fallen man. Man's part is to receive the Son as his Salvation by the obedience to the Faith," for which purpose Grace is sent with the Gospel of God, making Faith possible to all who hear the good tidings.

It is the practice of many who preach Salvation to the lost, to preach only the forgiveness of sins. Whilst it is true that when God saves a soul He **also** forgives him, the greatest factor in God's salvation is the implanting of the Spirit of Christ—the New Birth—"the Spirit of Sonship" (not adoption, see Newberry) See Rom. viii, 14, ix, 26, Gal iv., 6, 7, II Cor. xiii, 5, Col. i., 27. The Spirit of Christ in the believer cries to God, "Abba, Father" These words are nowhere said to be the words used by the Spirit of God (whom we speak of as the Holy Ghost). When He, the Holy Ghost, speaks, we are taught in Acts ii, x., xix, etc., that He speaks in tongues through the believer, "the wonderful works of God"

The student will find much light in reading the Word with an Analytical Concordance. Very often the A V, in conjunction, uses "Holy Ghost" when the Greek says "Holy Spirit" Now since the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ are both blessedly "Holy," the context will point the correct identity in the passage of Scripture to be considered. Take as an example John xx., 22 A V. reads "He breathed in them, and said unto them 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.'" The Greek is "Receive ye Holy Spirit" John vii, 39, says "the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified" This was still true of our Lord in Jno. xx, 22 The only conclusion possible is that Jesus (now raised from the dead) breathed into them His own Spirit, and so began the formation of the New Creation—that company on earth known as the Church of the Living God "To as many as RECEIVED HIM, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God . . . which were BORN not of blood (human generation), nor of the will of the flesh (self), nor of the will of man (preacher or otherwise), but of God" (Jno. i, 12, 13). "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ (the new Birth), he is none of His" (Rom viii, 9). "Know ye not your own selves, how that JESUS CHRIST IS IN YOU, except ye be reprobates" (II. Cor. xiii, 5)

The student will have no difficulty in seeing that the Salvation of the Lord begins with the implanting of a new Life, known as regeneration The believer is cut off from the generation of his earthly father Adam, by the death of Christ (Gal ii, 20, Rom. vi, 3), and he becomes "ALIVE unto God through Jesus Christ" (Rom vi, 11), so that he "also should walk in newness of Life" (v 4) Of course forgiveness of sins is a portion of our Salvation, but of how much **greater** importance is it to preach to the lost that the Gospel of God concerning His Son is that they who receive HIM become indwelt BY HIM, and find HIM to be their Life NOW and Resurrection HEREAFTER, their wisdom and righteousness (Rom. iii, 21—23), Sanctification, Redemption,—yea, that they are complete in HIM, who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification (Rom. iv., 25)!

It is quite evident that the confused beliefs held in Rome were evidence that these saved people had not been taught the Gospel fully, like many Assemblies in our day. Each man had his own ideas and dogmas, and knew nothing that was able WITH AUTHORITY to change him and his opinions Hence the Apostle Paul wrote, "For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift, to the end THAT YE MAY BE ESTABLISHED" (I. 11) The writer's sincere prayer is that these studies will be mutually helpful to all, in a simple clear knowledge of the Gospel of God concerning His Son. My soul, how happy art thou in the blessings of thy beloved Saviour who indwells thee! ("But we have this treasure in **earthen** vessels, that the excellency of the **power** may be of God") For truly "he that is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit" (I Cor vi, 17) So thou needest not to walk in the flesh, but canst now walk in the Spirit of Him who shall make all thy THOUGHTS to be His captives Yea, thy

Beloved will bring down thy natural strongholds, and thou shalt say with ineffable joy to those about thee, "It is not I that live, but Christ that liveth in me" Hallelujah! Amen Ab, my soul, that hast now realised by quickened faith that God is with thee,—yea thy Immanuel is no longer "on the stairs," nor "peeping through the lattice," but thou hast received Him within thy secret chambers, thou art bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh,—and when He shall appear thou shalt be in His likeness, and not in that of thy former father!

"Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth."

