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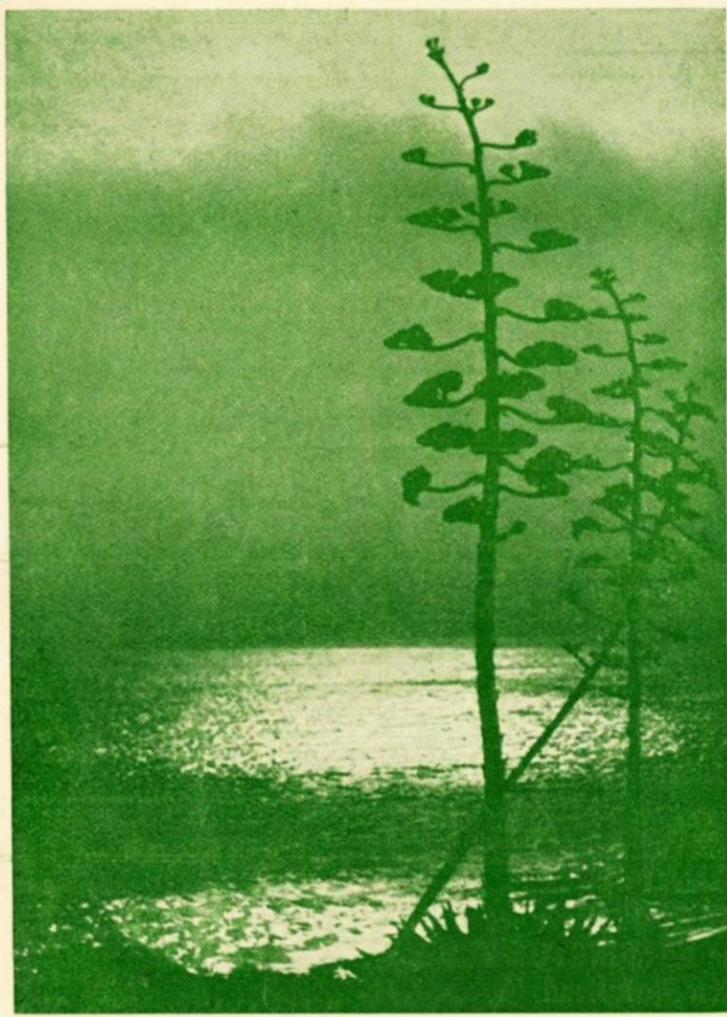
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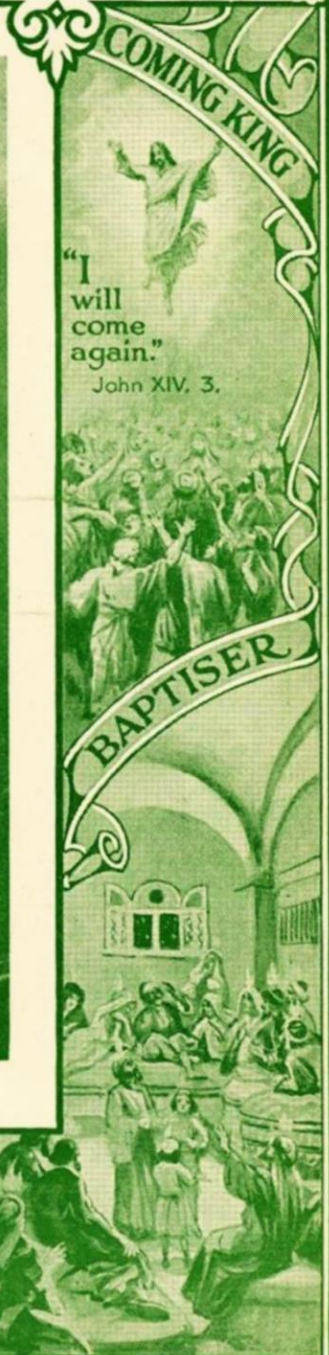
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"I am
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John X.
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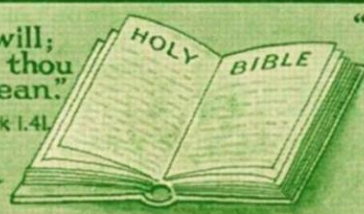


MOONLIGHT ON THE WATERS



"I
will
come
again."
John XIV. 3.

"I will;
be thou
clean."
Mark I. 41.



"I will
send Him
(the Comforter)
unto you."
John XVI. 7.

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Fridays, Twopence

Victory through Praise

By CARRIE JUDD MONTGOMERY

THANKSGIVING and praise are closely allied, but praise seems to have more of an element of adoration in it,—that is, it combines worship with giving of thanks. We are filled with gratitude when we give thanks to the Lord for some special benefit that He has conferred upon us, but when we praise Him, we are filled with adoration. When we are filled with true worship we praise Him for *what He is*, not only for His gifts. The loving bride, who has just been united to her husband, would never be satisfied with just his gifts. The gifts which she receives from her husband are very blessed and precious, but she must be

BLESSED WITH HIS PRESENCE

in order to enjoy his gifts. If he should leave her alone, his gifts would all seem as dross, so in order for us to enjoy the Lord's benefits we must know Him personally and enjoy Him. First of all we must be united to Him. We are told in Romans vii 4 that we "are become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to Another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." How wonderful that we are married to Jesus, the resurrected One, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. In Romans vi 22 we read, "Ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

We will read first Psalm xcvi 1, 2. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms." So often we speak well of the Lord, but that is different from singing unto Him. Our praise is very sweet to Him, and as we sing our praises, He bends from the holy heights above to hear us sing. Madame Guyon's experience shews us that the Lord is able to fill us with praise no matter how sad and dreadful are the circumstances in which we are placed. When she was imprisoned in the dungeon of the Bastille, she wrote

A little bird I am,
Shut from the fields of air,
And in my cage I sit and sing
To Him who placed me there
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleaseth Thee

She could praise the Lord because she accepted everything, even

THAT TERRIBLE IMPRISONMENT,

from His hand, and saw no second causes. We may sing to Him in the midst of trouble, and praise Him by faith for deliverance because He has promised deliverance.

"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving." The margin reads, "Let us come before His face with thanksgiving." This is the fitting way to come before the King of kings. If you had an invitation to appear before an earthly monarch, you would be careful to be well instructed before you came into his presence. The details of your conduct and of your very dress would be arranged for you, and everything would be done in court style. Here we have the court style of heaven! What is it? We must appear before Him with thanksgiving, and must "make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms." We have also had court dresses provided for us, and one of these is the "garment of praise" which we put on over the white robe of His purity and cleansing through the Blood. Let us turn to Isaiah lxi 3, and we will read about this

GARMENT OF PRAISE.

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." Notice that God has all this appointed for you.

Notice that it is His will to give us "beauty for ashes." Perhaps your life has been a burned-out life. Some people feel that their lives have been utterly wasted and wrecked. Often elderly people feel that they have made great mistakes, and only

ashes are left. Rev. A B Simpson told a beautiful story to illustrate this scripture. He was sitting in his study in the church one evening. I believe he had no more fuel at hand, and yet he had a little more work to do and needed more heat. He looked at the grate and saw nothing but a pile of ashes. He looked at one side and saw a bottle of oil. He poured the oil upon the ashes and lit it, and immediately there was beauty instead of ashes, and the oil kept on burning until he had finished the work which he needed to do. The Lord tells us in this text that He gives the "garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. The enemy delights in making God's children have a spirit of heaviness, and he will do this as often as possible. He will try to make you downhearted about one thing or another. He will make you worry about your dear ones who are not saved, or about your finances or about your service for Him, or He will hold up some trivial thing which amounts to nothing, and will make you worry about that. We must resist the Devil, for the Lord has commanded us to resist him, and He tells us that as we resist the Devil, he will flee. Then obey the Lord and begin to praise Him and He will bring you out into a large place. The Lord tells us that people who live in this praise life shall be called "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." We shall not be

LIKE THE HEATH IN THE DESERT,

as the Word describes those who lean upon the arm of flesh, but a tree, whose roots continually drink water from the river of God's grace. The Lord Himself will dwell within us as our righteousness and holiness and He will bring forth the fruits of His Spirit. I was impressed anew the other day with the words, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." He chose us knowing that we were so worthless and helpless. He chose us because of His great love for us. I am so glad that the Lord did not wait for me to choose Him, for I would not have known enough to do so. I have only to consent to His choice of me, and He goes on to tell us that He has ordained us to go and bring forth fruit, and that our fruit should remain (John xv 16). No ordination from man would do me any good if He had not first ordained me Himself. The fruit is all prepared for us in Christ. We are just to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us, and then the fruit will come forth by His own abiding life. This fruitfulness is in order that God may be glorified. Jesus said, "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples."

Now let us look at II Chronicles v 12-14. This passage is very beautiful, about the

LEVITES WHO WERE SINGERS,

with their sons and their brethren "being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps." It is interesting to notice that with these singers there were "an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets." This reminds us of the passage in Acts 1 15 where we read that there were about an hundred and twenty who received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

It is significant to notice that when all these "trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord." They were praising the Lord for His goodness and for His mercy, and they were so united in this praise that the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud. Beloved, would we not see more of the Lord's glory in our midst if we had more meetings like this one? Let us come together in the love of God and praise Him from full hearts, and the

CLOUD OF GOD'S GLORY

will surely rest upon us. Some Christians think it is enough to praise God in their hearts, but here they were all united in making "one sound to be heard in praising the Lord." Was not that like a real Pentecostal meeting? If our hearts are filled with praise, it will be easy to express it with our lips.

