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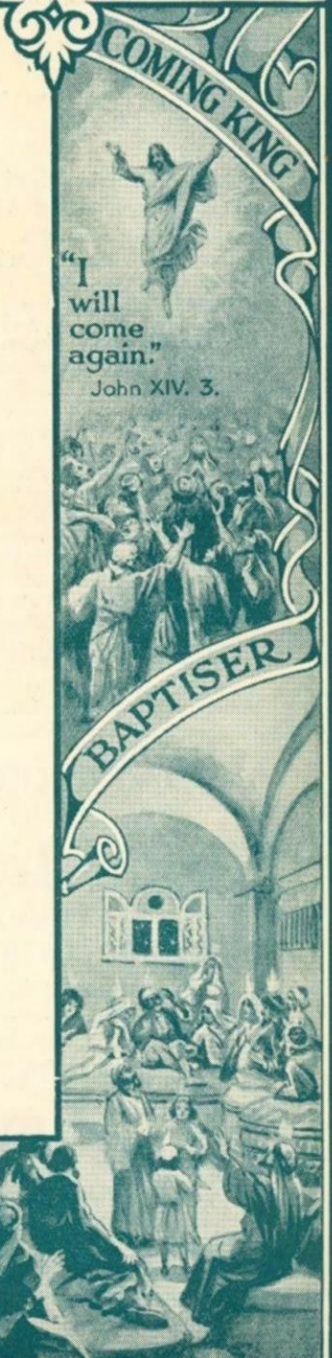
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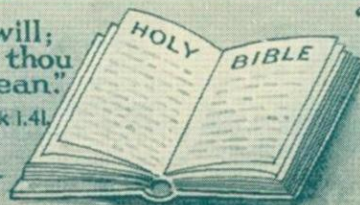
HIS LOT

"They all forsook Him and fled."—Mark xiv. 50.

He had walked with them, talked with them,
Lived with them too ;
Yet they all forsook Him and fled.
He had dared for them, cared for them,
Healed them anew ;
Yet they all forsook Him and fled.

He had wept with them, slept with them,
Loved o'er and o'er ;
Yet they all forsook Him and fled.
He was tried for them, died for them,
Crucified sore ;
Yet they all forsook Him and fled.

—FRANCES URE



"I will;
be thou
clean."
Mark 1.41.

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

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DOWLAIS. Feb. 24—26. Elim Tabernacle, Ivor Street. Bible School Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

EALING. Feb. 22. Cranmer Hall, Cranmer Avenue. Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

GRIMSBY. Feb. 10—12. Elim Hall, Tunnard Street. Bible School Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

HULL. Feb. 17—19. City Temple, Hessele Road, corner of Madeley Road. Bible School Campaign by Principal P. G. Parker.

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The Elim Evangel

AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

The *Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance* was founded by Principal George Jeffreys, its present leader, in Ireland, in the year 1915. 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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“I am Nothing”

By ANDREW MURRAY

HERE we have the secret of being “in nothing behind the chiefest apostles,” in nothing behind even the Apostle Paul himself. That secret is, “I am nothing” (II Cor xii 11)

And why? Because “God hath chosen the things that are not.” And why is this? “That no flesh should glory in His presence.” And that, as it is written, “He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

God is the All in all. It is His as God to work everything. We are to work, but in the consciousness that “it is God who worketh in us to will and to do.” We are to work, but in such a faith in His inworking that all care as to our own strength, all fear as to our own weakness, all pride as to our own performances, shall utterly disappear. We are to work, under the apparently depressing, but actually inspiring conviction—I am nothing, God is all.

This was the secret of Paul's joy, and strength, and success. Hear him speak about the high aim of his ministry to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus, “whereunto I labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.” He had heard and learned like the Psalmist before him,

“POWER BELONGETH UNTO GOD”

Not as well to God as to others, not to God more than to others, not to God chiefly—no, to God, and God alone. And so the paradox is true to its full extent, “When I am weak, then am I strong.” “In nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I am nothing.” The fittest instrument for God to use is—nothing, a man who is nothing before Him.

“If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.” What a terrible self-deception, and how universal! We think ourselves something—at times very feeble, at other times somewhat stronger—but how little we have learned to rest and rejoice, and find our strength in being—nothing!

But what does this mean? Is it not strange that a man with all his wondrous God-given powers of mind, and will, and heart, should be called to think

himself, yea, actually to be—nothing? It does, indeed, appear strange and impossible, until one learns really to know what God is, and what our relation to Him as creatures is. We cannot repeat it too often or too earnestly, that the creature can have no true existence, or blessedness, or glory, but in this—that he is a vessel made to contain God, to have God filling him, and working in him all that he is to be or to do. It is this that constitutes man's being the image and likeness of God, this alone can constitute it, that God lives out in creaturely form the divine life He has in Himself. As the soul sees this, it cannot but say, in the deepest, truest, fullest sense of the words—I am nothing, God is All.

I am nothing. There are some who, in all their Bible study and Christian experience, have never yet come across this word. It has

NEVER YET REACHED THEM

with its searching, condemning, humbling power. There are others who have begun to see that somewhere in this direction must lie the cause of their spiritual feebleness. And still others there are who have seen the truth, but whose deepest consciousness is that they are not yet nothing. And some, to whom God has in their measure taught what He wrought in Paul and who, in childlike simplicity and Christ-like humility in all their work for God, as they look forward to it, or back upon it when done, do breathe the very spirit of the word—I am nothing. These all equally need ever to be reminded afresh of the secret of strength and success, and to study the way in which they come. It is that strange path which our Lord pointed out when He said “Nothing of Myself,” which He opened up for us when He went into the grave, and in which His Spirit leads the upright.

I am nothing. When first the soul has to say this, the words are ordinarily the expression of disappointment and failure. Have I not been doing my very best to work out my salvation, or to secure the salvation of others? Have I not—as they look forward to, or back upon it when done—prayed and pleaded

the promises, and put my trust in God alone? Have I not looked to God to make of me something He could take pleasure in and use? Alas! I seem to go backward where I hoped to advance, and to hinder where I wanted to help. I have nothing, and can do nothing; it seems as if I am of no account in God's sight—a mere nothing." And the soul does not know that this experience is just one of

GOD'S MOST PRECIOUS LESSONS,

and that to be nothing will be the only way to let God be all.

When we begin to learn this, then the words get a new meaning, they become those of consent and surrender. How we fight against this! How we struggle to be something, as we think, to His glory! The truth has been accepted theoretically, we are and must be nothing. But how far are we from really being nothing? Our whole natural life, the greater part of the religion around us, and so much of our own Christian experience, has tended to foster and please and strengthen self; we find it hard to deny it, harder still to be free from it, and to be nothing before God. One often begins in downright earnest the practice of self-denial and humility, but it is as if there is a hydra-headed monster within; for every head we cut off, a hundred others rise. And again the soul, that had so heartily consented and surrendered itself to be nothing, has to be brought in despair to learn that however it longs and strives after it, it cannot make itself nothing. One would think that the confession of nothingness would be the most natural thing possible when once we believe our utter sinfulness, and yet it is one of the highest works of grace to bring into it. Nothing can do this but the Cross of Christ, and the fellowship of His death. When He died and was buried, He lay there in absolute helplessness and dependence, waiting on the Father. To be crucified with Christ, and enter into His death—this is the only way to true nothingness.

When we begin to see this, that it is along a

fuller conformity to Christ that can help us, the word becomes one of

FAITH AND CONFIDENCE.

"I am nothing," as "Christ is all." Even as He allowed God to be All in all to Him, and to work all in Him, so that He did nothing of Himself, so now God in Him is to work all in me. Each new discovery of my nothingness, each deeper insight into the All of God as exhibited by Christ, each fresh apprehension of Christ's Cross as the death and end of human life, and the entrance into a life in which the power of God is more fully revealed, simply leads to a deeper, quiet, and a stronger faith, and a more assured confidence that God is working in us and through us, and will yet more abundantly work, all that is pleasing in His sight. And so the word becomes through this faith one of perfect peace and rest, of ever-increasing joy and strength. To the soul that can say, "I am nothing," God says, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." God is All and in all.

