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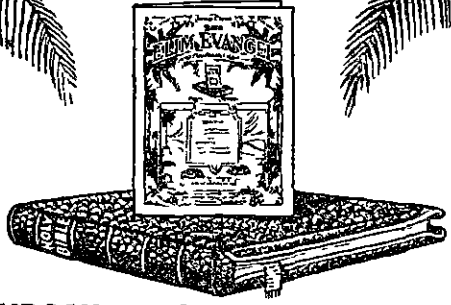
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# The Elim Evangel

## AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

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## Revival Scenes in Cardiff

### Principal George Jeffreys' Campaign Continues

**I**N the centre of the capital of the Principality stands the noted Cory Hall, for many years the setting for gatherings of every kind. Never has there been such a coming together as to the present Foursquare Campaign. People of all classes flock to the meetings. They come from mansion and cottage, some rolling up in their beautiful cars, others by 'bus and tram—but they come.

Principal George Jeffreys has visited the city, and is preaching the glorious Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. That Gospel is like a magnet, in its power to attract.

To draw near to the Cory Hall is to see queues long before the doors open. To listen is to hear testimonies given of



Principal George Jeffreys

Lives changed,  
Darkness dispelled,  
Vision of the things of God restored,  
Tears turned to laughter,  
Praise taking the place of sighs,  
Sleepless nights a thing of the past.  
Pains gone,  
Cataracts removed,  
Deaf ears unstopped,  
Wounds dried up,  
Cancers destroyed,  
Diabetes healed,  
A spinal carriage left at home.

"What a thrilling time I have had", said one of the city merchants as he stood and listened to these wonderful works of God.

Wales is known all over the world as a land of song, and this is certainly true if we can judge by the samples we have in the Cory Hall. Song rises from hundreds of rejoicing souls who have had the new song put into their lives. Husbands and wives, mothers and sons, fathers and children, have been converted in the same meeting. Prayers of years have been answered, and still the salvation stream flows on, sweeping souls into the kingdom in every meeting. An old-time revival is on with old-time revival results. The Lord has been answering the prayer of faith for the sick and suffering.

The deaf have received their hearing, one sister

hearing the least sound after being stone-deaf for years.

Another had cataracts healed instantaneously as soon as she was anointed and prayed for.

Another brought her little girlie, who was suffering from sugar diabetes, the doctor giving her no hope. The child was prayed for, and after two days the same doctor declared there was not a trace of disease in the child's body.

A sister suffering from wounds on the leg was healed, the wounds drying up.

Another came out of her spinal carriage. She suffered with cancer for years and for fourteen months was helpless. She is rejoicing in her great deliverance.

Another sister after being ministered to was able to bend her stiff fingers.

Another lady suffering from locked joints kneeled for the first time for years.

A growth of years' standing disappeared in answer to prayer.

A sister came on two crutches, was healed, and came back to the evening service to give thanks.

Another sister had a growth removed from her arm.

A man declared that he was in pain continually, owing to an inward trouble, and when prayed for the pain ceased and he was healed.

The salvation and healing streams flow on side by side in every service, and the need of the sin-sick and the physically unfit is met in the Lord Jesus Christ, for He is God's provision to meet the need of mankind for soul and body.

The following reports are from the press

#### CRIPPLES WALK AGAIN.

##### Amazing Cardiff Faith Cures.

A shy, slim young Welshman has in the past fortnight brought light into many dark Cardiff homes.

At the revivalist meetings he is conducting, children have been cured of diseases and ailments which have racked their frames since birth, cripples have cast aside their crutches, and the partly blind have found their sight restored to them.

He is Principal George Jeffreys, who is conducting a revivalist campaign at Cardiff, and has addressed some of the most exciting and sensational meetings held in the world.

Principal Jeffreys, who was born a few miles from Bridgend, expounds the Bible teachings with the ability and the logic of a philosopher. He is filled with the fervour characteristic of his race.

So astounding has been the interest evinced in his campaign

at Cardiff that the Cory Hall has been filled to overflowing by feverishly excited crowds at every meeting

#### LIVING TESTIMONY

Edna Bright, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bright, of Canton, is a living testimony to the healing powers he exerts

A few weeks ago Edna was suffering from diabetes of the worst form. A doctor held out very little hope of her being cured

Where medical men had failed, however a visit to the Cory Hall succeeded

At one meeting Edna went up to the rostrum and prayer was offered for her recovery. She was anointed with oil by Principal Jeffreys. A doctor examined her afterwards and was able to tell her parents the glad tidings that not a particle of the sugar diabetes remained in her system.—*South Wales Echo*, October 10th, 1929

#### MORE CLAIMS OF HEALING

##### Child's Mother Weeps With Gratitude.

All Cardiff is talking about the remarkable claims of Divine healing which were exclusively reported in yesterday's "Evening World"

These claims are in connection with the revival campaign which Principal George Jeffreys is conducting in the city

Hundreds are turned away from Cory Hall, which is packed out long before the meetings are due to begin

Numbers of sick people are unable to gain admission after travelling long distances

Services become more impressive than ever.

