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SAVIOUR

## Revival in the Isle of Wight

COMING KING

"I am come that they might have life!"

John X. 10.



The Foursquare Gospel Campaign now being conducted in the Isle of Wight by Principal George Jeffreys and the Revival Party is being owned and blessed of God. Although the meetings have not long been commenced, well over one hundred have accepted Christ as Saviour, and testimonies of blessing and bodily healing received are to be heard on every hand. The crowd, small to begin with, is growing each day, and real revival spirit and enthusiasm are in the midst. The glorious Foursquare Gospel message preached so faithfully is being received with delight, and there is much joy at the introduction of it to the Island. The eager people come in from all parts, and they go away refreshed and strengthened as a result of the services. They are encouraged in their love for the Word of God, and are determined to stand true to it, no matter the cost. Pray on for this revival, that it may sweep the whole of the Isle of Wight at this time.

"I will come again."

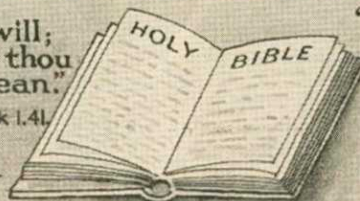
John XIV. 3.

HEALER

BAPTISER

"I will, be thou clean."

Mark 1. 41.



"I will send Him (the Comforter) unto you."

John XVI. 7.

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## WATCH THESE DATES

**BALLYMENA.** Commencing June 14. In the Tent at Warden Street. Evangelistic Campaign by Pastors W. J. Hilliard and E. F. Cole.

**BIRMINGHAM.** One week commencing June 28. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street. Bible School Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

**LONDON, Crystal Palace.** September 12. Foursquare Gospel Demonstration, conducted by Principal George Jeffreys.

**LONDON.** Every Friday. Welsh Tabernacle, Pentonville Road, King's Cross. Foursquare Gospel Rally at 7.30.

**LONDON.** Every Saturday at 8 p.m. Foursquare Gospel open-air meeting at Marble Arch, Hyde Park.

**THORNTON HEATH.** July 5. Elim Tabernacle, Moffatt Road. Visit of London Crusader Choir, 6.30 p.m.

**WEST SMETHWICK.** One week commencing June 21. Elim Tabernacle, Oldbury Road. Bible School Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

This space is reserved for local announcements

# Principal George Jeffreys and Revival Party's Revival and Healing CAMPAIGNS

## RYDE (Isle of Wight)

At the TENT, FOUNTAINE'S FIELD

(at the junction of Queen's Road & Pelhurst Road)

NOW PROCEEDING

Sundays, 3 & 6.30. Each week-night (except Fridays) 7.30  
Wednesday afternoons, 3.30

## BLACKPOOL

Owing to the disappointment of so many people consequent on the postponement of the Revival and Healing Campaign at Blackpool, it has been decided to hold a campaign there next month on another site.

Further particulars next week.

## Opening of New Elim Tabernacle

ARUNDEL STREET, PORTSMOUTH

FRIDAY, JUNE 26th, at 7.30 p.m., by

Principal GEORGE JEFFREYS.

## Laying of Foundation Stone of New Elim Tabernacle

Grosvenor Road, Worthing

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

by Principal GEORGE JEFFREYS

## ELIM HOLIDAY HOMES

BLACKPOOL. Particulars next week.

RYDE (Isle of Wight). Now open. House with woodland garden, 1 minute from Esplanade & short distance from Tent. Apply Miss Bagshaw, Eastridge Court, Bellevue Road, Ryde.

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at ELIM WOODLANDS, CLAPHAM PARK

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# The Elim Evangel

AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance was founded by Principal George Jeffreys, its present leader, in Ireland in the year 1915. Its General Headquarters is the Elim Bible College, Clapham Park, London, with national Headquarters at Belfast for Ireland, Cardiff for Wales, and Glasgow for Scotland. Since its inception this virile orthodox revival movement has grown rapidly throughout the British Isles, chiefly as a result of the Principal's campaigns. He has pioneered the combined message of Salvation, Healing, Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the Second Advent of Christ in the largest auditoriums, including the Royal Albert Hall, Crystal Palace, Queen's Hall and Alexandra Palace, London, the Bingley Hall, Birmingham, the Cory Hall, Cardiff, the Ulster Hall, Belfast, the Dome, Brighton, and the St Andrew's Hall, Glasgow. Long queues have lined up, sometimes for hours, outside the largest halls, and these, packed to capacity, have become inadequate to accommodate the crowds. The Movement stands uncompromisingly for the whole Bible as the inspired Word of God and contends for THE FAITH against modern thought, Higher Criticism and New Theology. It condemns extravagances and fanaticism in every shape and form. It promulgates the old time Gospel in old time power.

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Fridays, Twopence

## The Principal Opens a New Tabernacle

By Pastor H. A. COURT

**S**ATURDAY, May 30th, will long be remembered by all who were privileged participants at the opening services of the new and beautiful Foursquare Tabernacle at Leeds. It was a day of triumph

early trekked their way to the scene of rejoicing. As I made my way from the railway station, I was accosted by a man who said "Are you going to the opening services?"



### NEW FOURSQUARE CHURCH BESIEGED.

Principal George Jeffreys and the Revival Party open the new Leeds Foursquare Gospel Tabernacle on Saturday, May 30th, 1931, amidst scenes of unbounded enthusiasm. Hours before the announced time of opening happy Foursquare Gospellers began to gather around the beautiful building.

for those staunch supporters of the truth in that great city, who during months of loving service had looked forward to this the result of their labour. There were Pastor and Mrs. Jewitt, and Pastor and Mrs. Miles, the splendid body of church officers, and the many friends who had given time, talent, service, and support to the cause so near and dear to their hearts.

#### SATURDAY THE OPENING DAY

was a day of sunshine without and within, and enthusiastic Foursquare gospellers with overflowing hearts, beaming faces, and lightness of step had

"Why, yes," I replied "Am I heading in the right direction?"

"Continue to the bottom of the hill, turn left, and you will see a crowd—"

A crowd! Yes, and it was a crowd! One needed no other indication as to the location of the hall. The world would have us believe that the day of crowds seeking the things of God has ended. Foursquare gospellers say, "No!"—and an emphatic "No!" For when I had turned left, I beheld the crowd. And an eager, happy, enthusiastic crowd it was, too. The brilliant sunshine was temptingly

beckoning to the parks and other open spaces, but this crowd had a keenness for something else

I enter the vestry to await the arrival of the Campaign Party, for it is yet an hour before they are expected. I become conscious of another evidence that I have arrived amongst Elm Foursquare gospellers. For the crowd is singing, and it is singing as only they can. Strain after strain of wondrous Gospel melody is heard, as these happy folk patiently await the coming of Principal George Jeffreys.

All through the week! All through the week!  
The Saviour has been watching over me,

they sing. In 1927, when these folks responded to the Principal's appeal, and were saved and healed,



Foursquare Tabernacle, Leeds. A Side View of the Interior

they were told that it was for "five minutes' duration." Others, more liberally-minded, spoke of it as a wonder, but limited its lifetime to "nine days," a suggestion with which many Elm adherents are by now familiar. There seems to be some mistake about this, however, for, after four years, the song of praise and gratitude for salvation is

#### JUST THE SAME

Every minute the crowd increases in numbers and enthusiasm. The hands of the clock pass round, and it is three o'clock. And here comes the Party. Hands are waved as the Principal greets this happy throng, and hallelujahs fill the air. There is a wonderful warmth about this Elm family.

It had been arranged that the Principal should open the Tabernacle, and that there should be a short meeting held among the first to obtain admission, the Tabernacle was then to be cleared, so that the remainder could enter for a second meeting. It was soon clearly apparent, however, that this was impossible. Under the open canopy of God's heaven, therefore, bathed in a glow of radiant sunshine, the Principal mounts the rear seat of his car—his pulpit for the occasion. In pursuance of what appears to be

a policy of "doing things upside down," the meeting opens with "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"—a heartfelt tribute to Him "whose goodness faileth never."

It is an added pleasure to hear the voice of Alderman Dearden, Deputy Mayor of Rochdale, leading us to the throne of grace, and no less a pleasure to hear beloved Pastor T. H. Jewitt make his acknowledgments to our loving heavenly Father for the realisation this day of hopes and anticipations. And now the Principal is speaking. "I am not going to open the Church," he says. "The Church has already been opened—two thousand years ago. I am going to dedicate and throw open this magnificent building as a birthplace for souls." Hallelujah! What more do we ask than that? In referring to the Church, and what is to be expected of it in its witness to the world, the Principal says that he desires above all things to see perfect holiness in evidence, a sentiment that is echoed through that company by a sincere "Amen."

The doors are now open, and a small section of the crowd presses its way in. They surge into the seats and we get our first glimpse of

#### THE COMPLETED TABERNACLE,

built by Mr. Wesley Swain, of Buxton, to the pleasing design of Messrs. A. Brocklehurst and Co., Architects, of Manchester. It is only a matter of moments, and the hall is filled to capacity. Chorus after chorus is sung as we realise that we are in this new building—a place where the Lord is to be honoured. But others are waiting to glimpse the interior, and so the Tabernacle is speedily emptied, that they may pass through.

We now hurry on to Salem Tabernacle, the spacious building in which triumphant scenes of revivalism had been witnessed during the Principal's campaign in 1927. Tea is soon done with in the large lecture hall, for we have a desire for something that cannot be set out on tables.

It is now 6.30 p.m. Why wait for seven o'clock, the advertised time for commencing? for the Salem Tabernacle is packed to the utmost capacity, every available space taken up. "Praise is comely," says the Psalmist, and you would readily agree could you hear this great company singing, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord." Religion may be a miserable affair, but Foursquare fellowship with Jesus is to this congregation the very joy of life. Faces are radiant with the gladness that comes through salvation. This is apparent particularly as

#### THE LEEDS CRUSADER CHOIR

(augmented by a party from Bradford) a magnificent display of youth and enthusiasm beautifully render two of their Gospel messages in song.