Let us read Hebrews xiii 15. Here we see that God wants the "fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name." This text also mentions the "sacrifice of praise." A sacrifice is something that costs us more or less to bring to the Lord, and a sacrifice of praise is when we do not feel like offering praise to the Lord. The enemy will try to bring dark clouds around you so that you cannot see anything for which you should offer praise. Under such circumstances, begin to praise the Lord first of all because He is good. We read in Psalm cvii. over and over again, "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" If you will begin to thank the Lord for His wonderful goodness and mercy, it will soon be easy to thank Him for His wonderful works. It grieves the Lord because we do not obey Him in offering praise. He could do so much more for us if we would only praise Him. This text in Hebrews tells us to "offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually."

We have a beautiful illustration of the sacrifice of praise in Acts xvi 25.

PAUL AND SILAS

surely could not see much cause for praise if they looked at the natural circumstances. The magistrates had rent off their clothes, laid many stripes upon them, and cast them into prison. The gaoler was charged to keep them safely, so he thrust them into an inner prison and made their feet fast in the stocks. We have read about these terrible stripes, and know a little of the torture that Paul and Silas must have suffered. Perhaps they had faith immediately to take the Lord's healing power into their smarting and aching backs, but even then they would not be very comfortable with their feet in the stocks. The fact is, they were not looking at themselves or their feelings or circumstances, but looking unto Jesus, so they decided to have a praise meeting! We read, "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and im-

mediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." Beloved, God will always work for praise, especially when it is

A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

as it was in this case. If you will begin to have a praise meeting in the most unlikely time, the most uncomfortable and dreadful time, God will send an earthquake to set you free.

Another sweet passage we find in Psalm 123: "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." Perhaps you are longing to glorify the Lord and you desire to be a foreign missionary, or a wonderful preacher, in order to shew forth His glory. Well, it is blessed to work for Jesus and to follow at His call, but you ought to begin first with praise, for He tells us here that this is what glorifies Him. If you do not know how to praise Him here, you surely would not be able to praise Him in the midst of all the difficulties you would meet on the foreign field. How sweet to think that even our little notes of praise will glorify our blessed Lord if we speak them forth in His presence, giving praise for His continual goodness and mercy.

While we are passing, let us consider one text on the opposite side in order that we may be warned. The opposite of praise is murmuring, and in I Corinthians x 10 we read, "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." In the Old Testament record of God's dealings with the children of Israel, we see that

DESTRUCTION FOLLOWED

hard upon murmuring. I want the Lord to take every bit of discontent out of me so that I would not even say, "Oh dear!" You know that if we want to murmur very mildly we are apt to say that, but the Lord can keep us in perfect peace, and can make us realise the truth of His words that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

We cannot always see the reason for our trials but we can always believe that God has some good reason. This reminds me of a time when our daughter was a tiny child, and she heard me talking about a great trial that her father had had in relation to some business enterprise. I was about to write him a letter to comfort him as he was away from home. My little girl said, "Wait, mother, let us pray." In her prayer, she asked the Lord in her childish way to give to her father the help and success which he needed, and then she paused and said very impressively, "And God, if you don't do it, you have got lots of reasons!" In my letter I quoted this remark which our little darling had made, and it came to my husband with much comfort. Matthew XXI 16 tells us that out of the

MOUTHS OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS

He has perfected praise. He reveals these things not to the wise and prudent but to the babes. Shall we not all forsake our own thoughts, and be but babes in His sight? Shall we let our own reasonings go, and just trust the Lord to teach us by the revelation of His Spirit? The Lord's light and truth

can only come to us by revelation. That was the one important thing that God began to teach me when He raised me from my dying bed when I was a young girl. He tells us that His thoughts are as high above our thoughts as the heavens are above the earth (Isaiah lv. 9) but if we will persist in thinking our own thoughts they will get in the Lord's way so that He cannot reveal to us His truth.

In closing we will read Psalm c1 6, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Your only excuse for not praising the Lord will be if you have no breath left in your body. If you even feel like dying and as though you had only a few breaths left, begin to praise Him and you will get more breath. When you do not know just how to praise the Lord, I would advise you to read some of the Psalms of praise and especially the last five Psalms (though there are many others). I am sure that just the reading of these Psalms, with a heart opened toward God, will put new life in you both for soul and body.

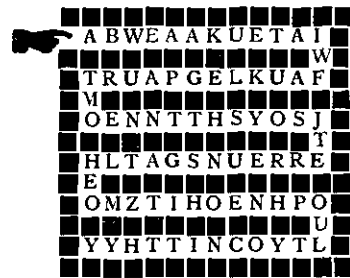
The enemy has been dislodged in the heart of everyone who loves Christ. What a great triumph for God!

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SCRIPTURE JUMBLE. The rectangle of folded letters forms a jumble of part of a verse in the 52nd chapter of Isaiah. To solve it,



commence with the letter to which the hand points at the top left-hand corner, then take every other letter from the folded lines, following the direction of the fold (first to the right, then down and turn left, and so on) to the end, then begin again, taking the letters that are left, in the order that they come. The letters thus

obtained will give you the required words in the order in which they are found in the verse. You need not draw the square. Write out the text, and give the number of the verse in which it occurs.

Solutions should arrive by first post Monday, February 15th.

SOLUTION OF CHARADE, JANUARY 29th

Answers. (1) Nebuchadnezzar (2) The millennial kingdom of Christ (or similar words) (3) Daniel ii 47, or iii 25-29, or iv 1-37

Correct solutions were received from: Tom Armstrong, Minnie Bingham, Joan Bradford, Sylvia Bullock, Nellie Eve, Hazel Greenwood, Henry Harris, Mary Hurst, R J Johnson, Marjorie London, Beatrice Paul, Tom Ramsey, Philip Stephens, Gladys Whitney, Donald Wills, Marjorie Wiltshire, Alfred Yardley

Prize-winner for January: Marjorie Wiltshire, Forge House, Corringham, to whom we send a copy of "When God Changes a Man."

Special Mention: Hazel Greenwood, R J Johnson

Concise Comments & Interesting Items

Does this meet your case?
 Feel glum? Keep mum
 Don't grumble Be numble
 Trials cling Just sing
 Can't sing Just cling
 Don't fear God's near
 Money goes? He knows
 Honour left? Not bereft
 Don't rust! Work! Trust!

In February last a miracle of provision took place in China. We first read the story in the "Evangelical Christian," as it was given by the Rev. Ernest Jones. It was rather too long for this column, but has just been republished in abbreviated form in the "Sunday School Times" (U.S.A.), thus:

"In February 1931 our district was in the grip of famine, and there was yet another month to wheat harvest. We had helped many, but one day when the Christians came for help we had to tell them we had nothing left. I told them that God was a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. They proposed to come and join in prayer each afternoon. On the fourth day of intercession I was called out of the meeting to see what was happening. Away in the north was a dark cloud approaching, and as we watched it crossed our district and rained heavily. It was not an ordinary rain, but a deluge of little black seeds in such abundance that they could be shovelled up. They asked, 'What is it?' reminding us of the children of

Israel in the wilderness, who asked a similar question. The seeds proved edible and the supply so great it sustained the people until harvest. We learned later that the storm had arisen in Mongolia, and wrecked the places where this grain (called "kao ling") was stored. The seed was carried fifteen hundred miles to drop on the district where prayer was being answered."

The Russians have a blessed custom when coming to meetings. When one enters the meeting place, he does not greet anybody, but falls down on his knees and prays silently. Upon rising, he says, "Mir vam" (Peace be unto you), and the others answer, "S' ridost ja primyam," (We receive you with joy). Then if there is time they shake hands and greet each other with a holy kiss, brother with brother, and sister with sister.

When the Russians meet one another, they do not say, "How do you do?" or "Good day," but say, "Slava Gospodu" (Praise the Lord). When they depart from one another they say, "S' spolum" (Remain with the Lord).

Rome in Spain has been decisively dealt with.

Here are a few Articles from the Decree disbanding the Jesuits throughout Spanish territory.

"(1) The Society of Jesus is disbanded and deprived of all juridical personality.

"(2) Father and Novices of the society

shall abandon their common life within ten days of the publication of this decree. Members of the society are forbidden to remain under the same roof for community life, ostensibly or disguisedly, or to meet or associate with one another.

"(3) Jesuits are deprived of the right of disposal, either personally or through an intermediary, of their property by sale or gift.

"(4) Civil Governors are to supply the Prime Minister within five days with an inventory in triplicate of the Jesuits' houses occupied on April 15th last, with the names of their superiors.

"(5) The property of Jesuits shall be considered to be the property of the State, to be used for charitable and educational purposes."

This drastic dealing certainly gives a greater opportunity for the spread of the Gospel. But another danger is arising. The present Republic is threatened with a great revolution that would bring the Communists into power. If that takes place then all forms of religion will be forbidden. Report, strangely enough, suggests that behind the Communist revolutionary effort is the power of Rome. In that case it would suggest that Rome hopes for more from the Communists than from the Republicans.

Herr Hitler, of Germany, on January 23rd, uttered these significant words, "If the present regime does not make way for us, as true as I stand here we will remove it."