Principal Jeffreys has decided to continue the mission at the pressing invitation of many people

#### TEARS OF GRATITUDE

There is a claim to have cured a ten-year-old girl who has been a helpless cripple from birth

She was so deformed that she had to lie in a spinal carriage and could not even raise herself

She said to an "Evening World" reporter that she could now use a knife and fork, and she sat up quite easily in her carriage as she spoke

Mrs Albert Bryant, the child's mother, expressed her gratitude with tears streaming down her cheeks

Other claims to healing include the case of Mrs Elizabeth Wood, of Abertridwr, an elderly woman who has been a cripple for many years

Principal Jeffreys anointed her with oil and prayed over her. She rose immediately and walked without her crutches in full view of the congregation

No one was more surprised than Mrs Wood herself. She was too overcome to speak

Miss May Thomas of Cardiff, had a large growth on her arm which is said to have disappeared in ten minutes.—*Evening World*, October 11th, 1929

#### LATE NEWS

As we go to press, the following telegram is to hand from Cardiff —

DAY BY DAY TLNSE SCENES OF REVIVAL ARE BEING WITNESSED IN THE WELSH CAPITAL. NEARLY ONE THOUSAND HAVE PROFESSED SALVATION. PRINCIPAL GEORGE JEFFREYS AND PARTY ARE SIMPLY CARRIED ON BY THE LIVING STREAM OF REVIVAL FERVOUR. HEALINGS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER ARE TAKING PLACE. THE CORY HALL IS FAR TOO SMALL TO ACCOMMODATE THE CROWDS. IT HAD TO BE FILLED AND EMPTIED THREE TIMES IN ONE AFTERNOON. SERVICES ARE TRANSFERRED TO BOTH BAPTIST AND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES THIS WEEK. PRAY ON

## The Family Physician

This Whole Family was Healed in Answer to Prayer at Principal George Jeffreys' great Meetings at the Royal Albert Hall.

THIS family was healed by the Lord, after suffering for over two years. During that time the children could not go to school. As a result of measles, they took rheumatism, pneumonia, bronchitis, ending in consumption. The eldest boy was ordered to a sanatorium and special treatment was to be given to the others. Then the mother took fever with pleurisy and was at death's door. This made her heart so weak that at times she felt like dying.

In this condition the mother brought the four children to Principal George Jeffreys to be anointed and prayed for. The Lord graciously answered prayer and the five were completely healed. The mother's words are these, "We are one of the healthiest families round this district. No one but the doctor and ourselves know what we went through during those two years."—ELIZABETH ALFLATT.



# A Plea for Poise

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON (concluded)

"I have proclaimed in their entirety the glad tidings of the Messiah"—Romans xv. 19, A. S. Way.  
 "I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God"—Acts xx. 27, R.V.

THE writer recollects hearing of a dream in which was seen an enormous diamond, the facets of which were gleaming with different-coloured lights. It was the Word of God, and from each facet shone some particular light and truth. The dreamer saw numbers of famous preachers and teachers representing various well-known schools of religious and evangelical thought, each one gazing intently at his own particular facet of the diamond, each one so intent on his special viewpoint, very often to the exclusion of all else.

How often this depicts the conditions that obtain in the Christian Church to-day—each section seeing truth that is vital, but what a pity when that particular aspect of truth utterly obscures other equally important and inspired truths.

We are out of focus if we accentuate one truth to the detriment or exclusion of the others. Beware of becoming warped doctrinally, so that your Christian life acquires a dangerous list which may easily lead to the capsizing of faith.

Paul said he had proclaimed the *full* counsel of God—and here we would draw attention to the fact that there are

## MANY CHRISTIAN CULTS

—even inside Pentecost—that lay claim to special illumination. To understand this at its root bottom is to see the tyranny of priestcraft in a new garb. There is almost as severe a spiritual tyranny inside some of these select circles as there is in the Church of Rome. The secret of it is the claim to deeper knowledge of truth, and the cry in every human heart to find a resting place in someone who knows—someone infallible. Those who claim this deeper vision often bring the "less enlightened" under the tyranny of spiritual subjugation. There is in many souls, a hunger to be guided by the more experienced and enlightened—and it is right and natural—but the soul must be left in complete freedom to judge for itself, or there may be a tendency to become a spiritual parasite. The reason why the Roman Church makes so many proselytes is because of this hunger in the human for the infallible. If we can really believe what the Roman Church claims, then conscience and reason are lulled to sleep, as both function not individually, but by proxy in "Mother Church." And what a relief to many who are lazy of intellect and asleep in conscience.