Now there is a hush, and our beloved Principal begins an unfolding of truth that makes clear to all God's purpose in "the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." For over an hour the vast audience is gripped by the message that sweeps away the rubbish that has by some been associated with this all-important subject, and leaves the scriptural standard in all its purity and loveliness. It was a thrilling moment

when dealing with the hindrances caused by fanaticism, the Principal in his own unique manner declared, "One thing that binds me in a very special way to the beloved leaders of this Foursquare work in Leeds is the stand they have persistently taken against all kinds of fanaticism, their aversion to it has more than appealed to me"

The final keynote of the meeting and visit is struck as the Principal tests the meeting for seeking souls

One, two, three—until thirty-four hands have been counted behind those hands are men and women won for God Hallelujah!

The prayers of all present are for our able and sincere Principal and his assistants in their campaigns for the Master, and for Pastor Jewitt and his assistants as they labour in the new Tabernacle, opened this day amid scenes of rejoicing, in the city of Leeds

## A Lily in the Twilight

**Y**EARs ago, one balmy summer evening, there bloomed a single lily in a city lot. A little boy passed by and saw it. Upon him it made so deep an impression that the memory of that flower has always remained. Never before had he seen one like it. In the mystic

### SETTING OF THE TWILIGHT

it stood before him in its solitary beauty; there was nothing to turn attention from it. Its large, reflexed petals were silky white and sprinkled with crimson spots. Though fashioned like a crown and carried at the top of a sturdy stem, it bent over as if in humility and reverence. That was all, only an instant was it seen, but again and again his memory recalled it, and around this twilight vision meditation has gathered many thoughts.

For this lily of the evening hour typifies the Christian life. It bloomed in the twilight, so darkness is gathered in the world to-day. Moral and spiritual values seem ever harder to distinguish, but through this deepening gloom the sanctified believer stands forth in contrast, shedding not a light of his own, but reflecting the rays of heaven.

Because it was white, the lily reflected the whole light truthfully. White is the perfect blending of all the sun's rays. A blue or red or yellow flower absorbs certain portions of what it receives and reflects only

### A DISTORTED SUNLIGHT

The sincere Christian will, like Paul, "declare all the counsel of God." As our Lord was the true Light, so we must reflect Him truthfully.

The lily was alone. Christianity is individualistic. Many flowers bloom in clusters. Philosophues and other religions may deal with masses, but Christ seeks individuals. In His earthly ministry He called unto Him whom He Himself would, and the many stories of His dealings with individuals are among the sweetest passages of the record of His life. To be sure, there are also blessings in fellowship, as the Lord Jesus fed and taught the multitudes, but the truly great things of God come to us individually. There is no collectivism in God's dealings of grace. Each must accept as though he were the only one in the world and the entire redemptive plan were launched for him alone.

There was humility in that bending flower, and an atmosphere of reverence, accentuated by the

### STILLNESS OF THE EVENING HOUR.

It was not that there was insufficient substance for self-esteem, many a flower with far less stateliness carries its head stiffly erect. So, too, the Christ life, which of all lives might have reason to boast, is humble. It draws its strength from Him who was "meek and lowly in heart." Because of this humility it has wonderful attractiveness and power. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." In a world of self-assertiveness this lesson of lowliness of spirit is hard to learn, many a child of God finds difficulty in mastering it, and so fails to enter into the sphere of usefulness that might be his.

But though humble, the lily was royal. Those reflexed petals formed a crown of finer beauty than any worn by Solomon in all his glory. A kingliness is inherent in the Christian that is vainly to be sought elsewhere. He "hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." In an age when the majority of men submit to the

### DICTATES OF WORLDLY MOTIVES,

such as desire for wealth, fame, power, or pleasure, they who love His appearing are waiting for the crown of righteousness.

There was purity. That soft, chaste whiteness, like the influence of a clean soul, breathed as it were an atmosphere of holiness around it. Emblematically, the crimson spots upon the white spoke of the blood that cleanseth from all sin. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Here a perishable flower, by its two colours, told in fulness and simplicity the satisfying truth of cleansing through the atoning death.

It was a lily, the emblem of the resurrection! At Eastertide we adorn our churches and homes with lilies, and we are gladdened by their message of victory over death. When the frosts of autumn withered all above the ground, those frosts had no power over the ugly, scaly bulb hidden in the earth which lay there throughout the winter awaiting the resurrection morn of spring. "It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thus did that solitary lily, in the twilight hour of long ago, not bloom in vain, but in its quiet way it proclaimed the glory of the resurrection life.

Meditations for Quiet Moments.

# God My Exceeding Joy

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

*The glad message of the glory of a happy God — I Timothy 1 2 (Rotherham)*

God is Love imperishable,  
God is Truth ineffable,  
God is Joy inexpressible

**T**HE happy God! What a suggestive reference to Jehovah! He is spoken of as the "God of all comfort" and the "God of all peace," but how beautiful to think of Him as the "God of all happiness." And is this not true? Is He not the Author and Sustainer of all enduring happiness? When we walk with God we live in an atmosphere that is pregnant with gladness—gladness that is born of goodness—gladness that will not diminish or decay.

"The glad message of the glory of a happy God!"  
What an evangel to carry to the

### OPPRESSED AND OBSESSED LIVES

around—to bear to those who are beggared and broken, and buried beneath their accumulating cares, the glad tidings of One whose face is as the shining of the sun and whose arm is omnipotent. To make known to them not only the happiness of God, but also to introduce them to the God of happiness. To point them to and plunge them in the sparkling fount of pure and perfect joy. To bathe their wounds in the healing waters of God's perennial gladness.

The late Sir W. Robertson Nicoll reminded us that "the remedy for care is to realise the love of God in Christ moment by moment, touching all existence, and glorifying it—if we will—with peace and joy."

There is a great trek in these days for the land of unending delight, but alas, few find its shores. They seek in vain because they know not Him, through whom alone we may reach the goal of abiding gladness. It is not God's plan to throw a cloud of gloom over the lives of those who respond to His call to companionship. To journey with Jesus means to walk in the most radiant sunshine. It means dwelling in the clarified air of the spiritual uplands, where the vision is ever expanding—shining with deepening beauty, and the raptured soul is caught up into communion inexpressible. It is the sparkling wine of communion with Christ that makes glad and causes the face to shine, the lips to sing, and the life to shew forth His praise continually.

O beloved, lift up thine head and open thy quivering heart, and let the

### "GOD OF ALL HAPPINESS"

come in and take complete possession, then thou shalt break forth into thanksgiving, and thy land shall henceforth be known as Beulah, the place which the Lord hath made beautiful with His presence.

And why "the happy God"? Surely if gladness characterises Jehovah, then may we not assume that His happiness is the result of His righteousness? The one springs from the other—it is the law of cause and effect in operation. And what is true of

the Divine is also true of the human. "Righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" is the scriptural order for the construction of a life in God. It is always and only on the basis of righteousness that peace and joy are built—upon no other foundation can a true life of joy be reared.

We remember reading of an old man who lived in the wild hill country of northern Scotland who never saw a railway train, and never heard an organ play, never owned a five-pound note, and never doubted a word of the Bible, yet in his humble cottage with its peat fire was supremely happy in the Lord. The happiness of God can reign amid the humblest surroundings if the life is in fellowship with heaven.

We have just been conning the conclusions of one whose outlook upon life is decidedly discouraging. Says our pessimistic friend, "The extreme joys of youth are compensated by its no less extreme sorrows. When all the emotions are strong, tears are as bitter as laughter is sweet. When desire is fervent, frustration is hard to bear, and few desires are really satisfied, and none for longer than a few moments. "Nothing continueth in one stay"—not even the most exquisite delights. The more intense a joy is, the more fugitive it always seems to be. We grasp it eagerly, and it is gone."

The foregoing doubtless is true of a great deal of life, but surely it is not characteristic of a life in God.

### THE EXPERIENCE OF THOUSANDS

of Christian believers represents a complete contrast and contradiction to this. They have discovered joy that deepens through the years—abiding joy—gladness that does not lose its fragrance or freshness. This must be so because the passing years bring a closer union with and more intimate knowledge of Him who is the Source of their gladness. There is no danger of monotony or sameness in the fellowship of God. The river of Divine pleasure is ever deepening and broadening in its course. The Christian drinks not from wells that are brackish—all his springs are in God.

Yet God with Nature intenser,  
Not shadowed by curse or the Fall  
Knows joy that is sweeter, immenser,  
In pouring out love for us all

Miss Frances Ridley Havergal speaks of blessing which she received that "lifted her whole life into sunshine, of which all she had previously experienced was but as pale and passing April gleams compared with the fulness of summer glory." Upon the days and months of which life is made up, God is continually painting new and more wondrous meanings—"day unto day uttereth speech," and tells of infinite and ineffable things which God hath in hand for those

whose lives are hid with Christ in Him Even the moments are like stars that stud the experience of those whose hearts are one with God, and provide abundant cause for thanksgiving

Our Lord Himself spoke to His disciples of that gladness with which He was to glorify their lives, describing it as "His joy" "These things have I spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you" And so we see that it is the mind of God to make us partners of His joy, that from His vast ocean of gladness we may fill the tiny chalice of our lives, until they overflow with "joys that never grow dim," and all our life becomes one holy incarnation of His pleasure and praise

How much God has to speak into the stilled and waiting heart—precious secrets that will set the

**JOY-CHORDS VIBRATING**

throughout the entire being There is nothing self-fish in the gladness which throbs at the heart of Jehovah—He longs to pour of its wealth into the hearts of His people, but it is only as they come into utmost union with His plan for their lives that this can be How wonderful are those moments of

communion—so rich in heart intimacies—when the Holy Spirit whispers unutterable spiritual sublimities into the soul, when He withdraws the veil and ushers the believer into the place of deepest revelation. What floods of holy rapture result from these inner breathings of the Divine Lover Is it not owing to our absence from the trusting place of prayer that life becomes less radiant, and that Christian experience becomes clouded and clogged?