Elim Blessings in Distant Lands

Missionary Journals from Africa and India

MRS James Mullan, labouring with her husband at Kipushya, Belgian Congo, writes as follows:

I take a class of evangelists who are in training and who come up by the month, with some of the teachers, who have returned for their new papers, their month being concluded.

First a little time with the Lord who has covered us all with His precious blood, and given us new hearts. Then a little study of His Word, and a hymn of praise, after which the lessons start. It is glorious to be training these dear lads for Christ's service, teaching them to read His Word, and to write of Him to one another.

We often receive notes from the returned students in their distant villages, telling of their

WORK AND NEEDS.

Always they commence by greeting us in the Name of "our great Chief Jesus." "He is faithful that promised," and is no respecter of persons or colour. During our studies one day we heard the *tom-tom* of drums, and in the distance the sound of wailing and weeping. On enquiry, we found that the

little baby of one of our teachers had been taken home to Jesus. After dismissing the class we made our way down to the Christian village in order to sympathise with the sorrowing mother. The little mud hut was in darkness, being already crowded to the door by heathen relatives from afar, who had come, according to native custom, to mourn loudly, and shew respect by horrible wailing to the spirit of the child. There sat the mother, the body of her baby being on her knees. There was a silence whilst we offered our sympathies. "Yes," was the quiet answer, "truly it is only his body I hold, and Jesus has given peace to the little one's spirit, I am trusting Jesus, Bwana."

Once again as we withdrew came the sounds of wailing, but not from the trustful mother and Christians—only from those without hope. A few huts away shewed an entirely different scene! Pita Mbeli's wife (he being a faithful teacher), was holding her wee baby boy close to her heart. She had given him birth the same afternoon, and we rejoiced with her, learning the meaning of the blessed words of Paul, to weep with them that weep, and rejoice with them that rejoice.

On returning home an old, old lady, all withered up and wrinkled, came to clap her hands and greet me "Ech, Mendemo! Na fiki ku mona!" ("Ah, Mendemo, I have come to greet you") and she handed me a basket of badly bruised mangoes, and a small pineapple

"Oh! Do you want salt, or francs for your goods?" I asked

"Ah, stop, Mendemo! Is it not a gift I have brought you with which to greet you? Do I ask payment? Stop, Mendemo! It is a gift!"



**Congolese twin girls.
who with their mother
are earnest Christians.**

And so our conversation proceeded as on other days, for the dear old granny loves to be humoured! Eventually she joyfully made her way back to her village with a nice cupful of salt in her basket, bearing my "gift" to her!

"Ah! I would come to greet you each day, Mendemo, but I am old, and my legs are weak, are they not? Goodbye, Mendemo, you shew great mercy to me Goodbye!" And so with these parting words goes the old lady up to

HER TINY HOME

in a heathen village, where she dwells alone—shining for Jesus

Although I cannot as yet tell you of great conquests for Christ, dear ones, or any outstanding work and fruit for His glory, yet He answers your prayers by helping us to encourage the weak, to shew love and sympathy to those in need, and to "feed His sheep"

Let me now take you into the children's meeting I held last week. We beat the drum, calling the little ones to come into our small church. Sending on a chair for my own use, I went up the path with about a dozen black piccaninies dancing along beside me, and singing lustily. On entering the church the chattering and prattling startled me, because only a few children had as yet gathered, and were talking away like an army! Soon, however, we were all present and merrily clapping our hands and singing the Elim choruses! "Rolled away," "Hallelu! Hallelu!" and "In my heart there rings a melody," are the favourites, and sung over and over again in the quaint but expressive Bekalebwe with great

gusto! Some bigger boys then led in prayer, and after I too had asked a blessing, we had a ringing hymn

"Can native children sing as heartily as our Cadets?" someone wrote asking me! My! Their lung power is much greater, and the certainty is, the black boys and girls can make the biggest noise unto our Lord, even if their harmony is not so good! One cannot always recognise the tune, I must admit! But it is impossible to doubt their earnestness or enjoyment. "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there," is sung by even the smallest. Their interest as I sought words to put into Bekalebwe the story of Daniel in the lions' den, was truly helpful, and at the close of the afternoon's service I asked if anyone would like God to keep them from our enemy, Satan, who "goeth about like a roaring lion," and was only kept away from us if our lives were given to Jesus. Praise God for about six young boys and two girls who stood up and said, "Truly, truly, Mendemo, we wish to follow Jesus, and have our hearts washed in His blood"

Since then some of these little ones have come quite a long way to join us at the breaking-of-bread services. Continue then in prayer

LATTER RAIN IN INDIA

Miss Marion Ewens, writing from Monghyr, Bihar Province, tells of continued blessing

Rejoice, with us, for there is a sound of abundance of rain. In my last letter I asked you to pray that Bejoy and his wife receive the Baptism. Praise the Name of the Lord I am able to write and tell you that his wife Drusilla has received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Now Bejoy is waiting in a greater expectation. We now have another Christian and his wife (Bandhu and Mary) with us. These two are also tarrying and seem very near receiving

At the beginning of this month Miss Paint went to Giridih for a short visit and there too the fire fell! Two Bengali women preachers received after having sought for about two years. Shortly afterwards Bejoy's sister received her portion. Then, to the surprise of many, Bulk, a blind women convert, received. She is a woman with a sad history and was much given to quarrelling and swearing. But now! the sweet praises of Jesus fill her mouth. Several other Christians have received anointings. We expect to see great results through a more powerful witness of these dear Indian workers this winter.

In other parts of India also the rain is falling. At a place called Purulia, a certain Mr Munshie had been seeking the Baptism so long that it was decided to have a week of prayer, and pray "till" the answer came

PRAYER STARTED

early on a Monday morning, the Lord gave all a real blessing, and we felt sure the answer was coming. Late that afternoon this man's three eldest children came up to the prayer room and began to pray that the Lord would save them. The presence of the Lord was so real that it was not long before all three children were under real conviction. They cried and

prayed with all their hearts, and soon one after another stood up and expressed the assurance that they had been saved from their sins. On the Tuesday Mrs. Munshie, who had opposed her husband for over two years in his seeking, received a precious baptism of the Spirit. Then right up to late on the Saturday evening God continued to bless and manifest His presence in our midst, but it seemed still that Mr. Munshie was not going to receive the blessing which he so long had sought. When all were about

to give up, the Lord gave Mr. Munshie a real touch of faith, in a minute the work had begun, and the Lord surely did repay him for all his years of waiting. It was only a few minutes until his eldest son was receiving, and just as he was coming through, the next to the eldest came in, and when he heard his father and his brother trying to talk to him in a strange language, he began to cry, and in just a few minutes he was talking with his brother in the same language. Glory to Jesus the Baptiser.

DOERS OF THE WORD

THE APOSTLE JAMES speaks of the Word of God under the figure of a glass or mirror. He implies that if we stand long enough before this scripture looking-glass, we shall see ourselves just as we are. Its power and accuracy in reflecting our likenesses are not questioned for one moment. Our soul blemishes, our spiritual deformities, are clearly revealed. The prayerless man is found out in the presence of truth. The careless and indifferent have a life-size portrait of themselves as they wait before the mirror of the Word. The pollution and perversity of the carnal nature are discerned as we look into this "perfect law of liberty." But a vision of one's condition and a pungent sense of one's need are not sufficient. We must be "doers of the word." Truth

cannot be held abstractly, it must be incorporated in life and practice. To make mental assent to truth and pay no tribute to it in the soul's devotions is to invite deadness of conscience and hardness of heart. Light rejected becomes darkness. Truth that is not obeyed becomes to the soul as death-dealing error. Warnings unheeded make callous the nature. The man who hears the Word but refuses to practise it in his life forgets "what manner of man he was." He loses the vision that was once his. He wastes capacity for rallying to Gospel appeal and settles down into a state of inertia and spiritual blindness greater than that which he knew before he received the revelation of truth at all.

Charmed by the Cross

D. B. G.

D. B. GRAY.

Charmed by the Cross, . en - rap - tured with it's sto - ry,

"Twas there my Sa - viour bore a - way my sin . . .

Dark - ness with - in was changed to Hea - ven's Glo - ry,

Till He doth come, His prais - es will I sing . .

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Bible Study Helps

TWO PRAYERS CONTRASTED. (LUKE XVIII. 10-14)

I. The Pharisee's Prayer was from a proud, self-righteous heart (verses 11, 12, see Prov viii 13)

1 He boasted—

(a) Of his good character. I am not as other men" (verse 11, see Prov xii 15, Rom iii 23)

(b) Of his spirituality. I fast twice in the week" (verse 12, Isaiah lxxv 5)

(c) Of his good deeds. "I give tithes of all that I possess" (verse 12, Luke xvii 10)

2 He condemned others (verses, 11, 12, Luke vi 37)

3 He had no true petition—was self-satisfied. "He prayed thus with himself" (verse 11, Rev iii 17)

4 His prayer was not accepted, and because of his pride he must be abased (verse 14, Job xxxv 13)

II. The Publican's Prayer was from a humble heart (verse 13, Isaiah lvii 15)

1 He saw his true condition (ver 13, II Chron vii 14)

(a) He felt that he was unworthy. "Would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven" (ver 13, Neh i 4)

(b) He felt that he deserved to be condemned. "Smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner" (ver 13, Luke xxiii 40, 41)

2 He condemned none but himself (ver 13, I Tim i 15)

3 He had one great petition (ver 13, Luke xxiii 42)

4 His prayer was accepted, he was justified and exalted (ver 14, Psalm cxlv 18, 19, Luke i 52).

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions

Sunday, Feb. 14th John vi 15-27

"They see Jesus walking on the sea" (verse 19)

Another walked on the sea—it was Peter. But he could only do so as he kept his eyes upon the same Jesus who walked upon the sea at this time. Christ is the Creator of all seas, and, of course, He is greater than His creation. Therefore He could walk upon the sea and by His power cause others to do so. Yet such miracles were exceptional. We should have some tragic events if everybody tried to walk on the sea. We always do get tragic happenings when we try to reproduce miracles that Christ is not giving. We cannot force miracles. If Christ is not giving a miracle we can pray and shout, and lay on hands, and anoint with oil for hours—but nothing will result. Let us rejoice in every real miracle we get. But let us guard against human energy which insists on working them up. Christ is indeed a miracle-worker, but He expresses His miraculous power according to His own will. When we cannot spectacularly walk on the sea, let us be content with the ordinary road.