Beloved fellow-workers, as we look back at our work, and see what God has done, let us say in childlike humility and praise, "I am nothing." As we think of what God might have done, let us say, "Lord, teach me fully to know I am nothing." As we look around on believers, and our intercourse with them, let us cry, "Blessed Lord, make us all nothing in Thy presence, and let the gentleness, and tenderness, and meekness of our life prove it to our brethren. As we look forward to work to be done, let us remember

THE SECRET OF ALL BLESSING

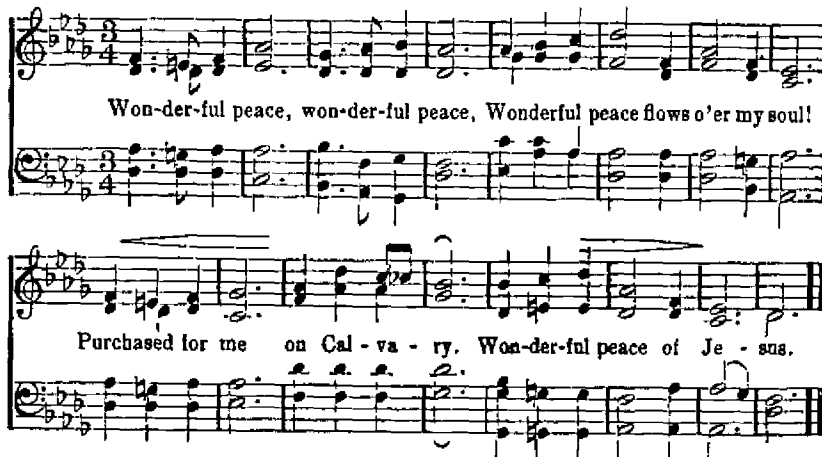
and power. "Not a whit behind the chiefest apostles, though I am nothing."

Oh, the blessedness of being nothing, allowing God to work out His will and likeness, to breathe His Spirit and love through our whole being! Oh, the blessedness of being nothing, yielded up to God to work through us among men just what He will! Let us ask ourselves and each other, "Lord, give us this grace in large measure—to be nothing, that Thy glory may be revealed."

Wonderful Peace

B A B

BENJ A BAUR



Won-der-ful peace, won-der-ful peace, Wonderful peace flows o'er my soul!

Purchased for me on Cal - va - ry. Won-der-ful peace of Je - sus.

Bible Study Helps

TIMELY WORDS

1 Good Words.

"A good word maketh the heart glad" (Prov xii 23)

2 Seasonable Words.

"A word spoken in season, how good is it" (Prov xv 23)

3. Fitting Words.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov xxv 11)

4. Wise Words

"Understand the words of the wise" (Prov i 6)

5 Pleasant Words.

"The words of the pure are pleasant words" (Prov xv 26)

6. Gracious Words.

"The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious" (Eccl x 12)

7. Fixing Words.

"The words of the wise are as goads and as nails" (Eccl xii 11) --Sel

The First Christian Martyrs

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

THE history of the Christian Church has been a history of martyrdom. They of whom the world was not worthy have always been ready to lay down their lives for Christ's sake, and from the time of Stephen to the present day the Christian Church has never lacked those who have witnessed a good confession by laying down their lives for the love of Christ.

In the Book of Acts we take a sudden leave of the blessed Paul. He arrived at Rome in A.D. 61, stayed there two years in an easy imprisonment, and then was acquitted.

A little later (July 19th-28th, A.D. 64) Rome was destroyed by a fire which lasted nine days, for which the Emperor Nero blamed the Christians, and a dreadful persecution resulted. Christians were dressed in skins of beasts, and torn in pieces by dogs, others were clad in clothes

SMEARED WITH WAX SULPHUR AND PITCH,

with a stake under their chins to keep them upright, and then to amuse the people were set on fire in the public gardens.

In A.D. 68 Paul was again arrested and imprisoned, and finally beheaded.

In the same year the Apostle James (called "The Just"), the first Bishop of Jerusalem, a venerable old man about ninety years of age, was thrown from a gable of the Temple, and died praying for his murderers.

About thirty years after Nero's persecution, another began under Domitian. At this time (A.D. 95) John was banished to Patmos, where he wrote the Revelation.

Under the next Emperor, Trajan, Ignatius was cruelly put to death. He was condemned to be taken to Rome, and given to the wild beasts at the public games. He implored that no efforts be made by Christians to save him from martyrdom. "I am the wheat of God," he said, "let me be ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the true bread of Christ. Rather encourage the wild beasts to become my tomb, lest when dead I may be a burden to any of you." He had his wish. He was given to the lions in the amphitheatre on a public holiday.

In the reign of Antoninus the notable Justin Martyr suffered. Refusing to offer sacrifice to the false gods at Rome, he was scourged and afterwards beheaded.

In A.D. 161, a fierce persecution broke out under Marcus Aurelius. Many Christians were cast into the arena to be

TORN TO PIECES BY LIONS.

A lad named Germanicus fought so bravely with a lion that the Proconsul begged him to save his life by recanting. This, however, he refused to do, and further provoking the lion he was soon slain.

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, was martyred at this

time. He was about 100 years old. When the Proconsul told him to revile Christ he replied, "Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and He has never done me wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Saviour?" The people clamoured for him to be burnt, and rushing to the baths, seized the scented wood for his pyre. The flames swayed round his body like the sails of a ship, but did not touch him. Polycarp was heard thanking God that he had been counted worthy to drink of Christ's cup.

In A.D. 177, a terrible persecution arose in Lyons and Vienne. Every outrage was heaped upon the Christians. Many died in filthy dungeons. The good Bishop Pothinus, ninety years old, was scourged, kicked and pelted by the mob, and died after two days' brutality. At this time also suffered the Christian slave Blandina. Her body was subjected to the most excruciating sufferings that her enemies could devise, but although she was three times publicly tortured, all they could wring from her was, "I am a Christian, and no wickedness is done among us." She rejoiced at the approach of death. She was stretched on a cross,

SCREWED IN AN IRON CHAIR,

thrown to the beasts, and finally tied up in a net, and gored to death by a bull. Her body, like that of other martyrs, was thrown to the dogs, and the fragments burnt or cast into the Rhone.

Two African saints died for their Master at Carthage in the years A.D. 202. Their names were Perpetua and Felicitas. Perpetua, only twenty-two years of age, was a young lady of noble family; Felicitas was a slave. They were imprisoned in a dark and filthy dungeon, exposed to the insults of the brutal soldiers. In the prison Perpetua had a vision of a golden ladder reaching to heaven, but around it were swords, lances, and hooks, and it was guarded by a mighty dragon. In the name of Christ she conquered the dragon, and when she reached the top of the ladder she found herself in a beautiful garden where saints in white robes were standing. She understood from the dream that she was to die. They were both sentenced to be thrown to the wild beasts, and were led into the theatre rejoicing, Perpetua singing psalms. They were hung up in a net, and gored by a wild cow.

In the reign of Severus (A.D. 211) many Christians were flung to the wild beasts, or burnt alive. The Emperor Decius (A.D. 250) endeavoured to exterminate the Christians. Tortures were used to impel them to recant. Several imprisoned bishops

DIED FROM ILL-USAGE,

among them Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem. The famous Origen was loaded with chains and stretched on a rack, but the tortures could bring neither murmurs nor groans from this "man of steel," as he was called.

One of the foremost of the martyrs at this period

was Fabian, Bishop of Rome Dioscuros of Alexandria, a boy of fifteen, offered himself for martyrdom, but the prefect of the city, out of pity for his youth, refused to allow him to be killed

In the reign of Valerian there suffered the noble Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage when the Proconsul sentenced him to death he said, "Thank God" He was beheaded without showing any kind of distress or fear

Under Diocletian persecutions broke out every-

where. Christians were burnt alive, or with stones tied around their necks, thrown into the lake In A D 311 the Emperor Galerius was smitten with a fearful disease which he recognised as a judgment from God He besought the Christians to pray for him, and issued an edict stopping the persecutions After his death Maximin II still continued to ravish the Church, until finally pagan persecutions ended by the mercy of God in the conversion to Christianity of the Emperor Constantine

Will Christ Come for a Few Only?

By M. E. S. WINGATE

IF Christians must have some special qualification for the rapture, or, if dead, for the first resurrection, all the joy of anticipation of Christ's coming is changed into poignant anxiety as to whether or not we shall be found worthy Let us read I Thessalonians iv. 14, so as to bring in the selective rapture, putting the necessary words into brackets "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so [some of] them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Suppose a Thessalonian believer had lost a Christian son The father is sorrowing as to how and when he will see his boy again We are to suppose the apostle saying, "Do not sorrow [some of] them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Would that comfort the father? Even had the son's Christian life been merely an average one, there would be

THE TORTURING DOUBT

that he had not qualified for the first resurrection

Similarly verse 16 "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout and [some of] the dead in Christ shall rise first Then [some of] us which are alive and remain shall be caught up with [some of] them to meet the Lord in the air Wherefore comfort one another " Could they? There would be scant comfort in that for most of us

Next, I Corinthians xv 23 "Christ the firstfruits, afterward [some of] those that are Christ's at His coming" Verse 51 of this chapter excludes any selection by its two "alls," but not verse 52, which will read thus "The trumpet shall sound and [some

of] the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and [some of] us shall be changed" So Colossians iii 4

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall [some of] you also appear with Him in glory" And II Thessalonians ii 1 "We beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord, and by the gathering of [some of] us unto Him, that ye be not troubled"

Surely our hearts, as well as our understandings, will revolt from the robbing of all comfort that ensues from such an interpretation of these glorious passages Instead of eagerly awaiting the Bridegroom, His Bride must anxiously await

THE RESULT OF A TEST.