We can conceive that the Divine joy can be increased in various ways. For example, does not the restoration of the prodigal life bring gladness to the Father heart of God? The home-coming of hundreds of wandering souls must mean added joy to the Lord who gave His life's blood for their redemption. And shall not the unconditional surrender of the Christian in fullest consecration give joy to the bosom of God?

Made for Thyself, O God!  
 Made for Thy love, Thy service, Thy delight,  
 Made to shew forth Thy wisdom, grace, and might;  
 Made for Thy praise whom veiled archangels laud;  
 O strange and glorious thought, that we may be  
 A joy to Thee!

**Washed in the Blood of the Lamb**

T C O'KANE  
*Joyfully*

T C O'KANE

1 Who, who are these be - side the chil - ly wave, Just on the bor - ders  
 2 These, these are they who, in their youthful days, Found Je - sus ear - ly,  
 3 These, these are they who, in af - flict - ion's woes, Ev - er have found in  
 4 These, these are they who, in the con - flict dire, Bold - ly have stood a -  
 5 Safe, safe up on the ev - er - shin - ing shore, Sin, pain, and death, and

of the si - lent grave, Shout - ing Je - sus' pow'r to save, " Wash'd in the  
 and in wisdom ways Proved the ful - ness of His grace " Wash'd in the  
 Je - sus calm re - pose, Such as from a pure heart flows, " Wash'd in the  
 mid the hot - test fire, Je - sus now says "Come up high", " Wash'd in the  
 sor - row, all are o'er, Hap - py now and ev - er - more, " Wash'd in the

**CHORUS**

blood of the Lamb? " Sweeping thro' the gates " of the New Jeru - sa - lem,

*1st time only*

*2nd time*

Wash'd in the blood of the Lamb, Wash'd in the blood of the Lamb  
 in the blood of the Lamb

From Sankey's Sacred Songs and Solos

**Bible Study Helps**

**PSALM CVI.**

Sin.

**The Children of Israel—**

- Verse 13 Soon forgot, waited not.
- Verse 14 Lusted, tempted God
- Verse 21 Forgot God
- Verse 24 Despised His gift; believed not His Word
- Verse 25 Murmured, hearkened not.
- Verse 28 Joined themselves to idols.
- Verse 29 Provoked God
- Verse 32 Angered God
- Verse 36 Served idols
- Verse 37 Sacrificed to devils
- Verse 38 Shed innocent blood
- Verse 39 Defiled themselves

**Salvation**

**Yet God**

- Verse 44 Regarded
- Verse 45 Remembered
- Verse 46 Relieved
- " Search me, O God, and know my heart. try me, and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting " (Psalm CXXXIX 23, 24)

—E M F.

**SEVEN STEPS IN PETER'S FALL.**

- Sleeping (Luke xxii 45)
- Smiling (Luke xxii 50)
- Following afar off (Luke xxii 54)
- Sitting with Christ's foes (Luke xxii 55)
- Denying Him thrice (Luke xxii 57-59)

**SEVEN STEPS IN PETER'S RESTORATION.**

- Christ's prayer (Luke xxii 32)
- Christ's look (Luke xxii 61)
- Christ's message (Mark xvi 7).
- Christ's interview (Luke xxiv 34).
- Christ's thrice-repeated question (John xxi 15-17)



# Lighting up the Face of Christ

**W**HY was it that the early Church conquered paganism within two hundred years? Within two hundred years of the Day of Pentecost, Christianity had captured the northern and southern coasts of the Mediterranean, and claimed them for the Son of God. And that was not done by cultured men, by intellectual men, by influential men. It was not done by a great organised Church. It was done by simple-hearted, very limited, and

## VERY HANDICAPPED MEN.

But they had something in them that the world had not got, and that the world could not manufacture. They had an experience, and they won through against paganism. Would to God that the Church to-day had such an experience!

We are dying for the lack of that experience. We are clever in our minds, we are clever in our intellects, but what we need is a baptism into the passion of Jesus Christ for souls. We need to "go over the top." We have been drilling long enough. A Church let loose by the Holy Ghost is a Church that will capture the world for Christ. She will do it magnificently, yet she will do it unconsciously, and she will come down from the mount of triumph with a shining face. When God can smash the self-consciousness out of modern religion, He will bring in a baptism of God-consciousness that will save the Church, and a Church abiding in a new baptism of God-consciousness will go out to unveil Jesus Christ.

## TO MEN AND TO NATIONS.

I am going to relate to you a little story. Some few months ago I was talking on foreign missions, and I was reading that passage in the first chapter of the Book of Revelation. "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks. And in the midst of the seven candlesticks, One like unto the Son of man."

I was trying to urge my people to multiply their witness, to send it out far and wide, to throw out the glorious light of the Gospel into the world's darkness. Sitting in my congregation was a little girl of six. Two days afterwards I received a letter from a nurse who sat next to the little girl, who was the child of the society lady. The letter ran thus: In your congregation last Sunday was

## A LITTLE GIRL OF SIX,

and she listened very intently to your sermon. She remembered most of the points of your sermon, and she went home and told her mother that the church was not the church of God unless Jesus was in the midst. She told her mother that the minister said that Jesus stood in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, and she added, "Oh mother, if all those candlesticks were alight, how beautiful Jesus would look!" Do you catch it? A little child shall lead them. I have been trying to preach for thirty-five years, but that little child put me on one side. I had been making those little lights to shine out into

the darkness, but that little child turned every candlestick round, and all the light rested on the face of Jesus.

You are anxious and keen about Christ's coming. Are you anxious about your coming to Christ? I want to ask you quietly and humbly, Are you saved yourself? You say,

"I AM A CHURCH MEMBER."

That's nothing,—it will avail nothing. There are many church members who are unconverted—and deacons too. It is not "what" you believe, but "whom" you believe. Do you know Him? Has that knowledge of Him come to you with such power that you have just knelt?—and said,

Just as I am without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God I come

"Be the Saviour of this poor man. If You can love everybody, You can love me. Begin Thy work at Jerusalem, and then let that blessed life that Thou hast given to-night blossom out until it reaches Judæa, and Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world."

Then, when we hear the trumpet of God in the east, when we hear the Great Conqueror girding His sword upon His thigh; when we hear the footfall of that mighty army that surrounds the Victor when He comes to claim that which He has purchased, when we see, not the star of Bethlehem, but the star of resurrection over the tombs of the saints—we shall see in the coming of the King the centre of God's plan and God's purpose.—*Sel*

## Elim Camp, Brighton Downs

A new bungalow with twelve rooms has just been erected. The following would be very acceptable. Useful furniture, including beds, chairs and tables, crockery, strips of carpet and rugs, games, indoor and outdoor, books for grown-ups and children, swings and seesaws, etc. Will friends kindly write in the first place to the Superintendent, Elim Woodlands, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S W 4.

He preached the Gospel to the poor, the common people heard Him gladly. He cured the sick. He laboured from morning to evening of every day, and thus to the very end. Herein, perhaps, we have more of His Spirit than in most things. But are we wholly like Him in this matter? Do we never waste our time? Are there any whom we refrain from evangelising, and whose souls we neglect? Are we never silent when we should be publishing His love? And when we publish it, is it always in His Spirit? What of our feelings towards the heathen? They are our fellow-men. They are the larger part of our race. They are two-thirds of it. What are we doing for them?—*H. Grattan Guinness.*

# FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions • Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

**Sunday, June 28th** Num. xxiv 1-17

"What the Lord saith, that will I speak" (verse 13)

We do well to link ourselves with those who know more than we do. If we say that which those who know say, then we shall be speaking forth truth. Although we may in ourselves be ignorant, yet our acceptance of what others know who are not ignorant gives us a position of truth and authority. But God knows all things. The explanation of the present, the unveiling of the past, the revelation of the future, are perfectly known to Him. Therefore if we speak that which the Lord speaks we ourselves shall be wise and the conveyers of wisdom. What God says let us say. Therefore read the Bible. Study it closely and tell others what the Lord says. To a world that greedily believes error let us speak forth God's truth. The daily press tries to be a Balak to us. But let us stand true and speak, not what Balak demands, but what the Lord saith.

**Monday, June 29th** Num. xxvii 12-23

"Let the Lord set a man over the congregation" (verse 16)

Once again, even in the hour of disappointment, the nobility of Moses' character is revealed. When Moses knew that permission to lead the children of Israel into the land of promise was denied him, he asked God to provide another man. There was no jealousy in the heart of Moses. He was not thinking of himself. He did not wish confusion to settle upon Israel because he was being taken away. He did not wish history to record that all went to riot when Moses was taken. No, Moses was a grander character than that. He lived for his people. Therefore he asked for someone to take his place. God provided that someone, and Moses was glad. How such a noble act rebukes our petty jealousies. Let us serve the Church of God not from the standpoint of our own glory, but from the standpoint of the people's good.

**Tuesday, June 30th** Num. xxxii 1-15

"The country is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle" (verse 4)

Was this act of Reuben and Gad one of faithlessness or justifiable prudence? On the surface it seemed to be justifiable prudence. The land on the wrong side of Jordan was good for cattle—and they had cattle. Why not settle down in such a suitable place? Yet a closer look at the request of these tribes shews that behind all was lack of faith. God had given promises concerning the land on the other side Jordan—it was a land flowing with milk and honey. He had given no special promises about the land

on the wrong side of Jordan. Reuben and Gad should have believed that while the land they saw was good the land God had promised was better. A multitude of people lose the best because they choose the good. We can usually obtain the good quicker than the best. Don't let the good rob you of the best. Press right through with God.

