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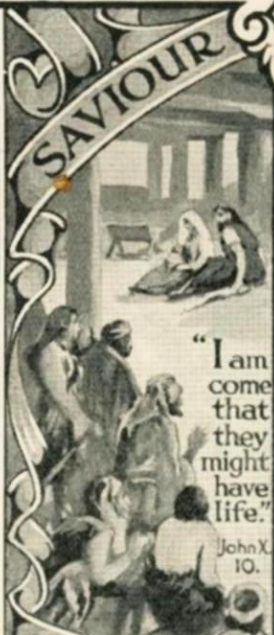
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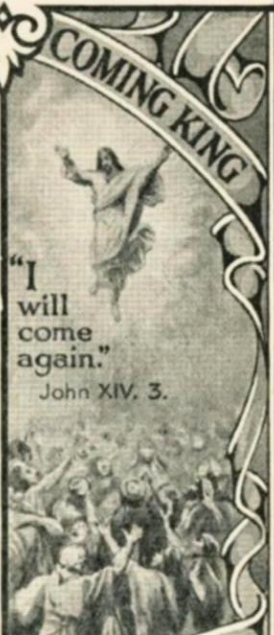
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Put Jesus first in each desire,
His sovereign will obey ;
And faith triumphant shall aspire,
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Be yours the crown and kingdom won,
And life for evermore.



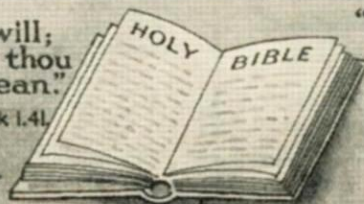
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Early Rising

By GEORGE MULLER

DURING my stay at Plymouth, I was stirred up afresh to early rising, a blessing, the results of which I have not lost since. That which led me to it was the example of the brother in whose house I was staying, and a remark which he made in speaking on the sacrifice in Leviticus, "Just as the refuse of animals was not to be offered up, so the best part of our time should be especially given to communion with the Lord."

As this may fall into the hands of some children of God who are not in the habit of rising early, I make a few more remarks on the subject.

I. It might be asked, how much time shall I allow myself for rest? The answer is, that

NO RULE OF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION

can be given, as all persons do not require the same measure of sleep, and also the same persons, at different times, according to the strength or weakness of their body, may require more or less. Yet, from what I can learn, it is the opinion of medical persons that men in health do not need more than between six and seven hours' sleep, and women no more than between seven and eight hours, so that it would be rather an exception for a man to require more than seven and a woman more than eight hours. But my decided advice, at the same time, is, that children of God should be careful not to allow themselves too little sleep, as there are few men who can do with less than six hours' sleep, and yet be well in body and mind, and few women who can do with less than seven hours.

II. If it be asked, But why should I rise early? They reply is, To remain too long in bed is—

1. Waste of time, which is unbecoming a saint, who is bought by the precious blood of Jesus, with his time and all he has, to be used for the Lord. If we sleep more than is needful for the refreshment of the body, it is wasting the time with which the Lord has entrusted us as a talent, to be used for His glory, for our own benefit, and the benefit of the saints and the unbelievers around us.

2. To remain too long in bed injures the body. Just as when we take too much food, we are injured thereby, so as it regards sleep. Medical persons would

readily allow that the lying longer in bed than is needful for the strengthening of the body does weaken it.

3. It injures the soul. The lying too long in bed not merely keeps us from giving the most precious part of the day to prayer and meditation, but this sloth leads also to

MANY OTHER EVILS.

Any one need but make the experiment of spending one, two, or three hours in prayer and meditation before breakfast, either in his room, or with his Bible in his hands in the fields, and he will soon find out the beneficial effect which early rising has upon the outward and inward man. I beseech all my brethren and sisters into whose hands this may fall, and who are not in the habit of rising early, to make the trial, and they will praise the Lord for having done so.

III. It may lastly be said, But how shall I set about rising early? My advice is

1. Commence at once, delay it not. To-morrow begin to rise.

2. But do not depend upon your own strength. This may be the reason why before this you may have begun to rise early, but have given it up. As surely as you depend upon your own strength in this matter, it will come to nothing. In every good work we depend upon the Lord, and in this thing we shall feel especially how weak we are. If any one rises, that he may give the time which he takes from sleep to prayer and meditation, let him be sure that Satan will try to put obstacles in the way.

3. Do trust in the Lord for help. You will honour Him if you expect help from Him in this matter. Give yourself to prayer for help, expect help, and you will have it.

4. Use, however, in addition to this, the following means: (a) Go early to bed.

IF YOU STAY UP LATE,

you cannot rise early. Let no society and no pressure of engagements keep you from going to bed habitually early. If you fail in this, you neither can nor ought to get up early, as your body requires rest. Keep also particularly in mind, that neither for the body

nor the soul is it the same thing whether you go to bed late and rise late, or whether you go to bed early and rise early. Even medical persons will tell you how injurious it is to sit up late, and to spend the morning hours in bed, but how much more important still is it to retire early and to rise early, in order to make sure of time for prayer and meditation before the business of the day commences, and to devote to those exercises that part of our time when the mind and the body are most fresh, in order thus to obtain spiritual strength for the conflict, the trials, and the work of the day. (b) Let some one call you, if possible, at the time which you have determined

before God that you will rise, or procure, which is still better, an alarm clock, by which you may regulate almost to a minute the time when you wish to rise. Yet I have very many times been awakened by the Lord, in answer to prayer, almost to the minute when I desired to rise. (c) Rise at once when you are awakened. Remain not a minute longer in bed, else you are likely to fall asleep again. (d) Be not discouraged by feeling drowsy and tired in consequence of your rising early. This will soon wear off. You will after a few days feel yourself stronger and fresher than when you used to lie an hour or two longer than you needed.

Divine Healing : How to Keep It

IT is possible to lose this great blessing, many have lost it, and like Simon Peter, who could not swim as formerly after he had once begun to walk on water, they find their former remedies and reliances fail them, and they are of all men most miserable.

The more valuable your blessing the more will your enemy try to steal it from you, and the more diligently must you guard your sacred treasure.

KEEP RIGHT WITH GOD.

Disobedience will rob you of it, a condemning conscience will blight your confidence, any tolerated sin will become a cloud between you and Christ, and you will find yourself unable to trust Him as before. Indeed, you will find that after knowing Christ as your Healer, He will hold you to a closer walk and to a more sensitive responsibility to His will, and when you fail to understand and obey Him, a cloud will come upon your spirit and your communion will be interrupted. Therefore, if you would keep in touch with Him, keep right with God.

KEEP RECKONING.

You begin your life of faith, not by feeling, but by reckoning, not by going according to your impressions and symptoms, but by counting upon God, feeling or no feeling. Now keep reckoning. Often your symptoms will change, and if you watch them, you will get into bondage. Keep out of yourself and just expect the Lord to take care of you and to be true to His word, whether the skies are bright or the clouds return. Every sailor knows what "dead reckoning" is. It is to take an observation when the sun is shining, and then sail according to the bearing taken in that observation, the sun may not shine again for weeks, but that moment fixed their longitude and latitude, and they go by dead reckoning. Look back to the moment when you trusted Christ and took Him in an everlasting covenant to be all to you, for which you claim Him and reckon upon Him, whether it rains or shines, whether your senses encourage or alarm you. He is the same, and faith sails on through clouds and storm like Christ, the "same yesterday, to-day, and for ever."

KEEP RECEIVING.

Your communion with Christ is the source of your life. Abide in Him and draw from Him every moment, as the root draws its nourishment from the

soil, as the branch takes its life from the vine, as the lungs drink in oxygen from the atmosphere. Faith is a sensitive organ that feeds upon God, even as our physical organs feed upon our appropriate nourishment. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, the apostle uses the figure of drinking. He says, "We have been made to drink into the one Spirit." It is not enough to receive the Baptism of the Spirit by one act of faith, but we must draw the life of the Spirit by a constant habit of receiving.

God will teach you this. It is an instinct of the new nature and cannot be taught by set rules. It is just learned by living. It is an instinctive reaching out of the spiritual organs to God. It will find its exercise in prayer and silent communion, and if new trials arise they furnish new occasions to take more from Him. You must not expect your healing always to come like a flash, but more frequently it will come breath by breath, as you keep taking.

THE LORD HIMSELF FOR NEW LIFE

The writer remembers a testimony given by Mr. Ethan Allen, that patriarch of faith who died at an advanced age. He told how a terrible cancer had fastened upon his face, and his friends were all alarmed, but he calmly took it to the Lord in prayer and committed it to Him. "But then," he said, "I had to keep taking life from God constantly." And many times a day he would lay his hand upon the suffering place and just claim that, at the moment, the very life of Christ was imparted to the diseased tissues and was withering the malignant poison that had fastened upon them. At such times he was conscious of a current of life actually flowing into him from heaven. After a few weeks of thus taking the Lord, he said, the cancer had quite withered away, and left a faint trace in the form of a harmless scar to show where it had been.

The writer himself has had many similar experiences, and at one time a threatened attack which had fastened upon his lungs was held up to God in this way, until it gradually melted away. Keep receiving.

KEEP OUT OF YOURSELF.

