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REVIVAL IN DUNDEE

Principal Jeffreys' Belief in Miracles

Large audiences completely filled the area of the Caird Hall, Dundee, where, yesterday afternoon and evening, Principal George Jeffreys, founder of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, continued his revival and healing campaign.

The evening meeting was devoted entirely to a service, but in the afternoon, at the conclusion of a rousing address, Principal Jeffreys held a healing meeting.

He appealed to all in the hall who professed to belong to the Church of Jesus Christ, and who wished to be healed, to mount the platform and file before him.

The scenes which were a remarkable feature of the campaign carried on in the Y.M.C.A. Hall last week were again witnessed, many men, women, and children suddenly swooning after being touched by Mr. Jeffreys.

The speaker confessed to belong to the church of the first-born. The Church of Jesus Christ, he said, belonged to all those who were born again, no matter to what denomination they belonged.

Pointing upwards, Mr. Jeffreys said, "The register of this remarkable church is kept up there." One might have one's name written on a church register, and yet it might not be written up there.

He believed in miracles, because he was consistent in his belief in Christianity. The moment a person confessed to be a Christian he confessed to be a believer in the supernatural.

There was not a religion in the wide world that had so much of the supernatural about it as the religion of Jesus Christ. It was essentially a religion of the miraculous. There was no sense in professing to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ if they did not believe in the supernatural.

The Christian faith had been raised upon the supernatural. If they believed in prayer they were bound to believe in the supernatural. If they didn't believe in the supernatural they should cease praying and stop being hypocrites.

The Bible, he said, was a miracle book. There was not one contradiction from Genesis to Revelation. There were many seeming inaccuracies, but they were only seeming.

"Dundee Courier," June 6th.

COMING KING

"I will come again."

John XIV. 3.

BAPTISER

"I am come that they might have life."

John X. 10.

HEALER

"I will; be thou clean."
Mark 1. 41.



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

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BALLYMENA, June 21-24. Elim Hall, Bible School and Evangelistic Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

BANGOR, July 12. Elim Hall. Convention Services. Speakers: Principal P. G. Parker and others.

BELFAST, June 12-20. Ulster Temple. Bible School and Evangelistic Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

CLAPHAM, July 17. Elim Tabernacle, Park Crescent. Visit of London Crusader Choir, 6.30 p.m.

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



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Charles G. Finney's Revivals

Prayer the Keystone

By A. SIMMS

P RAYER was the great secret of his revivals. Mr. Finney emphasized both private and united prayer. In speaking of the beginning of his revival work, he says:

"I had been in the habit of rising early in the morning, and spending a season of prayer alone in the meeting-house, and I finally succeeded in interesting a considerable number of brethren to meet me there in the morning for prayer-meeting. This was at

A VERY EARLY HOUR;

and we were generally together long before it was light enough to see to read. One morning I had been around and called the brethren up, and when I returned to the meeting-house but few of them had got there. My minister was standing at the door of the church, and as I came up, all at once the glory of God shone upon and around about me, in a manner most marvellous. The day was just beginning to dawn. But all at once a light perfectly ineffable shone in my soul, that almost prostrated me to the ground. In this light it seemed as if I could see that all nature praised and worshipped God except man. This light seemed to be like the brightness of the sun in every direction. It was too intense for the eyes. I recollect casting my eyes down and breaking into a flood of tears, in view of the fact that mankind did not praise God. I think I knew something then, by actual experience, of that light that prostrated Paul on his way to Damascus. It was surely a light such as I could not have endured long.

"I used to spend a great deal of time in prayer, sometimes, I thought, literally praying 'without ceasing.' I also found it very profitable, and felt very much inclined to hold frequent

DAYS OF PRIVATE FASTING

On those days I would seek to be entirely alone with God, and would generally wander off into the woods, or get into the meeting-house, or somewhere away entirely by myself.

The spirit of prayer that prevailed in those revivals was a very marked feature of them. It was common for young converts to be greatly exercised in prayer, and in some instances, so much so that they were constrained to pray whole nights, and until their bodily strength was quite exhausted, for the conversion of souls around them. There was a great pressure of the Holy Spirit upon the minds of Christians, and they seemed to bear about with them the burden of immortal souls. They manifested the greatest solemnity of mind, and the greatest watchfulness in all their words and actions. It was very common to find Christians, whenever they met in any place, instead of engaging in conversation, to fall on their knees in prayer.

"Not only were prayer-meetings greatly multiplied and fully attended, nor only was there great solemnity in those meetings, but there was a mighty spirit of secret prayer. Christians prayed a great deal, many of them spending many hours in private prayer. It was also the case that two or more would take the promise 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven,' and make

SOME PARTICULAR PERSON

a subject of prayer; and it was wonderful to what an extent they prevailed. Answers to prayer were so manifestly multiplied on every side, that no one could escape the conviction that God was daily and hourly answering prayer.

"If anything occurred that threatened to mar the work, if there was any appearance of any root of bitterness springing up, or any tendency to fanaticism or disorder, Christians would take the alarm, and give themselves to prayer that God would direct and control all things, and it was surprising to see to what extent and by what means God would remove obstacles out of the way, in answer to prayer.

"I am convinced that nothing in the whole Christian religion is so difficult, and so rarely attained, as a praying heart. Without this you are as weak

as weakness itself. With it you are irresistible. This would be thought by some a strange remark, and to savour strongly of fanaticism. But I will tell you, the Church will have to turn over a new leaf on this subject, and a new lesson on the subject of prayer. Frequent seasons of secret prayer are, in my own mind, wholly indispensable to keeping up an intercourse with God. Let me say again and again, if you lose your spirit of prayer, you will do nothing, or next to nothing, though you had the intellectual endowment of an angel. I cannot contemplate a more loathsome and abominable object than an earthly-minded minister. The blessed Lord deliver and preserve His dear Church from the guidance and influence of men who know not how to pray."

NO POWER WITHOUT PRAYER.

"In regard to my own experience, I will say that unless I had the spirit of prayer I could do nothing. If even for a day or an hour I lost the spirit of grace and supplication, I found myself unable to preach with power and efficiency, or to win souls by personal conversation. In this respect my experience was what it has always been."

In recounting the beginning of one of the most powerful of his early revivals at Western New York, which spread from place to place until the awakenings were known as "The Western Revivals," Mr. Finney says: "My mind was much exercised in prayer, and I found that the spirit of prayer was prevailing, especially among the female members of the church. The wives of two of the elders of the church, I found, were almost at once greatly exercised in prayer. Each of them had families of unconverted children, and they laid hold in prayer with an earnestness that, to me, gave promise that

THEIR FAMILIES MUST BE CONVERTED.

"It was the next week, I think, that I called at Mr. H——'s (one of the elders) and found him pale and agitated. He said to me, 'Brother Finney, I think my wife will die. She is so exercised in her mind that she cannot rest day or night, but is given up entirely to prayer. She has been all the morning,' said he, 'in her room, groaning and struggling in prayer, and I am afraid it will entirely overcome her strength.' Hearing my voice in the sitting-room, she came out from her bedroom, and upon her face was a most heavenly glow. Her countenance was lighted up with a hope and joy that were plainly from heaven. She exclaimed, 'Brother Finney, the Lord has come! A cloud of mercy overhangs us all, and we shall see such a work of grace as we have never yet seen.' Her husband looked surprised, confounded, and knew not what to say. It was new to him, but not to me. I had witnessed such scenes before, and believed that prayer had prevailed, nay, I felt sure of it in my own soul."

THE SHERIFF'S CONVERSION

From Western the revival spread to Rome, New York, where the work was pentecostal in character. Mr. Finney says: "The state of things in the village, and in the neighbourhood round about, was such that no one could come into the village without feeling

awe-stricken with the impression that God was there in a peculiar and wonderful manner. As an illustration of this, I will relate an incident. The sheriff of the county resided in Utica. There were two courthouses in the county, one at Rome, and the other at Utica; consequently the sheriff had much business at Rome. He afterwards told me that he had heard of the state of things at Rome, and he, together with others, had a good deal of laughing, in the hotel where he boarded, about what they had heard.

"But one day it was necessary for him to go to Rome. He said he was glad to have business there, for he wanted to see for himself what it was that people talked so much about, and what the state of things really was in Rome. He drove on his one-horse sleigh, as he told me, without any particular impression upon his mind at all, until he crossed what was called the old canal, a place about a mile, I think, from the town. He said as soon as he crossed the old canal a strange impression came over him, an awe so deep that he could not shake it off. He felt as if God pervaded the whole atmosphere. He said that this increased the whole way, till he came to the village. He stopped at Mr. F——'s hotel, and the ostler came out and took his horse. He observed, he said, that the ostler looked just as he himself felt, as if he were afraid to speak. He went into the house, and found the gentleman there with whom he had business. He said they were manifestly all so much impressed that they

COULD HARDLY ATTEND TO BUSINESS

He said that several times, in the course of the short time he was there, he had to rise from the table abruptly, and go to the window and look out, and try to divert his attention, to keep from weeping. He observed, he said, that everybody else appeared to feel just as he did. Such an awe, such a solemnity, such a state of things, he had never had any conception of before. He hastened through with his business, and returned to Utica, but, as he said, never to speak lightly of the work at Rome again. A few weeks later, at Utica, he was hopefully converted.

"The Spirit's work was so spontaneous, so powerful, and so overwhelming, as to render it necessary to exercise the greatest caution and wisdom, in conducting all the meetings, in order to prevent an undesirable outburst of feeling. They kept up a sunrise prayer-meeting for several months, and I believe for more than a year afterwards, at all seasons of the year, that was very fully attended, and was as full of interest as perhaps a prayer-meeting could well be. The moral state of the people was so greatly changed that Mr. Gillett often remarked that it did not seem like the same place. Whatever of sin was left was obliged to hide its head. No open immorality could be tolerated there for a moment. I have given only a very faint outline of what passed at Rome. A faithful description of all the moving incidents that were crowded into that revival would make a volume of itself.