**Wednesday, July 1st.** Num. xxxi. 16-32

"Be sure your sin will find you out" (verse 23)

Sin always does find us out sometimes like the thunder-bolt that splits the rock, sometimes like the stream that gradually wears the rock away. Men sin with a laugh. But when the wages of sin are at last paid, there is no laugh. Sin finds us out—with curses. Faith finds us out—with blessings. Sin moves toward the darkness. Faith moves toward the light. Sin moves toward a home of misery. Faith moves toward a home of peace. Sin moves toward sighs of despair. Faith moves toward songs of gladness. Sin grasps at the bubble and loses the substance. Faith ignores the bubble and gains the substance. Sin looks at the sun reflected in the bubble, and loses the sun when the bubble bursts. Faith keeps its eye upon the sun in the heavens—faith's sun never goes out. There are wages for sin. There are rewards for faith.

**Thursday, July 2nd** Num. xxxv 9-28

"After the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession" (verse 28)

When the high priest died those who were in bondage were liberated into freedom. Life came to one through the death of the other. So with our High Priest. His death meant our liberty. He died in order that we might be freed. Christ's death made it possible for us to possess our possessions. Through the death of Christ all that we had lost in Adam has been regained. Once cut off from fellowship, now brought into the fellowship of God and His people. Calvary was the dying seed which has sprung forth again in resurrected harvests throughout the world. The liberated hosts praise Him. Let us remember our Liberator, and let us not be one whit behind others in pouring into His heart the praises of our heart.

**Friday, July 3rd.** Romans 1 1-15

"Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (verse 8)

Faith is the one thing that pleases God. Therefore the more we can use our faith to increase the faith of others the greater is our service for God. The faith of the church in Rome stirred up the

faith of all churches. Use your faith to stir up faith. Has God wonderfully led you through a dark and narrow path into a bright and spacious place!—then tell us about it. As you tell the story our faith will be increased. If God has healed you, if God has filled you with His Spirit, if God has given you great victories over evil passions then let us hear you tell the story. Our faith at best is weak. Your testimony will strengthen our faith. Talk about faith, and exhibit it, until others do the same.

**Saturday, July 4th.** Romans 1 16-25.

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ" (verse 16)

The shepherd is not ashamed of his crook that guides and delivers the sheep. The farmer is not ashamed of his plough that prepares the ground. The carpenter is not ashamed of his plane that smooths the wood. The blacksmith is not ashamed of his fire that softens the iron. The printer is not ashamed of his machines that produce his work. The baker is not ashamed of his flour that makes the bread. The tram-driver is not ashamed of the electricity that drives his car. We are not ashamed of those facts and forces which make the success of our lives possible. But the glad tidings in Christ Jesus have absolutely transformed our lives in body, soul, and spirit. The Gospel is indeed the power of God unto salvation. Then we will not be ashamed of it. We will tell the world that we have found a precious Saviour. We will do a little of it to-day.

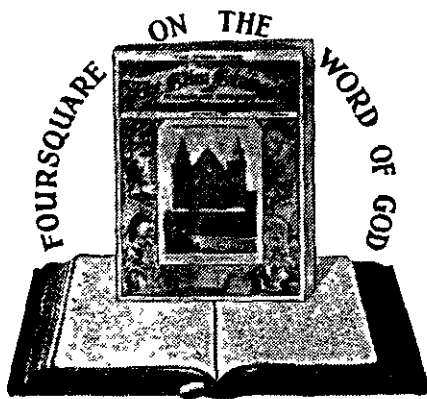
## Giving Thanks Always for all things

Ephesians v 20

I thank my heavenly Father  
For the sunshine and the rain,  
For the beauty and the pleasures,  
For the weariness and pain,  
For the hours of sorrow brought me  
Knowledge of a joy Divine,  
And I found through pain and weakness  
That the strength of God is mine,  
And the burning, sun-scorched pathway  
That compelled me to the shade,  
Led me to the crystal fountain  
That amid the shadows played

I thank my heavenly Father  
For the failure and the loss,  
For I found pure gold lay hidden  
In what seemed to me but dross  
For the flowers have bloomed the sweetest  
By the humblest paths I've trod,  
And amid the raging tempest  
I have found the peace of God

I thank my heavenly Father  
For the long and weary night,  
For the songs of joy He gave me  
While I waited for the light,  
For I learned amid the darkness  
By the Spirit's sight to see,  
Learned that angel hosts were ready  
In my need to come to me,  
Learned to welcome pains and trials,  
Wings to bear my soul above,  
Learned to know that underneath me  
Are the arms of changeless Love  
—A H Shilke



## EDITORIAL

### The Metal Cap.

IN the heart of the New Forest, near Southampton stands Rufus's Stone. It marks the place where King Rufus was accidentally killed while out hunting. Our main interest in it is found in an analogy. This Stone was proving a happy hunting-ground for relic-hunters. They would visit this Stone, chip off a small portion, and preserve it as an interesting reminder of an important historical event. No doubt chips from this Stone found their way to many parts of the world. This was good from the traveller's standpoint, but what of the Stone? It was disappearing. Chip by chip this important memorial was vanishing. What was done by the authorities? This—they had a metal cap made which fitted over the Stone, and thus it was protected.

It reminds us of the Foursquare Gospel and the Bible. Modernists from all parts of the earth were trying to chip away Bible truth. Here a little and there a little they were marking out various passages as not inspired. Bit by bit an inspired Bible was disappearing. But the Foursquare Gospellers came and put a foursquare cap over it. They declared that the whole Bible was inspired from cover to cover. Not one bit must be taken away. It was, and is, and ever will be the God-breathed Word. We preach the Bible. We preach the whole Bible.

### Nuggets on Humility.

To have the humility of Jesus Christ we must live in communion with Him.

Pride is of the flesh and humility is of the Spirit. These two wage a continual warfare within us.

All the evils of fallen angels and men have their birth in the pride of self. On the other hand, all the virtues of the heavenly life are the virtues of humility.

### Bradlaugh's Desk.

WE were very interested to read recently that Charles Bradlaugh's desk has been captured for Christ. Mr. Bradlaugh was the well-known atheist. On this desk he wrote many of his attacks against Christianity. But now the desk is in the possession of Mr. William Wileman. Mr. Wileman is a profuse writer on the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. He writes them on the desk that once belonged to the atheist!

It reminds us of the capture of Voltaire's printing press for the printing of Bibles.

It also reminds us of a greater capture yet to be. Satan is the Prince of the power of the air. But it is into the air that Christ will catch up His Church Bride.

unto Himself. We shall meet the Lord in the air—the very place where the powers of darkness have their hold and authority.

### The Cross.

THE Cross is the centre of the universe and of history.

Man's only glory is the Cross, otherwise it becomes his stumbling-block.

The key to the Old Testament is, Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

The Cross is the symbol of Christianity.

The Resurrection is the crown of the Cross.

The glory of God is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

"We did not see Thee lifted high  
Amid that wild and savage crew,  
Nor hear Thy meek imploring cry,  
'Forgive, they know not what they do',

Yet we believe the deed was done  
Which shook the earth and veiled  
the sun."

We are shortly to commence a new series of articles by Principal Parker on the subject of "The Model Christian." Do not miss a copy.

## MISQUOTED SCRIPTURE

No. XV.—Colossians i. 20

**F**REQUENTLY the rendering of this verse is changed and a different construction placed upon it by misquotation. People are often advised to "make their peace with God." This is sometimes done by the judge in passing sentence of death on a murderer in our English law courts. But instead of us having to make *our* peace with God, the Scriptures clearly indicate that we have only to accept the peace which the Lord Jesus has made.

The verse in question reads, "And having *made peace through the blood of His cross*." Reconciliation between God and man can only take place on the ground that *peace has been made* by Christ on the cross. The preaching of the Gospel (good news) is the preaching of peace through His Atonement. Acceptance of this brings salvation.

# GOD'S TENTH

By A. J. GORDON, D.D.

**I**N touching the question of giving, we touch the most vital point pertaining to the consecration and spiritual power of the Church. In saying this, we speak from experience, as we certainly speak according to Scripture. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi iii 10). Here, plainly, the giving of tithes is made the condition of an abundant outpouring of the Spirit, Prayer, testimony, effort, self-denial—how often do we hear these duties mentioned as summing up and fulfilling.

## THE REQUIREMENT OF TITHES!

But "tithes" means money or other property of equivalent value, and the effusion of God's Spirit is here made contingent upon bringing in these tithes and paying up these dues to God.

A tenth of his income was required of the Jew to be set apart and sacredly devoted to God's treasury. And this was the first tenth, and not the last tenth, the first fruits, not the dregs and leavings. And while the amount is not specified in the New Testament, the same principle is carried over, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Cor xvi 2). Here is consecrated giving—laying by in store—a certain sum set apart, and made sacred to God's use, and which thereafter one should no more think of using for himself than he would think of taking the same sum from his neighbour's pocket. And here is proportionate giving—"as God hath prospered him." Ought the proportions to be any less under the Gospel than under the law? Surely not, when we remember that we have as our Exemplar One who, "though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we, through His poverty, might be rich", and that we have the precept of this Exemplar, which no ingenuity can explain away, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, cannot be My disciple." In the light of such high standards, who can say that we ought not to give at least one-tenth of our income to the Lord?