May we not humbly infer that if the Holy Spirit had intended to teach a selective resurrection, and a rapture of a special class, He would have guided His servant to some clear expression of it?

But perhaps the strongest argument of all against the leaving behind of any of the Lord's own people, however unworthy, is found in the completely Jewish character of the testimony that succeeds the rapture

The rapture is never named among the rewards God's best things He always gives us we do not earn them, and as with salvation, the rapture and the first resurrection seem to turn on the possession of eternal life, and to be all of grace, not of works —Pentecostal Evangel

The Twelfth Annual Elm Easter Convention in London commences on Good Friday, 30th March. Are you coming?

"When Ye See These Things . . .!"

The number of man. Referring to the sin of immorality one strikingly says "One would almost conclude that the number of man was sex, sex, sex, not six, six, six

The strength of Protestantism in Germany is said to be 40,000,000 members, 10,000 churches, chapels and meeting places, 17,000 pastors and 16,000 full-time deacons Which will win—Hitler's power or the Church's prayer?

One who had lived in Russia says "A shiver goes down my back every

time I read the name Litvinoff, Kalmun, and others in the papers Having lived in Russia, I know that from their hands Christian blood, and the blood of right-thinking people is dripping"

Mussolini said to 35,000 Blackshirts: "Raise your banners and arms under the Roman sun in salute to the Fascist march which will continue from Italy along the roads of Europe and the world We are an ancient race which three times in history has given to a confused world

words which had to be listened to and which it will listen to again"

Five thousand pastors are fighting Hitler in Germany The "Daily Express" cleverly and clearly sums up the position It says "There is the first fully-fledged challenge to the Nazi regime Hitler must either give in or give up The issue is this The pastors says that Jews and Gentiles, members of the Church, are equal in the sight of God The Nazis deny it"

The Pope has ordered all Roman Catholic doctors in Germany to resort to every possible means to defeat the new Nazi law for the compulsory sterilization of the unfit. Here is another challenge to the power of Hitler. Practically all the Church, Roman Catholic and Protestant, are now defying Hitler and his laws. It is a case of the Church versus the State. It will be interesting to watch the outcome.

Earthquakes in divers places. As we go to press, news comes to hand of a great earthquake in India with a heavy death-roll. Later reports brings news of an earthquake assuming serious proportions in China. The dykes of the Yellow River, China's "River of Sorrows," have been broken down thus letting the floods loose over the low-lying lands. Famine, disease and death on a huge scale will naturally result. Surely these are the beginning of sorrows."

mourning, lasted for thirty hours, in which time eight and a quarter inches of rain fell."

Hitler's attitude to the Church is clearly set forth in a paragraph taken from "The Pentecostal Testimony."

"Already the German Chancellor would deny any man the privilege of kneeling before the cross unless the swastika, emblem of German Fascism, is nailed to its head. This spirit was expressed by the Nazi German Christian Pastor Weineke of Soldin, 'The swastika and the cross of Christ belong together.' Nazism dethrones Christ as the Head of the Church, and places pagan Hitler there. The first Federal Congress of the German Christians enunciated the principle 'The State under Adolf Hitler calls to the Church and the Church must heed the call.' Hitler would thus make the Church subservient to the State and attempt to combine paganism with the faith of Christ."

America's trade agreement with Russia has resulted in fear lest she will drift toward Communism. One strong writer says "Christian people! It is time to pray that the drift away from Christian democracy toward Communism in our country shall be stopped. Regardless of what changes may be necessary at the seat of our national government, pray that the minds of the masses shall be purified and strengthened against this evil."

Floods occurred in Los Angeles, California, through a cloudburst early in the New Year. Reports concerning the havoc wrought state that "forty-four bodies of flood victims have been recovered. It is feared the total death-roll will reach 100. The number of injured reached nearly 300, while 3,000 homes, at least, were flooded. The damage is estimated at £1,000,000. The debris was strewn in the streets and in the parks. The cloudburst, which turned New Year revels into

The Spiritualist

A True Incident.

By Rev COURTHOPE TODD

FOR almost a year I had been working for the Master as chaplain in a mining camp abroad, and God had been pleased to own the efforts put forth, so that many of the British experts and their families had received spiritual blessing. There were some, however, whom, from one reason or another, I had been unable to reach, for in that community there were "all sorts and conditions of men. Not a few sheltered their indifference under the excuse that they were "of a different creed," or "held peculiar views," which would "make it impossible for them to attend public worship."

One day a lady, with whom I had never yet held conversation, called at my house. After the usual courteous preliminaries, she produced a small pamphlet, and remarked "I wish you would read this journal carefully, and let me know what you think of its contents."

I looked at it, and saw at once that it was one of the literary organs of the spiritualists. I went to my bookshelf, and taking down a marked Testament, handed it to her, and said "I will comply with your request if you, on your part, will do me the favour to study this little Book."

She glanced at it curiously, and replied "I may as well confess that I am a believer in psychic force, that I receive revelations and

hinged in mind—because they have pried into matters with which we, in our faith, are not intended to concern ourselves."

A sarcastic smile played on her face, but I followed up what I had said with the suggestion "If you will come to our service next Sunday morning, I will preach on the subject, and I trust, by the blessing of God, you may become convinced that you are in error."

"That's a fair bargain," said she, holding out her hand. "I believe from what I have heard of you that you are a man of your word, that you will not condemn without due investigation, and that your sermon will be the result of earnest and judicious study. Yes, I will come. And meanwhile I will read this Testament, though I am bound to say I consider the teaching of Christianity—like that of other old religions—too antiquated for these enlightened days."

We parted, and, in great hope that another soul would be ingathered, I studied for the following Sunday with ever more care than was my wont. I found that the Bible had far more to say about

"FAMILIAR SPIRITS AND WIZARDS,

about nectomancy, and the like, than I had known before.

My wife joined with me in much prayer for this lady, and I went into the pulpit, as I believed, fully equipped, prepared to discourse on that strange narrative, "The Witch of Endor."

As I looked over my congregation, however, I made the discovery that the lady for whom I had been specially preparing was not there. No, she was conspicuous by her absence, and I felt "What is the use of preaching that sermon when there is no spiritualist present?" But more strongly came home to my soul the dictate from my Master "Preach the

MANIFESTATIONS FROM THE OTHER WORLD.

Have you ever taken the trouble to inquire into these marvellous phenomena?"

"Yes, I know something about spiritism, but I regard its teaching as dangerous, and any meddling with the unseen world as disobedience to the mind and will of God, as revealed in His Word. I have, alas, known those who have drifted far from His truth, and lost the peace they once had—and even become un-

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions

Sunday, February 11th. Matthew ix 35-38, x 1-15

"He was moved with compassion" (verse 36)

It was the tired, scattered multitude which moved the Lord with compassion. Our portion says that the multitude "fainted." It is interesting to note that the margin says "they were tired and lay down." The fact of tiredness in itself does not create sympathy. Tiredness is timely at eventide. Tiredness is even pleasurable when we can throw ourselves down on a feather bed and sleep. It is tiredness out of place which is so pathetic. Some people always feel tired—all day long they are physically, mentally, spiritually tired. The Saviour can remove tiredness. He can revive us in body, mind and spirit. Morning by morning we need the reviving of God. We can expect such a reviving because His compassions fail not. He can turn limp lifelessness into leaping life.

Monday, February 12th. Matthew x 16-31

"Beware of men" (verse 17)

Of the Lord Jesus it was said He would not commit Himself to men because He knew what was in them. He knew the deceitfulness of man. He knew that man could hide a wolf's heart beneath a lamb's coat. He knew that the friend of to-day could become the enemy of to-morrow. He knew that the reasoning and judgment of man was defective because man's insight into the future was defective. Therefore He preferred to move amongst men with His heart listening in to heaven. It is the safe way for us also. We have to move amongst men. We see their thoughts reflected upon their faces, we hear their words, we listen to their arguments and their persuasive compliments. Only as we are in constant communion with our heavenly headquarters can we maintain a secure contact with men. Trust God—but beware of men!