"The town was full of prayer. Go where you

would you heard the voice of prayer. Pass along the street, and if

TWO OR THREE CHRISTIANS

happened to be together they were praying. Wherever they met they prayed. Wherever there was a sinner unconverted, especially if he manifested any opposition, you would find some two or three brethren or sisters agreeing to make him a particular subject of prayer."

From Rome the work spread to Utica, New York, where the largest hotel in the town became the centre of spiritual influence, and many were converted there. The stages, as they passed through, stopped at the hotel, and so powerful was the impression in the community that I heard of several cases of persons that just stopped for a meal, or to spend the night, being powerfully convicted and converted before they left the town. Indeed, both in this place (Utica) and in Rome, it was a common remark that nobody could be in the town, or pass through it, without being aware of the presence of God, that a divine influence seemed to pervade the place, and the whole atmosphere to be instinct with a divine life."

REVIVAL IN A FACTORY

While at Utica Mr. Finney visited a factory a few miles distant. "As I went through, I observed there was a good deal of agitation among those who were busy at their looms, and their mules, and other implements of work. On passing through one of the apartments, where a great many young women were attending to their weaving, I observed a couple of them eyeing me, and speaking very earnestly to each other, and I could see that they were a good deal agitated, although they both laughed. I went slowly toward them. They saw me coming, and were evidently much excited. One of them was trying to mend a broken thread, and I observed that her hands trembled so that she could not mend it. I approached slowly, looking on each side at the machinery as I passed, but observed that this girl grew more and more agitated and could not proceed with her work. When I came within eight or ten feet of her, I looked solemnly at her. She observed it, and was quite overcome and sunk down, and burst into tears. The

impression caught almost like powder, and in a few moments nearly all the room were in tears. This feeling

SPREAD THROUGH THE FACTORY.

"The owner of the establishment was present, and seeing the state of things, he said to the superintendent, 'Stop the mill, and let the people attend to religion, for it is more important that our souls should be saved than that this factory should run.' The gate was immediately shut and the factory stopped, but where should we assemble? The superintendent suggested that the mule room was large, and the mules being run up, we could assemble there. We did so, and a more powerful meeting I scarcely ever attended. It went on with great power. The revival went through the mill with astonishing power, and in the course of a few days nearly all in the mill were hopefully converted."

Mr. Finney believed that revivals follow the use of divinely appointed means just as truly as the natural harvest follows the sowing of the seed by the farmer. He says "A revival is a purely philosophical result of the right use of constituted means. It is not a miracle, nor dependent upon a miracle. There has long been an idea prevalent that promoting religion has something very peculiar about it, not to be judged by the ordinary rules of cause and effect.

NO DOCTRINE IS MORE DANGEROUS

than this to the prosperity of the Church. Suppose a man were to go and preach this doctrine among farmers about their sowing grain. Let them tell that God is a Sovereign, and will give them a crop only when it pleases Him, and that for them to plough, and plant, and labour, as if they expected to raise a crop, is very wrong, and taking the work out of the hands of God. And suppose the farmers should believe such a doctrine. Why, they would starve the world to death. Just such results would follow the Church's being persuaded that promoting religion is somehow so mysteriously a subject of Divine sovereignty that there is no natural connection between the means and the end. I fully believe that could facts be known it would be found that when the appointed means have been rightly used, spiritual blessings have been obtained with greater uniformity than temporal ones."

The Model Christian

Talk No. XV.—The Gift of Wisdom

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

IN this chapter we pass on to the consideration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It will, perhaps, be well to emphasize that which was explained in Talk No. II, concerning the difference between the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

In that Talk we said.

1. Practical sanctification is the fulness of the Spirit of Christ.
2. Power for service is the result of the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

In Talk No. XII we also explained at length the difference between the Spirit of Christ and the fulness of or baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The fulness of the Spirit of Christ gives to us

NINE FRUITS OR GRACES.

They are (1) Love, (2) Joy, (3) Peace, (4) Long-suffering, (5) Gentleness, (6) Goodness, (7) Faith, (8) Meekness, (9) Temperance (Gal. v. 22-23).

The fulness of the Holy Spirit brings to us a selection of nine forms of power or gift. They are:

1. The word of wisdom
2. The word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of healing
5. Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Tongues
9. The interpretation of tongues (I Cor. xii. 8-10).

We are now to consider the first of these—the Word of Wisdom

1. *What is the Word of Wisdom?*

We are quite safe in saying that it is a *spiritual* gift. I. Cor. xii. 8 distinctly says, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom." It is something far more than natural wisdom. Natural wisdom can be obtained by education and experience. But this wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit, and is a power belonging to those in whom the Holy Spirit dwells and operates. Let us attempt to define it. The word of wisdom is the saying of that which God wishes to say over a certain matter. It is to express the thought of God. It is to utter the judgment of God upon any question—a judgment which is, of course, always perfectly wise. God is wisdom.

THE WORD OF WISDOM

is simply the inspired utterance of the wisdom of God.

(a) It is the fresh, spontaneous, God-given wisdom expressed upon the circumstance that has arisen.

(b) It is also the inspired use of the wisdom of God that has already been given and written down—*thus it is the inspired application of the wisdom already revealed in the Bible.*

The word of wisdom enables us to solve difficulties for others, escape from difficulties ourselves, and prevent difficulties arising.

Solomon is a striking example of one who sought and exhibited God's wisdom. Faced with the tremendous responsibility of the rule of Israel he was overwhelmingly conscious of his own insufficiency. But he got a wonderful opportunity and took it. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and said, "Ask what I shall give thee." Immediately Solomon replied, "Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. *Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and bad.*" The request pleased the Lord, and He replied, "Behold, I have done according to thy word. *I have given thee a wise and understanding heart.*"

This beautiful incident is told in the first part of the third chapter of the first book of Kings, and then in the last part of the chapter the God-given

WISDOM OF THE KING

is revealed on the question of the two claimants to one living son. Then the chapter concludes with these striking words: "And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged, and they feared the king: for they saw that *the wisdom of God was in him.*"

The wisdom of God was, as we should expect, per-

fectly revealed in the Son of God while He was on earth.

Link together and consider the following passages:

Whence hath this man this WISDOM? (Matt. xiii. 54).
 'The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or of men? And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell (Matt. xxi. 25-27).

The critics were thus completely silenced.

Shew Me a penny Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Cæsar's. And He said unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's. And they could not take hold of His words before the people. **AND THEY MARVELLED AT HIS ANSWER, AND HELD THEIR PEACE** (Luke xx. 26).

That same wisdom was miraculously revealed in the early Church. The book of Acts is full of

GOD-GIVEN WISDOM.

Think of the Holy Ghost wisdom in the words, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee" (Acts ii. 6). Think of the wisdom in the words, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye" (Acts iv. 19). Think of the wisdom in the words, "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables. . . we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts vi. 4).

Of Stephen it was said, "And they were not able to resist the *wisdom* and spirit by which he spake" (Acts vi. 10). Paul was conscious of the same God-given wisdom. Said he, "But we speak the *wisdom* of God . . . even the hidden *wisdom*. . . which things we also speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth" (I Cor. ii. 7, 13).

The word of wisdom has saved many a threatened division in the Church. It has also brought the people of God into one accord again and again, just when it has seemed that an underlying discord would continue to prevail.

The word of wisdom is frequently simply that of calling the Lord's people to act upon the wisdom of God revealed in Scripture. For instance, how to deal with disorderly brethren in the Church is clearly revealed in Matt. xviii. 15-17.

Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Yet, although the simple method of action is so clearly revealed in Scripture, it is frequently overlooked in the heat of

CRISIS AND UNREST.

It is surely the use of the word of wisdom when someone humbly says, "I think we ought to act as the Bible tells us to do in Matt. xviii. 15-17." The

words, "I think we ought to pray about it," have many times been the utterance of the word of wisdom. While on the other hand the word of wisdom has sometimes been entirely opposite. To one who was tempted to do a doubtful act and who said she was going to pray about it, the wise reply was, "You do not need to pray about it, for you know it is wrong."

There is wisdom on the natural plane. There is also wisdom on the supernatural plane. It is not always possible to distinguish between them, for, at times, the wisdom on the natural plane is in harmony with the wisdom on the supernatural plane. Yet at other times it is easily possible to distinguish between natural wisdom and spiritual wisdom.

2 When can we expect the Word of Wisdom to operate?

The reply is—when natural wisdom is not sufficient God has given us our human minds. When our own judgment is sufficient then God permits that judgment to operate. But there are at least two occasions when natural wisdom is not sufficient.

(a) When a person definitely knows that he does not know what to do or say.

(b) When a person thinks he knows what to do and say, but God, who has full light upon all circumstances, knows that he really does not know what to do and say.

It follows from the last fact that while normally we move forward and speak according to the

JUDGMENT OF OUR MIND,

yet we should constantly be in touch with God so that His judgment at any moment may overrule our own.

3 Who need the gift of the Word of Wisdom?

We are probably right in saying, Everybody. In fact it would seem that the gift is promised to everybody. James 1:5 distinctly says

IF ANY OF YOU lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to ALL men liberally, and upbraideth not, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM.

Pastors, elders, and deacons especially need it. To them is given in varying measure the duty of government in the Church. How vital that those who have such responsibilities shall exercise the word of wisdom. How easily natural action scatters the flock, yet, on the other hand, how easily God-given wisdom removes misunderstandings and keeps the flock together.