If any Christian who has never tried it will make the experiment, conscientiously following it through to the end in prosperity and in adversity, we predict for him

## TWO SURPRISES

First, he will be astonished at the increased amount which he is enabled by this method to give to the Lord, and, secondly, he will be astonished at the increased spiritual and temporal prosperity which the Lord will give to him. For observe that here is an instance where the Lord actually makes a challenge to His people, and sets up a test case, saying, "Prove Me now." Taking this Scripture in connection with others, we find that there are two points to be demonstrated

1 That faithful and proportionate giving will be rewarded with superabundant spiritual blessing. The statement does not require proof, since experience has stamped it already as an axiom. Other things being equal, that Christian who opens the broadest outlet for charity will find the widest inlet for the Spirit. The health of a human body depends upon its exhalations as well as upon its inhalations. It is reported that a boy who was to personate a shining cherub in a play, on being covered over with a coating of goldleaf, which entirely closed the pores of the skin, died in consequence, before relief could be afforded. Woe to the Christian who gets so gold-leafed over with his wealth that the pores of his sympathy are shut and the out-goings of his charity restrained. He is thenceforth dead spiritually, though he may have a name to live.

2 That faithful and proportionate giving will be rewarded with abundant temporal prosperity. This is a saying hard to be received, but it has the emphatic

## SUPPORT OF SCRIPTURE.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov iii 9, 10). This is but one specimen of many from the Old Testament. "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke vi 38). Do we believe these words of our Lord? and can we question that they refer to abundant temporal returns in recompense for abundant giving?

A parishioner, who was a dear friend, read his pastor a page from life's history to this effect. When a small boy, he gave his heart to Christ. He was engaged in a brickyard to carry clay, often on his head, for a shilling a day. Then he vowed that one-tenth of his income he would give to his God. This he conscientiously did, and prosperity followed until his income was £2,000, and then the trial of his life came, in which he went down in financial disaster. He would not give one-tenth of £2,000. Here his faith baulked. He said, "After disaster had swept all away, I learned what I had not known before—that it is easier to give one-tenth of £15 than of £2,000." A man is truer to God who works for a shilling a day, and he has less temptations and more strength to meet them whose income is twenty-five shillings a month than he whose income is about £166

## HE REGAINED WEALTH,

but it was in strict compliance with the vow of his youth, which his disaster enabled him to fulfil until his death.

Here is an instance of negative proof viz, that "there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov xi 24). The positive proof would, no doubt, fill volumes were it written out.

There is a Christian league in existence, banded together to promote systematic giving. It brings



every member into covenant to keep a strict account with the Lord, and to render Him one-tenth of the income. An annual report is made by each member, giving a statement of his business and spiritual prosperity. The secretary recently told us that the results have been surprising even to the most sanguine advocates of the tithing system, that not only has the

income of the missionary societies receiving the funds been greatly increased, but that, out of thousands entering into this league, all but two or three have reported greatly increased prosperity. Are there not some things to be proved which we have not yet dreamed of either in our philosophy or our mathematics?

## Concise Comments & Interesting Items

**The Earthquake** at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, June 7th, caused considerable discussion and consternation throughout England. Personally we were awakened by it, and were conscious of a gentle rocking, and the undue rattling of windows. In the midst of the night we determined to look at the placards in the morning and see if an earthquake had taken place. It had! This is the second this year. We must learn to hold facts in balance, therefore it will do us good to remember that in the year 1750 five fairly distinct shocks were felt within two months in London. A list of over 2,000 shocks in our island has been compiled since A.D. 974. In only one of them has there been loss of life. Yet this last shock is the most far-reaching that has been recorded. We are living on the crust of a burning furnace. We know not how soon that furnace will fill the earth with terror.

**Talking of earth shocks** a recent writer says, "Shocks in the Balkans bring reports of enormous loss of life. South-eastern Jugo-Slavia, Bulgaria, and Greece have all felt the quakes, a number being killed at different points. Geysers spouting hot water and steam appeared in the foothills. Six thousand people have been rendered homeless. The whole valley of the Struma roared with subterranean rumblings, great masses of rocks rolled down the mountain slopes, and

boiling water spouted skywards through the great fissures opened in the earth.

There were 11,972 quakes in Japan in 1930 of lesser or greater degree, tabulated by the observatory in Tokio. Managua, Nicaragua, was the scene of the latest shock. The toll of dead probably will never be known, but at least 2,500 were reported dead.

God is speaking loudly through these mighty movings of the earth. He is telling the people that King Jesus is moving down this way, and He will change not only the contour of the earth, but other things besides.

**Another shock** is threatened. It is between the Pope and Mussolini. By the time these comments are printed the situation will probably have advanced. But at present there is a grave deadlock between the two parties. The Kingdom of the Vatican is threatening to cut off diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Italy. At the moment of writing a third note has been sent by the Pope to Mussolini. "An answer is requested within fourteen days, and if this is not forthcoming, the Papal Nuncio to the Italian Government will be withdrawn."

The present situation, it appears, will be smoothed over, but it is only a shadow of the time revealed in Revelation when the Antichrist of military Rome will definitely break with papal Rome.

**General Ludendorff**, a famous German general in the Great War, has written a book. It is entitled, "The Coming War." He gives the exact date when the struggle is to commence. It is May 1st, 1932. It is to be brought about through the intrigues of Jews, Freemasons, and Jesuits. The press comments that it seems the General has got "a bee in his bonnet." Perhaps he has. But that the world is heading up to another tremendous outburst cannot be doubted. We talk of peace when there is no peace. We pray, "Give peace in our time, O Lord." Perhaps that prayer will be answered by the sending of the Prince of Peace.

**The world situation** is not improved by the attempt of Germany to obtain suspension of her war-debts to Great Britain. Germany is pleading poverty—she is asking for time. The complications that may arise are shown by the following paragraph:

"If Germany suspends reparation payments, France and Italy may feel themselves compelled to suspend war debt payments to other countries, reparations being the basis of these.

"What, then, is Great Britain going to do with regard to payments of the American debt (more than £33,000,000 a year)?"

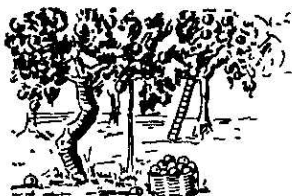
"This country, in the contingency imagined, would lose revenue of more than £30,000,000 a year and the British Budget would be utterly wrecked."

## "Cease Ye from Man"

"**C**EASE ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils for wherein is he to be accounted of?" (Isaiah 11:22). This exhortation stands at the close of a great prophecy. The holy seer had seen and heard all about the day of the Lord. That great consummating day of the future will bring with it the humiliation of man, of his pride and exaltation. "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up, and he shall be brought low."  
"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Then

follows the word we have cited. What is man with all his boastings, with his inventions, his discoveries, his claims of progress, when that day will humble all the proud achievement of the age! Look away from man! Put not your trust in him.

Aside from this there is a spiritual lesson here. Those meet with the fewest disappointments who expect little or nothing from man and who expect all from the Lord. How many mortifications, annoyances and disappointments would be avoided in a believer's life if there were more simple dependence "in everything" upon Him who says, "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." They have made no small progress in Divine things who have learned in a practical way to "cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils."



# OLD-TIME FRUITS AMONG EAGER BELIEVERS

Conviction—Conversions—Growth in Grace

## CONFESSORS OF HIS NAME.

Reading (Pastor F Farlow) A recent Sunday was a "red-letter" day at Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, when the first baptismal service ever held in the hall took place, and sixteen born-again believers were fully immersed in obedience to their Lord's command. A special wooden tank with stout overlay had been erected, and Pastor Kennedy conducted the baptisms.



Pastor F. A. Farlow.

Prior to being immersed the sixteen candidates gave personal testimonies, and it was a great joy to learn from each what a wonderful Saviour they had gained—especially so in the case of one lady of over eighty years.

It was a memorable evening and one which will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to be present. With great joy the saints at Reading welcomed Pastor Farlow into their midst, already there are signs of a real spirit of revival, and intensified prayer and praise will surely bring about the latter rain we look for.

## THE FOURFOLD SIGNS

**Thornton Heath** (Evangelist J Wooderson) Praise God for continued blessing in the assembly meeting at Moffat Road. His power and presence are mightily manifest at each service. The weekly prayer meetings are seasons of rich blessing, and real refreshing from the presence of the Lord, while the Bible studies given by the Pastor on "The Work of the Holy Spirit," have proved a source of spiritual uplift and blessing to many. The faithful presentation of the Gospel too, has not been without result, several having yielded their lives to the Master.

Saints have been baptised in the Holy Ghost, and a number have testified to a touch in their bodies from the Divine Healer.

The Gospel message is still being proclaimed in the open air by a faithful band of Crusaders, and the saints are praying, and believing for a rich harvest of precious souls.

## ALL-ROUND PROGRESS.

**Kingston-on-Thames** (Miss A Kennedy) The Lord has graciously blessed the ministry of His Word in this corner

of the vineyard at St James Road.

The Gospel is being preached in the demonstration and power of the Spirit of God. Truly we can say, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Souls that have sat in darkness have been translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, for which we praise His blessed Name.

The saints are enjoying the dainties that the Master has prepared for those that love Him. By the ministry of God's Word a real hunger has been created within the hearts of God's children. Knowing that He who created this hunger will satisfy, we press on, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.

All sections of the work are being blessed by God, the open-air meetings have been pregnant with power, the Bible class has been a medium of blessing and the prayer meetings have led into the presence of God. The Crusaders and Cadets are growing in numbers, but more than that they are growing in "knowledge" and "grace."

## HOLY-DAY BLESSINGS.

**Merthyr.** Praise God for the glorious way He visited at Jerusalem Chapel, Court Street, Merthyr, during the Whit-sun Convention, when Pastor W. R. Knight ministered the Word in great power. He who is above all, saw that all needs were supplied, both spiritual and temporal.

The meetings were well attended from near and far, and while the outside world was revelling in the things of this world, inside the sanctuary there was a people who realised and enjoyed the presence of the eternal God.

It is with thanksgiving and adoration we lift up our voices to Him, for ever giving us the knowledge of the Foursquare Gospel. God's mighty power of deliverance that power was manifested and souls were saved and backsliders restored.

The Gospel is taken out into the streets by willing and earnest labourers, and God is blessing this witness.