Tuesday, February 13th Matthew x 32-42

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth" (verse 34)

There cannot be perfect peace until there is final victory. When the Cross of Christ triumphs then there will be peace—but only then. Meanwhile the fight is on. Every convert becomes a soldier. His loyalty to King Jesus must be greater than loyalty to parents, friends, or country. Every soldier can have peace in the heart, but a soldier cannot expect to live in the midst of peaceful surroundings. Don't be surprised if your stand for Christ stirs up opposition and en-

Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

mity. The name of Jesus has brought spiritual peace and life to millions, but it has also brought material loss and physical death to millions. Face up to life like a soldier. Be prepared for sacrifice and loss. An ideal soldier suffers but does not complain.

Wednesday, February 14th. Matthew xi 1-19

"Art Thou He that should come?" (verse 3)

Depressing circumstances challenge faith. On the banks of the Jordan it was easy to believe that Jesus was the Christ, but in a miserable prison it was far more difficult. Faith can live in a park, but can faith live in a prison? John was once the surest preacher of Christ, but the preacher's faith faded before the mysteries of his own suffering. Our lives are crushed when our faith fails. Uncertainty concerning Christ turns the whole world into an uncertain place. We cannot afford to have a wavering faith. Therefore let us send forth the message "Art Thou He that shall come?" John's question was satisfactorily settled. So ours will be. We can have doubt about many things and feel no injury, but doubt about Him will damage every part of our being.

Thursday, February 15th. Matthew xi 20-30

"Come take . learn" (verses 28, 29)

There is something to do—come. There is something to take—His yoke. There is something to learn—His will. Consequently there is something to find—His rest. Many come to Him who do not take His yoke upon them. Taking His yoke means that we must walk by His side. Where He goes we must go. Then as we walk by His side we learn of Him. It is not sufficient to come. We first come to Him for rest from sin. Then we must be yoked with Him for service. As we daily share the yoke with Him then we daily share His communion and His rest. We lose our usefulness and our rest when we slip from under His yoke.

Friday, February 16th. Matthew xii 1-21

"It is lawful to do well on the sabbath" (verse 12)

It is always lawful to do well. There is not a moment of any day when we are exempted from doing well. Especially should we look upon Sunday as an opportunity for doing well. Yet we should remember that there are opportunities for doing well on week-days that never come to us on Sundays. There

are shop assistants, office workers, messenger boys, lift attendants, bus conductors, ticket inspectors, porters, and so forth who are the associates of our week-day life. If we form the habit of doing well to these on six days a week then the habit will remain with us on the seventh day. Opportunities of well-doing are ours seven days a week. See to it that every day some cold hands of the world are warmed at the love-fire of your heart.

Saturday, February 17th. Matthew xii 22-37

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (verse 34)

What is it that abounds in our hearts? The heart should be filled with an abundance of love—love to God, love to the Church, love to the world, love to our enemies. When love abounds in our hearts then we are conscious of it, and so are others. Love cannot shut itself in. Love flows out in words of comfort and courage and acts of thoughtfulness and generosity. Love in the heart is vocal. Love cannot be silent. Love must let others know that it loves them. Love fills the air with golden words. Love is most loving when circumstances are most trying. Love is at its best in the sick room and the sorrow-reft home. Love does not noisily advertise itself, but when love fills the heart the fact is always noised abroad.

George Smith's "Failure"

A Moravian missionary named George Smith went to Africa. He had been there but a short time and had only one convert, a poor woman, when he was driven from the country. They found this man dead one day. He had died praying for the Dark Continent. Failure? And yet when they celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of that mission they learned that a company, accidentally stumbling upon a place where he had prayed, had found the copy of the Scriptures he had left. They also found one aged woman who was his convert. They sought to sum up his brief life, and reckoned more than thirteen thousand living converts that had sprung from that life which seemed such a failure.—
Dr A J Gordon

The presence of difficulties and trials and hardships in our Christian lives do not necessarily mean that we have lost our way. Be assured that the Devil is going to dispute every inch of the way, but he fights as a defeated foe.

Give Us Expository Sermons

A MAN was one day trying to hang a picture for his wife, and, not having a step-ladder, was trying to balance himself on a pile of books stacked upon a rather weak chair. He had hammered the plaster all about the nail but could not get the nail driven in. "John," said the wife, "hit it one brave blow and be done with it." "How can I," he asked, "standing on a foundation like this?"

That is just the trouble with much of the modern preaching. It has lost its divine foundation and is trying to stand on mere human speculation. It is the man who stands firmly upon the Word of God, and has a "Thus saith the Lord" for all he says, who can say something with force, and see conviction and conversion as a result.

If you want a life-sized photograph of the Apostle Peter, a man who had a foundation, take a look at him on the day of Pentecost. Note the change that had taken place in this impetuous, unbalanced and even cowardly man, and you will have some idea of what the fulness of the Holy Spirit does for a man. He has become a burning speaker. There is something in his voice we never heard before. We had never taken him for an expositor, yet he displays a remarkable grasp of the scriptures, expounds Old Testament prophecies and sets forth the doctrine of Christ in all its fulness.

This sermon at Pentecost is full of the Bible and Christ. It begins with the Christ of Nazareth and ends with the Christ of glory. It brings out the humanity of Christ (Acts 11:22), the miracles of Christ (22), the crucifixion of Christ (23, 38), the resurrection of Christ (24), the ascension of Christ (33, 34), the Deity of Christ (36), Christ's Gift—the Holy Spirit (33, 38). Let our sermons be impregnated with the inspired Word itself and filled with the doctrine of Christ. Expository sermons are the model sermons of the Bible and we need more of that kind of preaching to-day.

Note Peter's positiveness. "He lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words. . . . Ye men of Israel, hear these words. . . . Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

What was the result? "They were pricked in their hearts and cried out." He had hit the right spot. The Word of God had not returned void. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." We need to pray for a ministry that will prick hearts. We are having too much soothing syrup. Consciences are not being disturbed. We need preachers who will expound the whole truth as it is in the Word, and let the Holy Spirit take care of it.

What Peter preached is what every minister true to his vows is supposed to preach. Change that message and give the people little sermonettes and chats on current events, and there will be no answer in the human heart, no conviction of sin and repentance.

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I DO thank God I am saved. I have also been healed by His wonderful power. I know by personal experience He is the deliverer of His people. I suffered for years with varicose



Healed of Goitre Royal Albert Hall,

I DO praise God for His wonderful healing power and His great love to me a poor sinner. I once knew Him and loved Him, but in an unguarded moment I fell away and went into deep sin. I became a heavy drinker and went back into the world, turning my back upon everything that was good. After returning to the Lord I suffered for years for my sin, my eyes became weak, one eye was closed—the sight was completely gone. I attended the Maidstone Eye Hospital for five years. I then sought the Lord for healing and praise God, I received my sight again. To God be all the glory!

From a young woman I suffered with goitre



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George Jeffreys at the
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Praise God,
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name —MRS
F. FORD
(Ashford,
Kent)

the Arena of the ndon, Easter, 1933

times I was almost choking through it
I often had to fight for breath On Easter
unday I went with some friends to the
Royal Albert Hall, London,
where Principal George Jeffreys
was holding his Foursquare
Demonstration meetings
When the invitation was given
to those who needed healing
to come to the arena for
prayer, I went forward, and
when the Principal prayed for
me the goitre disappeared
I felt a thrill go through my
whole body and I was com-
pletely healed For all the

nd has done for me I never will cease to praise
nt! My desire is to serve Him faithfully and
to win souls for His glory —(Miss) F E
LER (Ashford, Kent)

Higher Altitudes

JOHN BURROUGHS, the naturalist, said that when a hawk is attacked by crows or kingbirds, he does not made a counter attack, but soars higher and higher in ever-widening circles until his tormentors no longer feel safe to follow him, and at last leave him alone

Here is an excellent suggestion for life. It is not always heroic to fight, nor cowardly not to fight. Sometimes it is more heroic to refrain. This is what Jesus meant in His puzzling sayings about going the second mile, turning the other cheek to the smiters, and giving the cloak to one who had already taken the coat. Go out of your way, he is saying, to maintain amiable relations with others and to keep your own soul in peace. Cultivate patience, forbearance, longsuffering. They will win in the end.

The person who has achieved conspicuous success is immediately the target for attack. Jealous souls combine against him or attack him single-handed. Small minds advertise their own smallness by knocking, by imputing wrong motives, and in a multitude of ways best known to those of small calibre. The good person is sometimes thus singled out because of his very goodness.