Teachers and Evangelists need it. It is the privilege of teachers to build up the Church in the knowledge of the wisdom of God which has been

PERMANENTLY WRITTEN DOWN

in the Bible. How necessary that as they seek to enforce the written wisdom of God they shall do so with God-given words of wisdom. How necessary that teachers shall strongly press the written wisdom of God and tactfully refrain themselves and others

from dogmatic teaching that cannot be found in Scripture.

Then the evangelist can easily counterbalance his good work by unwise words. From one standpoint it does not help much if from his preaching ten are converted and from his tactlessness ten old members leave the Church. An evangelist was doing a thing which the local pastor thought was scarcely wise. The evangelist insisted. The local pastor yielded, but in so doing said, "Don't forget I have to live here after you are gone."

The open-air preacher and the personal dealer need the gift of the word of wisdom. Tact and wisdom, greater than natural tact and wisdom, are essential in the open-air and enquiry room. A crowd is easily angered or repelled. Yet it is just as easily pacified and made attentive. Personal dealing requires such delicate yet definite use of one's own words and especially of the Word of God that heavenly wisdom is essential.

Then *parents* need the same gift. Was it the use of this gift which inspired

MRS BOOTH

to write the words, "The world is waiting for you," and put it over the bed of her growing son? Probably it was.

There is also a special and wonderful promise of wisdom made to those who are *persecuted* for Christ's sake.

But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

But when they deliver you up, take no thought now or what ye shall speak for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak (Matt x 17-20)

So we could continue. Everyone of us needs wisdom. "Wisdom is the principal thing," said Solomon. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom." "Get wisdom, get understanding, forget it not." "Wisdom is better than rubies." "Better is it to get wisdom than gold." "He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul." "Cease from thine own wisdom." "For the Lord giveth wisdom out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."

Wesley found himself in company with a man who loudly swore and blasphemed. It would have been possible to have demanded silence. But Wesley knew that such would only stir up opposition. He lifted up his heart to God for wisdom. Then he said to his fellow-passenger words to this effect: "We are travelling together. If you hear me swear or blaspheme before the end of the journey, will you please tell me and rebuke me?" The man looked at him astonished for a moment, and then taking in the meaning of it all, said with surprise, but without anger, "Why, you must be John Wesley!" That

TACTFUL METHOD OF WESLEY

opened up the way for a spiritual talk. Lack of wisdom would have destroyed such a possibility.

Another incident illustrates the wisdom of wisdom:

"Some young ladies at a well-known minister's house were one day talking about one of their female friends. As the pastor entered the room where they were, he heard the epithets 'odd,' 'singular,' etc., applied. He asked, and was told, the name of the young lady in question, and then said, gently and gravely, 'Yes, she is an odd young lady, she is a very odd young lady; I consider her extremely singular.' He then added impressively, 'She was never heard to speak ill of an absent friend.' The silence which followed could almost be felt."

An Indictment of Spiritualism

By HENRY PROCTOR, F.R.S.L.

It is time that Christians everywhere be warned that in having any dealing with spiritualism, they are risking their souls' salvation. God has given abundant warning, in the earliest books of the Old Testament, as well as in the later books of the New, that to dabble in spiritualism is a deadly sin. The punishment pronounced against necromancers and sorcerers (as spiritualists are styled in the Revised Version) in the Old Testament is death, in the New Testament "the lake of fire." The witch of Endor whom Saul consulted, was what is now called a *medium* (I Sam. xxviii 8, I Chron x 13). It was practised by the worst kings of Israel, such as Manasseh, who made "Jerusalem to run with innocent blood."

It denies the most essential doctrines of Christianity such as the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, the Fall of Man, the Atonement, Regeneration, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Second Advent.

The Apostle Paul expressly warns us against its practices and deceits (I Tim iv 1-3). Chrysostom says of spiritualism in his 28th Homily: "This is a pretence and deceit of the Devil, it is not the soul of the dead man that cries out, but a demon that makes these answers, so as to deceive the hearers." The writings of spiritualists themselves confirm this view. Swedenborg says: "When spirits begin to speak to a man, he ought to beware that he believes nothing from them whatever, for they say almost anything. For instance if they were permitted to describe what Heaven is, and how things are in the heavens, they would tell as many lies, and indeed with such solemn affirmations that a man would be astonished. Let men beware therefore now they believe them."

For this reason, the practice of speaking with spirits on earth is most perilous. They induce

SO STRONG A PERSUASION

that it is the Lord Himself who speaks and commands, that a man cannot but believe and obey.

The late William Stead, writing on "The Seamy Side of Spiritualism" said

There is little difference of opinion, even among the better class of spiritualists themselves as to the moral and physical degradation, which overtakes the professional medium. A system cannot be defended which wrecks the moral and physical health of its votaries.

We need wisdom. If we are baptised in the Holy Ghost the great Giver of the gift of wisdom indwells us. If we ask the Father, for Christ's sake, that Holy Ghost wisdom shall be constantly manifested in us, the prayer will be answered. Then others will take knowledge of us that we hold communion with the Lord Jesus, and will know that we have partaken of the same Spirit that rested upon Him. Of Him it was said by the prophet, "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might."

The phenomena of trance, which are to be witnessed at the seance, when the medium professes to be taken possession of by any intelligence, are not such as to commend them to any prudent man or woman, who has any respect for his individuality, when in the trance, as it is technically termed. Women who cannot bear the smell of tobacco, will smoke a pipe as eagerly as an inveterate smoker, and teetotalers will drink whisky as easily as if they were habitual drunkards.

In automatic writing, which is one of the simplest forms of spiritualistic manifestation, it is on record, that young girls of unimpeachable character, have been made the agents for producing writings and drawing pictures the very nature of which they fortunately were unable to understand. To expose yourself to all the chances of such things would still be unjustifiable even though it could be shewn that out of the midst of all the temptations and suggestions to mental and moral disease, you have a tolerable certainty of being able to gain any advantage. But so far as I can see the chances of the ordinary man and woman doing this are too slender. The tree of knowledge of good and evil seems to bear so much more evil than good, that Eve had better stay her hand.

As Mr Stead here indicates, spiritualism seems to be a repetition of the

SIN OF OUR FIRST PARENTS

The desire to be as God, to acquire forbidden knowledge, to break down the barriers which Almighty Wisdom has decreed to exist between the natural and the spiritual, is open rebellion against God, and leads ultimately to the blackness of darkness for ever.

Even the spirits are said to testify against the spirits, for "Imperator," the spirit guide of Mr Stanton Moses, says, "The lowest spirits, those hovering near the earth, are those who most frequently manifest at circles, and simulate characters that do not belong to them."

Therefore having both the testimony of God's Word, and the evidence against spiritualism of some who have tested it, we can have no further doubt as to its lying character.

Its chief promoter can be no other than the "father of lies," for as this method of communication has always been forbidden by God, therefore it is *only rebellious and wicked* spirits who would communicate in this manner.

Anything and everything that you are doing to secure your own blessing must be thrown to the four winds. It must be Christ, and nothing else.

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions :

Meditations by PERCY G PARKER.

Sunday, June 19th. I Thess iii 1-13

"Praying that we might perfect that which is lacking in your faith" (verse 10)

In the Christian life faith is the principal thing. For it is faith that gives us access to all the blessings of God. The fuller our faith the fuller our blessings. Scanty faith results in scanty blessings. God works in us to perfect our faith. He uses gifted men and women in the Church to bring us into greater faith. We should all feel the responsibility for increasing another's faith. There is no greater aim. To this end we should safeguard the Church from delusion, and bring them into touch with all that is true. To bring faith to another we should seek perfection of faith ourselves. Let us eagerly seek the perfection of that which is lacking in our own faith, then we are in a favourable position for perfecting that which is lacking in the faith of others. The time to exercise faith is not in the vague future, but in the present moment.

Monday, June 20th. I Thess iv 1-18

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (verse 7)

The Church of Christ is called unto holiness. Holiness is the atmosphere of the throne of God. Without holiness no man can see the Lord. Holiness is not some sentimental thing which is left on the shelf all the week and taken down on Sundays. Holiness is something which we should handle every day. Holiness is cleanness in the body, soul, and spirit. Holiness in character will make a difference to the condition of our home. Holiness is expressed in clean habits even more forcibly than in long prayers. There is nothing musty in a holy life, neither in a holy home. There was no litter or dirt about the Tabernacle. Holiness touches our pots and pans as well as our praises and prayers. Soap and water have their places in a holy life as well as spiritual songs and Bibles. We recollect a new church being taken over. It was to be a holy place of worship on Sunday. But they saw to it that an army of workers was present with buckets, water, and soap on Saturday.

Tuesday, June 21st I Thess v 1-11

"God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 9)

Paul gives Christ His full title. We are appointed unto salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the eternal Lord. His earthly name was Jesus. To Israel He was the promised Christ or Messiah. He is the Lord—Jesus—Christ. Many refer to the Lord as Jesus. They are right. "Jesus" is a beautiful name. But it is very infrequently that Christ is so called after the Gospels, which

narrate His earthly life. Some believers say "Jesus" in such a beautiful way that one never forgets it. Yet it is well to remember that He is our Lord. It scarcely seems reverent to hear Him always spoken of by His earthly name. It is more reverent frequently to say Lord Jesus, or Lord Jesus Christ. Every part of His glorious name is expressive of some truth which has resulted in our salvation.