Don't watch your feelings. Don't superintend God. Don't note the ups and downs of your case, but like the farmer of whom Christ tells us, who sowed seed in his field and then slept and awoke

night and day, while the seed sprang up, he knew not how, just let God work out His own plan and you keep busy with Him and for others and pass on to the next thing in life's unselfish ministry; and you will find as you are occupied with God and for God, He will be occupied for you. Get saved from your anatomy. Get saved from all your bad feelings. Keep out of yourself.

KEEP SWEET.

A flash of ill temper, a cloud of despondency, an impure thought or desire will poison your blood, inflame your tissues, disturb your nerves and interrupt the whole process of God's life in your body. On the other hand, the spirit of cheerfulness, freedom from anxious care and worry, a generous and loving heart, the stimulus of joy, the sedative of peace, the uplifting influence of hope and confidence—these are better than all tonics, stimulants and sedatives, and in the very nature of things will exercise the most benignant influence over your physical functions and make it true in a literal as well as a spiritual sense, "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The writer remembers in his early ministry, long before he knew divine healing, a man who was given up by physicians to die, and was expected to die that

night, but who was converted to God in his illness, and was filled with such

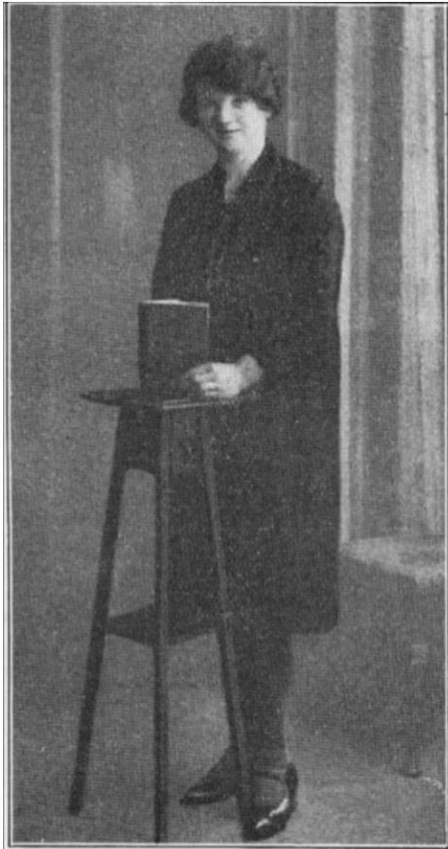
ECSTATIC JOY

that for several hours, while he was supposed to be dying, he just poured out his heart in the rapturous expressions of love and devotion. To the surprise of everybody the next morning, when we went back to condole with his family in his death, which we had no doubt had come in the night, we found him almost well, and he lived for many years afterwards as a happy Christian. The physician could only explain it as the result of an extraordinary stimulant that his new happiness had brought into the system, which acted as no medicine could have done, and left him above the ordinary laws of physiology.

Solomon said, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." There is no joy like the joy of the Lord

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I told a well-known Glasgow pastor that I purposed attending the Principal's Divine healing service. "Oh," he said, "take my advice and don't go near Ayr Town Hall. You will only come back worse." However, I was not going to be discouraged. Instead I just kept before me those words,

Be of good courage and He strength
 Unto your heart shall send,
 All ye whose hope and confidence
 Doth on the Lord depend

I attended the three o'clock service in Ayr after travelling two hours from Glasgow. At the close of the meeting I was prayed for by Principal Jeffreys and instantaneously healed of my affliction. I have never had a quiver since. All praise to God for sending Principal Jeffreys with the Foursquare Gospel to Ayr Town Hall—MRS GILCHRIST

Christ versus Christianity

By DELAVAN L. PIERSON

IS there any conflict between Christ and Christianity? A traveller who recently returned from a world tour says that in India he was warned not to speak of Christianity though he might advantageously speak of Christ. The former is linked up in the minds of Eastern peoples with Western governments, civilizations, armaments, wars, Occidental business enterprises and Western social customs. Many in Asia look upon Christianity as a religion that has failed to bring either peace, righteousness or unselfish service.

A similar feeling is often manifested in so-called Christian lands. Christianity is linked up in thought with the Church even more than with Christ. In the minds of many, the Church is identified chiefly with human creeds, with rituals, with great edifices and sometimes with self-indulgent and arbitrary preachers and church members. In the minds of some no distinction is made between the Greek, the Roman, and the Protestant churches, simple and complex. Mormons, Christian Scientists and all remotely associated with churches are called

CHRISTIAN WITHOUT DISTINCTION

Is it not time to exalt and live Christ in such a way that the failures of the Church and of church people may not discredit Him in the minds of men? Ideally, Christianity is the system of faith and life which Christ taught. Ideally, the Church is the body of Christ on earth, composed of followers to whom He has committed His work of ministering to men. Actually, Christianity has come to be looked upon as a type of modern civilization which only partially accepts the standards of Christ. Actually, the Church has come to be regarded merely as an organization made up of both real and nominal followers of Jesus Christ.

True missionaries, are, first of all, ambassadors of Christ, proclaiming the love of God for men, the ground of forgiveness of sin, and the Way of Life. True Christians—including missionaries—will seek to live lives like their Master. They will not depend on human governments for protection; they will not be self-indulgent or arbitrary, but will be ready to suffer hardship and persecution if only they may

INTERPRET CHRIST

to those for whom He died. When the message of Christ is faithfully and lovingly delivered and interpreted by life as well as by words, men may still reject it if they will, as multitudes in Europe and America have rejected it and so have rejected Jesus Christ. God Himself will not compel them to accept His Gift or to conform their lives to His teachings, but missionaries nevertheless continue to go out to proclaim the message clearly and lovingly so that as many as possible in all the world may have an opportunity to hear and receive life through Him.

Nations and individuals have failed because they have failed to surrender to Christ and His message and to allow Him to live His life in them. He came that we might have life and that we might have it abundantly. In Him, all men may, if they will, find the secret of life and peace and power. It may be too much to expect that the nations and the world as such will accept and follow His Way of Life, until He Himself comes to reign as He has promised. But who can be so blind as not to see that mankind needs Him most of all—in business and industrial enterprises, in national and political affairs, in social and family life and for personal character and conduct? It is the duty of every Christian to seek to make human relationships Christian.

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| 5 | When | 6 | A |
| 7 | Shall | 8 | What our Lord is about to do a second time (Heb ix 28) |
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| 1 | The | 3 | And |
| 2 | What the Church is to the labourer (Phil iv 1) | 4 | Our reward if we ask in faith (Matt xxi 22) |
| 5 | Shall | 6 | Described Paul as a sinner (I Tim i 15) |
| 7 | God's due for ever (Phil iv 20) | 8 | Away |
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A CHINESE NOBLEMAN

By ROSALIND GOFORTH

AS I review the life of the man of whom I am to write, two incidents of over thirty years ago come to mind. On our way to China one of our fellow-passengers was a man who had been in business twenty odd years in China. He declared there were no real Christians in China, that they were all "rice" Christians—followers of the foreigner for what they could get, and so on. Practically all the passengers, except the missionaries, heartily agreed with these statements. Later we heard the same thing repeated on the coast steamer. Shortly after reaching our destination

A WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT

of China, who had occupied for twenty-five years a responsible position in the Maritime Customs, made such positive statements along the same line that the writer began to wonder if these things could be true. Six weeks later this accuser, and as I know now to be, cruel slanderer of the Christians had gone to meet his Judge—dying suddenly in his chair as the result of a vicious debauch!

It is now the writer's privilege to give testimonies after thirty years' standing, to the genuineness of the Chinese Christian—here is one of them.

Twenty miles north-east of the mission station of Changtcho lived a well-to-do banker and landowner named Chen Lao-jung. He was a man of most masterly personality. His old mother, to whom he was greatly devoted, had long been afflicted by attacks of what the Chinese called demon possession—which from all accounts exactly resembled those recorded in the Bible. Every heathen means had been used for her relief. Witch doctors, necromancers,

BUOOHIST PRIESTS,

and others had used their arts upon her (some of these being very cruel), but the poor woman was 'nothing better, but rather grew worse.'

One day a Christian called when the woman was in a serious and violent condition. Mr Chen asked Mr Hsu, the Christian, to pray to his God for his mother, but the Christian replied, "I would gladly do so, but it is useless for me to pray to my God, who is the only true God, when you recognise so many other gods that are false. These household gods must first be destroyed, then I can pray." (Oh, that our home Christians would realise this too, then would they know the power of prayer.)

After some demurring Mr. Chen decided that he had tried these gods, and they had failed him, now he would burn them rather than lose this opportunity of having his mother healed by the Christian God!

In face of the bitterest opposition from his family and neighbours he publicly burnt all the household gods. Then he and Mr Hsu followed by all the family and a crowd of curious neighbours went into the mother's room where she lay foaming on the bed. Mr. Hsu first sang the hymn, "Jesus loves me"—then prayed, then sang again.

Gradually the woman quieted down and before long was completely restored. Thus the Lord as of old answered prayer and delivered the woman from the terrible power which had had such a hold upon her. Her deliverance was so wonderful that all the family and some neighbours immediately accepted the Gospel.