One cannot retaliate without reducing oneself to the level of the antagonists. And usually the one attacked moves in such a sphere that he has not the time to waste in retaliation. What then must he do? Simply mount to the higher altitudes, spread the wings of the soul to those uplifting currents of patience, forbearance, self-control. Cultivate that spiritual bigness which makes it impossible to be at heart the enemy of anyone.

Paul had this spirit. He knew of those who proclaimed Christ out of jealousy and opposition, for the express purpose of tormenting him during his imprisonment. Did they succeed? Spreading the wings of his great soul, Paul soared to the higher altitudes, declaring, "Their insincerity matters not. Christ is being made known. That is the main thing. At that I rejoice."

Christ set us His own example. He was too big for small souls. He lived in too lofty an atmosphere for His enemies to reach. Born under a cloud, He was all His life the object of slanderous attack. But He lived beyond the strife of tongues. His enemies sought to entrap Him, but they could never bind His free spirit. They crucified His body, but Him they could not slay. His sublime disregard of the bondage of death, and His bodily ascension, were illustrations of the lofty soul winging its flight to the higher altitudes.

This is the victory that overcomes the world and that brings peace to the soul.



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Evolutionary or Revolutionary Evidence?

WE hear and read a great deal in these days regarding the evidences of the rocks and strata of the earth supporting and confirming the Evolutionary theory. Scientists say they can tell the date of a fossil by the depth of the strata in which it is found. These strata or layers of substances of which the earth's crust is formed are supposed to have been laid down in process of time over a period of millions of years. Thus a fossil found deep down in the earth would be reckoned to be so many million or so years old—a few million years one way or the other doesn't matter, of course.

The following paragraph, taken from a scientific treatise, gives another aspect to this. "If ages of time elapsed between the formation of the successive beds of coal, we would not find fossils of a similar character scattered through them. Nor would we find fossil trees extending through several overlying strata. In a colliery near Newcastle-on-Tyne, a fossil tree was found reaching up through ten distinct overlying strata. How could this tree have been preserved through hundreds of thousands of years, while the land was slowly subsiding into or rising above the sea?"

Here we have evidence of some great catastrophic change which took place in the distant past, such as we find suggested in Genesis i 2 or in the record of the Flood. That fossil tree piercing the ten overlying strata is, proverbially, another pin in the fantastic balloon of the Evolutionist's theory.

The Roman Heresy Unveiled.

"In the catechism of the Council of Trent it is stated that 'In the Eucharist, that which before consecration was bread and wine, becomes after consecration really and substantially the body and blood of our Lord,' so that there is neither bread nor wine left on the altar. It is strange therefore to read that after saying Mass a few days ago, Father Stanislao Boni, the 55-year-old parish priest of the village of Fabri di Montefalco, in Italy, collapsed and died in great pain. Just before his death Father Boni declared 'They have poisoned me.' Traces of white powder were found in the bottom of the chalice used by the priest at the altar."—*Daily Telegraph*, 20th December, 1933

It is quite evident that the act of consecration had not changed anything, because the poor man is dead yet, according to the Roman Catholic way of teaching, the blood of Christ poisoned him!

Do you Believe?

AN atheist wrote this:

"Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would mean everything to me. I would cast away earthly enjoyment as dross, earthly cares as follies, earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion would be my first waking thought and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I should labour in its cause alone. I would take thought for the morrow of eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained for heaven worth a life of suffering. Earthly consequences should never stay my hand nor seal my lips. Earth, its joys and its griefs, would occupy no moment of my thoughts. I would strive to look upon eternity alone and on the immortal souls around me, soon to be everlastingly happy or everlastingly miserable. I would go forth to the world and preach to it in season and out of season, and my text would be 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' (Quoted by Mr N P Grubb in his *Life of C. T. Studd*)

Do you believe? Then be consistent and do not merely talk about the Lord Jesus but get a move on and win someone else for Him. Be true to your confession, don't allow an atheist to shame you into doing what it is your plain duty to do.

Day of Prayer.

As usual the second Tuesday of the month, 13th February, will be a special day of prayer for all branches of the Elm Foursquare work.

Prayer Changes Things

Philippians iv. 6.

Prayer is requested for:

A sister who has been ill for several weeks with asthma; that God will speedily restore her. She believes God will.—L. C.

One recently taken with an incurable internal disease that God will graciously grant healing.—G. C.

The Evangelistic Campaigns now being conducted in Elm Churches

Principal George Jeffreys' Revival and Healing Campaign now being conducted in York



A Sermon by
Pastor F. J. SLEMMING

(Minister of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance)

Power and Christianity

AMONG God's many provisions to mankind is His power. We associate God with power, and we often marvel at the power of His Word and of His actions. I want, however, to show you something of the power of God toward mankind, and of how this marvellous provision reaches us.

There is a close relationship existing between Christianity and that authority—strength, dynamic, force, or ability that is suggested to us by the word "power."

To think of the teaching and practical living of Christianity apart from power is to consider a precious, loving and

VITAL CHRISTIANITY

as a dead dogma, or a wretched form of religion that is in no way in advance of the old heathen religions and pagan rites of past days. Christianity brings power. Christianity is power.

There are numerous references along this line in God's blessed Word that we could lay hold of for study, but I wish to confine these remarks to three lines of thought only, each of which we will consider in turn.

1 Power and salvation.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). What better scripture than this can be cited to demonstrate to us the connection between power and salvation? God, who is omnipotent, who could create by the Word of His power, who could command obedience on every hand, is, outside the gospel of Jesus Christ, powerless to save.

We may exercise all our powers, we may strive and put forth every possible effort, but we cannot by them attain to salvation before God. It is a positive fact that God cannot save us on any grounds of our own merit or righteousness. On the ground of our redeeming work of Jesus Christ, and simple faith exercised by any one of us, however sinful, His power unto salvation abounds toward us. The glorious gospel of Christ is the channel through which God's power to save flows to a sin-stricken and dying world.

Have we not seen this glorious power of God displayed? The gospel is preached, the power of God unto salvation is made known, and the result is seen all around. Burdens are lifted,

BLIND EYES ARE OPENED,

sins are removed, men and women are set free, chains are snapped, sinners are regenerated, made new creatures in every sense of the word. No wonder that Paul tells the Corinthians in chapter 1: "We preach Christ . . . the power of God."

2 Power and sonship

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). In the last scripture we considered the power of God unto salvation, which brought us forgiveness of sins, and gave us a justified standing before God.

In this verse we are introduced to a further truth, that through His power we are made sons, we are born into the family of God. This glorious position of sonship is by God's power, for John says of this birth into the family of God: "Not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

As I ponder over this verse, together with the many attendant blessings and results of Christianity, I am persuaded that one of the supreme heights, one of the most blessed of blessed positions in the believer's experience is the position of sonship.

Here is a little of what it entails: "If children heirs . . . heirs of God . . . joint-heirs with Christ." Hallelujah! As this truth fills my heart I can feel the glory of God and the praises of Jehovah rising to find their utterance in ejaculations of praise: Sons of God! Heirs of God! Joint-heirs with Christ! Glory be to God! All.

THE WEALTH AND INHERITANCE

of Christ is the wealth and inheritance of the believer.

In Gethsemane, except for the angelic messenger that ministered to Christ, He was alone. In the hour of agony and darkness at Golgotha He was alone. His cry reveals His entire loneliness when from the depths of His soul, as the presence of His Father left Him, He cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Down into the depths of the tomb He went—alone! The deepest sufferings, the most intense pains of the Saviour, were borne alone. I rejoice, however, to know that the time shall be, yea, is swiftly drawing near, when the blessed Master shall come into that which is rightly His. He shall wield the sceptre over the world. He shall fill the universe with His glory. His kingdom shall stretch from shore to shore. Alone? No! bless God! the heights of His glory, the fulness of His inheritance shall be shared with the believer, for, "if children . . . heirs . . . heirs of God . . . joint-heirs with Christ."

As we ponder over this tremendous subject we are left gazing at that which our finite minds can never fully grasp, and I feel we must take the words of the apostle and say, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God."

3 Power and service

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto

Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8) It is God's power that comes to us through the gospel of Christ, it is God's power that brings us into the blessing of sonship and, bless God, He provides for us the third Person of the Trinity whereby we are

EQUIPPED WITH POWER

to live and do service to the glory of His dear name.

We need only to read through the pages of sacred Scripture to come face to face with the fact that the Holy Ghost has a varied and manifold ministry, yet His ministry is one that is even closely connected with power. This is shown to a marked degree as we look at such a scripture as John xiv 12 "The works that I do shall [ye] do also, and greater works than these shall [ye] do, because I go unto My Father." These are startling words, and must have caused great wonder and amazement among those to whom they were uttered.