Consider the Assembly at Rome meeting together and conversing on Salvation as **they** understood it. CONCERNING SIN, each of them thought that no two were alike IN THE SIGHT OF GOD,—some being counted righteous, whilst others were counted unrighteous, when estimated either BEFORE Salvation or AFTER Salvation. So it is to-day. What would be their consternation when the Holy Spirit sent this message to them "What then? are we (Jews) better than they (Gentiles)? **No, in no wise** for we have before charged both Jews and Gentiles that they are all under SIN. As it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO NOT ONE; . . . that EVERY mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God" . . . "There is NO DIFFERENCE for ALL have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" (Rom. iii, 9, 10, 19, 22, 23). This was a great uncovering of THEIR ERRORS (and ours too!), and a plain declaration to the Church that the Gospel of God concerning His dear Son was that His death on the Cross was of the same value in His sight for EVERY CHILD OF ADAM IN THE WORLD

"A certain creditor had two debtors, the one owed FIVE HUNDRED pence and the other FIFTY. And when they HAD NOTHING TO PAY He frankly forgave them both." This is the position before God for every sinner, Jew or Gentile. Nor has anyone wherewith to pay God. What a changed view these saints at Rome would have when they next sat at the Lord's Table! Instead of each measuring and comparing himself with the others, each would see that each COULD rejoice in his NEIGHBOUR'S SALVATION being just as his own; and he would count the whole assembly to have been cleansed by the same redeeming Blood, and of equal value in the sight of God. Multitudes of teachers in our day need to know this portion of the Gospel of God concerning His Son. The Apostle Paul said "we DARE NOT make ourselves OF THE NUMBER, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves (Teachers mostly include THEMSELVES in the approved company!); but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (II. Cor. x., 12). If we desire to be approved of God we must take a very low place before Him, and confess that we have no merit to deserve salvation, and say from the heart "my salvation is of the Lord"; and also confess that for **all others**—whatever the age, learning, ignorance, depth of sin or any other condition—"their salvation is of the Lord." Then shall we be able to worship, and say—

- "Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore;
THOU hast for ALL a RANSOM PAID,—
For all a full atonement made."
"When from the dust of death I rise,
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This, then, alone shall be my plea,
'Jesus has lived and died for me'."

"And when He had taken the book, the FOUR LIVING ONES and four and twenty ELDERS (the highest of the Redeemed) fell down before the Lamb . . . and **they** sung a new song saying "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast REDEEMED us TO GOD by Thy blood" How necessary it is for those saved by our Lord Jesus Christ to know that they will be taken to God through

the redemption by His precious Blood, but that the place each will occupy 'before the Lamb' will correspond to the EXACT measure of the earthly service rendered to Him who loved me and gave Himself for me." True love in our hearts to Jesus will fill us with praise for our redemption to God, and also fill us with humble devoted service to so magnify His worthy Name, that when we see Him we may hear those sweet and blessed words, "Well done" Oh, beloved fellow in Christ, learn how to divide between thy Great Redemption by His Blood, and thy small service to Him during the remainder of thy natural life.

How shall I meet those eyes!
 Mine on HIMSELF I cast,
 And own myself the Saviour's Prize—
 Mercy from first to last."

In no wise could the Church at Rome have rejoiced in "this blessedness (Rom. iv., 9)—through God's beloved Son—at the time this Epistle reached them. But the purpose of God was, by this Epistle, to make unmistakably clear that His Salvation was the same to every soul that received Jesus, the Lord of Life and Glory. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is RICH UNTO ALL that call upon Him"; for the Scripture saith "Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom x. 12). This Assembly must have become very humble before God when the day came for each one to empty out and cast away all his former and present traditions, opinions and prejudices, concerning what God's salvation in His Son was. Blessed emptying! Reader, hast thou come to this day? Hast thou come to the day when thou hast laid aside all thou hast been taught by man and traditions, and also all that thou hast framed for thyself concerning God's plan of Salvation for needy sinners? Unless thou art UNLOADED, thou wilt not be able to be filled with God's thoughts and ways. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God . . . neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." "Now we have received . . . the Spirit which is of God that we MIGHT KNOW the things which are FREELY GIVEN to us by God" (I Cor II, 12, 14).