Mr Chen left his home and business for several weeks and

CAME TO THE OUTSTATION

where the writer and her husband were. Here he took the place of a little child. His humility, earnestness, and sincerity impressed us all. When he felt he had grasped the main truths of the Gospel he returned home, realising, as few Christians seem to do, that he had been saved to save others. He at once started family worship, and prepared a building as a chapel and preaching hall—here he gathered and taught all who wished to learn. His whole family became out and out for Christ and soon neighbours were won. The first of these was a notable opium slave. The story in detail of the growth of Christianity in Mr Chen's region would fill a volume, but space permits only the brief record of open, outstanding facts.

About two years after Mr Chen became a Christian the locusts came over the country in great numbers, eating all before them. Mr Chen told his family that since they would all be busy fighting the locusts, family worship would for the time be given up. A few days later a fine boy in the family, about seven years of age, became paralysed in one side and was unable to get off the *kang* (or brick bed). The following is Mr Chen's own account of what followed.

"One day I was out in the fields fighting locusts when I suddenly seemed to waker out of sleep. I cried out—'Why! the connection is cut!' The connection is cut!' I hastened home and

CALLED ALL THE FAMILY TOGETHER

I told them to get down on their knees and confess with me our sin of putting God aside, that by doing so we had cut the connection with God, for God had said, 'Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you.' 'Oh, Lord, now that the connection is mended won't You heal the little boy?' And as we prayed we heard the child get off the *kang*, and before we rose from our knees he was running around quite well."

Mr Chen became a tower of strength to the missionary, who when obliged to be absent from that part of his field would commit the affairs of the Church into his hands. Did he get money for this? you ask. No—all this service was for love of his Lord.

Not many months ago this man stood bravely, grandly, one of the severest tests any Christian could be put to.

He had a very dear little daughter, a pretty, gentle, timid child of about nine years of age. This child was away from home when she was attacked by a young woman of violent temper. The child was

STRUCK SEVERAL TIMES

with a heavy stick, and as she fled terrified was followed and struck again, it is believed, on the head. A few days later the child returned home, but could say little else than "I'm afraid" over and over again. She sank rapidly and died; but before her death she told her father of the attack upon her. A few days

later the writer received a most touching letter from Mr Chen in which he reviewed the past—what he had been saved from—what Christ had been to him—then wrote as follows

"Shepherd Mother—My heart is crushed, my little daughter is dead. I do not want the one who killed her to be punished. I only ask that you warn her so that other children shall not suffer as mine has done."

Those of us who know how exceedingly revengeful the Chinese are by nature, will agree that one could scarcely find a more beautiful example of the power and fruit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ than this

I'll go there till the Stars are Falling.

Dr. JOHN ROBERTSON

R. F. BEVERIDGE

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. The lyrics are: "The stroke of God for my sins fell On yon-der cal-va-ry,"

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. The lyrics are: "Where Je-sus in the gates of hell, Was hung in-stead of me,"

CHORUS

Musical notation for the first part of the chorus. The lyrics are: "Oh I'll go there till the stars are fall ing, I'll go

Musical notation for the second part of the chorus. The lyrics are: "there till the thun ders roll, I'll go there till the trump is

Musical notation for the final part of the chorus. The lyrics are: "call - ing. Where but there could I trust my soul?"

- 2. The wrath of God was spent on Him
Who there upon the Tree
The cup of death full to the brim
Drained dry instead of me
- 3. My sins He took upon His soul,
And on the Cross He paid
With broken, bleeding heart the whole
Of judgment on Him laid.

- 4. Where judgment fires already burned,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
The broken law's demand is turned,
They cannot burn again.
- 5. The Cross will stand when heavens flee,
And earth reels to and fro,
There till that Day of God I see,
Poor sinner, I will go.

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Bible Study Helps

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK WITH THE BELIEVER.

- 1 He works upon us as sinners (Ezek. xxxvii John iii)
- 2 He works in us as saints (Ezek. i. 12, 20, Col. i. 28, 29, John xiv 16)
- 3 He works through us as servants (Ezek. i. 20, 21 John vi. 38, 39)

SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS OF THE BIBLE.

Suggesting Sermon Texts

- "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom viii 31)
- "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark viii 36)
- "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark viii 37)
- "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?" (Jer xiii 23)
- "Is there anything too hard for Me?" (Jer xxxii 27)
- "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" (Matt vii 16)
- "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?" (Psalm lxxxix 48)
- "Will a man rob God?" (Mal iii 8)
- "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, or who hath been His counsellor?" (Rom xi 34)
- "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" (Job xiv 4)
- "For who can make that straight which he hath made crooked?" (Eccles vii 13)
- "For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?" (Eccles vi 12)
- "Where is the way where light dwelleth?" (Job xxxviii 19)

POINTS FOR OPEN-AIR SPEAKERS.

- 1 The Gospel is a fact therefore tell it simply
- 2 It is a joyful fact therefore tell it cheerily
- 3 It is an entrusted fact therefore tell it faithfully
- 4 It is a fact of definite moment therefore tell it earnestly
- 5 It is a fact of infinite love therefore tell it pathetically
- 6 It is a fact difficult of comprehension to many therefore tell it with illustration
- 7 It is a fact about a Person therefore preach Christ

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions : Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

Sunday, August 14th Matt ix 14-26

"No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment" (verse 16)

We all agree that upon a garment that is truly old it is very unwise to fasten a new piece of cloth. Yet, spiritually, we frequently try to do it. Some try to add Christianity to an old home. Look at the books on the shelves. There they are with all kinds of glaring colours and suggestive titles—books in which God's Name is frequently blasphemed and in which sin is joked about and mingled with other books of doubtful moral worth. Yet it is but adding a new piece of cloth to an old garment to mix with this ungodly reading such books as "The Power of Prayer" and "The Secret of Christian Victory." Then what about our pictures and our so-called works of art? Would the non-Christian be more attracted by these than he would by the beautiful pictures of Christ which we add to our collection? Let us expel from our home all that is of the old life, and then grace it with books, pictures, ornaments, records, and songs which speak of the new life in Christ.

Monday, August 15th Matt ix 27-38

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (verse 37)

Help us, blessed Lord, to be faithful harvesters. Save us from sleeping in the time of ingathering. The winter of Anarchy is approaching. Help us to be faithful in the summer time of Christ. It is difficult to think about men as needing harvesting for eternity. We brush shoulders with so many during every one day that we so easily grow accustomed to the crowds. Even our neighbours do not interest us so much as our daily paper. When I look out upon a crowd I am in danger of seeing men—and men only. But when Thou lookest out I how dost see a harvest field. Help me likewise to see the harvest, and as I pray that labourers may be sent forth, enable me not to shirk my own responsibility. Help me to help answer my own prayers.

Tuesday, August 16th. Matt x 1-15

"But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (verse 6)

It is much easier to go to sheep that are found. Then we can have a good time together and talk over the things of the Good Shepherd. But we are specially commanded to go to the lost sheep. It is far easier to go to the great convention than it is to deliver tracts from door to door. In the first place the sheep are found, and we blend together and have a very good time. But in the second place we are going to lost sheep. And lost sheep can be very much like wolves. They glare at us, slam the door in our faces, tell us they do not want

religious cant, and so forth. True, there are times when the found sheep are to meet together, but we should never forget that the evangelistic spirit goes after the lost sheep. To what extent are we seeking to save the lost?

Wednesday, August 17th Matt x 16-31

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves" (verse 16)

Sheep don't go forth into the midst of wolves. They flee from them! Yet true Christian service answers to sheep deliberately going forth into the midst of a pack of wolves. Disaster would overtake us if it were not for one fact. That fact is the presence of the Good Shepherd. The wolves are not afraid of us, but they are afraid of our Shepherd. Our invisible Shepherd makes our visible service possible. In the realm of grace a wolf can become a lamb. Saul was a wolf but the grace of God turned him into a lamb. How many wolves have we seen turned into lambs? We cannot expect to see any such miracles if we do not go forth. The Salvation Army goes forth into the midst of the wolves. Thank God, they have returned home with many lambs. Let us do likewise.

Thursday, August 18th Matt x 32-42

"I came not to send peace, but a sword" (verse 34)

This sounds strangely different to what we generally think and read. Did not the Lord Jesus come to bring peace on earth, goodwill to men? But here the very opposite is stated. True it is that Christ came to bring peace, but world-wide peace will be only brought about by His victorious coming as King. Through destruction He moves to construction. Through death He moves to life. Through earth pangs He moves forward to earth peace. But until the final victory is won the Name of Christ will be a name of conflict. It has divided and still will divide friends from friends, children from parents, and even wife from husband. Heart peace is the present possession for every one who yields to Him. But while there will be peace within there will be battle without.

Friday, August 19th Matt xi 1-15

"When John had heard in the prison the works of Christ" (verse 2)

It was a tragic experience for John. The promised Messiah had indeed come, but he was not free to rejoice in Him. How he would have loved to listen to His words! How he would have delighted to see the crowds that flocked to Him! How he would have jumped with joy over the mighty miracles which were done! Yet, this was denied to him. Alas, he was a shut-in. Maybe some who are reading these lines are shut in

Once you were in the front of the battle. Once your voice mingled with the songs of gladness at the open-air meeting. Once you had your Sunday School class week by week. How precious were those hours when the laughing, eager boys and girls gathered round you! Yet things are different now. You are a shut-in. But rejoice, you are better off than John. You are not in a prison. There need be no ceiling to your room, no roof to your house. Your room can be none other than the house of God and the very gate of heaven.