What works Christ had done! The world on every hand was gasping at the mighty wonders and supernatural works that had accompanied His ministry. Now He quietly yet definitely tells His hearers that they should carry on the same works, yea even do greater works, because He was going away. What is the underlying truth here? Could it be that His presence was a hindrance to their working? Not so! The truth contained in this chapter is brought out in chapter xvi. It is expedient for Me to go away—unless I go away He cannot come.

The reason that they were to do greater works than Christ is said to be according to John xiv 12, "because I go unto My Father." What change will the going away of Jesus make? would be the question we would naturally ask, and why should this ability to

CARRY ON HIS MIRACULOUS WORKS

be conditioned upon His going away? The answer to these questions is that His going away was to be the condition for the coming of the Holy Ghost. Thus we see clearly taught in the words of Scripture that the ministry of the Holy Spirit was to excel as a ministry of power, and was to result in the doing

Prayer Week in 300 languages, inaugurated by the Lord Mayor of London recently

Home: Christabel Pankhurst, one-time suffragette, now a vigorous exponent of the Glorious Hope of Christ's Second Advent

Coal-conscious A press campaign is about to be launched to make Britain coal-conscious—We are conducting campaigns to make Britain God-conscious

Mussolini says the Disarmament Conference must fail eventually—We could have told him that before it started, and given him Written Authority for our convictions

Vanished, radium worth £9,000, in the post between Brussels and Antwerp—Greater treasure than that, even, has been lost to many. They have missed the Pearl of Great Price

of works mightier than those of the Son of God Himself. This truth seems almost incredible. Moreover, we are taught that the invisible Holy Spirit should come and take up His abode in the temple of the believer and work in mighty supernatural power.

Dr A. J. Gordon is responsible for the following illustration that will perhaps enable us to grasp this magnificent truth.

If we were ignorant of the facts of science, and we were shown a reservoir of water and were told that this water could have three manifestations, namely, liquid, vapour and solid, and were asked which manifestation would be most powerful, we might say "The solid form." Then, picturing a huge iceberg able to crush a mighty ship as we grind a leaf in our fingers, the conclusion would seem to us justified. Science, however, would then step in, and point to vapour, so light, and in its finer forms so invisible, and would remind us that this is the power that moves our liners and countless railway trains that drives the mechanism of our huge factories. This power is the great motive force of civilisation.

So it is with the working of the Holy Spirit. When He dwells in fulness in believers their wills are controlled by Him, their words are inspired by Him, their

ACTIONS ARE ENERGISED

by Him. Then shall be seen mighty wonder-working things to the glory of God. "Ye shall receive power." Through the gospel of Christ you needed God's power to save you. Through the power of God you entered into sonship, and it is on the provision of God, the power of the Holy Ghost, that you must rely to be an effective, successful, and fruitful servant of God. He gives power in place of weakness, daring in place of timidity.

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." For every Christian, for every quality of service, the need is power, and so I urge upon the believer this need, and say as Christ says in Luke xxiv 49 "Tarry ye until ye be endued with power from on high."

Plan to spend Easter in London—see cover II.



Mars—We are now told that there are no intelligent beings on Mars—We are rather glad, because it is as much as we can do to handle the task of evangelising this old world of ours.

One Hundred Hours Asleep. Mrs Gamble, aged seventy, of Exeter, still cannot be aroused—We know of multitudes, all over the country, who are spiritually asleep, a worse calamity. We are still doing our best to arouse them.

Drought: The driest period for over fifty years is now being experienced in Britain. Rivers and wells are at their lowest re-

cord—Praise God, the spiritual wells are overflowing. We do not need water diviners either, for water abounds wherever it is needed.

Savings Britain has 13,000,000 savings bank depositors. America has 40,000,000. In the last year the total deposits in Britain have risen by £45,000,000. In America they have fallen by £600,000,000 (at par)—But wealth can be assessed from a natural or a spiritual standpoint. We prefer the spiritual.

The moon going egg-shaped. Sir James Jeans tells us it will eventually burst into atoms and make rings of fragments around the earth like the rings of Saturn.—We don't mind so long as we are resting on the Word of God which cannot pass away. We would be more concerned if we thought the Church of Jesus Christ was heading for such a burst. Anyhow, we know the moon will last until Christ comes. After that it may burst.

Welcome News of Widespread Revival

Many Converts—Inspiring Services—Healings—Baptisms

FAREWELL MEETING.

Two Elim Churches

A very happy, and yet sad service was held some little time ago at Wimborne. It was the occasion of the farewell of Pastor A E Pike who was leaving to take up pastoral work in the Elim Church at Barnard Castle. There was a full hall, many friends gathering to bid god-speed to Mr Pike, who with that service concluded seven years of service under the Foursquare Gospel banner in Wimborne. Several visiting pastors and workers were present. Pastor W G Hathaway attended from the headquarters of the Alliance to officially accept the Church into fellowship and inaugurate the supervision of the assembly by Pastor J I Bradley of the Springbourne Bournemouth, Elim Church. Not all eyes were dry when the time came for the farewells, and many were the words of appreciation of Pastor Pike's ministry.

There are now two Elim Churches in Wimborne, the other one being shepherded by Pastor J Dyke, who was also present at the farewell service. Our prayers follow Pastor Pike in his new sphere of labour.

TWENTY-TWO NEW MEMBERS

Days of blessing.

Since the beginning of the New Year the meetings at Elim Hall, Srafton Road, Ilford, have been days of blessing and inspiration under the ministry of Pastor W G Hawkins. Large congregations came together and join in the worship with true spirit and faith.

At the opening of the communion ser-

vice at eight p.m. on a recent Sunday evening, a large addition was made to the membership roll of the Church, when twenty-two new participants were given the right hand of fellowship by the Pastor, who addressed them individually with helpful and encouraging words. Following this ceremony, all united in breaking bread.

Every Christian heart, young or old, in this assembly must have been inspired to greater faith and confidence in the

INJURED TOE HEALED.

Saints rejoicing in blessing.

Andover saints meeting in the Mission Hall, George's Yard, High Street, under the ministry of Pastor R A Gordon, are again experiencing times of great blessing from the Lord. Sunday evening gospel services have been times of rejoicing, the singing has been with much zeal and the messages have been sent forth in the power of the Holy Ghost and souls have surrendered to Christ. Praise His holy name! The breaking of bread services have been a real uplift to those present, who leave the table the more determined to give all to Him who has done so much for them.

A few Sundays ago a sister testified to a most miraculous healing as follows: "It is with great joy and thankfulness to Jesus that I give this testimony. About six years ago I let a bucket fall on the big toe of my right foot, it hurt very much at the time and the nail commenced to harden from that time until it became long and painful and hooked over into the next toe, making quite a hole in it, so that I could not walk or sleep with comfort. I had to pick it with cotton wool, but if this wool got out of place it was very painful. I tried to cut it but could not, then it got so painful that I had to seek advice, they told me

comfort. Some months after I was looking at my nail and saw it was just ready to come off, so I lifted it off without a scrap of pain or soreness. I was so overjoyed that I shouted 'Hallelujah!' I do not need anything on it now, I can walk with perfect ease. All glory to the wonderful healing power of Jesus!"—L M D

VISITING MINISTRIES.

Continued blessing.

A real time of spiritual blessing has been experienced during the last few months at the Elim Tabernacle, Ravenshurst Avenue, Hendon.

Pastor W G Hathaway was a very welcome visitor to the Bible study recently, and the saints were richly blessed as a result of his message. Quite recently also a visit was paid by Mr Shadlock, of Watford, who conducted the meetings throughout the Lord's day and whose ministry of God's precious Word was greatly appreciated by all who attended the services. Pastor W G Hawkins of Ilford also came and conducted one of the weekly Bible studies, the theme of his message being the Second Coming of Christ. All present were greatly interested in this subject.

Continued blessing is resting on all the services under the able ministry of Evangelist T A Carver.

HOLY SPIRIT'S REFRESHING.

Note of victory.

There seems to be a fresh anointing of the Spirit in the various services held in the Cranmer Hall, Cranmer Avenue, Ealing under the ministry of Pastor J Robinson. This has been very noticeable since the end of last year. The presence of the Lord is felt in deep reality and there is rejoicing in the hearts of the saints.

The messages by the Pastor are much appreciated and echo the joy and victory experienced by the congregations as they gather to the various services. There is great expectation of future blessing.

SPIRITUAL ATTRACTIONS.