Many in our day follow systems of theology propounded by man or men,—and to hear several such brings nothing but confusion,—but the Gospel of God concerning His Son as found in the Epistle to the Romans brings Light and Life and Peace, through the completeness of God's salvation. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. lv, 8, 9). "I have given them the words which Thou gavest me, and they have received them" (Jno xvii., 8). "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Psa cxix, 130)

"The preparation of the heart of Adam (lit) and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord" (Prov. xvi, 1) These articles will be continued with sincere dependance on Him, who has promised to "guide us with His counsel and afterward receive us to Glory" The Psalmist said, "How sweet are Thy words unto my taste, yea sweeter than honey to my mouth" "I have more understanding than all my teachers. For Thy testimonies are my meditation" "I will delight myself in Thy statutes I will not forget Thy word."

The true position of every saved one is well stated by a poet well taught in this Epistle —

"That Thou shouldst save a wretch like me
 And be the God Thou art,
 Is darkness to my intellect,
 But sunshine to my heart."

Are You Ready?

By R. W. COBB.

Are you ready to meet the Lord Jesus Christ, as Lord and Master,—or in judgment? More than 160 prophecies were fulfilled at the time of His first coming as Saviour, and the signs are foretold to occur in the world before He shall come the second time.

Are you awake to the startling rapidity with which prophecy is fulfilling, and to the fact that it was for these days that the Holy Spirit moved the men of old to prophesy and foretell?

Do you know the Jews are returning to Palestine by the thousands in unbelief? Do you know of her near history as a nation in league with the great opponent of God's Anointed, and as a consequence of her last and severest tribulation, out of which (according to Daniel) she is to be delivered by the appearing of Jesus Christ, whom she has so lightly esteemed?

Do you know that the prophecy of Joel is beginning to be fulfilled, and that men, women and children of all nations are speaking in other languages under the power and outpouring of the Spirit—exalting the name of Jesus Christ (see Acts ii. 4; x, 44—46), and that the devil (god of this world) is strid as never before, knowing that he hath but a short time?

Do you know that the Books of Daniel and Revelation are no longer sealed Books, and that God told Daniel to "seal up the Book unto the time of the End, when the people should run to and fro and knowledge should be increased"? (Dan xii., 4) And that this prophecy is fulfilling at a fearful rate on land and sea (and soon in the air), by day and by night, by the restless, pleasure-seeking multitude

Do you know of any chariot that answers the following description?—"The chariots shall rage in the street; they shall jostle one against another in the broadways; they shall seem like torches; they shall run like the lightnings."

Any boy or girl will tell you their name. God says these chariots shall be in use in "the day of preparation of the Lord's coming" (Nah. ii., 3, 4).

Preparing for War—See Joel iii., 9-10. Every nation in preparation for war while they talk peace. Read I. Thess. v., 3.

Do you know that when the Lord Jesus Christ comes again, it will be a time of abounding iniquity, "as it was in the days of Noah and Lot, eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting, building? Read Luke xvii., 26-30; Matt. xxiv., 45, 46.

Do you know rich men being in control of the affairs of the whole world is another sign that the last days are upon us? (Jas. v., 1-11). Men, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; children disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy; professing Christians, having a **form** of Godliness but denying the power (the Holy Ghost), II Tim. iii., 1-5. False teachers abound, II Pet. ii., 1, 2.

Do you know that because of the ignorance of what the Scriptures teach about the devil (or god of this age), many people resent the statement that the world is following his leadership? No candid person will deny that the enterprise upon which men are engaged consists essentially in the attempt to organize the best possible world, and achieve the best possible condition obtainable—"apart from God." Who, then, is the god of this world? Luke iv., 5, 6; John xii., 31.

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Crumbs from the Convention Table.

There are a lot of people who praise God in meetings, but who never praise Him outside

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It is a grand thing when you can say "Hallelujah" in the prayer meeting, but it is a better thing when you can say it over the dinner table.

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The world does not read the Bible, but it reads us; we need a Revised Version very often

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Some say that they have given up a pipe or a picture palace or a theatre for the Lord. What does the Lord want with such rubbish? A sacrifice is the giving up of that which is worth something. Abraham gave up his son Isaac.

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Sacrifices are always connected with great rejoicing. There never was a man who gave up anything for God, who did not receive a great measure of the joy of the Lord. The Lord makes glad the hearts of those who give up for Him.

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Heaven is full of love; the earth possesses very little; and hell has none.

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The same Father who keeps the inheritance for us, keeps us for the inheritance.

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We cannot all be great preachers, but we can at least shew the world which side we are on.

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Let us study the Word of God. One day we shall meet the Author, and we will be glad then if we know His Book.

Elim Evangelistic Band.