Saturday, August 20th. Matt xi 16-30

"Come unto me" (verse 28)

There is no come like the come of Jesus. It reaches all classes. There is no limitation to His come. All are invited. All may be partakers of His rest. His love-lit eyes look out upon all conditions of men. He sees how burdened they are. He knows the burden of sin. He knows the weariness of sorrow. He sees the tired race struggling along with a headache that cannot be soothed outside Himself. But He knows that He possesses the remedy for every ill. He can give rest to every human heart. He can restore the music. He can bring back the song. Therefore He cries to the whole world—Come. Come now. Come this very day. Let all come and find their all in all in me. I will give you rest—yes, rest for the whole man, rest for Spirit, soul, and body. Come—come now.

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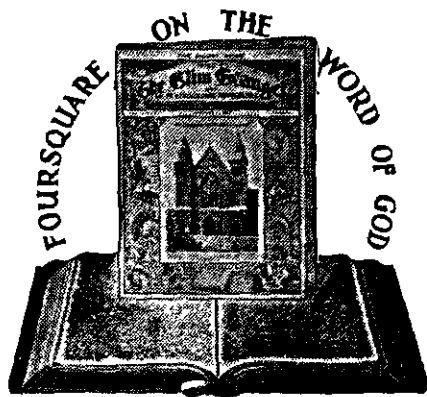
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EDITORIAL

Be Encouraged.

FRIENDS who are intensely interested in missionary work sometimes become discouraged at the apparent slowness of progress. It is heartening therefore to hear of much harvesting in joy after much sowing in tears.

Mr. Ernest Gordon, the son of Dr. A. J. Gordon, supplies the following uplifting news:

The Ashantis were in the old days one of the most cruel and bloodthirsty of West African peoples. Wesleyan missionaries went to them in the early part of the nineteenth century and laboured in faith for many years. "In 1900," said Mr. Waerworth at the Wesleyan May meetings in London this year, "seventy-two years after our first pioneer missionary entered Ashanti, the total Christian community numbered eighty-one, and those were lost to us in the rising of that year so that the missionary wrote in his report, 'We shall have to start all over again.' He did not know that it was the darkness before the dawn. Experience has taught us that whenever opposition broke out in bitter form it was a certain sign of the coming of a victory for the Gospel. To-day there is in Ashanti a movement very similar to that in the Ivory Coast. We see bonfires of idols and fetishes in the village streets and receive contingents of inquirers from villages as far as fifty miles away. There have been 20,000 baptisms since 1900, 104 chapels and 31

schools have been built, and in Kumasi a splendid church holding 2,000 people, the £12,000 which it cost being paid by the people themselves. In the old days Kumasi was a place of horror, given over to lust and bloodshed and human sacrifice. The local chiefs cooperate with the mission in the building of schools and churches, one having recently subscribed with his people more than £2,500 for a magnificent cement school building.

Holidays and Music.

SINGING turns holidays into holy days. Holy days are not mournful days. They are days of heaven upon earth. Heaven will be full of singing. Yet heaven will be full of deep, pure, rich joy. Spiritual blessing always expresses itself in song. Times of revival in heart are always times of revival in singing. How glad the Elim family should be that during these holidays they may use an entirely new collection of Elim choruses. The previous two chorus books, with their respective yellow and red covers, have become familiar to many thousands. Now we gladly welcome a third collection. In the various Elim holiday homes and in numbers of apartment houses where Foursquare members will be found, the bright, worshipful music of this third blue-covered chorus book will be joyfully sung. Sing and be blessed. Sing and be a blessing.

Put Something in.

THE more we put into the work of God the more pleasure we shall get out of it. "Give and get" is a concise way of expressing spiritual prosperity. The liberal soul is made fat. There is that which scattereth and yet increaseth.

A young lady said to a friend: "I cannot get interested in missions!" "No," replied the friend, "you can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interest in a bank. You have to put something in before you can get any interest. And the more you put in—time, money, prayer—the more the interest grows."

We recently heard of one whose income was around seven or eight pounds a week—yet she put a threepenny piece into the collection! No wonder she lost interest in the Lord's work and backslid. To get life we must give life. It is useless to ask the Lord to give us more, if we don't use for His glory that which we already possess.

Inseparable.

THE account given of the death of Mr. Robert Bruce of Kinnaird is very beautiful in its simplicity. "That morning, before the Lord called him to his rest, he came to breakfast at his table. After he had eaten, as was his wont, a single egg, he said to his daughter, 'I think I am yet hungry.' You may bring me another egg," and instantly fell silent, and, after having mused a little, he said, 'Hold, daughter, hold, my Master calleth me.' With these words his sight failed him, and he called for the Bible, but finding he was not able to read, he said, 'Cast me up the eighth chapter of Romans, verses twenty-eight to thirty-nine,' much of which he repeated, particularly, 'I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,' and caused his finger to be put upon them, which was done. 'Now,' said he, 'is my finger upon them?' They told him it was. Then he said, 'God be with you, my children, I have breakfasted with you, and shall sup with my Lord Jesus Christ this night' and straightway gave up the ghost without one groan or shiver."

If you love the Lord you will invest your money in His business.

One ounce of sincerity is worth more than a million tons of affection.

Memory is a wonderful treasure chest to the man who knows how to pack it.

Signs of Christ's Speedy Return

Notes of a Bible Study given in the Friends' Meeting House, Sheffield

By Pastor H. KITCHING

JESUS CHRIST is coming again Hallelujah! The study of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ has greatly increased my desire for Bible study It has given me a richer and a deeper Bible It is a study that is both profound and fascinating It captivates the being, and thrills the soul

We are now living in the Church Dispensation, which we also call the Dispensation of the Grace of God

Most things have an end Sir Arthur Keith says that life is like a candle As long as the wick burns there is a flame, and when the wick finishes the flame goes out, and it is "the end," and darkness comes For many the end of life will be like the end of a candle—darkness! So very dark! No salvation, no peace, no joy, no God The Bible has "an end" The day of grace is to end This dispensation in which we are living is shortly to come to a close, brought to an end by the second coming of Jesus Christ and the rapture of the saints They that believe in Christ and are alive, together with those that are dead in Him, shall be



Pastor
H. Kitching.

caught up to meet Him in the air, to be "for ever with the Lord."

Now there are certain signs manifest to-day which prove very clearly that the coming of Jesus Christ is

VERY NEAR AT HAND,

and by the grace of God I want to give you ten signs

(1) *The budding of the fig tree* (Mark xii 28)

It refers to the Jews as a nation One of the signs of the last days is that the Jews will crave for Palestine as their own country in order that they may establish themselves once again as a nation and as a people Throughout the days that are past the Jews have been scattered over the four corners of the globe The Scripture gives us to understand that towards the end the Jews will seek Palestine as their own country, and for the last twelve to fifteen years this attitude has been manifest in a remarkable manner In 1917 there was issued what was known as the Balfour Declaration It viewed with favour that Palestine should be handed over to the Jews as their own country In September, 1929, the Labour Government endorsed the Balfour Declaration, and said that the Jews should have Palestine as their own country To-day Jews are returning to Palestine in hundreds, but they are returning in unbelief This sign is very evident to-day One of the prayers of the Synagogue is that Palestine should be restored to them.

(2) *Distress among the nations* (Luke xxi. 25)

II. Timothy iii 1 speaks of perilous days in the latter time, and we are now living in such days There is peril, confusion, distress all around us The world to-day is steeped in crime, in murder, in chaos and confusion Only take unemployment—in

AMERICA TO-DAY

there are at least eight million unemployed, in Germany there are four and a half million, in England two and a half million, Germany is an almost bankrupt country England was only saved by the last Budget My Bible says, "There shall be wars, and rumours of wars," "Nation shall rise up against nation (Luke xxi 9, 10) There will be much bloodshed, wars and rumours of wars All these indicating that the second coming of Christ is very near at hand Fighting and wars are prophesied in my Bible In the Old Testament fighting with ships is prophesied (Daniel x 40), fighting with tanks in Joel (ii 4-9), fighting with aeroplanes in Isaiah (xxvi 5) All these are a sign of the latter days Upheavals and storms on every hand, mine disasters, wrecks at sea, fires at sea During the last two months two of the biggest passenger vessels in the world have been burnt to ashes in mid-ocean. Floods in our country In the Midlands alone during the last two months, five thousand people homeless, dozens of houses flooded, furniture floating about in homes As a result of floods, there is poverty, famine, and fevers Again, earthquakes have increased by at least twenty-five per cent during the last twenty years Over two hundred cities destroyed, over three hundred thousand people killed or homeless To many it may seem somewhat tragic and heartrending, but to those that are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb it proves conclusively that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh Jesus Christ is coming to redeem His own

(3) *World-wide evangelism* (Matt xxiv 14)

There are not many places in the world to-day that have not had the preaching of God's Word Ice-bound countries such as Iceland, North Canada, Siberia, have had the witness, The lands of the burring sun—India, China, Africa—have all had the witness This is another proof that Jesus Christ's coming is

NEAR AT HAND.