Wed, June 22nd. I Thess v 12-28

"Be patient toward all men" (verse 14)

The patience of God is amazing. We see it in the realm of nature. Roses don't grow in a night. Fruit trees don't blossom and bear fruit in a week. Nature puts on its beautiful garments slowly but surely. But God's patience is mainly seen in the realm of grace. How patient God has been with us! The smoking flax He has not quenched and the bruised reed He has not destroyed. God's patience is the secret of man's progress. God acts toward us with a strong, educative patience. So should parents to their children. So should we to each other. Saints don't grow in a night. The day of salvation is not the day of glorification. Our brethren in Christ may be greatly open to criticism. Yet we ourselves may be more open. A wise man always appreciates the patience of another to him. Patience should not decline into weakness and compromise with evil, but it should tarry long for those who move slowly. Patience has made many a small man great.

Thursday, June 23rd. Acts xvii 16-34

"When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked" (verse 32)

To-day there is very little atheism about. Most believe in a God, and most believe that our personality will continue after death. But the thought is more of a spirit continuing to live than a spirit clothed in a resurrection body. Yet Scripture makes it clear that we are to have a resurrection body. We are not to be intangible spirits without any connection and similarity to our earthly existence, but we are eternally to possess definite bodies, similar (though glorified) to the bodies we possess now. Many scoff at this to-day. But even in nature there is a continuous series of resurrections. The apple blossom dies. The ignorant man might scoff at the suggestion that those blossoms will ever appear again. But although he scoffs—they will appear again all right the next year. There are many resurrections in the realm of nature. Surely it is not unreasonable to believe in one in the realm of glory!

Friday, June 24th Acts xviii 1-17

"Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace" (verse 9)

Paul had before him a vast opportunity. He was in Corinth. But the apostle also had before him vast opposition. Would the opposition destroy the opportunity? Or would the opportunity be accepted in the midst of the opposition? Naturally no man could have peacefully faced the opposition in front of Paul. God knew it, and so He gave to His servant a special promise. Special promises are for special needs. It is only the grace of God that enables us to grasp great opportunities. But if He has put the opportunity before us He will give us the grace to take advantage of it. Have you some great opportunity before you to-day? Yet you fear opposition. Perhaps through this very reading God is saying to you, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee."

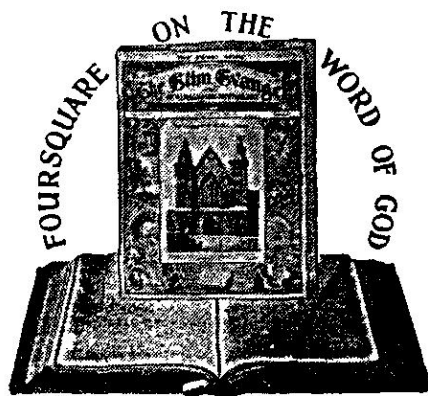
Saturday, June 25th. Acts xviii 18-28

"I will return again unto you, if God will" (verse 21)

The deep godliness of Paul was revealed at all times in the simple childlikeness of his faith. "If God will"—thus he referred to the future. James taught us the same way of speaking. "Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." Little words and short sentences reveal the character of the hidden heart. To some, godly speaking is an effort, because there is very little godliness in the heart. But to others godly speaking rises as naturally as springs of water from a vast hidden supply. With the love of God spread abroad in our hearts our words, our handshake, the look in our eyes, the very carriage of our body will make it clear to every close observer that we are governed by the Lord's will, and only desire any event to happen on condition that it is the Lord's will.

Colour Blind

In a contest of painters for the mastery, an enemy to one of the painters slipped a drug in his coffee, which so affected his eyes as to make him colour-blind, one colour appeared to be another. The painter worked diligently upon his masterpiece, but it was rejected in great disgust. On learning the secret, he found that because of the damage to his eyes the colour of his picture was wrong. This is one of the sharp tricks of the Devil. He gives us a wrong view "Every man's way seemeth right in his own eyes", but the trouble is that the Devil has been tampering with the eyes. At last character will be rejected, eternal sorrow will set in, and the awful realisation will follow that the Devil has tampered with the eyes. We have seen things wrong.



EDITORIAL

The Joy of Service.

WE saw a simple thing the other day which set up a train of thought. As we rode along on the top of the 'bus we saw a mother wheeling her child in a pram. The child was playing with mother's umbrella. As the parent's attention was diverted for a moment the child dropped the umbrella on to the pavement. For a brief moment it lay there and the mother was apparently leaving it behind. But a gentleman saw it fall and immediately picked it up and restored it to the mother. She was full of gratitude. But the fact that attracted us most was the gentleman's face. As our 'bus had just then come to a standstill we were able to watch him as he continued his walk. His face was wreathed in smiles—half a laugh was playing round his mouth. His beaming face appeared delighted with himself and with the whole world. What was the cause? Only a small act of kindness! Yet it brought a deep joy into his life.

It caused us to reflect on the value of lending a hand. If our own hearts are to be glad, then we must always be on the look-out to help others. We can lend a hand in many ways. But in view of the long summer nights upon us there is a special call to lend a hand with the open-air meetings. The open-air meeting is one of the best methods of sending out the glad message of salvation to the sad masses of mankind. To lend a hand may entail some sacrifice on our part, but there will be a

corresponding joy that far more than makes up for our sacrifice. Lend a hand at your open-air meeting.

Fellowship.

THE Rev. A. Price Hughes has given us in the *Joyful News* a beautiful article on "The Significance of the Spirit." In it he touches on the need of fellowship, and says

"Out of many personal memories I choose two as illustrations of the wonder of the fellowship of the Spirit. During the War I was chaplain to the war hospital at Reading. One day I came upon a man who was 'going west.' He asked me if I would offer a little prayer for him. I prayed with him but he stopped me, and said he was thinking especially of a prayer used in the church at the end of the service. So I quietly pronounced the Benediction: 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' When I got to the word 'Fellowship' he stopped me, and quietly said, 'Yes, that's it, fellowship. That's what a chap needs here.'

"In more recent days I was myself in a big hospital in a northern

town. It was touch and go with me. I felt the utter and complete loneliness of my experience. Then with all my heart I turned to this fellowship of which I had so often preached. I tried to sing to myself the words of an old Methodist hymn. The tune was too much for my voice, but the truth was enough for my heart.

His love in times past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink,
While each Ebenezer I have in review
Confirms His good pleasure to help me
quite through.

"And then in spite of pain and weakness a sense of fellowship came into my heart like the fragrance of heavenly flowers. I felt a Presence and knew a peace, that made all the trial and trouble more than worth while."

Leaf from Livingstone's Diary.

When in Africa, a year before his death, David Livingstone wrote in his diary

March 19th, 1872—Birthday. My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All! I again dedicate my whole self to Thee.

Accept me, and grant, O gracious Father, that ere this year is gone I may finish my task. In Jesus' Name I ask it,—Amen.



Elim Woodlands.

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Revival continues at Kensington Temple

By DOUGLAS B. GRAY

SINCE the termination of the Revival and Healing Campaign conducted by the Principal and Revival Party, the meetings have continued with unabated enthusiasm under the direction and leadership of Pastor James McWhirter. The tide of revival has increased and the meetings have witnessed growing congregations week by week. A glorious soul-saving work has been in operation in this beautiful Foursquare Gospel church in the West End of London. Almost at every meeting numbers have accepted Christ as Saviour, whilst others have testified to receiving healing and the Baptism of the Spirit. It has been inspiring to witness such a company of people gathered weekly to hear a full-orbed Gospel, delivered so eloquently with fervency of expression, and under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The atmosphere of the meetings



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has been tense, as numerous varying personalities have been gripped when considering the many real and vital truths proclaimed concerning God's will and the believer. Enthusiastic in his words and passionate in pleading, Pastor McWhirter's exhortation to the Lord's people brought unbounded blessing,

DEEPER REVELATION,

and convincing guidance, as well as encouragement to all desiring to know more of God and His will. Other important subjects dealt with by Pastor McWhirter have been prophetic studies on the signs of the times, indicative of our Lord's return. The subject has been dealt with from many aspects, from religious and social conditions, and from national and international movements, with proofs of the imminence of the Second Advent culled from scientific discoveries. These addresses on prophetic truth have been studies along the lines of historicist interpretation of the Holy Scriptures, clearing away many difficulties, and bringing to many fresh light on God's Word, as such truths have been marshalled and logically presented. The infallibility of the Bible has again and again been demonstrated as its truths have been viewed in the light of current events. The message of the grand old Book is as real and potent to-day as ever. Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

It has been a great privilege and pleasure to listen each Sunday morning to that esteemed servant of the Lord and loyal friend of Elim, John Leech, Esq., M.A., LL.B., K.C. His talks on the Book of the Revelation have proved intensely edifying. A Look into Heaven was the subject of the addresses, and indeed many heavenly hours were experienced as the

startling word pictures of the Apocalypse were unfolded in the light of the Historicist interpretation.

THE VINDICATION OF HOLY WRIT

was positively demonstrated as verse by verse and chapter by chapter were taken in the light of world history. How we were reminded of the faithfulness of God to those who trust Him, and the judgments of God to those who disobey His commandments, whether individually or nationally. These were glorious meetings; the mind being stirred to think and the heart to feel God-ward. God has a definite programme concerning world events, and here we have seen His hand moving and working out His purposes century by century, even to this present day of time.

What has drawn together such crowds from every profession in life? Those of noble birth with others from the ordinary walks of life, rank and file of His Majesty's Forces, the medical profession, and young men and women in scores from all kinds of business? It has been the uplifting of the Man of Calvary which has resulted in scores accepting the Saviour. The Holy Spirit was present and many received a definite scriptural Baptism. The healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ was marvellously manifested in all the meetings. Last, but not least, a greater desire was imparted into the lives of the saints to serve Him more faithfully and zealously.

A Crusader branch and Sunday school have been inaugurated. The Temple Orchestra, too, has given able assistance in the services, together with the many Christian friends who have so beautifully sung the Gospel week by week.