The following example is a valuable one to all those who are inclined to lean upon the human. In the memoirs of Frederick Perthes it is related how he felt the necessity of a human and personal medium if he was to abide in the love of God. He then expected that through his devout wife he would reach the essence of life. He wrote her: "Through the love of thee I shall rise higher and draw nearer to Him in whom I find I cannot participate without some medium." Again, "To us in our life here below,

the love of the creature is given to educate us for the love of God." But eventually Perthes became conscious that

## THE LOVE OF GOD

is not a spontaneous development of human love, and that the adored may become a snare and a stultification. It is a special privilege to live in contact with rare goodness, to enjoy the intimacy of Christ-like men and women; yet the presence and appreciation of high character does not necessarily develop into a personal love of God.

Our Lord is the one Mediator whom Perthes sought. This may seem by the way, but it is very much to the point for where there is this kind of spiritual tyranny it is more often than not linked with a kind of adoring spiritual love.

The methods and means used by these people are very varied but the appeal is always the same. With some it is the magnet of a "deeper call." These mysterious, very spiritual, and very select circles will let no one into their inner fellowship until they are sure they have had "the same call." When they are assured of this they will gradually initiate the new member. There is a mysterious hidden pride in their lowliness, for they are the very elect, specially chosen to the pathway of depth and death. It may be that they describe themselves as "the Bride," or "the Man-Child," or are specially called in one way or another to be "the Overcomers" and thus destined to participate in some selective rapture. The tendency in most of these inner circles is to that pride of experience or pride of election which looks down upon others as having merely an "outward call," and generates a secret contempt for those whom they adjudge so far behind themselves. There is a dangerous tendency among them, though quite openly voiced, to consider soul-saving and evangelistic work as merely elementary. They become so taken up with their cult that they prefer dragging in new proselytes to engaging in healthy evangelistic work. We cannot but say to our sorrow that we have found more proselytism than evangelism in circles of this kind.

## A GOOD TEST OF A HEALTHY CHRISTIAN

is "Is he out for souls?" It is a sign of deterioration, of some lack of balance, when any Christian, however old, loses the hunger for souls. It is the first and the last, and the continual service of every Christian. Dr. Pierson once said that "even the joys of the Christian fellowship may become too absorbing. Selfishness in its most refined forms must yield to the unselfishness which resigns such companionship for ourselves, that it may become possible to introduce the most depraved, degraded, and destitute to the fellowship of saints and of God. Any influence, any combination of causes, implies a curse to the believer, whenever it makes the Church a cradle to rock God's



children to sleep with the soft lullaby of "Home, Sweet Home!" Another writer says, "We cannot be Christian and concentrate upon ourselves." Of course there are the two extremes, which should both be avoided—a Christian life that is absolutely immersed in work with no time for communion and meditation, and the life that is wholly given up to contemplative retirement.

Some of these cults even go so far as to interpret a passage like II Kings ii. as representing two companies of believers, "We—the elect, shall go up, like Elijah at the Rapture. You—the elementary soul-saver, will go out like Elisha to preach." Anyhow the tendency, so different in different cases, is generally to a narrow view—a limiting experience, a stultified life,—and, what proves so bitter to many in after years when the veil is lifted and clear vision established, the wasted years; often with the physical, mental, moral and spiritual nature harmed and dwarfed. It is difficult to get back to balance, to full development, to clear vision.

One—quite young in the Christian life, who had recently been received into a select confraternity with very decided views on prophecy—said to an experienced servant of God, "You have not had your eyes opened." He had found the "real food" that

#### TICKLED HIS INTELLECTUAL PALATE.

From his point of view, though he was himself but a beginner in the Christian life. He considered other believers who did not share his views to be "in the dark." The first thing these elect folk do is to use God's measuring lines and make very false gauges of other people's spirituality and intelligence. Their demands are sweeping and insistent—unless the stream of your Christian life flows into their particular doctrinal mould you are outside the pale of blessing. They will persist in coercing others into their groove rather than God's. It reminds one of the Scottish woman who believed that the only people in her church that were saved were herself and the minister, and she was very doubtful about him!

One comes up against personal cases where people have been cruelly tortured—and exquisite torture it can be—by those who claim the power to ascertain the will of God for others.

This road leads often to such actual spiritual loss of balance that it ends disastrously. In time it becomes almost impossible for the dupe to assert his own personality. Paul's Corinthian converts all claimed to possess spiritual illumination. It became necessary for him to remind them that this "illumination" blows up the wind-bag of empty self-sufficiency. "Love builds up the solid structure of the new life" (I. Cor. viii. 1, A. S. Way). Here is the key—"If any man imagine himself to be 'illumined' on any subject, I can only say that he does not yet recognise anything as he rightly should recognise it" (I Cor. viii. 2, A. S. Way). What an absence of any pretension to spiritual priority on the apostle's part.

"God has shewn me. He wishes you to do so-and-

so, brother,"—said one of

#### THESE SUPERIOR-VISIONED TYRANTS.

"And what is there between me and my Lord that He did not tell me so Himself first?" was the wise reply.