(4) *Spiritual apathy and spiritual decay*

Deadness in the churches — over-organised Christianity will fail It is evident on every hand There are churches and ministers who think that the church cannot prosper without dances, billiards, card parties and whist drives What does the Word say "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" The church has lost its authority It has pandered to the world It no longer has a message that will command the multitude Instead of the churches bringing the lives of the people up to a higher level,

it has come down to the level of the world, and partaken of its sin, its vanity, its pride, its godlessness. Some short time ago the church sent a protest against the Betting Tax and the Sunday Cinema Bill, but the Government took no notice, or very little. Why? Because the church has lost its authority. Trade unions, social clubs, and cinema managers have more authority than the church. Many ministers are afraid to speak out. They pander to the congregation. They speak to please the people, and have not the faith to trust God for a living. The Bible says that God will never let down the preacher who declares the whole counsel of God. While I have a tongue in my head, and while I have physical strength may God help me to preach the whole counsel of God, instead of pandering to the things of the world. Many have been professors of religion, have been ministers, and are saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" They are doubting, and are saying He is not coming again, and they seek

TO PLEASE THE WORLD

Spiritual apathy, decay, and deadness among professing Christians is a sign of the last days

(5) *A spiritual awakening and alertness in the true Church.*

This is very evident. Just look around you. On one hand there is deadness in the Church. On the other side there is real life and activity. On one side mere profession. On the other side those that are craving and yearning after the things of God—people such as we have in this building to-night who count all things but dung for Christ's sake. Take the sale of religious books. They have had a rapid increase during the last thirty years. In 1900 they were the sixth on the list. To-day they are second. Only fiction and novels are first. There are more religious books sold to-day than poems, drama and economics—a sure sign that Jesus is coming again. Then present-day revivals prove that He is coming again. Hundreds and thousands are rallying under the Four-square Gospel outpouring, thousands being saved and healed. Hundreds here to-night are standing true. I believe it is God calling out the true Church. There are many looking and watching for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a sign of His near return.

(6) *Men's hearts will fail them for fear* (Luke xxi 26).

In the hearts of men and women there is a sign of fear, uncertainty, insecurity. Not only in our own country but in others. Just talk to business men. They say, "Trade is going down. I don't know what it will be like in a few years' time." Nations are on

THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE

The recent financial crisis was a proof of this. Governments, banks, stocks, and securities are not safe. Business is not safe. They are closing up in dozens. The only thing that is safe is your soul. If you are saved your soul is all right. Oh, thank God, they that believe in Jesus have no fear of what may come on the earth. Hallelujah! Difficulties come, but oh, Hallelujah believers have a peace within which passeth all understanding.

(7) *The hoarding of riches* (James v 3, 8)

To-day there is a mad rush for gold. Notice the last gold rush. It was really amazing the gold that came to light when big prices were offered. Gold was found in hundreds of pounds. Not in banks, but in all manner of places—in boxes, chimneys, under floors, in beds. Did you read the reports? One man had £50 stitched in his coat lining for years, and another man had £300 in a bed-quilt, another £10 in the lining of a hat, another had gold behind the kitchen wall-paper. The hoarding of gold is one of the signs of the latter days.

(8) *Increase of knowledge* (Daniel xii 4)

The present generation has seen a striking increase of knowledge. The building of schools, colleges, and universities in dozens. Inventions of all kinds and descriptions. Electric trams, telephones, aeroplanes, wireless, submarines, torpedoes, mechanical farm implements for gardening, so that you have not to push the lawn mower, but it goes by motor

INVENTIONS

during the last twenty years are amazing. "Knowledge shall increase." We see it in the realms of science and medicine. Hospitals were never better equipped.

(9) *Quick Travelling* (Daniel xii 4).

In the latter days there will be running to and fro. Here and there, everywhere. Quick passage. Why? I just took up the *Daily Telegraph* the other day, and saw an account of the Cheltenham Express, belonging to the Great Western Railway. It had broken all previous records. The average speed was over eighty-one miles an hour over a stretch of seventy miles. The highest speed ninety-two miles an hour, from Swindon to Paddington. Railways are covering the earth like a spider's web. Racing cars travelling two hundred miles an hour. We live in an age of speed. Last century it took five weeks to get to America, now it takes five days. Many people seem to have a mania for speed, no matter what it is. Whether by aeroplane, submarine, or motor car. "Speed! Speed! Speed!" is the cry of the world. The prophecy of Daniel, uttered more than 2,600 years ago, is being fulfilled to-day before our very eyes.

Let me leave with you a last thought.

(10) *In the last days there will be a form of godliness* (II Timothy iii 5)

I want you to get this. It is a point of great importance. A form of godliness. The number of people who go to church but who are unsaved is amazing. You talk to them about spiritual things, and, although they go to church, they look at you, but do not know anything about redemption. They think that all that is needed is that they go to church every Sunday night, and that they will be all right for eternity. Having a form, but without the power.

THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE

is like rolled gold, that covers something quite different. Outside it looks wonderful, but inside it is just brass. There are a lot of people who have a profession of godliness, but are not saved. They have a certain formality, a certain religiousness, but have not the power of God. I ask you, Are you saved? Do you know anything about the power of

God? Can you really and honestly get up in your seat to-night, and say, "I know what it is to have the presence of Jesus"? Again, if a preacher begins to speak of living a holy and a separated life, they say, "You are taking it too far. You ought to mix it up a little bit—the church one night, the pictures the next night, and then a dance, or have a 'fiver' on the sweepstake." They have a form of godliness, but they have not the power of God. You can tell by their speech and actions they have not got anything real. On Sunday the cathedral bell rings. Dozens and dozens are going to church, but to many it is only a form of religion. May God save you and me from religious formality. It is wonderful to have a real experience of salvation, and not so much show and make-believe. I do like reality and sincerity.

A certain vessel was exploring the Arctic regions, and after many weeks they came across

A MYSTERIOUS VESSEL.

The captain and the men looked at it for some time, and got as near as they could. The captain shouted, "Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy!" There was no response, yet certain forms seemed visible. A boat was lowered. The captain and four others got in and rowed towards the vessel, and alongside shouted again, "Ship ahoy!" but no reply. The captain got on the shoulders of one of the men, looked

through the porthole, and saw the captain's cabin. Saw the captain with a book before him, a pen in his hand. He seemed to be writing. The captain shouted, but got no reply. He clambered on board, went inside the cabin, and then he realised that the captain, dressed fully in his official garb, had been frozen to death even while he was writing. There were dozens of men all over the ship, on the deck, some in the cabins, some cleaning brasses, all frozen dead. Many in the attitude of work, but not doing anything, and when they looked at the Log Book they found that the vessel had been there thirteen years.

This is the point. There are many people like that to-day. They have a profession of godliness, but I would like to see them do something for God when they are at home, or in the workshop or factory. It is more important to live the life of holiness for one week than sing hymns for a year. The ship had all the appearance of perfection, but in reality it was a floating sepulchre. Sad to say there are many to-day have a form of godliness, of Christianity, of churchianity, but are dead spiritually. They have no life within. It is a sign of the last days. Many to-day have a form of godliness but no power, no life, no salvation. They need Christ in the heart. Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life, and have it more abundantly." I pray you may see your need of Him and accept Christ as your Saviour just now.

Praying according to His will

By GEORGE D. WATSON

WE may pray for those things which are plainly promised in the Scriptures, especially when those promises correspond with our needs. Jesus says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." This promise is plain and universal, applying to all individuals in all generations, but it refers to people who want Christ, who want Him as a Saviour, and who come to Him in His capacity of Lord and Saviour. This is a sample of countless other promises which bear on pardon, restoration, and deliverance from trouble, and on any work of Divine grace. When we plead such promises, we may assure ourselves that we are praying

IN THE DIVINE WILL.

In the next place, we may know we pray in the will of God when we plead other cases in the Scriptures which are analogous with our own. When we are in certain special conditions similar to those in which some of the people in the Bible were placed, and when we read what God did for them, we may prevailingly plead His mercy to do the same things for us. We read of how God heard the prayer of Jonah when he was in the whale, and delivered him not only from the whale, but from his disobedience, which was worse than the whale, and if we are in the depths of trouble, and as helpless as Jonah was, we can plead what God did for him, and take it as His will that He will do the same for us if we meet

the heart conditions, as Jonah did, on the basis that God is no respecter of persons. The Scriptures contain so many various cases of men and women in all spheres of life, and in all sorts of circumstances, and tell how God dealt with them, that we, knowing He changes not, can feel sure we pray in His will when we are in similar circumstances and want similar things. This was

THE GREAT ARGUMENT

that the Israelites were taught when they were told to call on the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. It is impossible for anyone to be in such a condition in soul or body that he cannot find some case very much like it in the Word of God.

In the next place, there may be special drawings in prayer, and we may be sure it is His will for us when it refers to our life work, or some special vocation. It is evident that the parents of Moses were exercised in prayer in a special way for him, wherein they were not led with regard to the other children, and it is evident that Elijah was led out in prayer in a very different way from what any other godly soul in his day was led. It is said he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and the original word signifies that he prayed an inwrought prayer; that is, he was especially drawn by the Holy Spirit to pray that it might not rain. It would be very foolish for any other people to pray such a prayer. God intended to scourge the wicked nation,

and He selected a long drought as His instrument of punishment. God takes His true saints into partnership with Himself, and He took Elijah into union with His own thoughts and feelings, and prompted in him

THAT STRANGE PRAYER

that it might not rain for three years and six months. We may be sure that in the heart of Elijah there was no personal revenge against his nation, for if Elijah had wanted a dearth merely to gratify any feeling against Ahab, God would never have heard the prayer. God does not answer prayers of spite or personal revenge, or in the desires of the flesh, except He answers in the shape of punishment; as when He gave the quails to Israel, they made the people sick, and thousands of them died. Elijah's prayer was in the will of God, because he was saturated with that will, and drawn out in thought and prayer as a special providence. This is an example of countless other instances where prophets and apostles and saints in all generations have been led in special prayer for special things, which it would never do for other people to pray expecting similar results.