The final meeting was a memorable occasion. Inclement weather prevailed, but a company running into four figures crowded into the Temple. The building rang with the praises of God, and souls were born into the Kingdom. In the West End of the greatest city in the world there is indeed a Foursquare Gospel centre where Christ is being magnified and proclaimed as the only One who can meet the needs of mankind. The regular revival services continue under the ministry of Pastor J. J. Morgan.

Just because He is a Father, I can be sure He will listen sympathetically to my cry of need. Just because He is a wise Father, I can trust Him to answer the cry in the wisest way. Just because He is a perfect Father, I can believe that He must have the best of reasons for sometimes refusing my requests. I can say, "Thy will be done," not merely because it is an Omnipotent will which I cannot resist, nor even because it is a holy will which I ought to acquiesce in, however hard, but because it is a Father's will, the will of One whose only aim it is to make His children pure, as the first thing, and happy, as the next.

Saved to Serve

THE deserts of Galilee were continually thronged with people who sought to hear Him who spake as never man spake. When He sought to be alone with His Father, the people thronged Him. On one or two occasions He fed the hungry people—He who was Himself the true bread sent down from heaven. This He sought to shew them, but only the few realised His rightful claims. On the contrary the religious leaders of the day sought to kill Him, but "His hour had not yet come." He was despised and rejected of men, and it is true today that the masses on the whole despise Him, though, as then, there are those even among the chief rulers who believe on Him. The fear of man was upon such then, "lest they should be put out of the synagogue." They were secret believers, though now and again they

SPOKE OUT FOR THE MASTER.

How much more joy must have possessed the heart of the man born blind, though cast out of the Temple because he confessed the Christ. Better to be cast out of the Temple than to be eternally cast out from the place of many mansions, which our Lord tells us He is preparing for us, and from the presence of God for ever. Christ said, "Whosoever will confess Me before men, Him will I confess before My Father, and the holy angels, and, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from

the dead, thou shalt be saved." Beloved, let us tell our friends and relatives, our workmates and school chums, how great things God hath done for us.

Job, God's servant, said ages ago, "Eyes was I to the blind, and feet was I to the lame," and today God is wanting men and women who will, in gratitude for what God has done for them, be passers-on of the message to lost and perishing souls. They are all around us. In our

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we meet them, souls without hope and without God in the world, who have spent all, perhaps, trying to get satisfaction out of things here in this life. Then there are others who are living in sin and shame, some whom drink had dragged down to the very gutter of starvation and ruin. It was with a heart that bled that our Lord looked upon the multitude. We read that "He had compassion on them, because they were as sheep having no shepherd." "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

Beloved, will you be one to go forward to help in our Lord's harvest field. We are "saved to serve," and just where you are placed you can be a simple yet powerful witness for our Lord and Master.—
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WORD SELECTION PUZZLE. From each of the Scripture references below take the word indicated by the number in brackets after it, as for instance (13), (12), (17), etc, respectively mean that you take the 13th, 12th, or 17th word in the Scripture verse which the number follows, and so on.

The nine words thus obtained are the principal words of a verse in the 11th chapter of Mark's Gospel expressing one of our Lord's most important commands. The selected words are given in the order in which they come in the verse, which contains 25 words in all. Write out the command in full, and give the number of the verse.

Malachi iii 2 (13), Jude 20 (12), I John i 9 (12), Matt v 23 (17), Matt xii 30 (8), II Peter iii 9 (22), Rev iii 5 (34), II Thess i 7 (18), Col i. 13 (24).

Solutions should arrive by first post Monday, June 20th.

SOLUTION TO BIBLE CROSSWORD, JUNE 3rd.

Answer. Romans x 14

Across: 1 How, 2 Of, 3 Him, 5 And, 6 Shall, 7 A, 11 They, 13 Without, 15 In, 16 How, 17 Preacher

Down: 1 Heard, 4 Have, 6 Shall, 8, 9 They, 10 Believe, 12 Not, 13 Whom, 14 Hear

Correct solutions were received from: Iris Astill, Joan Bradford, Mary Brunt, Amy Gale, Joyce Gummer, Reggie Hartley, Brenda Hurst, George Hesling, Muriel Keys, Doreen Layzell, Nellie Rabbage, Patty Rogers, Leslie Stevens, Alfred Yardley.

The Lost Art of Prayer

The Scriptures speak of prayer as toil and labour. Prayer taxes all the resources of the mind and heart. Jesus Christ wrought many mighty works without any sign of effort. There was in his marvellous works the ease of omnipotence, but of his prayers it is said, "He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears." All who have shared His intercession have found it a travail of anguish. Great saints have always been mighty in prayer, and their triumphs have always been the outcome of pain. They wrestled in agony with breaking hearts and weeping, yes, until they were assured they had prevailed. They spent cold winter nights in prayer, they lay on the ground weeping and pleading, and came out of the conflict physically spent but spiritually victorious. They wrestled with principalities and powers, contended with the world rulers of Satan's kingdom, and grappled with spiritual foes in the heavenly sphere. A lost art! Prayer has become a soliloquy instead of a passion. The powerlessness of the Church needs no other explanation, and the counsellors of the Church need seek no other cause. To be prayerless is to be both passionless and powerless.

Concise Comments & Interesting Items

Rome's Five-Year Plan has suddenly appeared with startling abruptness. It is proposed to rebuild Rome in five years. This is Mussolini's dictum. It is not merely proposed that it shall be done, Mussolini says it must be done. The surprise to the present writer is that Mussolini has adopted a Russian plan for his own country. He is generally so original that to find him working on a five year plan in imitation of Russia is surprising. This is the third time Rome has been built or rebuilt in 27 centuries. Cæsar built the first Rome, and the Renaissance Popes built the second. Mussolini is to be the builder of the third. A daily paper thus describes the intention:

"Mussolini means to leave a third Rome to posterity. A million more people will be able to live in the new city which he has planned. Underground railways are to pierce the ancient soil powdered with the bones of Christian martyrs. Underground roads are to cleave through the hills on which the pagan watchfires burned. Motor speedways will slash the ancient city—from east to west, north to south.

"A vast harbour, named 'Port Mussolini,' will be built near the city and linked to the sea by a fifteen-mile canal making inland Rome a great port.

"Two new main railway stations are to arise. The old one will be raised to the ground.

"A belt of parks will surround Rome. Broad leafy avenues will connect this belt to the great central circuses that Cæsar built.

"But the pneumatic drill will not harm the glories of the Eternal City. Ancient monuments, palaces, and temples are sacred, those that are cluttered up with hovels and surrounded by mean streets will be laid bare for men to see."

Mussolini's intention to rebuild Rome is of great interest to students of prophecy. The 17th chapter of the Revelation shows us an amazing and abominable woman sitting on a beast that has

seven heads. It is stated, "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." It is well known that Rome is built upon seven hills. There does not seem any doubt, therefore, that Rome is referred to in the beast of Revelation xvii. But who is the woman that sits upon the beast? Some say the Roman Catholic system. Others, however, believe that the Roman Catholic system is included in that for which the woman stands—but is only a part of a greater whole. The greater whole is known as "Mystery Babylon"—a system which dates right back to the original Babel. It thus becomes increasingly clear how a rebuilt and magnificent Rome will support—carry on its back—the great religious delusion known as Mystery Babylon, which includes the delusions of the Roman Catholic system.

Mystery Babylon is described in the Elim Bible Correspondence School Handbooks as follows:

The Devil has always sought an earthly capital. His first capital was Babel. Babel was built by Nimrod and was erected in opposition to the will of God. God's will was that the people should separate and settle, instead they federated and settled, and built Babylon—the rebellious city. In this place man began by methods that are known to spiritist mediums to-day, to hold intercourse with the Devil and his demons. This resulted in an organization which could only be entered by a baptism, and a confession to an appointed leader—a priest. Gradually this wicked organization grew. Out of it came from the Devil through men the so-called philosophies and religious opinions which have been as parents to all the false systems of religion in the world. This organization is well described as the "Mystery of Babylon." Ultimately the heads of this order became the kings of Babylon, successively. Each was a form of Priest-King. But Babylon was captured by the Medes and Persians and the leaders of the "Mystery" expelled. They fled to Pergamos, and made that place the seat of this godless mystery. It appears that at this time Satan's

seat was transferred to Pergamos. The kings of Pergamos became the Priest-Kings of this movement. When Attalus III, the last of these kings, died in 133 B.C., he bequeathed his royal and priestly office to Rome. For about 100 years no one in Rome was in a position to assume these offices, for Rome was at that time a Republic, but when Julius Cæsar became supreme Emperor these offices were accepted by him. Thus the headship of Mystery Babylon was transferred to Rome. But it does not appear that the earthly throne of Satan was moved from Pergamos to Rome until the head of the Romish Church became the Priest-King of this Mystery Babylon Cult. This was brought about by the Emperor Gratian, who, in 376 A.D., for Christian reasons refused to be the Priest-King of this movement. This resulted in the position being offered in A.D. 378 to a bishop named Damascus, who was then supreme Bishop in the Church at Rome. This office he accepted. Thus Mystery Babylon and the Romish Church became identified. This probably proved to be bait which determined the Devil to move his earthly throne from Pergamos to Rome.

Commercial Babylon—literal Babylon—will also, apparently, be rebuilt. Babylon spoken of in chapter xviii is believed by many to be a literal city which will yet be built upon the ruins of ancient Babylon. Some do not believe in a future actual city of Babylon as they consider prophecy to disprove that. But others believe that the prophecies concerning the absolute and permanent destruction of Babylon have not yet been fulfilled but remain to be fulfilled in connection with the total destruction of the yet future Babylon. It is thought that when the magnificent new city of Babylon is built that Antichrist will move his place of residence from Rome to the new city and as supporter of the mystery cult will take that also to rebuild Babylon. Thus "Mystery Babylon" would be supported in "literal Babylon" until the complete overthrow by our returning Lord.