March of progress

Blackpool has been given a lot of publicity just recently because of the town's practical demonstration of its motto, "Progress." We rejoice that through the medium of the "Evangel" the saints meeting at the Elim Hall, Waterloo Road, can give publicity to the fact of progress in the spiritual realm under the ministry of Pastor H O Bale.

Great blessing has been experienced in the gospel services and a helpful and inspiring series of addresses on the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ has been productive of much spiritual good. There is a deepening in the spiritual experience of the congregation, especially among the young people.

Prayer is requested on behalf of this northern city of pleasure. Already work



Elim Hall, Ilford.

I would have to go to hospital to undergo an operation which would mean lying up for three weeks. This I could not do, so I made up my mind to bear it, but the suggestion came to me: Why not seek the Lord? This I did and was anointed with oil and prayed for, in accordance with God's Word, by Pastor Gordon. A very short time after this the painful part came off in my hand while the remaining part was finished off smoothly—no rough edge—so that I could walk with

has begun on the various attractions of the season, but by God's grace those who have in this town "tasted that the Lord is good," are endeavouring to "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" in order that the beauty of Jesus may be seen in them and that the greatest attraction of all will be Jesus

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES Happy times of fellowship.

Joy appeared to be the keynote of the second anniversary services held in the Arcade Hall, Barnsley, recently. The Lord answered and blessed the gathering of His people by the salvation of souls and the building up of the saints in the faith of Christ. In Holy Ghost power the characteristics of the Saviour were brought before the people by Mrs Saxon Walshaw, the social side of His character being shown by His presence at the marriage feast in Cana. Sure enough, His divine presence was manifest at the spiritual feast of the Lord's supper during these services for all who partook of the sacred emblems realised the good wine had been kept until the last. Pastors J C Kennedy and S Hillman ministered the Word in power, their subjects being in the perfect harmony of the Holy Spirit, taking as they did the earthly and the heavenly Canaan respectively. These messages resulted in two young men going up to possess the land (surrendering to Christ), and the saints who are already in possession determined to glorify God by the beauty of their handiwork for Him.

On the Wednesday a baptismal service was witnessed by a large gathering of people in the Zion Baptist Church, Pitt Street, kindly lent for the occasion. Pastor F Farlow, of Sheffield, gave the gospel message. In a delightful, unconventional way he brought the people into God's garden, where they saw waste ground being utilised, and seeds planted and watered by the Holy Spirit and brought forth into life and beauty by the Sun of righteousness, yielding fragrant blooms which in turn give place to fruit for His honour and

glory. After a word in season regarding the need for water baptism, thirteen candidates were immersed by Pastor McVoy, the minister in charge. A promise from God's Word was given to each one as they passed through. Two brothers and one sister had been saved for more than twenty years. Praise God for the light of His Word! The ministry of Pastors W L Taylor and T H Jewitt brought these special meetings to a close. In their messages the people saw God's love and mercy unto Jacob, who, though a deceiver, received God's pardon and blessing. Pastor Jewitt roused slumbering souls as they were made to realise that works must accompany faith and prayer. Many illustrations were taken by him from the Word.

Barnsley saints praise God for such bright and happy times of fellowship in His service.

SPREADING THE NEWS Under the street lamps

"O come let us adore Him" was the heart's expression during the recent festive season when the saints at the assembly at Elim Tabernacle, Fowler Road, Islington, gathered to worship at the shrine of the lowly Babe, now born in their hearts and acknowledged by experience to be "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God and Prince of Peace."

A special Carol service on the evening of the Lord's day had been arranged and was of great blessing to all, creating renewed rejoicing at the remembrance of the manifestation of God's wonderful love in the appearance of the Christ-Child—His token of peace on earth, good will toward men."

After the day's services were over the "tidings of great joy" were continued in the surrounding districts, where, under the light of the kindly street lamps the message was heralded forth both in word and in song.

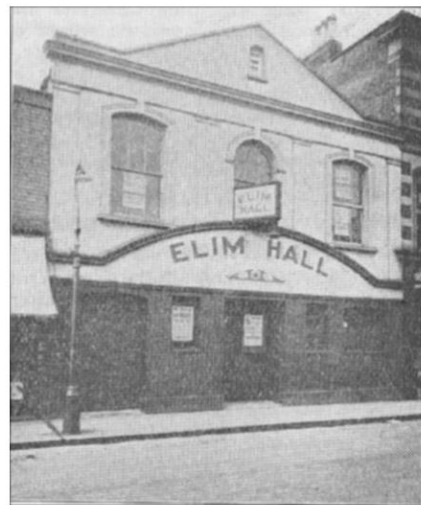
Although our adversary the Devil who seeketh whom he may devour had attempted to discourage and hinder the work of God yet blessing has rested on every effort made for the extension of

His kingdom and Pastor W G Hathaway's faithful ministry has resulted in the salvation of precious souls and the uplifting and edification of the saints.

SOULS SAVED. Spiritual life deepened.

God's blessing continues to rest upon the work at Elim Tabernacle, Bridge Road, Stratford. A real work is being done in the building up of the saints here. The ministry of Mr W J Cotton, is proving a great blessing to all. We praise God for the convincing power of the Holy Spirit in the minds which has resulted in souls being won for Christ.

The open air meetings have been most encouraging, also a recent march with lanterns through the town caused a stir among the people thus bringing many into touch with the work of the Lord here. Fellowship abounds here in this small Church, saints are being drawn nearer to God, and also closer to each other in a deeper spirit of worship, joy and peace. Earnest prayer is still ascending for revival and for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Elim Hall, Stratford

His Lovely Face

By WILLIAM BARROW

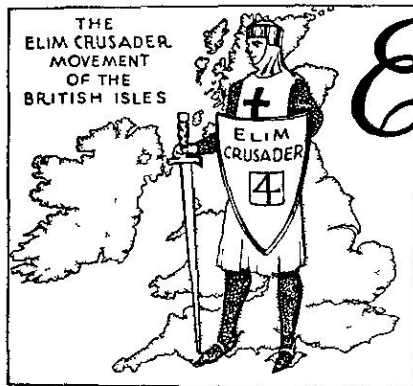
HE was a real Christian gentleman that I had known for many years as a worshipper in the Baptist Church of which I had been deacon for some ten years. He was refined both in manner and speech, and he was engaged in the Law business in the Chancery Lane district.

Eventually he moved away from the district and I lost sight of him for some years. I happened to be walking down High Holborn one day, when a hand was laid on my shoulder from behind, and I heard these words "My dear Brother Barrow, the best Friend to have is Jesus," to which I said "Amen." To my surprise it was the one I described above as the Christian gentleman.

As he continued his Christian greeting and conversation, I could see that his love for Christ had not

diminished, and was so real that I was not surprised when he, a man well over seventy years of age, expressed himself in these beautiful words "I was quite young when I found Christ as my personal Saviour, and I have now waited, my dear brother, for fifty-two long years to see His lovely face. When He calls me I am ready to go."

I was exceedingly happy to listen to him as he spoke of the reality and the joy he found through his faith in Christ Jesus—that great Captain of our Salvation. The joy expressed in his eyes and in his words as he spoke of the prospect of one day meeting his Lord and Saviour, made one's heart rejoice, for to him Christ was the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the fairest of ten thousand to his soul. He could take the words of the Psalmist and say "Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life."



Elim Crusader Page

MOTTO

GOD'S BEST FOR US - OUR BEST FOR GOD

Endurance

(Hebrews x 36)

By Pastor J McWHIRTER

"You stand in need of patient endurance" is Weymouth's translation. And all the people said "Amen!" Those who have outlived the novelty phase of their spiritual experience will realise the urgency of this word. In some respects we shall never be superior to our early discipleship. The exhortation of verse 32 relates to the text "Continually recall to mind the days now past, when being first enlightened you went through a great conflict and many sufferings" (Wey). That is we are to draw inspiration from our past as a spur to present endeavour. Spiritual life seems to ebb and flow. It is when we are stranded and left high and dry, cut adrift from conscious blessing, that we require this spiritual exercise. It is then more than at any other time that the word applies. "You stand in need of patient endurance." At such times we pass through a period of test when we must stand without feelings and external confirmations of our faith. Our resources must be within or we will fail. Too often this test reveals how little genuine spiritual life we possess. Here the Devil tries to discourage and dishearten us in order to make us go back. Alas many in this crisis prove that they are "not fit for the kingdom of heaven." It is relatively easy to endure in the first flush of enthusiasm that accompanies the discovery of the new life, when the angel ministry is particularly active and we are borne along on the crest of a full-tide wave. But it is different when God leaves us alone to see what we will do, as He did with an Israelitish king. People who live in their senses need atmosphere. Without it they are thrown back on an insufficient spiritual life. They who have allowed mental or physical culture to take the place of spiritual culture find themselves in the same bankruptcy. Patient endurance will be the sustaining virtue in such an hour. Endurance is a stoic virtue that gets down to its task with an unwavering courage. slowly and steadily it will lift us up and cause us to stand on consecration ground. The conclusion of the matter, "so that as the result of having done the will of God, you may receive the promised blessing" (Wey). Or as we say "go through" for God. Through

from promise to possession. We can only do this by the Holy Spirit's power of endurance. The following chapter furnishes us with the finest examples in the Bible, and for that part in the world. None of the big stories of adventure and travel can be compared with some of those named in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. The great stories of recent times relating to land, sea and air are connected with the South Pole and Mount Everest. But all these stories have an anticlimax. The late Sir Ernest Shackleton's good ship "The Endurance" seems emblematical. Their highest achievement has but a temporal end whereas we read of those heroes and heroines of faith who endured, that "the world was not worthy of them." They are the men and women of destiny who shall wear incorruptible crowns of glory.