We must distinguish between the universal and the special, as regards praying in God's will. When it comes to forgiving our sins, cleansing our hearts, keeping us from evil, and living a holy life, we may know these are God's will for every human being. But, while this is true, we shall err if we think that it is His will to give to everybody.

THE SAME FORMS OF EXPERIENCE,

the same degrees of joy and sorrow, the same phases of knowledge, the same spiritual gifts, or the same degrees of unction, usefulness, or fruitfulness. We sometimes hear it said that it is our privilege to be like Paul, and similar expressions, which is true in a certain sense, and yet may not be true in another sense. Inasmuch as God is infinite, He must have a type of life, and a degree of grace and a measure-

ment of gifts and service for every one of His children and it is His will that each one of us fill up that measure. This is what Paul prayed for, but we do not find that Paul prayed to be as Job or Daniel, but he did pray that he himself, and the believers of his time, might reach the fulness of the stature of Christ according to the measure of the gift which Christ has given to each soul. It is very certain that for

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

we have often prayed for things that were not in God's will, and prayed for experiences outside of God's plan for us to have.

Another point concerning the will of God is, that He places limits to our prayers, but no limits to our faith, when we pray in His will. For instance, Moses prayed several times that God would let him go over into Canaan, and one day the Lord said to Moses, "Speak no more to Me of this matter," and that was the end of it. Moses found a limit to the things he should ask. And Paul prayed three times to be healed of the thorn in the flesh, and Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." And as in the case of Moses, that was the end of it.

I only mention these to shew that when we pray in the will of God we must remember that this will has a prohibitive as well as a permissive side. We are not to pray for any thing just because others pray for it, or because it gratifies.

A WHIM OF OUR OWN.

It is in true prayer that we learn the will of God, and learn what to pray for, and when we once ascertain a clear conviction of what the will of God is, then we can lay ourselves out in pleading along the line of that will, and give free rein to our faith to go all the length of the promises, and to know that what we pray in the will of God is a Divine inspiration, because it is as if God Himself was praying in us and through us.



Special Efforts and Mass Witness—Infant Heralds

BAPTISMS IN THE SPIRIT.

Evening (Mr. C. Palmer) Mr. C. Palmer has been ministering for some time now to the assembly meeting at Cranmer Hall, Cranmer Avenue, assisted by Evangelist C. Cooper, the two have proved an excellent combination for the holding forth of the Gospel, and have done much to deepen the spiritual life of the church. Mr. Palmer, by his great experience and spirituality, has given forth messages in much spiritual power, leading some to seek and obtain the greater blessing and baptism of the Holy Ghost. Recent weeks have been especially characterised by much spiritual blessing, some of the saints have received their

Baptism with the signs following, others are earnestly seeking.

Mr. Cooper's ministry has also commended itself to all and especially to the young people.

God is with us, as is shewn by the manifestations which follow. Ministry to the sick is not forgotten and several have testified to His touch of healing. To God be the glory.

THE BANGOR CONVENTION

Belfast, the hub of Ulster was alive with enthusiasm on the 12th July. Decorations, bands, and bunnies, and the marching of the Orangemen was the order of the day. What a stir! But some twelve

miles away a different scene was depicted. It was the Ulster saints, met at their annual rendezvous, Bangor, to celebrate the greatest battle ever fought in the world's history—the victory which will be celebrated by the saints in glory throughout the countless ages of eternity.

Was there any stir? I should think so. One needs to be in an Irish Convention to appreciate fully the hearty singing, the fervour, the outgushing of hearts which are aglow for God. Truly there was no small stir about that way. Any decorations? Yes, the saints were arrayed in their garments, robed in the garments of Christ's spotless righteousness, and many had on the garment of

praise, some the mantle of power Any music? Yes, when several hundred voices extolled the Lamb that was slain, there was music of a heavenly kind

It was evident to all, that the Ulster people were delighted to be privileged with the presence of their beloved leader, Principal George Jeffreys, who convoked, and who prayed with the sick in the afternoon Principal Percy Parker and Pastor James Morgan, both from London, ministered to the large congregations In the afternoon and evening the seating of the Dufferin Hall was taxed to its utmost capacity and additional seats had to be acquired, even then some being compelled to stand

The messages were helpful inspiring and uplifting Pastor Morgan initiated his hearers into the Signs of the Inner Fellowship, showing that the indisputable signs given after the Resurrection of our Lord may reasonably be expected to-day Principal Parker's message on Building was packed with practical suggestions Foundations were examined, material scrutinized, and methods subjected to the searching of the Word How much better building will be done in individual lives, homes and churches will not be known until we stand in the full blaze of His glory

God's seal was upon the ministry of the Word, and all hearts rejoiced to realize that God was speaking also through the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit, and quickened many not only in body but in soul Who will forget the conclusion of the evening service as everybody sang the 23rd Psalm? It burst forth like the sound of many waters, and judging by the facts of all "goodness and mercy" were not uncommon things to these saints Praise God for a day enjoying the spiritual luxuries which God is always waiting to give

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDIES

Lurgan (Pastor A V Gorton) It has recently been the privilege of the saints at the Elim Hall, Windsor Avenue, to receive a visit from Principal Percy G Parker

Although it was only a four days' campaign a wonderful time of spiritual blessing was experienced The necessity of personal Bible study and the methods by which we can study were brought before the people

Sunday, the last day of the campaign, was a most blessed day The Lord again used His servant to minister the Word, when the saints were indeed fed upon the finest of the wheat

At the close of the evening service there was family worship, and the Lord drew very near, many consecrating their lives afresh to God for service

As a result of the campaign many evinced their desire for more of the Word of God by joining the Elim Bible Correspondence School

The work in this part of the vineyard is progressing The meetings are well attended The Tuesday evening prayer meetings are times of rich blessing, when the Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in a remarkable way, also on Thursday evenings the Bible studies are most inspiring and helpful Pastor Gorton gives practical talks from the Word of God

A Cycling Band has been started, the

Pastor and members of the assembly visiting the surrounding villages, proclaiming the Foursquare Gospel and distributing tracts We believe God will honour this effort in bringing in precious souls

A YEAR'S RETROSPECT

Eastwood, Essex. The workers here have just completed their first year's work in the new mission room which the Lord supplied at Belgrave Camp, and we are glad to state that during this time about twenty-four adults and a number of children have expressed their need of salvation God has richly blessed the meetings, and His healing power has been most graciously manifested in this place Recently the children had their Sunday School treat and sports, a number of visitors joined in, and it was a really joyful time

The work in this part of the vineyard needs as someone has said, a lot of 'stickability, the great need here is discernment and grace, and that more abundant

Thanks are due in Jesus' Name to Miss E Major (Sunday School) and to all the dear friends who have stood by in this effort for the Master

During the first six months of this work in the new wooden mission room, the Lord has met every monetary need, and we are free of debt All glory to His wonderful Name!



Elim Hall, Ashbourne

STILL GOING STRONG.

Ashbourne (Evangelist P S Brewster) A very happy and spiritual afternoon was spent by the saints at Elim Hall, South Street, listening to the young lives in the Sunday School testify in song, recitation, and verse Although only a small band, surely it speaks to the fulness of the teaching they have received during the past year

The church of which this lively band is a branch has been established about thirteen years, and is one of the oldest Elim churches in this country Ashbourne is only a very small town but the faithful band of saints here can say they love the Lord Jesus, and His Word Recently Evangelist P S Brewster was welcomed into the midst and according to what has been already received the

saints are expecting wonderful times The congregation listens with growing interest as the Word is expounded God is indeed in the midst

FRESH REVIVAL.

Portsmouth (Pastor W Field) Revival fills the air at Elim Tabernacle, Arundel Street Southsea Praise God for Pentecostal showers in these days of latter rain, results of all kinds are the fruits of this God-given blessing The earnest pleading of the saints for souls has culminated in decisions at practically every Gospel meeting

Pastor Walter Field is ministering faithfully, and the numbers in attendance are increasing week by week At the Tuesday evening prayer meetings, and the studies round the Word of God on Thursdays, continued spiritual blessing and uplifting is the portion of all who attend, and recently a few of the saints have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost, with signs following

Two baptismal services have been recently held in the Tabernacle, which was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers The Pastor immersed twenty-five candidates in all on confession of their faith, after each had publicly testified of the saving and keeping power of their Lord and Master, whose footsteps they followed through the waters of baptism At the second baptismal service there were approximately 550 people who witnessed the public testimony of these brothers and sisters Praise the Lord for others who raised their hands to signify that they wished to obey the Lord at the first opportunity

During the past fortnight Mr Thomas Field, the Pastor's brother, whilst here on holiday has ministered the Word, and we praise God for his testimony During the second baptismal service, he gave the Gospel message, and when the appeal was made for sinners to fall in with God's offer of mercy, six hands were raised, professing to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and two others were dealt with after the meeting

The assembly was glad to welcome Pastor L Knipe, and once more to hear him give the Gospel message in word and song on Sunday in his home town

CONTINUED PROGRESS

Romsey (Pastor F D Byatt) We praise God for the way He is pouring out His blessing upon His saints meeting at Latimer Hall, Latimer Street, under the faithful ministry of Pastor F D Byatt

The breaking-of-bread services are a time of great blessing, as the children of God gather to remember the Lord's death till He come The open-air meetings are attracting many to listen to the Gospel, as it is given forth in word and song

During the recent Sunday School anniversary services the Lord richly blessed the efforts put forth by the children They gave forth the Gospel in recitations, songs, and sermonettes The Sunday School outing was held at Sandbanks, where a happy time was spent, the Lord giving a glorious day of sunshine

The Lord richly blessed a recent Sunday evening service when their Pastor, Mr A S Thorne, ministered the Gospel again after two years' absence

Studies in The Acts

By P. N. CORRY

Acts XVIII. 18-28.