MRS. F. CORE.

Tumours Healed

Wonderfully healed of tumours at
Principal George Jeffreys' Campaign in the
great Bingley Hall, Birmingham.

Intense Activity in Foursquare Centres

Primitive Preaching with Mighty Results—Enthusiastic Baptismal Services

TWENTY-FOUR BAPTISMS

Glossop (Pastor H W Fielding) A recent Saturday was a red-letter day in the memory of Elim Tabernacle, Ellison Street, Glossop, the occasion being a united baptismal service, when twenty-four followed the Master's example, and were baptized in the waters. The Tabernacle was packed to its utmost capacity. The baptistery was draped round with green grass, flowers, and trees, and the church was beautifully decorated by the sisters. A party of eighty came from Barnsley, accompanied by Pastor J McAvoy. The preaching service was conducted by Pastor J McAvoy, who spoke on Water Baptism to the large congregation, and then Pastor Fielding baptized the candidates

BRANCHING FORTH.

Rochester (Pastor L Morris) Under the faithful and energetic ministry of Pastor Lemuel Morris much blessing is being received at the Elim Tabernacle, Star Hill, and the Word is going forth with no uncertain sound. Souls are being saved, and steady progress made in every branch of the work. The attendance at the Gospel meeting on Sunday evenings is most encouraging.

The work in the Sunday school is making headway under the able leadership of the Superintendent, and a keen body of teachers, each conscious of their responsibility to mould the lives of the children for God.

Pastor Morris has for the past six weeks been conducting a weeknight meeting at a little town called West Malling, about eight miles away, supported by many of this assembly. Wonderful times have been experienced, and God has honoured the preaching of His Word by the salvation of sixteen souls, mostly adults. Praise His wonderful name.

CLAPHAM CONVENTION

Speakers Pastors E C W Boulton, J Smith, W G Hathaway, H A Court, J Lees, and W G Hawkins.

The Clapham folks record with much joy and praise the feast of good things enjoyed this Whitsuntide at Elim Tabernacle, Park Crescent. God abundantly met the needs of His expectant people, and again honoured His precious Word.

On the Sunday morning Pastor Hathaway delivered an inspiring word, while at the evening gathering Pastor Boulton gave a grand message upon "The Infilling and Indwelling of the Holy Ghost." His address was an earnest call to the believer for a deeper and more abiding life in the Spirit, and evoked heartfelt response from the crowded congregation. Then followed an

illuminating talk about Naaman the Syrian, by Pastor Brambleby. A feature of the evening was the special music of the Clapham Singing Band, who rendered "Oh for a closer walk with God."



Elim Tabernacle, Clapham

Tuesday evening will long be remembered by all who were present. Pastor Hawkins gave a bright and beautiful word from Eph v 18-20, and dealt with what constitutes real worship. He clearly defined it as adoration of the heart towards God, and described the glorious results which are ours when we truly worship. There was a real spirit of praise manifest in the service. A well-known friend of Clapham, Pastor H A Court, addressed the mid-week meeting of the Convention, his message being based on Isa xiv 3. He preached powerfully upon the mighty refreshing influence of Pentecost and certainly there were rivers of living water abounding for all the three souls present.

At the final gathering Pastors Joseph Smith and W G Hathaway presided, and Mrs Saxon Walshaw, with her breezy Yorkshire style, spoke upon Psalm lxxv. Her enthusiasm was irresistible, and she created an atmosphere of zeal and optimism. After the first service a tarrying meeting was held in the Minor Hall and many of the Lord's people had a glorious repetition of Pentecost.

MANY BAPTISMS

Leeds (Pastor I H Jewitt) God's people here are proving in a very real way the truth of the promise, "The Lord of Hosts is with us," for He is

showing that "He is the same to-day as yesterday." While the modernists in this town are busy seeking to pervert and ridicule the Bible, God is graciously honouring the true witness of the Foursquare Gospel, and many souls are born again in the old-fashioned way. Then we find that these who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus are anxious to follow Him all the way, hence it was a joy to see Pastor Jewitt baptize in water recently quite a number of these new converts. One dear sister as she was passing through the water was instantly healed of weakness in her feet and she left the Tabernacle with the unspeakable joy of having proved that "His touch has still its ancient power." As Pastor Jewitt passed on his message before baptizing the candidates one could see conviction written on many a face among the 500 listeners concerning the truth of water baptism and as the appeal was made no her fourteen raised their hands thus signifying their desire to follow the Master through the waters of baptism at the next opportunity.

TWO HEALED

West Smethwick (Miss A Kennedy) There are continual showers of blessing here in the Elim Tabernacle, Oldbury Road, under the faithful ministry of God's servant.

All the services are being well attended, especially the Sunday night Gospel service, and we praise God for honouring His Precious Word by saving souls for His Kingdom.

The Prayer and Praise meeting on Tuesday is a real source of blessing.

Thursday is Bible study night, when the saints are fed upon the finest of the wheat the messages being a real inspiration to the saints.

A sister has been healed of a growth in her chest, and a little girl who was knocked down by a motor and was in hospital with concussion of the brain, God graciously answering the prayers of His people, the child was restored to her parents perfectly well.

PROSPERING WITNESS

Hastings (Pastor A C Coffin) The past month has proved to be a time of great blessing, under the deep spiritual teaching of Pastor Coffin at the Central Hall, Bank Buildings. Divine truths have been unfolded and revealed in a truly wonderful way, it has certainly been a rich time of feasting. Pastor Coffin shewed very clearly that the Lord desires and expects on the part of His children, entire separation from the world, and whole-hearted consecration to His service.

Especially inspiring was an address on the words, "Enoch walked with God"

These services are being greatly blessed to the Lord's people, and we feel confident that this faithful, seaching ministry will be honoured by the Master

Much prayer is ascending to the Throne of Grace, for a mighty outpouring of Holy Ghost power on the assembly, so that precious souls may be brought into the Kingdom

Beckley. In this village centre, an outspur of the Hastings church, the light of the Gospel is kept burning and shining. In spite of lovely surroundings, many would never hear the Gospel if it were not for this little mission. Our friends Mr and Mrs Smith and their daughter hold the fort in the Master's Name, and workers from Hastings assembly and other friends go out regularly to take the services, and so encourage and strengthen the hands of His servants

FIFTY BAPTISMS

Huddersfield (Pastor W L Taylor) The attendances at the services in the Victoria Hall are still well maintained, the revival fire burns brightly in all the meetings, and there is week by week the deepening of the spiritual life amongst the people of God. Recently many strangers have come in to the meetings, and have testified that in the message of the Foursquare Gospel they have found what they have been seeking in vain for years. Believers who have been long dissatisfied with the old regime are throwing their whole enthusiasm into the cause, and a real work for God is going on. During the week as well as at the Sunday services souls are finding peace through the merits of the Saviour's blood, and great is the joy of those who have prayed long and earnestly for revival, as they see the new converts growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Saturday evenings see the hall booked for that evening crowded out, as the people of God gather to worship the Lord who has won their hearts' affections

Recently a great water baptismal service was held in one of the beautiful Baptist churches of the town, kindly lent for the occasion by the minister and deacons. Two hours before the service was due to commence a queue had formed outside, and by half an hour before the commencement not a seat was to be found, many being content to stand in the aisles of the galleries to witness that great spectacle of obedience. Fifty candidates were immersed by the Pastor and the unanimous testimony of both strangers and Foursquare adherents was that they had never before been in such a service. Local Baptists declare it to be the largest baptismal service ever held in the town, where water baptism has been taught for three centuries. A very favourable and sympathetic report of the proceedings was published by the local press

SWANSEA CONVENTION

Speakers Pastors H T D Stoneham and A J K Magee
 Convener Pastor W J Patterson
 Storms, sunshine and showers, the Whitsun weather, are symbolical of the various spiritual blessings experienced

at our Whitsun Convention. From the beginning, the mighty rushing heavenly winds were felt, saints were filled and some baptized with the Holy Spirit with signs following, and as the meetings progressed, the radiant rays of heaven's sunshine reached the hearts of unenlightened souls, bringing light and salvation in their wings, and throughout the services showers of God's blessing were poured upon the saints

The theme of the Convention was Practical Witness for God

On Sunday morning the opening message of the Convention was delivered by Mr Magee who dealt with the various phases of God's wonderful love, which proved an appropriate heart preparation for the observance of the Lord's Supper which followed. Pastor Stoneham preached in the afternoon on Christ as the Christian's true example in prayer, humility, suffering, and forgiving, while at the evening service, to a crowded congregation, and taking as his theme, In Christ, Pastor Stoneham preached an inspiring message, followed by another powerful and convicting Gospel message by Pastor Magee, which resulted in the salvation of two precious souls

Monday was a day of great blessing. In the afternoon Pastor Magee spoke on the need in these days of true and powerful witnesses for God. At the evening service Pastor Stoneham passed on a

inspiration for all to press forward to possess our heavenly possessions in Christ Jesus the Lord

During the same week, through the ministry of Pastor Patterson, five more souls were born again

GREAT BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

Nottingham (Pastor W G Channon) On a recent Sunday this old church, the City Temple, Halifax Place, was packed for the occasion of a baptismal service. On the rostrum was the beautiful painting of the Jordan, with the large baptistery in front. Below could be seen the white-robed figures waiting to follow their Lord through the waters. Testimonies both of salvation and healing were given. Mrs Channon ministered God's Word. The simple yet powerful appeal of the Gospel found its response in twenty-six lives yielded, half of whom were men. That night in the Gospel net, we found many friends and relatives, even parents of those who were soon to be immersed. One by one the candidates were immersed by the Pastor, who paused occasionally and remarked upon a family here and there, husband and wife, baptised together. Each remark was greeted with whole-hearted praise. On the following Sunday evening the Lord again blessed in the salvation of fourteen souls. The blessed Foursquare Gospel sweeps on like a mighty river in this northern centre