Crusader Meditations

The fire that melts wax only hardens clay. Which are you?

It is the child spirit which opens the gates of enduring service.

No religious exercise is ever acceptable when moral duties are neglected.

Let us form a kind of spiritual habit that will insure success in our work for Him.

Keep ever in mind that a ten-year habit is seldom killed off with a three-minute resolution.

Even to-day faith in God permits us to be glad in the coming understanding of the afterward.

So many people think they are broad-minded just because they are too lazy to form a conviction.

Beware lest while you are going forward enthusiastically in men's eyes, you are going backward as God sees you.

Let us be Christian "stickers," and remember that fatigue of the will makes more backsliders than fatigue of the muscles.

The lazy Christian lets things slide—meetings, prayer, Bible, secret meetings with God, testimony, helpfulness. And when things slide they always slide down—never up.

ON THIS PAGE NEXT WEEK

An announcement of great interest to all Elim Crusaders will appear in connection with the great Royal Albert Hall Demonstration on Easter Monday. You must not miss reading the interesting news. After reading you will surely plan to come.

COMING FEATURES.

Some interesting features are predicted for this page. Do not forget Crusaders to read it regularly. Pastor James McWhirter will continue with some editing articles. Miss Eva Wilcott a gifted writer is contributing some special Crusader articles. Our Composers Gallery will appear and some correspondence between two Crusaders will reveal some stirring news and personal experiences as well as other unique items. Have you some ideas for this page? The Editorial Staff will welcome your suggestions.



Huddersfield Crusader Choir (with Pastor and Mrs W L Taylor in centre)

Huddersfield. The work amongst the young people in this branch is flourishing. In the work of the Master the enthusiasm of each individual Crusader is unbounded. The weekly meetings worked on a quarterly syllabus, with a different meeting each week, prove to be real times of spiritual instruction, each member always being willing to take part. Study circles, debates, discussions on difficult scriptures, and lectures from the Pastor on vital themes rank amongst the

favourite meetings. Recently a Crusader Sunday was convened. A large number of strangers came to the meeting to hear the glorious note of satisfaction in Christ sounded by these young consecrated disciples. Much blessing, both to those who heard and those who ministered was experienced. The attitude of the Huddersfield branch despite much changing of halls and subsequent inconvenience is expressed in the words of the local motto, "Undaunted we Stand."

When Shackleton Came at Last

WHEN Shackleton was driven back from his quest of the South Pole, he left his men on Elephant Island, and promised to come back to them. Working his way as best he might to South Georgia, he tried to get back to his men to fulfil his promise, and failed, tried again and failed. The ice was between him and the island, he could not get near it. He had promised his men to come, and he was not able to come, but

HE COULD NOT REST;

though the season was adverse, though they told him it was impossible to get there, and that the ice barrier was thick between, in his little boat *Yalcho*, he tried it again.

It was the wrong time of the year and he tried, but, strange to say, he got nearer the island, there was an open avenue between the sea and the place where he had left his men, he ran his boat in at the risk of being nipped, got all his men on board, and came out again before the ice crashed to. It was all done

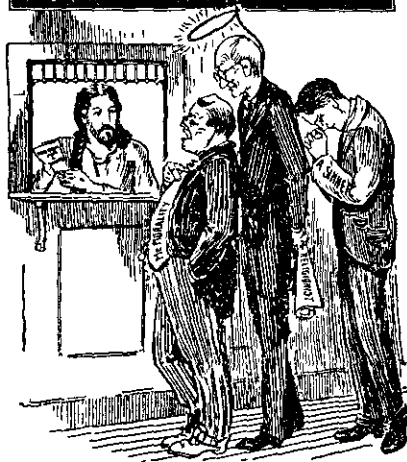
in half an hour. When the excitement was partly over, he turned to one of the men, and said: "Well, you were all packed and ready!" and the men said "You see, boss, Wild (the second in command) never gave up hope, and whenever the sea was at all clear of ice he rolled up his sleeping-bag, and said to all hands, 'Roll up your sleeping-bags, boys, the boss may come to-day'" "And so it came to pass," said Shackleton, "that we suddenly came out of the fog, and from a black outlook, in an hour all were in safety, homeward bound"

Aye! my friends, you and I must keep awake, and my message to you this day is

"ROLL UP YOUR SLEEPING-BAGS."

"My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him" Keep awake, be alert: the Lord may come to-day. It may not be till next week, but you may be quite sure that He in whom you trust with all your mind and with all your heart will not fail you —J W.K

What is Your Claim?



LORD I have come for a pardon "
"And who are you?"
"Me? Why, don't You know me, Lord? I'm the best man in all my home town. I've been as honest and upright with my neighbours as it is possible for a man to be"

"And your name?"

"My name, Lord, is Mr Morality"

"Mr Morality, let me see. Most of these pardons read 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' And here is one that says 'I came not to call the righteous, but sinners' I don't see any made out for Mr Morality. But are you a sinner?"

"A sinner! I should say not! There isn't a person who knows me who can charge me with a single wrong. Why, I'm the most respectable citizen in the town!"

"Well, Mr Morality, I'm sorry, very sorry, but I'm afraid that there isn't a single pardon for you"

Another one steps forward and asks for a pardon

"Who are you, friend?"

"Mr Religionist, Lord"

"And what claims have you to present for a pardon, Mr Religionist?"

"Have I not been the most faithful worker of all in my home Church? Was I not a deacon and then an elder, and did I not labour for the uplift of the people of my community? Yes, and more than that—did I not give thousands of pounds to the Church? Surely for all this I deserve a pardon, Lord!"

"But are you a sinner, friend?"

"A sinner! Indeed I am not! I have been religious all my life. I never strayed from the fold. In fact, I was brought up in the Church"

"Well, Mr Religionist, I do not for a moment dispute your claim of being religious. You are certainly well named. But I regret to tell you that all these pardons are made out to sinners. I have none for you"

"None for me! me, the most faithful churchman in the whole community! None for me! Don't I deserve one?"

"No, not one"

There comes another. He bows low as he approaches and humbly requests a pardon

"And who are you, friend?"

"Me, oh, I'm nobody at all, Lord! I'm just a poor, sinful man"

"Well upon what ground do you expect to get a pardon?"

"Only on the ground of the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have never done anything to deserve it. I'm just a sinner. Is there pardon for a sinner like me?"

"Indeed there is, friend, and an abundant one, too. 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' Here, take this one, I have plenty for sinners like yourself. But, oh, it is so hard to find people who will acknowledge that they are sinners! You are pardoned!"

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Watch these Dates. —Continued from cover ii.

INGATESTONE. Feb. 17, 18. Elim Tabernacle, London Road. Visit of Hford Male Quartette.

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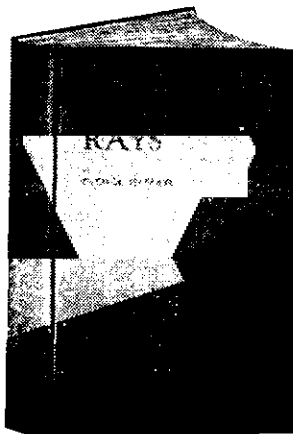
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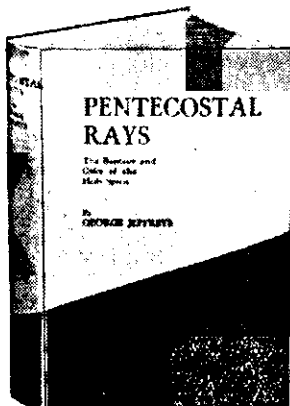
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