Paul's Vow

After tarrying at Corinth Paul sails to Ephesus, leaving Priscilla and Aquila there while he pressed forward to Jerusalem. Some are worried at the thought that Paul should have taken upon himself a Jewish vow (Acts xviii 18), and in order to overcome the difficulty Conybeare and Howson leave it to be understood that it was probably Aquila who had taken the vow. But even if it was the Apostle Paul, there is no reason why he should not be allowed to follow the customs of his own land. His own words are that to the Jews he "became as a Jew that I might gain the Jews, to them that are under the law as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law . . . that by all means and every means I might save some" (I Cor ix 19-22). The Scripture does not inform us what the vow was, nor of the circumstances under which it was taken, and I for one cannot see that Paul in performing this purely Jewish custom was in any way putting the Gospel that he taught to the Gentiles in any false position. The visit to Jerusalem is scarcely mentioned. "He went up to salute the Church, and went down to Antioch," is all that we are told. This is Paul's last visit to the Church that had originally sent him forth to the Gentiles. All through the Acts of the Apostles we see this constant pressing forward, or the moving of the pillar of fire. From Jerusalem, the centre of Christian witness moved to Antioch, from Antioch to Corinth, and now this last visit of the Apostle seems to mark the final stage of witness from this centre.

The third and last missionary journey of the Apostle has begun. "Westward Ho" seems an old battle-cry when you consider the work of Paul as he writes, "I trust to come to Rome whensoever I take my journey to Spain" (Rom xv). To me it almost seems that the Apostle Paul would have discovered America long before Christopher Columbus if he had been given a few more years of life, and if the Roman prison had not kept him fastened by a chain. Paul now pays his third visit to the Galatian churches "in order" (Acts xviii 23). We do not know his exact route, but Acts xix 1 tells us plainly that he passed through the upper parts or borders of Asia, and so arrived at Ephesus. The churches of Galatia now visited were soon to cause the Apostle much trouble, and to lead to the writing by Paul himself (Gal vi 11) of the Epistle to the Galatians. The old trouble that the Council of Jerusalem had sought to end was still making itself felt among the Gentile churches. Jewish brethren, following the footsteps of the pioneer of the Gospel, sought to bring them under the bondage of circumcision and the

law. Their credentials seemed to be most imposing, their authority beyond question, so that many a church was shaken, and moved from the sound foundation of grace to the quicksands of legalism and ritual. Jerusalem, which had once been the centre from which the Gospel went forth, had now become the place from which a blight goes out that was to bring much pain to the disciples of Galatia, and a sharp rebuke from their spiritual father. Consider well the warning of Galatians i 6-9, and be on guard to challenge any other Gospel that shews itself, because even in our day, and following this grand movement of the Spirit of God, there are those who come along at times to preach a Gospel that runs contrary to the Gospel of the grace of God as revealed in the writings of the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Aquila and Priscilla.

While Paul is employed on the final visit, Aquila and Priscilla are occupied in Ephesus. A Jew of Alexandria had lately arrived in the city and his preaching had caused a great stir. There are a great many people in the world who are prepared to accept a preacher if he is eloquent, or if he is full of zeal. They expect these qualities to overcome and make up for lack of knowledge. Yet of this man Apollos we are told that he was in high reputation as an eloquent and forceful speaker (verse 24), mighty in the Scriptures, full of fervent zeal, diligent and bold. Yet he was ignorant of the great facts of the Gospel and only knew of the baptism of John. All the good qualities mentioned did not counter-balance his ignorance, or assist him to lift his disciples any higher than he himself had attained (Acts xix 3). Possibly he knew nothing of the death of the Lord Jesus, nor of His resurrection, and certainly his followers did not know anything about the Holy Spirit. They had never heard of such a Person. It is a fact that along the banks of the Tigris and the Euphrates, especially around Amara, there are some of the followers of John the Baptist to this day, so it need not surprise us that in the early years of this dispensation preachers should be found who were still proclaiming the message of John. Aquila and his wife providentially met Apollos, and became the means in God's hands of correcting the serious defects in this man's preaching. It seems to me that such a job would require (and does still) a considerable amount of skill and tact, and that they were able to do it so well speaks volumes for these two beloved Christians, who were able not only to turn out tents but teachers, "knowing the way of the Lord more perfectly." Many in our day meet teachers and preachers who to their way of thinking are defective in knowledge, but the effect of their contact is not to teach them the

way of the Lord more perfectly, but to pick holes and throw bricks. Try Priscilla's recipe and Aquila's patience next time you meet a zealous, learned, eloquent, yet ignorant preacher, and see if the result is not different from that of faultfinding and stone-throwing.

His Grace Suffices

In a paper printed in India, we read this story of a bed-ridden saint. Such cases may well serve to warn us of assuming any extreme position as to Divine healing, for some of the most powerful influences for God emanate from the chambers of the afflicted, nor can we say that either sin or unbelief holds them there.

"On my arrival from China," wrote a missionary, "I received a letter asking me to call and see an invalid. I knew he was blind, but I was not prepared to see what I did see. He was lying upon the bed, every joint in his body immovable, unable to turn in any direction. His jaw was locked, so that it necessitated the removal of his front teeth to insert the spout of his feeding cup. His whole body was as stiff as a log of wood, but his mind was full of vigour, and his heart was full of the grace of service. For twenty-nine years he has lain thus, fed only on liquid foods. For twenty-two years he has been blind. Is it possible that such an one as he could do anything to help others? Listen. Seventeen blind children are supported by his efforts in India. Ten in China. A blind Biblewoman in Korea. A blind boy in the Sudan. A blind boy in Fiji. A blind Biblewoman in Jaffa. Three hundred pounds a year is received in answer to prayer by that faithful, sightless, silent, paralyzed disciple in that little shut-in room in Melbourne.

"There has been sent to me, like the agony of impalement, Satan's angel dealing blow after blow. I have besought the Lord to rid me of him, but His reply has been, 'My grace suffices for you, for power matures in weakness.' Most gladly therefore, will I boast of my infirmities rather than complain of them, in order that Christ's power may overshadow me."

ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

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



Wrenthorpe Reports to hand from this Northern branch shew deep and deepening interest in and love for the Word of God. The young people are keen to dig into the depths of the Divine Word, and discover the spiritual wealth that awaits the diligent seeker.

Watford Much blessing rests upon the work in this branch. Recently we had a question night, the questions were from the pulpit to the pew, and proved very helpful. A discussion on difficulties in the workshop also proved a great help, and brought much profit. The open-air work is also much blessed. We praise God for all His mercies, and pray that "Watford may flourish by the preaching of the Word and the praising of His Name"—E E

Belfast, Saunders Street. With hearts full of gratitude to God we can say as we send in another report, that through His grace the Crusaders of the Cross on the Saunders Street frontier are still in action. The different branches of our young people's work are all making progress. With the return of summer weather, there has come a God-breathed desire to be up and doing for Him. House-to-house visitation and tract distribution have been commenced and it is encouraging to see the zeal and willingness with which the young people have tackled this work. On Saturday afternoons for the past few weeks a company of sisters have started out on an organised visitation of the streets surrounding the Tabernacle, while several brethren, armed with large text boards, have followed, holding short open-air meetings in appropriate places near.

Signs that the Lord's blessing is resting upon these efforts have already come to our notice for we know of at least one or two who have been definitely led to accept the Lord in their own homes through a word spoken as the tracts were being delivered.

We are still continuing this work, trusting that as the seed is sown the Lord will be pleased to give an abundant increase.

Ipswich Since Pastor Gaunt's arrival at Ipswich, we have completely reconstructed our Crusader branch, dividing the Crusaders into bands, and appointing a leader over each. We are now holding quarterly meetings, at which the band leaders will be requested to give reports concerning the work of each band. We are looking forward to our first quarterly meeting, knowing that many have been blessed and encouraged as they have been led to fresh fields of service for Him.

Quite recently we held an open Crusa-

der meeting, when the Crusaders were able to declare the Word of God. Three messages were given, by two sisters and one brother. These messages proved to be of much blessing to those who were privileged to listen. Musical items were also given, and our hearts were filled with holy joy, as we were able to tell of what the Lord has done for us. At the close of the service, one young man was concerned about the attitude of his heart toward God, and we believe that he definitely accepted Christ. The following week the Crusader service was taken entirely by the veterans of the assembly. The testimonies, messages and other items given were really inspiring. We praise God for this glorious service.