Monday, February 15th, John v. 28-40

"This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent" (verse 29)

There is nothing greater than faith in Christ. There is nothing that accomplishes marvels like faith in Christ. God cannot do anything with a man who refuses Christ. But a man who puts his faith in the Lord Jesus becomes a builder for eternity. Power and progress are according to faith. Effort, energy, bustle, push, grim determination are poor substitutes for faith. Grim determination may climb Mount Snowdon. But faith climbs Mount Sinai and brings down a perfect pattern of some tabernacle of service to be erected upon the earth. The greatest work of God is to get a man to trust Christ. After that other works are simple.

Tuesday, Feb 16th John vi 41-59

"And they shall be all taught of God" (verse 45)

But when God teaches us what does He teach? He teaches us to listen to Christ. "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." Then when we listen to Christ what does He teach us? He tells us that "the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. There is a wonderful circle of teaching in the Trinity. The Father teaches us of the Son and the Spirit. The Son teaches us of the Father and the Spirit. The Spirit teaches us of the Father and the

Meditations by PERCY G PARKER.

Son God does not wish us to be ignorant. He loves to teach us. Do we love to be taught of God? If we really love to be taught then light from the Father, Son and Spirit is waiting to shine into our lives.

Wednesday, Feb 17th, John vi. 60-71

"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" (verse 63)

The words of Jesus are solid. Or shall we say they become solid? They don't end in mere words, they become tangible. Christ spoke at the time of creation and, lo, His words became a world. He spoke to the water and, lo, it became wine. He spoke to the sick and, lo, they became healthy. Christ's words are creative. His words are wonderful words of life. Invisible spirit and visible life result from His words. Therefore His words quicken our spirits and quicken our bodies. No wonder we pray for Christ to speak to us. If Christ speaks, something will happen. No words of His are lost. No words of His fall to the ground. Every word He speaks increases the beauty of time and eternity.

Thursday, Feb 18th, John vii 1-13

"My time is not yet come but your time is always ready" (verse 6)

The life of the godless is uncontrolled. They are ready to act at any time just as it pleases them. But the life of the Christian is controlled. Christ's time was not always ready. He did not move according to an earthly watch. His time was governed by a heavenly clock. God has a clock for each one of us. We never see it, but its time is revealed to us. The Holy Spirit within us will reveal the time of God's clock in heaven. They that are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. Shall we individually remind ourselves this morning that the clock to govern our life is in heaven? Then pray that we may be obedient to God's clock.

Friday, Feb. 19th, John vii 14-24

"Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (verse 24)

A man's reputation for sound judgment will not last long if his verdict is decided by that which appears on the surface. Things can be most deceptive. An apparent explanation may be the exact opposite of the truth. No doubt the Devil frequently brings about a remarkable coincidence of circumstances which is calculated to drive the people of God into wrong and loveless verdicts. How easily we get trapped along these lines. Experience should teach us to be very slow to judge. Many a home is in tears because of untrue judgment. Let

us never impute a wrong motive when we can trace a possible good one. Let us judge others in the same way we would have them judge us. Never pass a verdict until we have the whole evidence. There will not be many verdicts passed then. Tea-table verdicts are generally wrong.

Saturday, Feb. 20th, John vii 25-36

"No man laid hands on Him, because His hour was not yet come" (verse 30)

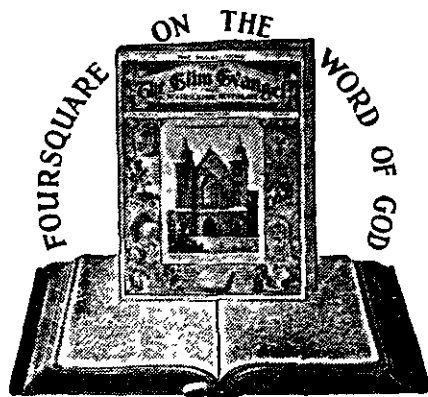
For our Lord there was a time to live and a time to die. No hand could take His life from Him until the Father allowed the invisible shield of protection to be penetrated. Every Christian is surrounded with an invisible shield. No accident, no blow, no bullet can penetrate that shield until God permits. Today science is discovering invisible rays of light which no one can cross. Death would result if it were attempted. When Christ was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane those who came were first of all caused to fall backwards. It was as though God said "See, I could protect My Son, but the hour of protection has now passed. His hour of suffering has arrived." God's care over the saints is the same as His care over the Saviour.

Who Would be Fined?

Judge Rooney, of Chicago, fined a man \$100 and costs and sentenced him to gaol for ninety days for impersonating a doctor and practising medicine without a license. I wonder how many professing Christians, ministers and laymen would be "hit" by a law fining those who pretended to be Christians and were not. Are we leading or misleading people by our pretensions?

Worry is not only a sin against God, it is a sin against ourselves. Thousands have shortened their lives by it, and millions have made their lives bitter by dropping this gall into their souls every day. Honest work very seldom hurts us, it is worry that kills. I have a perfect right to ask God for strength equal to the day, but I have no right to ask Him for one extra ounce of strength for tomorrow's burden. When tomorrow comes grace will come with it, and sufficient for the tasks, the trials, or the troubles.

God never has built a Christian strong enough to stand the strain of present duties and all the tons of to-morrow's duties and sufferings piled upon the top of them.



EDITORIAL

Power of a Kindly Touch.

In the narrative of the healing of the leper in Matthew viii. 1-4, we are told that our Saviour did two things to the sufferer; He touched him and spoke to him. Let us learn from this that it is not enough to preach to people, we must touch them. Jesus did for this poor man what no one else would have even thought of doing. He laid His blessed hand on the diseased body, foul and loathsome though it was.

George F. Pentecost tells of a beautiful and pure woman who went into a New York prison, where she saw a miserable woman, wrecked by a life of sin. She approached to speak to her, and as she did so, stooped down and kissed her polluted lips. The woman sprang to her feet as though she had been touched by fire, and bursting out into great sobs of penitence, fell at the feet of the Christian woman who had kissed her. "Do you come to me in the Name of Christ, and do you kiss me for His sake? Then will He who has put such pity in your heart save me?" and she gave herself to Jesus and was saved.

Over against the treasury

He sits who gave Himself for me

He sees the coppers that I give

Who gave His life that I might live,

He sees the silver I withhold

Who left for me His throne of gold

Principal George Jeffreys at Spa Fields Church "Converts, Cures, and Crowds"

SPA FIELDS CHURCH, Wharton Street, King's Cross, is the scene of old-time revival with old-time revival results. Day after day a very unusual sight is to be seen in these days of empty churches. Men and women flocking from every direction all making for the revival centre. The policemen on point duty are kept busy directing enquirers. One man in blue, when asked, said before the enquirer had finished, "You want that church where the people are getting saved." If this could only be said about every church in London we would have a city-wide revival. Principal George Jeffreys and the Revival Party are heralding forth the good news of salvation, and in every meeting the people are yielding to its claims. Many have testified to remarkable healings. One received sight in a blind eye. Another was healed of St. Vitus' dance. A growth was removed in answer to the prayer of faith. In every service the two streams of blessing are flowing—the forgiveness of sins and the healing of bodies. And the end is not yet. Praise the Lord."

The following is an extract from the local press:

Principal George Jeffreys, founder and leader of the Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance, who has drawn great crowds to the Albert and Queen's Halls in London and to other large halls in every part of the British Isles, is now conducting a revival and healing campaign at the Spa Fields Church, Wharton Street, Finsbury. Scenes similar to those which occurred when Principal Jeffreys conducted a campaign four years ago at Caledonian Road Baths, the Finsbury Park Rink, and Alexandra Palace, are being witnessed.

The church holds about 800, and each evening this week practically every seat in the body and gallery has been filled.

"We were told that this part of North London was one of the most difficult to work in, but our experience has proved quite the contrary," one of Principal Jeffreys' lieutenants told a *Gazette* representative. "It has been just as much a case of 'converts, cures and crowds' here as elsewhere. People have felt the call of our message and have come in their hundreds. There have been cures, and next week you will hear testimonies from those freed from bodily ailments and afflictions."

The appeal is not merely to the aged and poor. These gatherings are attended by the young and middle-aged as well as elderly people, and they are drawn from many different stations in life. Their fervour is remarkable. The words of a well-known hymn set to a bright chorus rouse them to great enthusiasm.