Speaking of this extreme and unhealthy dogmatism, which is actually a form of fanaticism, we give the following extract

Fanaticism begins in spiritual pride. The soul is tempted to place too high an estimate on its spiritual condition, then imagines it is greatly inspired and taught of God, and steps out feeling Divinely commissioned, when in truth it has simply abandoned itself to the dictates of its own fancies, and you will hear it say, "The Lord told me." "The Lord shewed me." "The Lord revealed to me such and such," and speak far more confidently than the real, humble holy inspired saint of God.

Very tragic are some results of this spiritual tyranny. We have no right to judge others. Let us keep our severity in that direction for ourselves, where it will bear good fruit.

"You are not really saved," was said to a young fellow whose Christian life at home and abroad was beautiful. "You only imagine it—your so-called spiritual experiences are merely the result of your own mentality, not the work of the Holy Spirit." His sensitive soul went through hell as his life shook beneath the blow. "Not a Christian! then I must not be hypocritical and behave like one"—and all the result of man daring to use God's measuring lines—depressing experience to an altogether wrong balance—and, in this case, to loss of balance altogether. Eccentric means out-of-centre.

#### NATURALLY SELF IS OUR CENTRE.

When we are saved and sanctified Christ becomes our true centre—and this means upheaval—but when another usurps the position of authority there is bound to be something eccentric in the life. We are struck with the apostle's words of warning in II Corinthians x. 12, "They measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise."

If we want to have a clear vision and a true balance we shall take the advice of that wise and godly man, Canon Girdlestone, Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, addressed to a young student perturbed by many theories of the modern intellectual world. He said, "Keep your mind in solution—keep an open mind and an open heart." Youth longs to dogmatise and it is these dogmatic people who do so much harm. Youth wants every question clearly settled. It would solve the riddle of the Universe, and have all answers cut and dried and finished. But there is no finality in life. How the angels must laugh—and weep at our folly. "We put him straight on the subject of predestination," boasted a youth of eighteen recently. That fine old Christian, Rev. E. W. Moore, whose mind had become too mature and mellowed to dogmatise, said on the same subject, "No man can draw the line where God's sovereignty and man's free will meet." When will we learn not to criticise and hurt and hamper and warp souls by our un-Christlike judgments?

"You have not received the Baptism of the Holy

Spirit, and have no right to speak on these subjects," said a Pentecostal friend to a minister who was conducting a Divine healing mission. The person who spoke there little realised

### THE INCALCULABLE DAMAGE

that remark caused in circles far beyond their imagination

We believe that the cause of so much restless change in some members of assemblies is that there is not that satisfaction in service that there should be. It is a fatal mistake continually to go to meetings, and not to be occupied in Christian service. Such a practice develops a character having what Paul calls "itching ears." They are always seeking some new preacher, some deeper excitement, some bigger thrill. If in our private devotions we find our satisfaction in Christ, and if we find joy in His service, we shall not be hunger-bitten for some new emotion. If we sought to bring a restful worship to our meetings instead of a restless search for "some new thing," we should be less likely to fall into the Devil's traps.

There are those whose souls are not free to worship. There is an unhealthy, introspective emotionalism—they long for something that excites and feeds this in them. They cry for depth, but do not realise that their real need is to be lifted out of themselves—into height, into freedom—into the fresh, free air of true worship—which should so fill the soul with Christ that they are unconscious of themselves, and there is none of this emotional reaction which has become an unnatural and unhealthy appetite.

There are men abroad to-day who give their time, money, and energy solely to the exposure of what they consider false doctrine. They are often using God's measuring lines. There is

### A TERRIBLE MORAL RETRIBUTION

in cases of this kind. The soul receives like a boomerang the destruction it aimed at others. Curses, like chickens, come home to roost. The soul becomes like what it seeks—and those who seek for the evil and the false will find it mirrored in their own lives. A vision filled with the Devil is terrible even in those who think they are called to expose his ways. No human mind can plumb the depths of another soul. We have no measurements for effort, for energy, for pain, or for thought. We only see results—God sees the struggle and the striving.

Whilst we believe that a healthy dogmatism is enjoined in the Word of God, yet we cannot shut our eyes to the danger of dogmatism when it extends to other than fundamental and vital phases of truth. We deplore dogmatism that magnifies the doctrinal molehill to a mountain, that makes non-essentials into issues upon which Christian fellowships divide. We are bound to admit that the line of demarcation between a commendable and admirable dogmatism and a blind and dangerous stubbornness is at times rather fine. What shall it profit a man if he win the whole field of argument and sacrifice his own balance? What advantage is secured if you promote the development of one member of your body at the expense of the remainder? Distortion and deformity sooner or later result from such action. It is the well-proportioned body that we admire and that indi-

cates health. The same is true spiritually. Let us also beware of dogmatising for others. God alone has the measuring lines of

### LIFE AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

He alone can measure success or failure under temptation. God alone measures how nearly and how truly we keep in His will. He gauges the depth of our reality, our earnestness, our purity.