Elim
 Tabernacle,
 Chipstead
 Valley
 Road,
 Coulsdon

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN

Coulsdon (Mr J Payne) The transfer of the Church here to the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance recently, with the ensuing campaign, caused great interest in the neighbourhood. Crowds gathered to hear the inspiring messages given by Pastors J Smith, J Moore, and J J Morgan

It was a great day of rejoicing for the saints at Coulsdon to be united to the Elim Foursquare Gospel

Pastor Morgan continued with his ministry for a fortnight, and we thank God for souls saved, and the uplifting of the saints, as he unfolded the depths of God's Word. The chorus, "I have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb," was sung with great enthusiasm, and brought joy and blessing to all

We continue to praise God, as we press on toward the mark of the high calling

very practical word on Priesthood, followed by Pastor Cooper of Dowlais, who gave an uplifting message on The Christian's Divine Possessions, then an enthusiastic message by Pastor Magee on Dry Bones and the Need of Spiritual Revival—a fitting close to a glorious day blessed with the sunshine of God's mighty presence and power

A great crowd assembled at the concluding meeting of the Convention on Tuesday. Pastor Magee gave an impressive message on the need of believers being filled with the Holy Ghost, and was followed by Pastor Stoneham, whose subject was How to be Healthy Spiritually, pointing out that after having been born again the soul must be developed through obedience, and the exercise of real spiritual faith in God

It was truly a wonderful Convention, which proved very profitable, and an

Studies in The Acts

BY P. N. CORRY

Acts xiv 1-28

When you consider the wonderful work of the Apostle to the Gentiles and the tremendous stretch of ground that he covered, one is filled with wonder. In the religious world as represented by Israel he was a messenger who, though his word might lead to trouble, never passed them by. In the cultured world as represented by Greek thought, language and custom, he was never behind with his message at Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and throughout the whole of Macedonia, and Achaia. The same may be said of his message to the Roman civilization of his day, representing as it did law and ordered government. Paul was always to be found somewhere upon its highways, or in its colonies and cities, until he finished his witness in Rome. Yet though it can well be said that he laboured more abundantly than they all (II Cor xi 23), it was also true that he suffered the greatest persecution that any messenger of Christ has ever known. If we shall set down in order his labours and the sufferings he endured, then we may get to know the secret of his glory, for in the economy of heaven as shown in Peter's first epistle, these two always go hand in hand. Study this list therefore.

- 1 Paul's witness at Damascus (Acts ix 23). City guarded. Laying in wait to kill. Escape by the wall (Acts ix 23, 24, II Cor xi 32, 33).
- 2 Witness at Jerusalem (Acts ix 29). They went about to slay him (Acts ix 29, 30, xxii 17-21).
- 3 Witness at Antioch in Pisidia (Acts xiii 14-41). Persecution and expulsion (Acts xiii 50).
- 4 Witness at Iconium (Acts xiv 1-6). An assault made by Jews. Gentiles and rulers attempt to stone them (Acts xiv 5).
- 5 Witness at Lystra (Acts xiv 8-20). Stoned and left for dead (Acts xiv 19, II Cor xi 25).
- 6 Witness at Philippi (Acts xvi 12-20). Beaten with rods, imprisoned in inner prison (Acts xvi 22-24).
- 7 Witness at Thessalonica (Acts xvii 1-4). City set in an uproar (Acts xvii 5-7).
- 8 Witness at Berea (Acts xvii 10-12). Multitude stirred up, Paul smuggled away (Acts xvii 13-14).
- 9 Witness at Athens (Acts xvii 16-33). Brought before highest court for trial (Acts xvii 19).
- 10 Witness at Corinth (Acts xviii 1-10). Insurrection in the city (Acts xviii 12-17).
- 11 Witness at Ephesus (Acts xix 1-23). Uproar in the theatre (Acts xix 23-41).
- 12 Witness in Greece (Acts xx 2). Jews lying in wait caused change in plans (Acts xx 3).
- 13 Witness in Jerusalem (Acts xxi 17-26, xxii 1-21). Dragged out of the

Temple and beaten. Great violence used (Acts xxi 30-32, 35).

- 14 Witness in Sanhedrin (Acts xxiii 1-9). Nearly pulled in pieces (Acts xxiii 10).
- 15 Plot to kill him (Acts xxiii 12-15).

16 Witness in Rome during imprisonments. Death by the sword.

Yet after all this, although the list of his troubles seems to shock the finer feelings—"In stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft, of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one, thrice was I beaten with rods [the Roman punishment], once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck" (I Cor xi 23-29)—yet he could say, "I will glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor xii 9, 10).

Iconium and Lystra

This week our reading takes us through the history of Paul's preaching in these two cities, with the resultant troubles that followed. Iconium was perhaps more cultured and under higher Roman civilization than Lystra, they had a dialect of Lycaonia in this latter city, so that the Apostles did not understand what the crowd were saying when they declared, "The gods are come down to us", otherwise Paul and Barnabas would have stopped further proceedings by protesting before the oxen were brought out of the city as offerings. But in both cases it was the Jewish element that was at the back of the persecution. Compare Acts xiv 5 with xiv 19, and it will be seen that the influence behind the stoning of Paul was Jewish. Having failed at Iconium, they prevailed upon the less cultured people of Lycaonia to do their bidding, so that Paul was stoned in the streets of Lystra, and then dragged through the gate and cast out as dead. Paul was beginning to find out in reality that his enemies should be those of his own household. "The unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles," was to become the history of the constant menace to his life and work (Acts xiv 2, 19), but though the body after stoning might be left outside the city gate yet the Lord made this very time of trial the moment of supreme vision (cp Acts xiv 19, 20 with II Cor xii 1-10). The dust of the road was changed to the third heaven, the cries of the mob exchanged for unspeakable sayings not lawful for a man to utter. They thought that they were inflicting pain, but they only enabled him to have a greater time with the Lord than any man has known, so that he did not know whether he was in the body or out of it. Many long for visions in our day, but would like to have them on beds or couches, or in places of ease and great comfort. I am not surprised that such only receive a vision of their own heart. They look for visions where zephyr breezes blow instead of stones.

One other thing before we leave Lystra

From this time onwards Paul could say, "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure" (II Cor xii 7). By repeating himself he lets us know the reason for the thorn—the abundance of the revelations. Let those who in our day claim to possess a thorn in the flesh, ask themselves if they have had a similar experience, received like revelations, reached these heights of glory. If not, then there will be found no reason for the thorn, but every reason to seek the Lord so that it may be removed.

The journey is now continued to Derbe and then back over the same ground confirming the disciples, ordaining the elders, and so returning to Antioch with the news of the triumph of the Gospel.

The labours accomplished through the grace of God were Herculean, yet it was a sick man that performed them (Gal iv 12-15). But out of these very trials, afflictions, and deaths (II Cor vi 23) the Lord raised up a companion who, knowing fully Paul's long sufferings, persecutions, and afflictions which happened at Antioch, Iconium, Lystra (II Tim iii 10, 11), should throughout the rest of his life be his own beloved son in the Gospel. The Lord has a wonderful way of making the law of compensation work out in the lives of His people. His troubles brought out a new group of churches and a new messenger to take the place of the one who had run home from Perga. He with the weight added an overweight of glory.

My Every-day Need.

- Grace when the sun is shining, Lord,
 Grace when the sky is black,
 Grace when I get an unkind word,
 Grace on the too smooth track,
 Grace when I'm elbowed into a nook,
 Grace when I get my turn,
 Grace when the dinner will not cook,
 Grace when the fire won't burn,
 Grace when my duties all go wrong,
 Grace when they seem all right,
 Grace when I've gladness, praise and song,
 Grace when I have to fight,
 Grace when my dress is fresh and new,
 Grace when it's frayed and old,
 Grace when my purse is empty, too,
 Grace when it's full of gold,
 Grace when the saved ones don't get saved, and throw the blame on me,
 Grace when the grace I've asked and craved seems denied me, Lord, by Thee,
 Grace when the midnight hours I tell,
 Grace when the morn is nigh,
 Grace when I'm healthy, strong and well,
 Grace when I come to die
 Lord, grant Thy grace till the grit I get up the steps of faith to climb,
 That the heart that seems inclined to fruit may keep smiling all the time
 O Jesus, hear and grant Thy grace
 My need to Thy store I bring,
 That, the proper one in the proper place,
 I may glorify my King



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

TIMELY TESTIMONIES

MISS L. OULTON (Glossop).

I do praise God for the joy and pleasure I have found in the service of the Lord since I gave my heart to Him six years ago



Miss L. Oulton

Before that time I was a pleasure-seeking girl, but I thank God for the night when He broke the fetters of sin in my life. I was converted in a mission conducted by the Grainger brothers on a Sunday evening in March, 1926. Before that time I was a member of the Gospel Union Mission. Our beloved Pastor Howton (who has since gone home to glory) had often spoken to me concerning my soul's salvation, but on that particular night God did a definite work in my life. I shall never forget the peace and joy that flooded my soul, when I gave my life into His keeping. From that time I found that there was more in following the Lord and more pleasure in His service than in all that the world offered.