During the Principal's address they sit enthralled, drinking in every word the preacher says. His simple message is delivered in pleasant, ringing tones, its points being emphasised with oratorical skill. His sayings this week include the following:

"Jesus Christ is the Rock on which we must build our faith. Other foundations crumble, but that Rock will stand for ever. It will be there when the new theology and the modernist critics have gone."

"It is not enough to hope that you are saved—you must know. A man, saved from drowning, does not say, when he stands on *terra firma*, 'I hope I am saved.' He knows he is."

"I am afraid the Christian Church as a whole is asleep. She seems to be allowing things to take their own course, without striving to uphold the faith she professes."

"Students in theological colleges are being trained to tell us that the religion of our fathers is old-fashioned. They are even inclined to laugh at the Resurrection, and tell us that the blood of our Lord is of no more value than that of an ordinary man."

These random quotations are sufficient to indicate that the preacher's message is powerful and provocative.

When the time comes for Principal Jeffreys to ask for the saved, many hands are held up in different parts of the church, and the number increases as the evangelist leads the congregation in prayer.

Fresh Foursquare Fire in London

Principal George Jeffreys in the Countess of Huntingdon's Spa Fields Chapel

By W. G HATHAWAY

TO see the beautiful Spa Fields Chapel, situated in Lloyd Square, King's Cross, London, crowded to capacity with people eager to hear the old Gospel without any modern "frills," but proclaimed in simplicity and Holy Ghost power would have done good to the heart of the Countess of Huntingdon herself. This chapel belonging to the Connexion founded by that much-used labourer for God, has been taken over by the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, as a Foursquare Gospel centre. This link with the Countess of Huntingdon harks back to the days of Wesley and Whitefield in the eighteenth century. The Countess was early converted to God, and at once took her place among the foremost of those who were engaged with Whitefield and Wesley in the great evangelical revivals of the eighteenth century. She deplored the dead state of the churches of her day, and in her intense desire to bring the glorious Gospel to the multitudes, had a passion for sending out preachers of the Gospel—anywhere, anyhow, and by every suitable means. If she could not have her desire in the church, she would open her drawing room, or engage a barn, or a chapel, or a theatre. If clergymen were not available or sufficient, she sent laymen—even from among her own servants—who had power with God and man, as itinerant preachers, and eventually established a college for the training of men for the ministry. To her is attributed the honour of initiating lay preaching in connection with the Methodists, which played such a great part in the spread of the simple Gospel in those days. She attached the greatest importance to securing large buildings for the worship of God, especially if she could rescue them from profane uses. Some she herself built wholly or partially, others she hired or purchased, often thereby placing herself in great straits. In order to pay for the chapel erected at Brighton she sold her jewels. At the time she engaged the old Spa Fields Chapel (before the present one was built) which had originally been erected as a place of amusement, she had not a penny at her command, but God honoured her faith, and large congregations gathered to hear the message of those early Methodist preachers. On one occasion she had agreed to take a large building in Whitechapel, and a close friend and supporter remonstrated with her as to the impropriety of entering into fresh engagements and involving herself in so much difficulty. While he was with her she received a letter from an individual,

who had heard of her efforts to spread the Gospel, requesting her acceptance of a draft for £500, the exact sum for which she had committed herself regarding the building. "Here," she said to her friend, "take this, and pay for the chapel, and be no longer faithless, but believing." Several instances of this kind are recorded shewing how she moved out in sheer dependence upon God to meet every need. Speaking of the Countess, George Whitefield said, "She is all in a flame for Jesus."

Spa Fields Chapel was the outcome of the great revival which shook the religious life of England to its very foundations. The leaders of that revival were strong men and women, strong in heart and intellect as well as faith. The mass of the people never rushed them into ways they did not wish to tread, they were always leading, disciplining the mass into a well-ordered army. At first it was like the rush of many waters upon the thirsty land, but finding a channel for itself, the revival settled into a broad and deep river, capable of bearing many life-crafts on their way to God. Its influence was felt on the whole religious life of the country.

It is interesting to note in connection with this chapel that the Countess, immediately after the opening, established a band to assist in the praises. She was evidently greatly interested in the musical world. Handel was an old friend, and shortly before his death was visited by her at his own request. She expressed great satisfaction at

the interview. She also secured the services of such noted musicians of the day as Giardini and Giordani, to set music to her hymns, while Shrubsole, the organist of Spa Fields, was the composer of the well-known tune, *Miles Lane*, to "All hail the power of Jesus's Name."

Referring to George Whitefield's connection with the Countess, it is recorded that on his return from one of his visits to America, in 1748, he was invited, soon after landing, to her house at Chelsea. Having often seen and felt the power of his oratory over the people, she gathered many ladies and gentlemen to hear him. Within a fortnight she had added his name to the list of her chaplains, an association which he maintained to the end of his days.

The present Spa Fields Chapel was built in 1886, near the site of the old one the lease of which had expired, and after varied experiences its opening again for the preaching of the much-despised Foursquare Gospel is indeed a link with the early days



Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, 1707—1791.

of Methodism and its "new doctrines" The opposition they encountered is still manifest to-day, but, praise God, the same Holy Ghost power which they saw and felt, is manifested to-day in the regeneration of men and women The fearless preaching of Principal George Jeffreys has resulted in many thousands being brought into the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ Old-time revival is again sweeping the land, and the

religious life of our country is being stirred to its foundations As we write, the Campaign at Spa Fields is in its infancy, but already at every service souls are finding Christ, and remarkable instances of the Lord's hand being stretched forth to heal are in evidence, the huge congregations being stirred by the power of the Spirit of God, as these tokens of His presence are vouchsafed



MRS MAYERS

Crippled with Rheumatism

Completely healed at Sheffield Campaign

I suffered from rheumatism for over seven years My right knee was stiff, and I could not walk without the aid of a stick But while being anointed and prayed for at one of Principal George Jeffreys' meetings in Sheffield, the power of God vibrated through my whole body and I was delivered from the terrible grip of the disease Thank God!"—(MRS) MAYERS

The Model Christian

Talk No. X.

By Principal PERCY G. PARKER (of the Christian Workers' Bible Correspondence School)

The fruit of the Spirit is . . . meekness.—Galatians v 23

MANY people are repelled by that word *meekness* I confess that once I was We so easily link meekness and cowardice together The world usually thinks that a meek man is cowardly Yet, in reality, the opposite is the truth It takes a brave man to be truly meek There is a meekness that is the outcome of fear, but on the other hand there is a meekness that is proof of the greatest courage

THE LORD JESUS WAS MEEK.

"I am meek and lowly in heart," was His own description of Himself In fulfilment of prophecy He entered into Jerusalem, "*meek and sitting upon an ass*" As children we addressed Him as "*Gentle Jesus, meek and mild*" He was indeed meek, yet, on the other hand, there has been no bravery to equal, let alone exceed, the bravery of the Lord Jesus Bring along some of the world's brave men, Alexander, Napoleon, Wellington, Nelson, and such like These were indeed brave men But they were armed to the teeth Hundreds of thousands of other brave men supported them They had only to speak

and thousands of cannon would roar, thousands of muskets would speak, thousands of swords would flash

Christ had no sword No brave men supported Him He might have had heaven's armies of angelic hosts But he refused them No cannon roared at His command, no rifles spoke, no sabres flashed, and yet his enemies were as strong, as fierce, as obstinate as the enemies of a Napoleon or a Nelson Soldiers are nerved by the hope of glory. They do not think of death. They think of the huzzas of their grateful country—of the glory of the afterwards But Christ Jesus thought of death He knew He was to die He told His disciples many times of the death that awaited Him It was the kind of death He hated He was to die because He was to bear in His body that abominable thing that He hated—sin. He knew it would not be a quick death He foresaw the scene in the Judgment Hall, on the way to Golgotha, at the Cross The Cross with its agonising death ever loomed before Him Yet He did not falter. His whole journey on earth was only a round-about journey to the

Cross. It was a death He could have avoided. Yet for the sake of a lost world He deliberately set His face toward Calvary

The fact is that it is not the Christian man who is not brave, but the non-Christian. Many a man would like to be a Christian, but the fear of man bringeth a snare. We have all seen and heard those who have sneered at Christian people for being meek and childish who themselves have been such cowards that rather than be blamed for their own shortcomings they have

COWARDLY TOLD A LIE

Never, never think that a meek man is cowardly. As soon think the white rose ugly, the spring water bitter, the rosy apple poison, as the meek man cowardly

But now let us ask, What is meekness? We will circle our reply round two words (1) Submission (2) Admission

1 Meekness is revealed in submission to the truth of God

There are some truths of God that are specially galling to our pride. Here is one, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom iii 23). Natural man does not like to admit that he is a sinner. He would far prefer to believe that he is gradually evolving upward into something higher and better. Individuals like to reflect upon their own superiority to others. The rich man likes to think how much more

GOD MUST APPRECIATE HIM

than He does the poor man. While the poor man likes to think how much more honest he is than the rich man. The lady of culture exalts herself above the woman of ignorance. The scientist believes himself far superior to the uncivilised African. But God comes and says, "There is no difference." The rich, poor, cultured, educated are all on the same low level, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The man in his motor and the tramp on the road are classed together.