We who are so careful to see to it that we are free from false cults such as Roman Catholicism, Christian Science, Seventh Day Adventism, etc., let us see to it that the very things which we deplore in them is not rising in our own lives. In some Pentecostal circles we can see a subtle form of priestcraft rampant—whilst in others the pride of election, which stamps Seventh Day Adventism, is all too evident.

And then again, have we not met with those whose interpretation and application of Divine healing savours too much of Eddyism? We are sometimes challenged with the reminder that God's people are called "a peculiar people." By all means let us answer to that description, but let it be the peculiarity of a great and glorious passion to accomplish the salvation of the godless and Christless souls around us—if this be the absorption which distinguishes our life, well and good.

How different all this is from the clear-toned witness of the Word of God. In perusing the Pauline Epistles we cannot but be impressed with the absence of anything fanciful or far-fetched in the interpretation and application of truth. There is

### A BEAUTIFUL BALANCE

that makes an irresistible appeal to the earnest-hearted and honest-minded thinker. We do not find the apostle's exegesis of Scripture tends to convert the Bible into a jigsaw puzzle—it does not throw a mantle of mystery around the inspired revelation. He does not build the fabric of his faith upon the foundation of isolated passages of Scripture oftentimes torn from their context. There is a glorious symmetry in his teaching. Neither do we find Paul juggling with numbers to prove his points, or losing himself and his hearers in a labyrinth of hieroglyphics. He does not put a veto upon common sense, or place a premium upon ignorance, in order to swell the ranks of his adherents. In the rhythmic movement of his ministry we do not find the pendulum swinging unduly in any particular direction. At no point does he go off at a tangent. He maintains his ground in every issue, but in doing so does not sacrifice his spiritual equipoise.

In closing, the writer would urge a scriptural balance in belief and poise in practice which must commend itself to all who sincerely seek the advancement of the kingdom of God among men.

Will our London readers kindly note that during the coming winter, afternoon gatherings will be held at Elim Woodlands on the first Saturday of each month at 3.30 o'clock, commencing November 2nd. Tickets in advance 1/-, or at the door 1/3



# Branching Out in Africa

## Two New Churches: Negro Saints "Black, but Comely" in Christ

**W**E rejoice in the progress of the Foursquare Gospel in Africa, disclosed in news from Nelspruit, the headquarters of Pastor and Mrs Hubert C. Phillips in East Transvaal. Our brother writes as follows:



Opening of Mataffin Church, September 1, 1929.

"We have been passing through a hard and difficult period, but now at last we can say we cried and the Lord heard us and delivered us out of all our troubles. Praise God! He never fails, though often it pleases Him to let our faith be tested.

Spring is with us now, rain has come and the earth is putting on her beautiful green clothes. There are signs too of awakening life in hearts around us; seeds that have been buried are striking root, and we pray we may be taught of God to use the watering-can and hoe of the Word with wisdom, that these may develop strong for Him. Surely it is dry ground when

### NATIVES APE CIVILISATION,

and prefer dress to righteousness, and tinned food to the Bread of Life. But there is a remnant according to the election of grace, and in the few the Lord will be glorified, though the Word is given to the many.

This month we have had the joy of seeing two churches opened, both built by natives. One is at Mataffin, and the other at Joes Luck. In the former 70 souls crowded in a space sufficient for 35, and the Lord was with us too!

At Joes Luck we were entertained by our evangelist for the week-end—and right royally too! In the afternoon we had a baptismal service at the river and then returned to the new church to remember Calvary. There we are all one in Christ Jesus! The bond of the Spirit is deeper than the colour of a man's skin, and when worshipping at His feet race distinction is quite forgotten.

### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY

God has got—beautiful because of what He has done! We long to see it grow in numbers and in depth of experience of God. The little ones have been coming along—babes in Christ—and we praise God for the babes! Because of your prayers they are yours as well as ours, and we can rejoice together.

It has now been decided that Nelspruit shall be our headquarters, and there is a certain amount of building work to be done, which we are getting on with as quickly as possible because of the approaching summer.



Opening of Joes Luck Church, September 15, 1929.

Miss Hobbs, who has been out here since 1921, is with us on this station, and I am glad to report through the goodness of God we are all well and happy. My wife joins with me in sending greetings.

Yours in His blest service,

HUBERT C. PHILLIPS

## Concise Comments and Interesting Items

**Burning words** were spoken by Rev Paul Rader of America, before starting out on a special preaching tour in China.

"Oh, I ask God for such a death and consecration as I have never known, and these last three or four weeks have been weeks of being lifted into a new place with God. It is time for God to work, and the cry of my heart is, 'O God, rend the heavens and come down, and give us such a matchless, miraculous supernatural revival, where no man on earth will be given the credit for it. Oh, God, come upon China and us here, in a sovereign, mighty working, and save us in America by a great revival that will reach to the ends of the earth.' And I am praying, as I go, that somehow I may come back with a new fire that will catch and save us, in this hour of consecration, for Jesus Christ and the salvation of men the world around. I am going out in prayer and knowing that we win, 'not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit.'"