Pastor Gaunt's ministry has already proved to be of much blessing to the Crusaders. Many of them have expressed their appreciation of his soul-stirring messages. One message especially meant much to our young hearts. It was based on that scripture, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" and as we left that service we were determined to put God first and foremost in our lives.

On Monday evenings we have been holding open-air services in the town suburbs and nearby villages. The village folk seem to be keenly interested in these services, and we count it a privilege thus to be able to tell them of Jesus and His love. The Crusaders have been attending with real loyalty the Saturday night open-air services, in the centre of the town. Here again have ringing testimonies gone forth and the Word has been proclaimed. Hundreds of tracts have been distributed amongst the crowds of bystanders. The people seem willing to accept the printed Gospel, and we find this a specially successful way of inviting strangers to the services.

We do most earnestly pray that as a result of our labours in every direction, many will come to enjoy the blessings of salvation, and to know with us that He is a Saviour worth serving and loving.—H M C

Sheffield We praise God for the steady progress maintained in connection with the Crusader work here at Sheffield. Our registered number of members increases each week, and it says much for the reality of their experience when the light nights, with all their legitimate allurements fail to draw these young people from their attendance at the meetings. With the departure of Pastor Kitching for Blackpool and the incoming of Pastor Newsham, God has by no means withdrawn His hand, and great times of blessing are being witnessed. At a recent Crusader meeting, which was thrown open so that the veterans might come along and see what kind of progress our young people were making, a splendid time of fellowship was spent. The meeting was termed, "Topical Night," and six of our Crusaders, three sisters and three brethren, were the speakers. Each of these chose a topic

out of a given morning paper, related the case and drew out the significance in the light of Scripture, and then applied the message to the hearts of the hearers. The variety of the messages, and the way they were handled and delivered, proved indeed very interesting, and they were well received by a large and appreciative congregation. Although the majority of our Crusaders are as yet babes in the Gospel feeding on the milk of the Word, yet one is delighted by the manner in which they come forward either to sing, give testimony, or speak for a few minutes. It promises well for the extension of the Elim work in the future, if the Lord tarry.—S H

A Week at the Glossop Convention

We had a glorious holiday, in the presence of the Lord at Bethrapha, Glossop, the first week of the Convention. Every morning from ten to twelve, we had a Bible study by Pastor Corry.

Not only had we a spiritual blessing, but in the afternoon we had rambles over the beautiful country. One could look round from the hills and picture our Lord preaching His sermon on the mount. Mrs. Saxon Walshaw's message was a great blessing to our souls, and the waiting meetings held under her supervision resulted in many receiving the Baptism during the Convention.

On the Tuesday and Wednesday Pastors McAvoy and Fardell joined us in the rambles, and in the evening continued the blessing by their most interesting and spiritual sermons. In the home we were spiritually profited, four of us received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND IT.

"He read all the words of the book of the covenant" (II Kings xxiii 2)

I supposed I knew my Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapters of Isaiah,
Certain Psalms, the twenty-third,
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs—

Yes, I thought I knew the Word!
But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar

When I read the Bible through
You who like to play at Bible,
Dip and dabble, here and there,
Just before you kneel, weary,
And yawn through a hurried prayer,

You who treat the Crown of Writings
As you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude, impatient look—
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view
You will kneel in very rapture,
When you read the Bible through!

—Amos R Wells

Concise Comments & Interesting Items

Germany's appointment of Herr von Papen as virtual dictator of all her affairs is a dramatic world development. Many are wondering whether he will become another Mussolini. It is thought that Hitler is in favour of the move.

Meanwhile a leading editorial in the "Daily Express" draws attention to the fact that the Hitlerites are bitterly opposed to the Jews. "Perish Judea!" is the slogan of the Hitlerites. The editorial says:

"Jewish tradesmen and professional classes are boycotted, Jewish workmen are victimised, Jewish citizens thrashed, and Jewish property sabotaged. Hitlerism in its violent course has become a juggernaut for the Jews."

The outstanding discernment of the editorial is found in these words:

"What purpose can this savage persecution serve? Germany cries out for a policy to save her, not a pogrom."

"'Perish Judea!' is the slogan of the Hitlerites."

"If they prevail it will be the epitaph of Germany."

In the words, "If they prevail it will be the epitaph of Germany," is found the constant teaching of Scripture that the enemies of the Jews will sooner or later themselves come under the chastening hand of God.

The Keswick Convention has once more drawn its crowds to listen to its message of victory and power in Christ.

Bishop Taylor Smith in one of his addresses on "Walking with God," gave this delightfully simple and yet effective illustration:

"Another incident happened by the way—how delightfully helpful these in-

cidents are—a few young men with a ma den were walking down the main street towards the town when all at once she stopped. Without stepping aside on to the footpath, she took off her shoe and shook out the bit of grit that had troubled her. I said to her, "Never allow anything to hinder your walk." How many would have gone limping along, too proud to stop in the midst of the company and in the middle of the street and tortured themselves all the way till they reached their residence, and then found a hole in their stocking and perhaps blood in their sock. Oh, the foolishness of those who come to Keswick, who do not deal at once with that which hinders! She was all right and she stepped out nimbly, but she taught a valuable lesson to me."

Moody used to tell a good story about Keswick. The Rev. Herbert Lockyer reminds us of it in a review on the Keswick movement:

"On one of my visits to England I found in a certain town that a leading Christian worker was one of the most cankerous of men that I had ever met. At my next visit, some time afterward, I found this man completely altered, and filled with the love of God. I asked another friend what had happened to him, and got the reply, 'He has been to Keswick.' Then I said, 'I only wish all other Christians would go to Keswick too, and get their hearts filled in the same way with the love of God.'"

If God forgot the world for just one day what would happen? The "Philadelphia Church News" asks the question in the following form:

"If God forgot the world, forgot—for just one day—forgot to send the sunshine, and change the night to day, forgot to make the flowers grow, forgot

the birds and bees, forgot to send the sweetness of the south wind in the trees, forgot to give us friendships, forgot to send us rain, forgot to give the children play, forgot to soften pain, what would happen to this world and us? Would we still be gay? If God should forget—forgot for just one day?"

The railways are experiencing bad times. Is it because of their attitude to the Lord's Day? A striking paragraph in the "English Churchman" gives much food for thought. It says:

"The railway companies are experiencing to the full the effect of hard times, and are embarking on various schemes of economy to stave off disaster. They do not, however, think of enquiring how far their misfortunes are the fruit of their own wrong-doing. Some years ago railway work on the Lord's Day was reduced to a minimum. Of late years there has been a tremendous increase in the amount of Sunday excursion traffic. At every important station advertisements of Sunday excursions abound, and all sorts of inducements are held out to the public to take advantage of the extraordinary facilities afforded. Keen competition between the railways and the motor coaches knows no cessation, but rather an increase on the Day of Rest. All this tends to an increasing disregard of the Divine purpose for which the Day was first instituted, and a disregard and contempt for God's ordinances have always resulted in national misfortune and calamity."

The ticking of a clock may be considered as Old Time with his chisel chipping off a portion of our existence.



A WOMAN came to a minister, carrying in her hands a quantity of wet sand. "Do you see what this is, sir?" she said.

"Yes. It is wet sand."

"But do you know what it means?"

"I do not know exactly what you mean by it. What is it?"

"Ah, sir!" she said, "that's me, and the multitude of my sins can't be numbered", and she gave way to passionate weeping.

The minister, calming her, asked her where she had procured the sand.

"At the Beacon."

"Go back then, and take a spade with you, and dig till you raise a good mound, shovel it as high as ever you can and leave it. Stand back on the shore and see the effect of the waves upon it."

The meaning came home to the woman. The Blood of Christ would wash all her sins away. "The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

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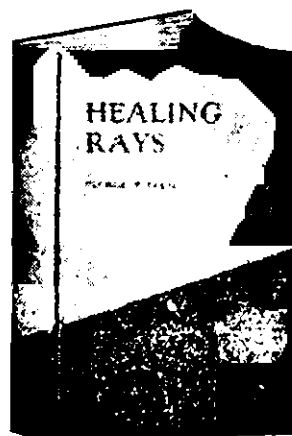
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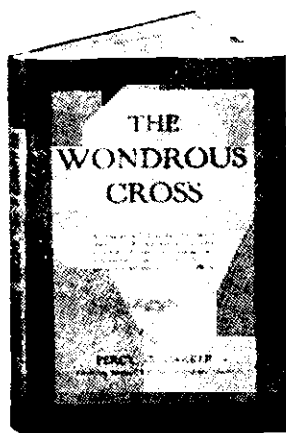
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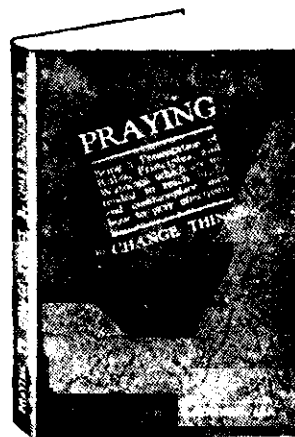
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