I once gave an acquaintance a book to read entitled, *Grace and Truth*. He was well educated. He came of fairly well-to-do parents, and himself had a good position. The book contains a series of sermons. The first is on the text, "There is no difference." It shows that in the sight of God there is no difference between the rich and the poor, the king and the pauper, the knight and the beggar, the schoolmistress and the flower girl. After a time I asked him how he was getting along with it. He replied, "I've read some of it, but I shall not read any more." "Oh," I said wonderingly, "why not?" "No," he persisted, "I shall not read any more." "Why not?" I again asked. "Because," he said, "it says, *there is no difference.*" His pride rebelled. He did not like to think that he was no better than others.

It takes a meek man to submit to that truth—to admit himself a sinner.

There is, however, another truth, which is still more galling. It takes a man to the Cross of Jesus Christ,

and says, "You see Jesus dying on the cross. You see He is forsaken of God. Do you know that what Jesus Christ experienced on the cross is what God sees that you deserve? Look and see Jesus destroyed from off the earth. That is how God regards you. As a sinner you are only fit to be destroyed from off the earth. Look and see Jesus forsaken of God. That is how God regards you, fit only to be God-forsaken."

You say that is strong language. But it is no stronger than Bible language. The Scripture says

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us (Gal iii 13)

God hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah liii 6)
God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh condemned sin in the flesh (Rom viii 3)

See the deserter shot dead, and know what the country thinks of a deserter. See the murderer hanged and know what the country thinks of a murderer. See Christ Jesus crucified on the cross of Calvary and know what God thinks of a sinner.

The proud man rebels. The Jew says it is foolishness. But the meek man says, It is true. He took my place. He died in my stead. He was forsaken in order that I need not be forsaken. He died that I might live."

JOHN NEWTON'S THEOLOGY

fits the life of a truly meek man

Alas! by nature how depraved!
How prone to every ill!
Our lives to Satan how enslaved!
How obstinate our will!

Jesus for sinners undertakes,
And died that we may live,
His blood a full atonement makes,
And cries aloud, "Forgive!"

Here is another truth that it takes a meek man to receive. "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John xv 5). The proud man likes to say, "I can do this—I can do that. If I say I shall do it then I shall. I accomplish what I attempt. I have never found anything to beat me yet," and so forth. But the meek man looks up to heaven and says, "Lord, Jesus, help me, for without Thee I can do nothing that is worth doing."

2 Meekness reveals itself in submission to the chastening of God

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth" (Heb xii 6). Reproof clashes with pride. It takes a meek man rightly to accept reproof. God reproveth in different ways. Sometimes it is by allowing us to fall into temptation, as in the case of Peter. Sometimes by disappointment, as in the case of David, when God took away his child. Sometimes He reproveth by hiding the consciousness of

HIS PRESENCE

from us, as often happened in the history of the Israelites. At other times it is by allowing us to fall sick, or by strewing our path with thorns, or by permitting financial difficulties to overtake us. God uses many methods in subduing, guiding, and developing

our human natures Meekness submits, but pride rebels

Some time ago I went into a shop, owned by a man professing to be a Christian. His son was ill, seriously ill. The father had experienced similar trouble with other members of the family. He believed the trouble was allowed by God. I expect it was—there were good reasons for it. I shall never forget that man's bitterness against God. With rage disfiguring his face he declared in a loud voice, hoarse with passion, "I feel like saying with Job, 'Curse God and die.'" As he spoke he brought his closed fist down on the counter with a crash. That was not meekness.

I know another man and his wife—both Christians now. Years ago they lost the darling of their home. Their seven-year-old laddie was suddenly taken from them. The blow was grievous. The father and mother were bowed down with grief. Yet that father has told me, with a countenance of gratitude, "It was the best thing that could have happened to us. We thank the Lord for it now." And the mother, standing by, said, "Yes, we do." It was the taking away of their child which led them to Christ. That was meekness—submission to God. We all get our

TIMES OF CHASTENING

Sometimes the pressure is very heavy. Sometimes we do not understand in the least. Yet throughout it all we should do what David did when he lost his child—we should worship.

3 Meekness reveals itself in submission to the will of God

God's will often clashes with our will. Moses desired to deliver Israel immediately out of the cruel bondage of Egypt. But God's will was that Moses should first remain forty years in the wilderness as a student of God's methods. Paul desired to go into Bithynia, God's will was Macedonia. One desires to be a missionary abroad, God's will is that he be a missionary at home. One wants to live in London, but God's plan for him is Manchester. One desires to settle down and spend a quiet country life amidst the green fields and the rugged hills in a peaceful cottage, God's will for him is a life of sacrifice on the foreign field. One wants to be a preacher, but God's will is that he be a secretary.

One man I know wished to be a missionary. God's will was not that way. The intending missionary therefore said, "If I cannot be a missionary I will be nothing." He finished his life a cynical old man in a relative's home, until his brain turned and he was sent to a workhouse infirmary to finish off his unhappy days.

But at another time I was staying at the China Inland Mission headquarters in London. There I met

A SWEDISH BROTHER

He had long yearned to be a missionary, and he had come over to London hoping to be accepted. If he had passed the doctor he would have immediately sailed for China. *But he did not pass the doctor.* My heart ached for that man. He was miles away from his loved ones. His hope of years had been smashed. His position was the sadder because he

could only speak a few words of broken English. I shall never forget the sad resignation on his face. We tried to sympathise with him. But he replied with gentle tones in broken English, "It's all right, God knows." God's will was a heavy blow to him, but he accepted it without a murmur. That was meekness.

4 Christian meekness reveals itself in admission of the help of God

There is a natural tendency to ask God to help us and then claim that we ourselves have been successful.

It is as though a little child comes to you and says, "I want to draw a man. Please help me." You tell the child to take hold of the pencil. Then you hold

THE CHILD'S FINGERS

in yours, and guide those fingers until the face of a man has been sketched. Then the child runs away to mother and says, "Mother, look what I've drawn!"

The meek man does not exalt himself, but admits that all he is and does is through the grace of God.

This phase of meekness is illustrated again and again in Scripture. Joseph was able to interpret Pharaoh's dream. But he took great care to admit that it was not of himself that he did it. He cried out, "It is not in me. God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." Later on, when he was the highest officer of state in Egypt, he declared, "God hath made me lord of all Egypt." It was not his own cleverness that had exalted him. No, it was God who had done it.

The Psalmist would take no praise unto himself. "Not unto us, O Lord," he cried, "not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory." Paul admitted that all he did and all he was came from God. He declared, "I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. *But by the grace of God I am what I am.* I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

Baxter used to say, "Remember, therefore that though thou be

A VESSEL OF MERCY,

it is the Fountain that filleth thee." Yes, the man of true meekness always admits that whatever he may be as a vessel of mercy, yet it is the Fountain that filleth him. "Do not thank me, thank God," is the language of his heart.

It is this form of meekness we need, not a cringing form of mock humility, but a frank admission that the God of grace and the grace of God are behind all usefulness in life.

Meekness gladly, gratefully says

And every virtue we possess,
And every victory won,
And every thought of holiness
Are His alone

Finally shall we remember the words of the Lord Jesus. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt v 5)?

Studies in The Acts

By F N COOKE

Acts iv 23-35.**PRAYER MEETINGS.**

Prayer meetings may not interest some sorts of Christians, but the latter are less powerful as a result, and not living up to the pattern of the early Church. Prayer meetings marked the days as they waited for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (i 14), it was at the time of prayer that the astounding miracle at the Beautiful Gate was performed (iii 1). Nor was this the habit of a few, for the converts of Pentecost we are told continued steadfastly in prayers (ii 42), and, according to our reading to-day, a united prayer meeting led to the shaking of the place of assembly in which they met. Commands from the Sanhedrin did not deter them, nor threatenings move them to forgo their accustomed prayer meeting, rather did the thunder clouds of coming trouble make them more desirous than ever of continuing in the one accord of prayer.

Prayer Methods.

Remember the preaching of Peter as it is so far reported in the Acts, and you find that the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle to use much of the Word in his sermons. More than half of Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost was filled with quotations from the Psalms and the Prophets. The speeches in Solomon's Porch and before the Sanhedrin made the Word the basis of argument, and now in prayer the Holy Spirit leads them to do the very same. Use the Word of God in your prayer life, and you will obtain an added incentive that never fails. The psalm that is brought to meet their need is one that speaks of rulers being gathered against the Lord's Anointed, so now they all with one accord pray that, this being the case, God would give added grace and power to face the added persecution. The Word of the Lord is crowded with similar instances of prayer. Abraham's knowledge of God's righteousness gave to him the weapon needed when pleading with God for Sodom (Gen xviii 23-33). Moses pleaded the covenant of God to the fathers when praying for the nation (Deut ix 18-29, Exodus xxxii 31-35). Daniel set himself to pray because, through reading the books, he knew that the time of desolations was finished, his reading of the Word begat boldness to pray (Daniel ix 1-4). Nehemiah turned his knowledge of the serious condition of affairs at Jerusalem into the channel of prayer, and God moved the heart of a heathen king to deliver (Neh i and ii). So we could continue, not only in sacred script, but in the wider fields of Christian experience. Study of the Word leads to prayer and to answered prayer. Saints through all ages attest it, and the church at Jerusalem now proved it. The an-

swer was not long delayed, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake the Word of God with boldness.