## MANY DECISIONS.

**Greenock** (Pastor W. A. Nolan) "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm cxvii: 1). How often these words come to mind when we see the trek of Foursquare Gospel members making their way to the meetings here in Elim Tabernacle (late the Augustine Church). The very look upon their faces shews that they are hoping for good things. Neither are they disappointed for there are not happier people in the whole of the town. Each meeting is eagerly looked forward to.

At the prayer meetings on Tuesday evenings, Pastor Nolan has given some very interesting talks on prayer, while on Thursday evenings such subjects as "How to Know the Will of God," have been taken. These have been especially helpful and enlightening to the members of this assembly.

The Sunday evening services still continue to draw large crowds, and we rejoice that God is using the preaching of the Word to the saving of precious souls, during the last four weeks fourteen decisions being made.

On Sunday evening Pastor Nolan spoke on the subject of "Pilate." Such was the power in the meeting, that one felt that no unsaved one could hold out any longer, and although only three results were visible, we are praying and believing that time will reveal many more. The open-air meeting preceding each Saturday evening's meeting is increasing in attraction.

## TWENTY-SEVEN BAPTISMS

**Brighton** (Pastor J. J. Morgan) Recently Miss Ching paid a visit to Elim Tabernacle, Union Street, and it was a source of great blessing to those who heard her speak at the missionary service on the subject of the World Crusade, relating in the course of her address many wonderful instances of God's constant care and provision for those who trust Him for their every need as they labour in His service. Miss Ching's visits are always welcomed, and her personal knowledge of missionary work, combined with her own years of faithful service in India, is most inspiring to those who hear her speak on the work in foreign fields, invariably instilling fresh ardour for whole-hearted service.

On Whit-Monday at the invitation of Pastor Morgan, friends, Crusaders, and Cadets from Hove and Preston came over for a great united rally. Rich blessing was experienced during the meeting which was run entirely by the Crusaders and Cadets from the three assemblies, Pastor Morgan acting as convener. This happy time of union was to a large extent an hour of re-union, for many of the Preston and Hove folk were members of the Brighton assembly prior to the opening of Elim churches in their own districts.

On the Thursday evening a baptismal service was held, and twenty-seven saints passed through the waters. It was a glorious and hallowed service. The Spirit of Christ seemed to pervade the whole church, and the rows of happy candidates testified to the joy which comes from obedience to God. Pastor Morgan delivered an inspiring and most helpful sermon. On this occasion, among those following the One they loved

through the waters of baptism, there were three Cadets, two boys and a little girl.

A mother and son, and a mother and daughter, were also baptised together.

It was a night of wonderful spiritual fulness, and the Scripture promise selected for the candidates was a blessed message for every soul in the large congregation present.

At the close of the meeting sixteen persons expressed their desire to be baptised at the next opportunity afforded.

Pastor Stoneham's discourse (this time on what the Holy Ghost is through a believer as manifested in the various fruits of the Spirit), Pastor John Hewitt delivered a powerful message which included an account of his marvellous healing fifteen years ago. Pastor Gorman preached on "The Supreme Test of Christum Discipleship" on Tuesday, and Pastor Mercer followed with a message which he entitled "A Foursquare Zoo"—Peter's vision as recorded in the 10th chapter of Acts. On the Wednes-

The presence of Mr Darragh and Mr Edsor of the Revival Party was much appreciated by all, and God again blessed their wonderful ministry as He had done so many times before during the great Campaign.

The two meetings on the Lord's Day were indeed occasions of "meeting with Him", the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord, and mighty signs and wonders followed as of old. Over twenty decided for the Master, and many sick bodies were touched by the nail-pierced hand of the Christ of Calvary.

The closing meetings of the Convention were indeed the crowning ones, for the blessing of God reigned throughout the day.

Pastor G. Bishop led into the presence of God as he ably and enthusiastically conducted the singing. It just seemed that God was in him as he led, and with us as we sang.

Every heart was touched and every soul was stirred in listening to the Gospel ministered in song by Pastor W. H. Newsham.

The closing message delivered in a striking and eloquent manner by Pastor P. H. Hulbert gripped every heart, and as he spoke upon Christ's Second Coming all realised that the Master, to use the speaker's words was "standing upon the threshold". At the close of this service six surrendered to the claims of Christ.

The Southport people are praising God for the Foursquare Gospel, and are looking forward to be led on to even greater victories in future days.



Pastors, Evangelists and Workers of the East Essex Elim Churches.

### WHITSUN CONVENTION.

**East Ham.** (Speakers Pastors R. Mercer, H. Stoneham, John Hewitt and S. Gorman. Convener Pastor Len J. Jones.)

Whitsuntide (a time of great rejoicing to the Pentecostal believer) has passed, and, on looking back at the East Ham Convention at Elms Tabernacle, Central Park Road, which began on the Sunday morning and finished on the following Thursday evening, the dominating feature presents itself as a denial of self, resulting in a great joy—a blessing indeed, but one for which the price must be paid.

Pastor Stoneham was the first speaker, and his message dealt with what the Holy Ghost is to a believer after conversion. Pastor Mercer arrived for the Sunday evening meeting, and gave a Gospel address on the charge made against our Lord, and Pilate's decision. Pastor Mercer came along the next morning again, bringing with him Mr Hill, whose text was Mark 1:35, from which he drew a very true picture of the practical side of Christianity. Pastor Mercer's address dealt with the various feasts mentioned in Leviticus xxiii—and then after his own heart. Although the weather was glorious, it was a long meeting which Pastor Stoneham addressed in the afternoon, and in the evening the hall was crowded with people still spiritually hungry. After

day, Pastor Hewitt's message on Joseph's meeting with his brethren, was again full of power, dealing with the wonderful types drawn from this Old Testament picture. At the last meeting of the Convention Pastor Field was present and now we may ponder all these things in our hearts, praying that the Holy Ghost may keep them in our remembrance.

Pastor L. J. Phillips with the London Crusader Choir took the service at the Tabernacle on Sunday, May 31st, and the Choir rendered many beautiful pieces under the leadership of Mr Douglas Gray. This was a fitting climax to the Convention and a happy "push-off" to the Crusaders Campaign now proceeding.

### TWENTY-SIX CONVERSIONS

**Southport.** Speakers Pastors P. H. Hulbert and G. Bishop.

Mighty ones of blessing have just been experienced by the Foursquare Gospelers of Southport at their first Convention. From the commencement of the first meeting it was evident that all were in for a glorious time, and as the meetings progressed they increased in the power of the Lord, and the numbers of the people.

Pastor P. H. Hulbert's ministry was indeed blessed of God, and from his opening message upon "The Great Conflict of the Ages," it was clearly seen that God's hand was upon His servant.

### CONVENTION MEETINGS.

**Clapham.** Speakers Pastors R. Mercer, H. Stoneham, John Hewitt and S. Gorman.

Some say there are no days like the early Clapham days, but there was a fair repetition of the former times at the commencement of the Whitsuntide Convention at the Elms Tabernacle, Park Crescent, this year! After a hallowed breaking-of-bread service Pastor R. Mercer ministered the Word to the congregation. His clear scriptural study on the two wave-loaves of Leviticus xxiii, as typifying Jew and Gentile made one in Christ, was greatly enjoyed by all.

In the evening the Tabernacle was extremely well filled, and an enjoyable feature of the service was the bright and gifted ministry of song rendered by the Clapham Singing Band. Pastor Stoneham convened, and Pastor S. Gorman addressed the gathering upon the topic of the Shunamite woman and her dead child. He strikingly depicted the story as illustrative of the present-day sinner. The message was much appreciated, and so also was the final address by Pastor Stoneham. It was altogether a glorious day, and one to be remembered with gratitude to God for His blessing upon the company.

Despite Bank Holiday attractions and distractions, Whit-Monday meetings were well attended, and Pastor Mercer's message was obviously enjoyed by the Lord's people. Mr Hewitt also spoke with typical Welsh enthusiasm.

Wednesday was a memorable night of the Convention, when Evangelist Bale

convened, and Mr Gorman delivered a masterly exposition of I John 1:2 "Christ as the Divine Manifestation of God. He dwelt upon the condescension, the mystery, and the triumph of the Incarnation. The second speaker was Mr Mercer, who preached on the Golden Altar of Revelation viii.

The closing service was convened by Pastor Boulton, and the Word was ministered by Pastor Hewitt. Evidently the congregation were not tired of the good things from the storehouse, for they listened with rapt attention to the preacher, and a hearty note of praise was manifest. We rejoice and thank God for all the refreshment and joy this Convention time has brought into many hearts and lives.

**EXTRA SEATING REQUIRED**

**West Smethwick** (Pastor W G Hawkins) The first anniversary held in connection with the Sunday school, took place on a recent Sunday. The services were mightily blessed of God. A procession round the streets aroused considerable interest, and was inspiring. Extra seating had to be arranged in the Tabernacle, and, praise God, the building was filled to overflowing, people arriving an hour before the evening service.

The children were enthusiastic in rendering each item, they sang solos and duets, and gave recitations, and were anxious that all they did should be to the glory of our precious Lord.

At the Sunday services the Pastor officiated, and delivered his messages in the power of the Holy Ghost. Twenty-nine souls were saved.

On Monday the Tabernacle was packed once again. We were privileged with a visit from Pastor and Mrs Tweed. Pastor Tweed addressed the children, and gave simple demonstrations to explain God's Word, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The singing of the children will long be remembered, many hearts being

touched at the desire of these little ones to serve the King of kings.

With grateful hearts the saints here praise God for the wonderful way in which He has been pleased to bless. Revival fires are burning brightly at every meeting, numbers are increasing, and souls are being born again.

**SOUTHAMPTON CONVENTION.**

Speakers Pastor W Henderson, W G Hathaway, John Hewitt and J Robinson.