In 1927 I followed my Saviour through the waters of baptism. I then took up definite work in the Sunday school as a teacher and as Secretary. Since my own conversion I had been praying that my parents would find the Saviour that I had found, and I do thank God that He is not a disappointment, for during the revival campaign recently conducted by Principal Jeffreys my dear ones were brought to the Lord. We believe it was in answer to prayer that this outpouring took place, for in our Saturday night prayer meetings we were praying for this. During the campaign I was healed of gout, from which I had been suffering for eight years. I had been taking tablets for over two years continuously, but instead of the gout decreasing it was affecting the whole of my body, and I was getting thinner and thinner. After being prayed for by the Principal I found that the gout had suddenly disappeared. I do praise God for all the added blessing He has graciously lavished upon me since



Canning Town A Crusader choir is being formed, and we trust this effort will be a great source of blessing to the assembly and the surrounding district. The Crusaders recently held a council meeting, and we rejoice at the various efforts put forth for the glory of the Lord.

Grimby The Crusaders recently paid their second visit to the Salvation Army Hall, where they gave forth their testimony in word and song, God blessing the word to many.

Glasgow. The young people's work here is making steady progress. Last month a week's special campaign for the children was conducted. Also recently a young people's Bible Class has been commenced.

RAYS OF REVELATION

The Son and the Sun—

- 1 **The Sun**—centre of universe.
The Son—Pre-eminent in all things (Col 1:16-19)
- 2 **The Sun**—dispels the darkness
The Son—The Light of the world (John 8:12)
- 3 **The Sun**—destroyer of disease
The Son—The Great Physician (Matt 9:12), Healing in His wings (Mal 4:2)
- 4 **The Sun**—Source of energy
The Son—The power of God (I Cor 1:24)
- 5 **The Sun**—essential to life
The Son—He that hath the Son hath life (I John 5:12)
- 6 **The Sun**—ministers to the earth
The Son—Shepherd of the sheep (Heb 13:20), Supplies all needs (Phil 4:19)

FRAGRANT FRAGMENTS

Alexander the Great said to a coward in his army, called after his name, "Either give up my name or imitate my example." We may well say to many a Christian, "Either give up that venerable name, or imitate the example of Him from whom it originated."

Love's reckoning will always be unusual.

God only knows the endless possibilities that lie folded in each one of us.

What God commands us to do, God always empowers us to do.

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Psa xlii 11; xliii 5)

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
The Lord thy God, His Word is true
Yea, though the waters deep do roll,
He said, I will deliver you

O my soul, why art thou cast down?
I though now it seemeth all is night,
'Tis only fitting thee a crown,
To wear in days of endless light

Awake, my soul, and praise the Lord
In darkest hour, or brightest day
Arise, to bless and praise the Lord,
Till shadows flee and pass away
—A Clapham Crusader

"CARRY ON"

"Just as a bird will creep through the grass as if broken-winged and helpless, inducing persons to follow her, that she may lead them away from her nest, so the great Adversary when he sees a man doing work for God, and fighting against existing evils, will contrive some plan by which to lead him off from the work in which he is engaged, and induce him to fool away his time in denying slanders, refuting falsehoods, and kicking into prominence little men whose only way of securing public attention is by assailing others in whose acts the public seem to be interested. Gashmu will lie, Sanballat will hinder, Demas will forsake! Alexander, the copper smith, will do what evil he can, and men whose craft is in danger will cry, 'Great is Diana of Ephesus', but do you keep steadily at your work. Build the walls of Jerusalem. Work the work of God. Preach the Gospel of the kingdom, and when the devil and all his lies and liars are cast into the lake of fire, and the Master speaks into your ear the welcome word, 'Well done,' you will have no more trouble with the devil's issues, and will have no occasion to defend your character, prove your honesty, or demonstrate your orthodoxy." —Selected

Continue much in prayer, and neither Satan nor the world shall much deceive you. Behold before you the sacred ark of truth. But where is the key? It hangs upon the silver nail of prayer. Go reach it down, unlock the casket, and be rich.

Striking Conversions.

Saved through a Pennyworth of Cheese

THE above heading sounds extraordinary—indeed, impossible. Yet such was the remarkable experience of Mr. Griffiths, of Leigh-on-Sea

Mr Griffiths read the remarkable conversion of Mr Jones of Croydon published in our columns. He was able to feel much sympathy with Mr Jones, for he himself was once in a very similar position. He therefore sent us his own testimony.

In his own words, he was "a poor, wretched drunkard and gambler, wandering about the streets of London without food, without hope, and utterly destitute."

His poor heart ached for something better. Many poor hearts are doing the same. It is easy to judge the man who is down, but it is better to love him, and leave judgment to Christ.

But the day dawned when the aching heart was to find rest in Christ.

Mr Griffiths found himself with a penny! A penny! But what could a penny do? A penny can bring a ray of sunshine into

A STARVING BODY.

But this penny was also to bring the Sun of Righteousness into a starving heart.

The penny bought a pennyworth of cheese! That pennyworth of cheese was wrapped in an old piece of a Salvation Army *War Cry*. The piece of cheese fed the body, but the piece of *War Cry* fed the soul. Thank God for the dairy that made the cheese, but thank God even more for the Salvation Army that issued the *War Cry*.

Said Mr Griffith, "I began to read and read, and

I began to find there was a little hope for me."

That *War Cry* created in this wanderer's heart a longing for Christ—the Christ who could save the hungry, the destitute, the sinner.

Clutching that *War Cry* message to his heart, Mr Griffiths sought out the Salvation Army people. Often and often has that noble company been taken in. Often and often has the Army's labour been abused. But impostors have

NOT HARDENED THEIR HEART.

They still have a smile and a handshake for those who profess to come. The penitent form has seen many hypocrites. But what matters a hundred hypocrites if only the hundred-and-first comer is real!

Mr Griffiths was the hundred-and-first! Truly he yielded to the Christ who satisfies sinners. He found the old-time message perfectly true—"Christ receiveth sinful men."

And now the conclusion shall be in our brother's own words.

"I got in touch with the Salvation Army, and got saved by the grace of God. After that I began to improve in mind, body, spirit. And eventually I got married—which was the best thing I could do. I have never regretted it! It was actually an answer to prayer. Now I am rejoicing that I am still saved and making progress in the Christian life. I am worshipping at the Elim Hall at Leigh-on-Sea. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me since I joined up with born-again people. Not much eloquence in this letter perhaps, but I know that whereas once I was blind now I see, through Divine grace."

A Blind Man's Testimony

ON Glasgow Green, a few years ago, at the conclusion of a Gospel address given by a Christian, a man in the crowd asked permission to say a few words. Liberty having been granted, he spoke somewhat as follows: "Friends, I don't believe what this man has been talking about. I don't believe in a hell, I don't believe in a judgment, I don't believe in a God, for I never saw one of them."

After going on for some time in this fashion another man asked to be allowed to speak. Permission being obtained, he proceeded as follows: "Friends, you say that there is a river running not far from this place, the River Clyde. There is no such thing, it is untrue. You tell me that there are trees and grass growing around me where I now stand. There are no such things. That also is not true. You tell me that there are a great many people standing here. Again, I say, that is not true, there is no person standing here save myself. I suppose you wonder what I am talking about, but I was born blind, I never saw one of you, and while I talk it only shews that I am blind, or I would not say such things. And you," he said, addressing the infidel, "the more you talk the more you expose your ignorance, because you are spiritually blind, and cannot see."

The testimony of the man whose eyes were opened by Jesus was, "Once I was blind, but now I see." "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."



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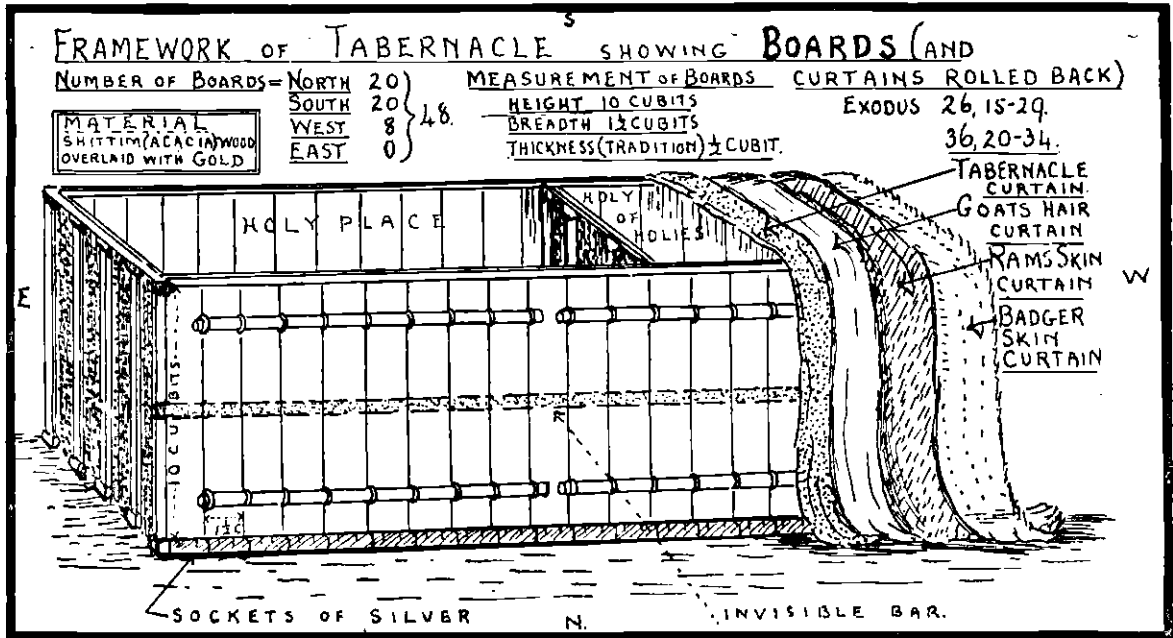
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