The greatest influence of my life was due to what many would call a small incident. Before I left Ballymoney my mother gave me a Bible. On the flyleaf was written in her

own handwriting "Proverbs iii 5, 6, 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path.'"

So stated Mr Samuel Robinson, the generous benefactor of Ballymoney, to a representative of the "Belfast Telegraph," before leaving for his business headquarters in Philadelphia.

"**Foursquare Gospel.**" This was the striking heading in bold type appearing in the "Belfast Weekly Telegraph," Saturday, October 5th. This phrase occurred in a controversial sermon by Rev H Lindsay, who is resisting—and very ably—a strong attack against Protestants by a prominent Roman Catholic preacher. The whole passage of Mr Lindsay's in which this phrase occurs is worth repeating.

"Ah! my brethren, this is the reason why I prefer to rest on 'the foursquare Gospel,' the Gospel that brings to my conscience the certainty that 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,' the Gospel that says 'Believe on the

Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,' the Gospel that proclaims, 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.'

How glad we are to have the "Elim Choruses," with music, in a handy sixpenny book Pastor W. G. Hathaway has collected these together. Several of the choruses are his own. "Tell the world" is one. Many have been asking for the music of these choruses. Now they need ask no more. All they have to do is to send 6d (and 2d. extra for postage) to the Elim Book Saloon, 7, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. 4, and "Elim Choruses" will be immediately sent. Then with a pianist or an organist, the room or hall will ring with "Jesus First Thought in the Morning," "God has Blotted Them Out," "I Love Him Better," "Name, Name," "Rolled Away"—no less than 57 in all. And that beautiful, but difficult (until you have the music before you) "Hallelujah, Amen" chorus, is just the one for closing a service which has been throbbing with the blessing of God.

"The Christian" of October 3rd publishes this beautiful case of healing.

"It seemed only a question of minutes, at most hours; the dear one was surely passing away. The nurse watched anxiously, and yet hopelessly, as it now seemed all was over. Everything had been done, and nothing more could be thought of. Only a nurse knows the sensation of watching the mortal end of a patient for whose recovery one has striven in vain.

"Then the patient held out her hand, and it remained so outstretched for a long time—a strange act of power for a dying woman. Soon it was felt that the crisis had come and passed, and from that time the invalid improved.

"One day the patient said to the nurse: 'I have something wonderful to tell you. That night, when all seemed melting away, a hand clasped mine. It was a Divine Hand, and a strange voice said distinctly to me: "Fear not—I will hold thy right hand, I will strengthen thee".'

"I felt the pressure of His hand, the hand that held up mine. The two verses of Isaiah xli: 10, 14 seemed to be blended in the Divine message that brought me comfort and help in my time of need."

## Bible Study Helps

### THE SECRET PLACE.

#### 1. The Place of Communion.

"Moreover He said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. I have surely seen the affliction of My people which are in Egypt" (Exodus iii 6, 7)

#### 2. The Place of Refuge.

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm ix 9)

#### 3. The Place of Prayer.

"O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come" (Psalm lxxv 2)

#### 4. The Place of Fellowship.

"And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (I John i 3)

#### 5. The Place of Protection

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust" (Psalm xci 2)

#### 6. The Place of Adoration.

"For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isaiah vi 5).

### ESSENTIALS

#### TO SPIRITUAL PROGRESS.

#### 1. Wholesome Food.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter ii 2)

#### 2. Cleanliness of Life.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word" (Psalm cxix 9)

#### 3. Good Exercise.

"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness" (I Timothy iv 7)

#### 4. Periods of Rest.

"And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while for there were many coming and going and they had no leisure so much as to eat" (Mark vi 31)

#### 5. Atmosphere.

"And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart" (Matthew xvii 1).

## Travel by the Sunshine Line

JOHN VIII. 12.

Harmonised by Mrs Seth Sykes.

Words and Music by Mr Seth Sykes.

When you tra-vel by the Sunshine Line, When you tra-vel by the Sun-shine

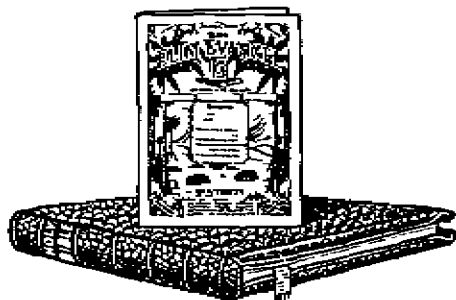
Line, There is joy and gladness, And no room for sadness, For 'tis

sum-mer all the time. When you tra-vel by the Sunshine Line, The

heav'nly mu-sic is sub-lime, Know your sins for-gi-ven, Book night

through to hea-ven, Mind you tra-vel on the Sun-shine Line.