The first annual Convention took place at Elim Tabernacle, Park Road, Freemantle, on Whit-Sunday and Monday. The assembly looked forward to great things on this occasion, and, praise God, through prayer and faith of the believers they were not disappointed. They had as speakers Pastors Henderson, Hathaway, Hewitt and Robinson. With these fine stalwarts at the helm the Gospel ship went sailing out over the ocean of God's love. The speakers at the meetings one after the other all seemed to forge links to a great chain of thought which was strong enough to bring both sinner and saint into touch with Christ, who is ever ready to save, and also willing to keep those who put their surrendered lives in His love and care.

The services were well attended on Whit-Sunday, and being favoured with fine weather on Monday many visitors came from long distances to enjoy the blessings which awaited them.

Tea and refreshments were provided for those who came from afar, and they were able to spend the whole of Monday at the Tabernacle.

This Convention will not be forgotten by many as the inspiring addresses given by the Pastors will live and keep green in the memories of many as the days go by, and we can surely say like the Psalmist of old, we were led in green pastures and beside still waters.

**CROWDED MEETINGS.**

**Hammersmith** (Pastor H O Bale) The meetings held at Brook Green Hall, Brook Green Road, continue to be greatly blessed of God, the hall being packed to its utmost capacity at most services, souls being saved at nearly every service. Although Pastor Bale has been ministering here only a few weeks, God has indeed set His seal to his ministry, for ten souls have professed salvation, and others have experienced a touch of Divine healing. To God be all the glory.

**HUNGER FOR GOD.**

**Portadown** (Evangelist W McWhinnie) Wonderful times of blessing are being experienced in Elim Hall, Jervis Street, since Principal Jeffreys' Campaign. A great and lasting work has been done, and crowds of people are still attending the meetings. Since the beginning of Pastor McWhinnie's ministry in May last, mighty blessing has rested upon the work. Quite a number of souls have been saved.

The messages given by the Pastor have created hunger in the hearts of God's people to know more of Him, in so much that many of the saints are attending meetings convened for help and guidance on the truth of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and are proving that Acts 11:4 is still true.

On a recent Sunday night God answered prayer in a wonderful way for a sister who was suffering intense pain. A few of the brothers and sisters being there, they at once got to prayer with the Pastor, and God marvellously touched this sister so that the pain and a swelling disappeared, causing the doctor to be very much surprised.

A branch of Crusaders has been formed who are very enthusiastic in the service of God, and every Monday night finds the hall full of young people who are eager to do service for their Lord and Master. Souls have decided for Christ in the Crusader meetings. An open-air service is held every Saturday night, where a great crowd of deeply interested people gather around, eager to hear the Gospel.

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.**

**Leigh-on-Sea** Special services were held at the Elim Hall, Glendale Gardens, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the commencement of the work. A fellowship tea was provided for 150 members of the Leigh assembly, along with ministers of East Essex Elim churches. The evening services commenced at seven p.m., and the hall was crowded out. Musical items were rendered, selections were given by the Leigh orchestra, and anthems and special singing were provided by Crusaders, the Sunday school, and other sections of the work. Reports of the work in the various centres were given by the workers in charge. Pastor and Mrs George Kingston were presented with an illuminated address, suitably inscribed, from the Leigh assembly, "in apprecia-



**Pastor W G. Hawkins.**



**Anniversary Service at Leigh-on-Sea.**



tion of their ten years' labour of love in the district

Special Whitsun services were conducted by Pastor Charles Kingston, and the Sunday School Anniversary was held on the Tuesday

Recently seventeen candidates were baptised by Pastor J Woodhead

#### A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

Letchworth (Miss D Phillips) The following is reprinted from the Letchworth "Citizen," of June 5th, 1931

The Whitsunide Convention at Elim Hall Norton Way North, Letchworth, has become an annual institution in the town, and the eighth of these annual fixtures ended on Sunday last. Many

residents will remember that the first two Conventions were held in a tent while the present church was being built. The opening of the new building took place four years ago, when Convention meetings were the first to be held there. It is interesting to recall that Pastor P N Corry, who was a visitor this year, opened the new church.

Besides Pastor Corry, visiting speakers this year were Pastors Field and Kelly, and the Rev L T and Mrs Pearson, who will be remembered for the Palestine Exhibition which they organised in Letchworth a year or two ago.

Pastors Field and Kelly are Irishmen. Both comparatively young men, they proved acceptable preachers.

Pastor Corry arrived on Whit-Monday afternoon after taking part in a London Convention, and although several years have elapsed since his last visit, it was soon apparent that he has lost none of his intellectual vigour and earnestness.

Mr and Mrs Pearson have become well-known for their deep concern of the Jews, and because they have spent a great deal of time in the Holy Land they are able to expound the Scriptures from the same angle as they were written—the Eastern aspect.

All the meetings were well attended, and, as in previous years, many visitors came from other towns. A special feature of the services was the fine singing by the young people, the Crusaders.

## Book Review

"EVOLUTION DISPROVED," by Rev William A Williams, D D 127 pp octavo, 2/6 by post 2/9, Elm Publishing Co, Ltd

This volume covers in succinct form most of the immense variety of questions raised by the subject of the alleged Evolution of Man, especially that form of it which teaches that all biological species, including man, developed from one cell or germ which alone arrived by special creation (theistic evolution), or spontaneous generation (atheistic and abiogenetic evolution)—the former a contradiction in terms, the latter a fatuous impossibility opposed to all scientific discovery and experience.

Being an American publication, the book is written in the form of terse and direct statements of fact and quotations from authorities *pro* and *con* on the various departments of the subject, with brief and crisp comments directed to the objective named in the title. It is divided into three parts, namely

1 Positive physical evidences for the Divine creation of mankind as a distinct, united, and unique race, and of the lower species kind by kind (in twenty-eight theses)

2 Evolutionist allegations and objections answered (six theses)

3 The spiritual uniqueness and supremacy of man among biological species an unanswerable argument against ape descent (sixteen theses)

By this direct and exhaustive analysis under brief heads which guide the reader in a moment to each particular department of the question, and all stated in simple and unambiguous style, the book becomes a valuable summarised study of the present state of a controversy which agitates the United States of America much more than Britain—and shews us why this is so! The States, as a much younger and less well-knit community than we are, lives much nearer the gulf of social anarchy which the essentially atheistic theory of evolution always tends to create, and which calls the Divine warnings aloud to the American nation in the spectacle of the millionaire racketeers and gangsters, the political and judicial corruption, the vogue of lynch law, and the wild tempests of commercial finance, which point the moral throughout American life—for if man be but

an animal, all moral and spiritual obligations immediately vanish from his outlook that is the corollary of evolution! The preacher as well as the private Christian will find here useful practical evidences for God and His truth, of that living kind which is always valuable in the public testimony of the Gospel—C H C

## Children's Bible Educator

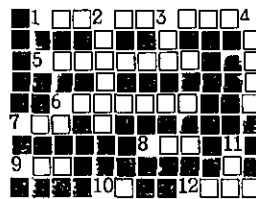
We are giving a prize every month for the best answers.

In order to interest our children in the study of their Bibles and improve their knowledge of the Scriptures we are inserting a Bible Puzzle every week under this heading.

All children under fifteen years of age may compete.

**SCRIPTURE CROSSWORD** The Crossword below when filled in, will give the complete words of one of our Lord's beatitudes in Matthew v 1-12 (one verse)

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#### CLUES ACROSS:

- Description of blessed ones (referred to in James iii 18, last four words)
- 5, 9, 10 What we become by faith in Chr st (three words, Gal iii 26)
- 6 The state of the forgiven (Rom ii 7)
- 7 Definite article 8 Preposition
- 12 Third person nominative plural

#### CLUES DOWN

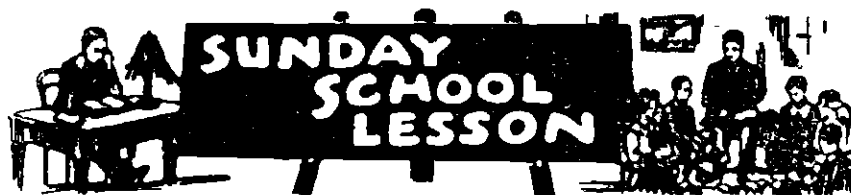
- 2 What God has done to His people (I Thess ii 12)
- 3 Present indicative plural of "to be"
- 4 and 6 Future indicative of "to be" (two words)

Solutions should arrive by first post Monday, June 29th.

#### SOLUTION TO FRENCH TEXT, JUNE 12th:

Matthew xxiv 31

Correct answers were received from: Dorothy Baiton, Charles Balchin, James Bishop, Lily Buck, Stella Cliff, Ian Campbell, Walter Cummings, Peggy Davies, Dorothy Docherty, Walter Elcock, Joan Emms, R Gregson, A Green, Ethel Hanks, Rosie Hanks, Hilda Hollis, Margaret Howard, Mary Hurst, Doris Kate Jell, Grace R Jones, Daphne Keyho; Annie Kennedy, Dorothy E Langlois, Stella Lawson, Barbara Mappin, Margaret Morrison, Madge Nelson, Hubert G Phillips, Ruth Steed, May Weinand, Elsie Welbourne, Nancy Wanman



By Pastor P N CORRY

Sunday, July 5th, 1931.

READING: Luke xiv. 15-24.

### EXCUSES

**MEMORY TEXT:** "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven"—Heb. xii. 25

### TEACHER'S NOTES.

Ask your class what is the usual thing to do when one is late for school or when things go wrong, to find an excuse, of course. Mankind have been doing that ever since the Fall, so that as a habit of mind it has become almost second nature now. Yet excuses are foolish and under some conditions absolutely unjustifiable. When this guest who reclined at meat with the Lord Jesus said, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God," he was thinking only of his own class and not of the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind that the Lord had advised them to invite (verse 13). The reply of the Lord was this talk about the great supper, and the foolish excuses men make to avoid it.