Prayer Results

(1) They were refilled with the Holy Spirit (ver 31). Their rulers were not changed, but the Church was charged afresh to meet them. It is not enough to say that you have received the Holy Spirit, either when you were saved or at some time after that experience, though many seem to imagine that it is quite enough to make some such statement. The great vital necessity is to be filled now. Peter had been filled at Pentecost along with the one hundred and twenty (ii 4). He was filled again when addressing the Sanhedrin (iv 8), and now along with the other members he was refilled (iv 31). Such was the apostolic experience, and such is the command given to every member of the Church. "Be ye not unwise, be understanding what the will of the Lord is, and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be being filled with the Spirit" (Eph v 17, 18). God wants all His witnesses to be filled and refilled at every time of need, for every manner of work, so that not a moment should find any of us uncharged or unprepared for His service. The power necessary to supply every need is constantly available, the filling station always ready to answer every request. The only difficulty is that the Church and the individuals of the Church do not pull in often enough to receive a fresh supply.

(2) They continued their witness with great power (v 33). There was the second result, so that the oft-repeated fable that prayer meetings are a waste of time is once more proved to be a lie, specially invented to keep us off our knees. The Church did not witness less because they prayed more, rather does Church history prove that the reverse is nearer the truth. The Church that neglects prayer will soon neglect witness. These people got a fresh vision of the need on their knees, fresh power to perform the work, and fresh inspiration with which to go out and do it.

Take special notice of the words, "with great power gave the Apostles witness," because the original word, here translated "gave," is a peculiar one. It is used in Matthew xii 36 for "to render an account," again in Matthew xviii 25 it is "to pay a debt" and in Romans xiii 7 "to render homage", and in every use of this word in Scripture the same thought is present (cf Luke xii 48). The Apostles had received much blessing, and much had been committed to their trust—the knowledge of the resurrection. They were debtors, as was Paul at a later period (Rom i 14 I Cor ix 16, I Tim i 11),

and in giving their witness they were discharging their debt to the Lord. Peter used this word again in Acts v 8 when he asked, "Sold ye the land for so much?" and at once you see that while the apostles discharged their debt by witnessing, others in the Church did the same in their freewill gifts for the work. The one looked upon his work, and the others upon their gifts, as simply discharging their debt to the Lord Jesus. This fresh outpouring of the Spirit impressed this aspect of Christian witness and work upon the Church, and the revival was not only in the spiritual things of the Church, but in men's pockets also. The same obligation lies upon each member of the Church, therefore it would be well to ask ourselves the question, "Have we discharged our debt both to man and to the Lord?"

The Power of the Blood

The engine driver was afterwards asked at the inquiry why he did not pull up his train at a certain point. Did he not see the flag? Yes, he had seen the flag, but it was a white one. "No," said the man from the signal box, "it was a red one." It was decided that they had better see the flag. When it was produced they found that it had been red, but the colour had gone out of it. The reason so many souls are perishing to-day is because the Blood is not being preached.

The Pure in Heart shall see God

At the observatories at Greenwich, Dublin, and other places, great care is taken of the telescopes. All coloured light is excluded by coverings, dust and vapour are shut out. Even when in use the faintest mist upon the glass, the least movement or impurity in the air, will disturb the image and spoil the result.

Our heart is like the telescope—only more delicate and sensitive to good and evil, and any impurity or neglect there even more surely spoils our vision of God.

Learning in itself gives no happiness—no real, true happiness. Christ, and Christ alone, gives real, true happiness. I know seven languages, and with all this I should have gone to hell if it had not been that I know Christ! Christ! Christ! Oh, the blessedness of being a disciple of the Lord Jesus—George Muller.



ELIM CRUSADER PAGE



MOTTO: GOD'S BEST FOR US — OUR BEST FOR GOD



Bournemouth. Jenovah - Shammah
This can truly be said as the young people gather week by week under the leadership of our President, Pastor W. Field. The Lord has indeed wonderfully blessed the efforts of the Crusaders, as they have given forth the Word of the living God. Not only in the meetings do they work for the Master, but a great work is done in visiting the sick—continuing the blessed work the Master Himself loved to do—and much blessing has rested on their labours. Our programmes are very varied, which tends to keep up the Holy Ghost enthusiasm which has long been the special feature of these meetings. Recently a unique meeting was held called The Veterans' Night, when those who have passed the Crusader age, and those who are very near the glory-land, took the meeting, and a very blessed and happy time was spent as these saints of God gave forth His Word, and told how in His infinite mercy God had led and protected them through life. It gave us fresh zeal to go on in the strength of the Lord, trusting Him whate'er befall.

Not only is the Lord blessing in quality, but, praise His Name, He is enlarging our muster roll and when one realises that those enrolled are born again, and have their names on the roll book of heaven, it makes the hearts of all rejoice for such a band of young people who know the Lord as Saviour, Healer, Baptist, and Coming King.—A.K.C.

Letchworth Although nine months have elapsed since we took the Crusader meeting at Hendon, and we have been waiting for their return visit, we were rewarded recently when they came to us accompanied by Pastor Hawkins. It was a meeting enjoyed by young and old. As the various testimonies and messages in word and song were given in the power of the Holy Ghost one was inspired to go on, and we praise God for another band of young people who are proving that Jesus fully satisfies, and we say

Work on, O Lord, till on our souls
Eternal light shall break,
And in Thy likeness perfected
We satisfied shall wake

KNOWING THE SHEPHERD

Some years ago, at a certain house, famous for its hospitality, there were present amongst the guests an aged minister and a distinguished actor. During the evening someone suggested

that the actor might give a recitation to the company. He readily agreed. At the old minister's request he recited the 23rd Psalm. As the company listened to that perfectly trained voice everyone was charmed. It was like listening to the music of a beautiful instrument.

When he had finished, there was applause. The actor was by no means displeased, and somewhat mischievously, he turned to the old minister and invited him to repeat the Psalm. The old man rose. He was ripe in the experience of the Saviour's loving presence. All the rich memories of a long trustful obedient life seemed to enter into his interpretation of the Psalm, and his voice trembled with emotion as he recited the precious verses. A deep hush fell on the company. More than one furtively wiped away a tear. And when he had finished there was an impressive stillness. No one seemed to wish to speak. At length the actor, himself deeply moved, crossed over to the aged saint, and holding out his hand he said, "Sir, I know the Psalm, but you know the Shepherd."

MARCH 28!

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Some years ago an Indian stood at my door, and as I opened the door he knelt at my feet. Of course, I bade him not to kneel. He said "My father, I only knelt because my heart is warm to a man that pities the red man. I am a wild man. My home is five hundred miles from here. I knew that all the Indians to the east of the Mississippi had perished, and I never looked into the faces of my dear children but my heart was sad. My father had told me of the Great Spirit, and I have often gone out into the woods and tried to talk to Him."

Then he said so sadly, as he looked in my face, "You don't know what I mean. You never stood in the dark, and reached out your hand and could not take hold of anything. And I heard one say that you had brought to the red man a wonderful story of the Son of the Great Spirit."

That man sat as a child, and he heard anew the story of the love of Jesus. And when we met again he looked in my face and said, as he laid his hand on his heart, "It is not dark, it laughs all the while!"—Sel.

OTHERS

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgerful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for—others.

Help me in all the work I do,
Ever to be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for You,
Must needs be done for—others.

Let Self be crucified and slain
And buried deep and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for—others.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of—others.

Others, Lord yes, others,
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.

WHY WE DO IT

We all stand as Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" swells from the orchestra. To do so may seem a national instinct, yet the custom had a definite beginning at the first performance of the "Messiah" in London nearly 200 years ago.

When that part of the chorus was reached which begins, "For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," George the Second was so transported with ecstasy, that he sprang to his feet, and the audience rose with him. Ever since then we have all done the same thing at the opening of the chorus. But not everybody knows why.

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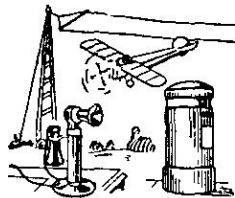
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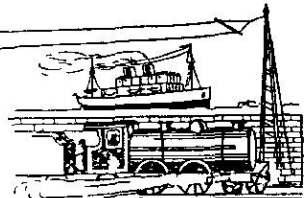
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A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL.



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OPEN-AIR TROPHIES.

South Croydon. The assembly meeting in Rolleston Hall, Rolleston Road, South Croydon, are praising the Lord for the steady progress of the work in this district, and for blessing received through the faithful ministry of the local preachers. The saints are sharing the joy which is in heaven over souls which have recently been won for the Master through the untiring labours of the band of open-air workers.

Praise the Lord, also, for snapping the bands of Roman Catholicism gripping a dear sister, who yielded her life to the Lord at a Sunday night meeting, and is now rejoicing in a full and free salvation. Her great ambition now is to study the Word of God, which before was to her a closed and forbidden Book.

One and all now unite in singing, "I love Him better every day," which is the expression of each heart. All are praying and believing that our gracious Lord who has brought this work into being, will do great things in this district.

INCREASING CONGREGATIONS.

Blackpool (Mr L. Newsham) Times of refreshing and blessing continue to be experienced here as God's servant ministers the Word in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, hearts rejoicing as the Word is expounded.

The congregations are growing, and there is an eagerness for the Word of God. It is encouraging to see the numbers that attend the week-night services. The Bible exposition on Wednesday evenings is a source of inspiration to all and during the Divine healing service the power of God is present.