At the time of going to press, Mr. Nolan is at Gimsby. Mr. Duragh and Miss Adams are at Clapham.

In Co. Antrim, Mr. Tweed is at Tullynahamm, and Mr. Strong at Ballymoney. In Co. Down, Mr. Farlow is at Bangor, and Miss Straight at Banbridge.

Miss Jansen is assisting in the work at Belfast, and Mr. Elvin at a special mission at Hull. Miss Dougherty is in Guernsey.

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Blackadder are at Portadown, and a special mission is being conducted by Miss Kennedy and Mr. Le Tissier at Armagh. Souls are being saved, for which we praise God.

Pastor Stephen Jeffreys has just commenced a mission at Machen near Newport, Mon.

Pastor George Jeffreys, with Elim Evangelists, commences a special mission at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, D.V., on 4th February.

Special prayer is asked for the work and workers in general.

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Did you ever feel the joy of winning a soul for Christ? If so you will need no better argument for attempting to spread the knowledge of His Name to every creature. I tell you there is no joy out of Heaven which excels it—the grasp of the hand of one who says "By your means I was turned from darkness to light."—C. H. Spurgeon.

Your very own Saviour.

Dear Boys and Girls,—

I have heard some sad news to-day.

A mother has just died, leaving her little baby boy three months old to grow up without her. Poor thing! He will never know a mother's love. How thankful to God we ought to be for loving mothers.

But one thing I am very glad about. The mother who has gone was a Christian, and loved Jesus Christ her Saviour, and this evening is her first night in heaven. Did I say night? What a mistake. There is no night, no darkness, no pain, no sorrow, no disappointment there. She is up there praising God for His wonderful love and grace,—in the full light of His presence.

Will her little boy join her some day? I pray that he may. Will you join with me in prayer too, that God will bless that little one, and when he can understand, lead him to Jesus?

But before you begin to pray for him, will you ask yourself if **you** have been made ready for that shining land, where all is spotlessly holy? Only one person in the whole world can cleanse away our wickedness, and make our hearts whiter than the whitest snow that ever fell from the sky,—Jesus Christ. He is **the** Saviour. Is He **my** Saviour? Last month I asked you to make Him your **very own** Saviour. How can you do it? Take Him. God offers you a Saviour to-day. How wonderfully good is God to love us so! And **what** a Saviour He offers!

With love to you all,

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The Gates were Shut.

Life was slowly departing from farmer Brown, for hours he had struggled in the jaws of death. Loved ones sat weeping by the bedside. Listen! What are the words coming from this dying man? "The gates are shut," he said, and his breath became shorter and shorter. What does he mean? Does he refer to the pasture gate, or—does he behold a glimpse of the future world? It is not certain; but how sad to think of the portals of Heaven being closed to any soul, the gates shut, no entrance into the beautiful city of gold. Forever and ever debarred from all that is lovely and noble and good—outside the gate—outside the gate!

"The gates are shut!" What sadder words could ever be uttered by human lips? What sadder picture could ever loom up before the vision of a dying soul? Shut! Never, never to be opened, except for the passing of the white-robed throng, washed in the blood of the Lamb! Left outside the pearly gates, pushed off into the blackness of darkness forever! Lost in the dark regions of eternal despair! Lost amid the cries and wails of souls in like torment. Words cannot express the agony of him who steps out of this world and finds no entrance into a better world. Disappointment, bitter remorse, untold anguish are his lot, and these forever and ever.

My friend, have you ever considered whether or not you shall find entrance into the world of everlasting bliss? Professor of religion, are you sure that your soul will go sweeping through the courts of glory? A moral life will not suffice in that day, only the soul that is washed in the blood of Jesus can be admitted through those pearly gates. A "hope-so" or a "guess-so" religion will not answer. Only a "know-so" salvation through the remission of sins will give you boldness in that day. Perhaps you are a wanderer from God, and though other members of your family may be saved and make their eternal home with Jesus and the angels, your poor soul will be left outside the gates. Almost gained Heaven, but lost! Oh, how sad! Return to God, O soul, lest you find the gates closed, and the finger of God pointed to you with the words, "Depart from me"—Sci

"He that **REJECTETH** Me . . . the word that I have spoken . . . shall judge Him in the last days."

"As many as **RECEIVED** Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."—John xii, 48, and i, 12.