#### I. The Warning Command (Luke xiv. 16, 17, Matt xxii. 2, 3)

All these guests had received previous warning from the King, and been bidden to the feast. It was not a sudden surprise feast sprung upon guests who had no idea that their presence would be required, and therefore had no time to make the necessary arrangements. They first received the command and were bidden to the feast, and then the servants went and called them that were bidden and said, "Come, for all things are now ready." Remember also that an Eastern potentate is an autocratic ruler; his word is law. The Preacher rightly says, "Where the word of a king is, there is power" (Eccles. viii. 4). When the King of England holds his next Court, and people of all kinds are commanded to come, watch "The Times" the next day, and you will notice that those who could not comply with the King's command make a public apology, and that the only valid excuses are death, bereavement or sickness. No previous engagement of any kind can afford an excuse for disobedience to the King's command. In contrast to the earthly commands of kings, point out that God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent (Acts xvii. 31), and that the mystery of the Gospel of grace is now made manifest by the commandment of the ever-living God to all nations for the obedience of faith (Rom. xvi. 26). Therefore if there is no excuse for disobedience to the command of an earthly

monarch, how much more far-reaching and serious must be the consequences of wilful disobedience to the command of the Everlasting God?

### II The Excuses.

In spite of the known fact that excuses are invalid when disobedience to a kingly command is involved, many people imagine that the excuses given in this chapter are quite legitimate, but viewed as Jewish or oriental excuses, they will not stand examination for a moment.

#### First Excuse

"I have bought a piece of ground, and must needs go and see it." Ground in Palestine is notorious for being very stony. Look up II Kings iii. 25, and see how the invaders of Moab destroyed the ground by casting in stones, and in Isaiah notice that in preparing a vineyard the stones were gathered out (Isaiah v. 2). Fields are not large in Palestine and the ground needs to be laboriously prepared by gathering out the stones before much good can come of it. Yet this Jew says, "I have bought a piece of ground," without going to see if it existed at all, or if it was any good. The deal had been completed, and now he must go and see it! I hardly think Jews would carry on business in that manner.

#### Second Excuse

"I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them." During the war in Mesopotamia I camped close to a Bullock Corps, and found out that a yoke of oxen were not so easy to match as one would suppose. They must be of equal height, otherwise the yoke will be uneven. They must be of equal strength or severe galling of the bullock will take place. They must be of equal temperament, or there will be constant troubles and fighting. Yet this Jewish farmer in a very large way of business (to buy five yoke of oxen shews an unusual degree of wealth) buys ten oxen without first proving them to see if they would work together or be useless. Having bought them, he now goes to prove them. Had this been true, this man was on the way to the bankruptcy court, and his excuse was obviously false.

#### Third Excuse

This man does not ask to be excused, he simply says, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." Many have told me that they consider this man's excuse is good enough, so it may seem in Western countries, but when taken in its Eastern setting it is the most foolish excuse of the three. The social code of the East makes a man absolute lord over his wife, and to the

outsider there is an apparent indifference to women that is at first difficult to understand. A man would never dream of greeting or acknowledging his wife even if he met her in the market. They never walk out together, never appear at public functions together, and never sit together at the synagogue, but they occupy different places in the building, and go home as strangers in the eyes of any who may meet them.

The wife's name is never mentioned in public, and for you to ask after a man's wife is a mortal insult. Moreover they never eat together, but she first serves her husband and is content with what remains. The man's social, business, religious, and public life is always lived apart from his wife, and yet at such a time as this, and in such conditions, this man replies to his king that his wife keeps him at home—he is married and cannot come! This excuse was worse than the other two, and those that heard it told must have laughed outright.

With these examples of foolish excuses before us we ought to be most careful what answers we give to the call of the King to come and feast with Him. Paul tells us that God has given to all men the light of conscience and the light of creation, so that they might be without excuse (Rom. i. 20), and in the final summing up he says that every mouth is stopped, and all the world condemned (Romans iii.).

Work out a number of the excuses you yourself have heard from boys and girls, and men and women, for refusing the invitation of the King of kings, and ask your class if they are good enough, and if any excuse ever will be found that is sufficient?

The answer that sweeps them all away, and that shews them to be a refuge of lies, is that the Lord Jesus has died to make it possible for this feast to be held, that God commands us to come, and that the Holy Ghost has conveyed the invitation to all men everywhere. The greatness of the sacrifice, the authority of the command, and the sufficiency of the Holy Ghost to make us fit to partake of the feast render every excuse impossible, foolish, and worthless. The man is inexcusable who excuses himself.

### A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

#### The Worth of a Boy

A diamond in the rough  
Is a diamond sure enough,  
For before it ever sparkles  
It is made of diamond stuff.

Of course, someone must find it,  
Or it never will be found,  
And then someone must grind it!  
Or it never will be ground.

And when it's found and when it's ground,  
And when it's burnished bright,  
That diamond's everlastingly  
Just flashing out its light!

Oh, teacher in the Sunday school,  
Don't say, "I've done enough!"  
That worst boy in your class may be  
"A diamond in the rough!"

# The Bible a Perpetual Miracle

By Rev. WILLIAM WOOD

## I THE MIRACLE OF ITS ORIGIN

Moved by the Holy Ghost men heard,  
Received, and wrote the sacred Word;  
And, moved by Him through every age,  
Have found God through the sacred page.

## II THE MIRACLE OF ITS PRESERVATION

Moved by the Spirit of their Lord,  
In many lands, of one accord,  
From fire and rack saints never swerved,  
That God's own Book might be preserved

## III THE MIRACLE OF ITS DISTRIBUTION

From east to west, from pole to pole,  
They've borne this charter of the soul,  
O'er trackless seas and desert sand,  
They've carried it to every land

## IV THE MIRACLE OF ITS MORAL RESULTS

Peoples of every tongue and hue,  
Hearing this Word, are born anew,

Marvels of grace attest its might,  
Gross darkness yields to Living Light

## V THE MIRACLE OF ITS MUSIC AND GLADNESS

Sweet music from this harp Divine,  
And gladness spring from every line,  
"Rejoice! rejoice!" its message rings;  
Gladness to all mankind it brings

## VI THE MIRACLE OF ITS LIVING HOPE

Sad, sad the world, black with despair!  
But light and love upspringing there  
Create a hope, bright, full and free,  
And dig with immortality

## VII THE MIRACLE OF ITS INDESTRUCTIBILITY

The hate and craft of sin have sought  
To bring this Book of God to naught  
Though earth recede and fade away,  
This Word of Life is here to stay

## A Fork in the Road: Which Way Will You Go?

**I**NCIDENTS all around us in our everyday life remind us that we are journeying. We are going quickly and we cannot put the brake upon the wheels of time. We are going—where?

We do well to ask ourselves the question, "What shall the final ending be?" of the course we are pursuing.

In an English town there is a road which divides into two. Along one or the other of the forks you must travel if you proceed. The one is called Gospel Lane. The other is called Breakneck Lane.

A visitor there had his thoughts turned to Exodus xiii 13, "Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb, and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck, and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem."

### REDEEMED OR RUINED?

There was no middle ground. The word was plain. The direction was clear. Every firstling of an ass was to be redeemed or if not redeemed it must be killed. If redeemed it must be by a lamb. The lamb must die if the foal were to be delivered.

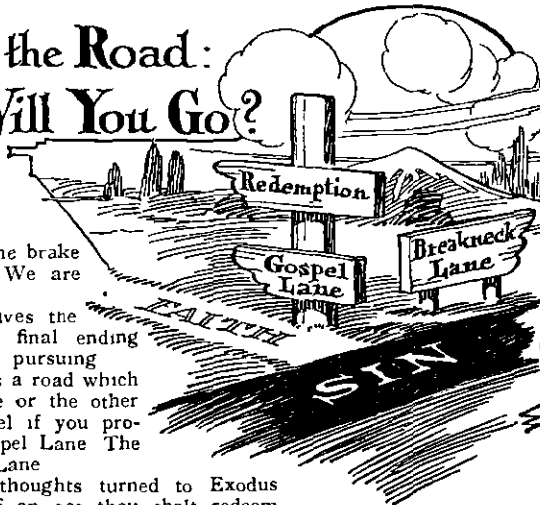
Redemption—that is the Gospel.

Ruined, broken-necked, that is the judgment.

A picture of the glad tidings of our God. We must go forward. The years are forcing us along the road of Time. Every moment we are nearer to eternity. We cannot stop. Our heart throbs, our pulse-beats tell the tale saying, "Going, going, going."

Is it along the Gospel way which leads to everlasting happiness I pursue the path?

Or is it the Breakneck way which leads to everlasting woe, along which I go? It is one or the other,



and we are nearer the end than ever we were before.

But we rejoice to know that one may pass now from the Breakneck way to the Gospel way.

The Lord Jesus—the Lamb of God—has died. The way of blessing is open. It is not yet too late. The call comes, "Turn ye, turn ye, why will you die?"

There was no other way of redemption for the firstling of the ass. It would have been of no use to promise for it that it should work for weary years in order to purchase its freedom. No! it must be redeemed with a lamb.

It would have been without avail to say that it was docile and obedient or to

prove, if possible, that it had never been wilful or obstinate or disobedient. It must be redeemed with a lamb or die.

But would it not do if one could say, "It is the prettiest foal which has ever been seen?" It comes of a prize stock. It is without blemish or fault of any kind. No! No!

It must be redeemed with a lamb or die.

Well but, one might say, I hate to see an animal suffer. May I not pay the price of redemption in silver or even gold?

No! the law is as clear as words can make it. It must be redeemed with a lamb or die.

In all this do you not see a picture of yourself and of your need? No promises for the future, no merit or goodness of your own, no beauty of character will avail. You must be redeemed. And no redemption will avail but that obtained for sinners by Christ at Calvary.

Happy are they who can say of Christ, "We have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." The Gospel Lane is open for you. Go that way.

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