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## The Secession of Father Vernon

THE Roman Catholic Church has claimed yet another from the ranks of the High Anglicans. The silent work goes on without much comment, and it is only occasionally—when someone of influence and authority "goes over to Rome"—that we stop to see her onward march. Father Vernon, the one-time nonconformist minister, whose books have influenced so many in the direction of Anglo-Catholicism, states that his reason for such a decision hinges on the question of the Church's authority in relation to Christian morals and the spirit of the age. He asserts that Rome alone possesses the authority and system that can cope with the disintegration of morals and ideals of to-day. We are reminded here of Archbishop Goodier's article on Marriage, in one of our leading daily papers recently, in which he blames Luther and the Reformation for the looseness of morals. We would ask with Dr. Watts, "Was there no disorder before his day? The itinerant preachers, wandering friars and pardoners, hawking the spurious bones of saints and selling the grace of God like quacks at a fair, filled the world with scandal and brought Luther into activity." What of the

morals of the Roman Catholic countries, Italy, Spain, South America? Are they so much better than those of Protestant countries? Thank God for religious liberty, and deliverance from the autocracy and tyranny of such a system. For us there is no authority but Holy Scripture. In the first place we must defend and consolidate the gains of the Reformation.

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## Missionary Partnership.

At a time when we are prayerfully and practically saying farewell to two more Elim missionaries, the following incident is timely. It contains its own challenge to individuals and assemblies.

"Lord Chancellor Cairns, a devout and noble-hearted man, used to tell at missionary meetings the story of a little chimney sweep in Belfast, who was led to contribute two pennies to a mission. One afternoon a chum met him in the street in a strange condition; his hands and face were washed, and he wore a decent suit. 'Hullo! where are you going?' said the surprised one. 'Oh, I am going to a missionary meeting.' 'What are you going there for?' 'Well,' said the young sweep, 'you see, I have become a sort of partner in the concern, and I am going to see how the business is getting on.' Lord Cairns rightly maintained that the boy was a partner with God in the greatest and holiest business transacted on earth or known in heaven."

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## A Garnered Sheaf.

WILLIAM WADE HARRIS, known as the "Black Elijah," has passed from the wilds of Liberia into the wonders of Paradise. "Mr Harris in 1914 began a tour of the West African tribes, telling them to burn their fetishes, believe in one God, buy Bibles, and await the coming of the missionaries. The people responded in an extraordinary manner, and although they received no further Christian instruction, it was found ten years later, when the Methodist missionaries first visited them, that Harris converts on the Ivory Coast, numbering over 20,000, had remained true to their new faith, and had built many churches.

"The 'Black Elijah' passed into obscurity; but was discovered two years ago living at Cape Palmas, Liberia, in poverty. He always wore a long white robe and turban and carried a long-handled cross."

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## Hidden Power.

THIS is related of a beautiful character, one of the loveliest that ever bloomed on this earth. It was the character of a young girl. She always wore about her neck a little locket, but no one was allowed to open it. None of her companions knew what it contained, until one day she was laid up with a dangerous illness. Then one of her friends was granted permission to look into the locket, and she saw written there: "Whom having not seen, I love." That was the secret of her beautiful life. And it will be ours, too, if we love Him.

# Strange Disappearances

By ZELMA ARGUE

**A** STRANGE disappearance! Whispers! Wonderings! Speculation? Ah! Strange disappearing is not new to the world. No, such mysteries occurred in long ago days. More than this, the world has by no means seen the last of these strange disappearances.

In the days before the judgment of the Flood, days when the wickedness of man was great in the earth, days when it repented the Lord that He had made man, days when it grieved Him at His heart, there was a man who walked apart from the spirit of the age. A man calm, with the serene light of heaven upon his brow, he was. A man who walked with God! Enoch, he was called. One evening he had walked just so far with God that He called to him, "Enoch, you have walked so far that you are nearer My home than yours. Come on home with Me." So Enoch did not go back that night, but simply went on home with the Lord. "And he was not for God took him."

A strange disappearance!

A leader, prepared of God, rested upon the summit of Mount Nebo, in lonely Moab's land. Before him stretched the far-reaching plains, the cities nestling beneath palms, the promised land. God shewed it all to him. Behind him stretched

## FORTY YEARS OF FAITHFUL ARDUOUS LABOUR,

inspiring and leading the hosts of the Lord. Moses, the servant of God! Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. God hid him. His eye was not dim nor his natural force abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab.

Mysteriously hidden of God!