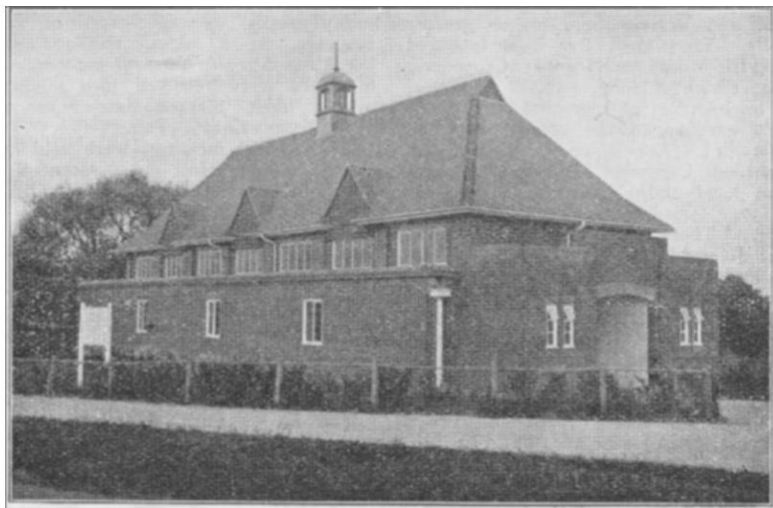
God continually sets His seal on the preaching of the Word. Recently at the Gospel services many precious souls have decided for Christ, coming out of nature's night into His most marvellous light, a real and definite work of grace being accomplished in many lives.

NEW YEAR BAPTISMAL TOKENS

Letchworth (Miss D. Phillips) Yet another year of labour in the Master's vineyard has passed, and the labourers

in every branch of the work at Elm Tabernacle, Norton Way North, gathered together recently to give an account of their stewardship for 1931. The cus-

Just at the close of the last report a small girl stepped boldly to the front of the church and read to the congregation and to Miss Phillips, on behalf of



Elm Hall, Letchworth

tomary "family gathering" for the annual tea preceded the evening's programme. Reports were given by representatives of each part of the work, including that carried out for the Lord at Baldock and Westbury. Miss Phillips pointed out that there were many working quietly week by week in their own little corner of the vineyard—with hands, gifts, or lips.

During 1931 a number passed through the waters of baptism, while some have received the glorious Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Already this year six young people have followed their Lord through the baptismal waters. Others have been sorely tested, but praise God, He has delivered those who called upon Him. Then He has called home two of our number to Himself. At this point Miss Phillips laid stress upon the need for others to take up the work these dear ones have laid down—the need too to take up the ministry of prayer that once was theirs. Prayer and more prayer is so much needed. The speaker asked that all should follow even more closely the Lord Jesus this year, and that in faith His people should ask and believe for larger things. The first Pentecostal church was added to daily because "they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers" (Acts 11:42).

the assembly, a choice little speech expressing appreciation of all that has been done in the past year in His Name.

Thanks were then offered to Him who doeth all things well for such a happy meeting all present being stirred afresh to continue labouring in the vineyard, till He come.

ABIDING BLESSING

Bradford (Pastor W. Barton) Although the Christmas Convention is now past, the influence of it remains. It can truly be said that the saints feasted on the finest of the wheat. It was a real joy to have Principal Parker from the College once again and he left all with a greater hunger than ever for the Word of God. Pastor and Mrs. Greenway of Grimsby and Pastor Court from Hull, have also visited the assembly. The ministry of the Word which they brought was very blessed, and the spiritual tone of the church has been raised as a result of these special services. On the Wednesday evening a baptismal service was held when fifteen members obeyed our Lord's command. One sister was healed of a long-standing illness whilst passing through the waters.

On a recent Tuesday, another season of blessing arrived with the ministry of Pastor Hulbert from Halifax, and of Miss Munday, who gave her wonderful



Evangelist
L. Newsham,

testimony of healing The hall was well filled Praise God for seven precious souls who responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as their own personal Saviour

The Spirit of God is moving mightily in the midst, for at almost every meeting souls are being saved and saints baptised in the Holy Ghost

SECOND BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

Ealing. (Pastor J Kelly) During the past few weeks Pastor Kelly has been giving, at Cranmer Hall, Cranmer Avenue, a series of uplifting addresses on the subject of The Holy Spirit, these having been most helpful to the saints, and urging them on to greater exploits They have also been favoured by a visit from the Hornsey Crusaders, whose service of song, Gospel messages, and testimonies of personal experience greatly encouraged the young people to go forward On a recent Wednesday the second baptismal service was held at the local Baths, when five brothers and two sisters went through the waters The District Superintendent, Pastor Joseph Smith, conducted the service and gave a most interesting and inspiring address on baptism by immersion As the candidates entered the waters the hymn, "Where He leads me I will follow," was impressively sung On the following evening, Mr Smith gave a most impressive and helpful exposition of The Palm Trees and Wells

of Elim, drawing a vivid lesson as to what Christians should be

A sister of the assembly has recently been instantaneously healed of internal trouble, after being anointed by Pastor Kelly To God be the glory!

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN

Newtownards (Pastor T E Francis) Truly the assembly meeting at the Elim Hall, Court Street, is flourishing by the preaching of the Word and the praising of His Name Since the campaign conducted by Pastor Martin in the tent on the old fair ground was held, the assembly has continued to increase, many souls have been saved, a number have been baptised in the Holy Ghost, and many testify to experiences of Divine healing At a recent Sunday evening breaking-of-bread service eighteen new members were received into fellowship, and a most blessed time was spent around the Lord's Table

Two special meetings were held in the Good Templar Hall on a recent Thursday (our own hall being too small) In the afternoon a remarkable Divine healing testimony was given by a sister who was healed during Principal Jeffreys' campaign in the Ulster Temple Pastor Francis preached on Divine Healing, and cleared up many popular difficulties regarding this glorious doctrine The evening service was taken by Pastor Martin who passed on a message on The Word of Christ, which was a blessing to all The usual meetings prove to be rich

times of blessing too, and the hall is taxed to its utmost capacity every Sunday night A Crusader meeting has also been commenced, with regular open-air effort

EXPECTANT SAINTS.

Annaghanoon (Mr Hall) The Lord's work at the Elim Hall, Annaghanoon, is still progressing strongly, Mr Hall being now in charge of the assembly Our previous pastor, Mr Knox, by his earnest and devoted ministry, made a deep impression on everyone, even on Christians of other persuasions

Six Crusaders followed the Lord through the waters of baptism at the Christmas Convention in Belfast Since Mr Hall came, God has also given rich times of refreshing His studies on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on Thursday evenings have been pregnant with power and instruction, and many of the saints are seeking earnestly for this deeper and more glorious fulness The Gospel meetings on Sunday nights see a full congregation, who want to know more of this movement The Crusaders had a glorious time on a recent Monday evening Everyone had knelt down before God at the commencement of the meeting for a short time of prayer, but such was the manifestation of God's presence, and such was the liberty in the Holy Ghost, that when the season of prayer ended, it was time to close the meeting Hallelujah! All the saints here are looking forward to the future with much hope of blessing from God

What of Eternity?

RECENTLY, as a friend of mine was searching through an old desk for a key, she came across a newspaper clipping of twenty-five years ago, in which was an account of the funeral services of one whom we both had known

The paper told in elaborate detail of the services in St S—'s church, a famous musician presiding at the organ and a well-known quartet rendering, "Lead, kindly Light," and other selections The account went on to tell of the casket with silver handles, of well-known and titled men as the pall-bearers, of cablegrams of condolence from foreign countries, of flowers sent by famous personages and clubs, and how at the conclusion of the services the coffin was borne down the aisle by officers from two battleships

After this followed a list of prominent judges, colonels, mayors and society people who were present at the services Surely as elaborate a funeral as the mind of man could devise

As my mind went back to the occasion, I remembered that the person who was being buried at that time, had never professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour, and was quite sceptical concerning the Word of God

Of what avail is an elaborate funeral for one who has passed into eternity?

When a man dies, not only is his earthly history closed, but his eternal destiny is fixed—fixed for ever!

One who dies without Christ is "without hope, and without God" (Eph 1: 12)

The precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, shed on the cross of Calvary, is God's only and all-sufficient remedy for sins

In striking contrast to the elaborate funeral first described, I remember the simple service which was held later for a beloved brother in Christ, one who died

poor, so far as this world's goods were concerned, but who was rich in faith and an heir of the kingdom which God has promised to them that love Him (James 1: 5)

He was one who had started out in the world with bright prospects, was religious, like many of his colleagues He "enjoyed life," as many call it who are on their way to eternal death But God awakened him to his lost condition and to his need of Christ

This dear man confessed to God that he was a sinner and he trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, and His finished work on the cross God saved him, cleansed him from sin, and gave him eternal life and a bright inheritance in glory with the Lord Jesus Christ

The funeral service was very quiet and simple, but the glory—oh, the glory!—which awaits those who pass out of this world cleansed and made fit for heaven through the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ shed on Calvary! He goes "to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation" (1 Peter 1: 4, 5)

This last funeral service was simple, but we were that day gathered about the body of a king and a priest, for all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and are cleansed from sin by His precious blood, are made by Him kings and priests unto God and His Father (Rev 1: 5, 6, v 9, 10)

For the believer to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord (II Cor v 8)

You are making a choice to-day What is it? Will you go out of this world with perhaps an elaborate funeral, but without Christ, without hope, without God, into the blackness of darkness for ever?

Or will you to-day as a repentant, confessing sinner, trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and be freely, fully and for ever saved?—F L French

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