A rugged prophet came out from the mountains of Gilead. Elijah, the man of God! A daring ministry, meteoric, miraculous! A flaming witness against the false worship of the day, praying down the showers from heaven on a dry and thirsty land. Praying down God's fire from heaven upon the altar of the Lord! Raising the dead! There came the day his God-given ministry was accomplished. His last battle was fought, his last victory won. No more would he retire to the wilderness, with Jezebel threatening his life. No more, weary and overwrought, would he sit under a juniper tree, requesting for himself that he might die. No! His ministry was accomplished, his mission fulfilled. Elisha, the young prophet, was already chosen, and prepared of God to carry on

## ELIJAH'S MANTLE WOULD FALL

upon him who was left behind—upon Elisha, who went all the way. So Elijah could be spared, for his great work was done. God remembered him now. Not alone in the stress of conflict with Baal, not alone when he bombarded the heavens for rain, but now, now when God's servant's course was com-

pleted, God tenderly remembered Elijah. Yes, God remembered, and sent His own chariot and horses after him. "And it came to pass as they went on, and talked, that behold there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." And Elisha saw him no more.

A strange disappearance! Too strange to be credited. So fifty strong men begged to be permitted to go to search for him in the mountains and valleys. Elisha said, "No, ye shall not send." But they urged until permission was gained. And they sought three days, and found him not.

Philip was preaching to the eunuch, riding in the carriage. He was preaching unto him Jesus. Then they went down both into the water,

## BOTH PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH,

and he baptised him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more. And he went on his way rejoicing. And Philip, placed far away, went on with his ministry.

Strange!

On Olivet's brow a loyal little company stood in awe. Their eyes rested on the glorified Christ. The pure, strong words of the great commission were falling from His sweet lips. "Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me unto the uttermost parts of the earth." As these, His very last words, fell solemnly on their listening ears, with the clear resonance of authority, of finality, His princely nail-pierced feet were parting from the earth. Fain would they have held Him! How could they let Him go? A soft cloud, gently enveloping, wrapped itself about those blessed, ever-lifting feet. Longing hands were outstretched in parting benediction. Then His gaze left theirs, and lifted towards the Father. And He was gone!

It was all too mysterious, too unaccountable. So unbelievable it was that there went a rumour abroad that His precious body had been stolen by His disciples and hidden, and among His own race that rumour is extant unto this day, nigh two thousand years afterwards.

Strange disappearances?

Ah! The strangest is yet to come. Great

## HEADLINES IN FOUR-INCH LETTERS

will top the papers one of these mornings. "Extra! Extra! EXTRA!!!". The newsboys will cry, till they cry themselves hoarse. How the papers will sell that day! "Strangest Disappearance known to History. Simultaneously People Are Found Missing in Every Country." An hour later a new extra will be out with news that wireless reports add to the mystery. Every part of the world has its quota of missing. Every hour will bring new clues to work upon. Newspaper editors will work with distraction facing

the constantly new rumours that add to the mystery. News vendors will make fortunes. Every periodical, every magazine, every publication will be monopolised by the theme, "Where are they?"

Detective agencies will be hot on the trail. Private families will have them supplied with all available

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING MISSING RELATIVES.

Some clever sleuths will be working feverishly on clues, in order to secure the large sums advertised as rewards for the return of missing parties.

It will be an exciting time. Great will be the anxiety, terrific the strain, on those who have loved ones missing. Then sorrow will come, for at that time they will not be found. Not one!

No, for two shall have been in the field, the one taken and the other left. Two women grinding at the mill, the one taken and the other left. Two sleeping in a bed, one taken and the other left."

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

We know not the day nor the hour, but we know it is nigh, even at the doors, the hour of the strangest of all strange disappearances

Yet there will be a sequel.

When the Tribulation is over,  
We'll be back,

runs the strain of the jubilee song. And Hallelujah, that is just it.

Caught away to be with Christ, then when the days of tribulation are over, returning with Christ when He comes to set up

#### HIS GLORIOUS KINGDOM

in the beautiful City of David. What a glorious prospect!

"Have thou dominion over this city," the King will say to one. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many." And to another, "Have thou dominion over ten cities." Ruling and reigning with Christ, when He comes back to earth again. Wonderful day!

When folks see us walking on the streets now, they do not know that we are royal princes and princesses perhaps, but then we shall share His glory. Then the lion and the lamb shall lie down together. Then the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and in the wilderness wells of water shall spring up.

One of these days we shall leave without saying good-bye. But when Christ comes to set up His kingdom, when He appears, then shall we also appear with Him in glory.

## The Burden Bearer

Sketches of Life in the East

(continued)

By Pastor P. N. CORRY

**W**HAT is a burden? To the scribes and Pharisees of our Lord's day this formed a wonderful topic of discussion, and their conclusion was that "anything of the weight of a dry fig

constituted a burden" on the Sabbath Day. No wonder they found fault with the man who carried his bed (John v. 10).

The ordinances of the Law, according to these leaders, fell into three classes:

1. The Law given on Mount Sinai
2. The Oral Law of the Fathers
3. The Traditions (*vide* Matt. xv. 2-6, Mark vii 3-13)

To perpetuate the first two, the third was drawn round them as a hedge to prevent any breach of the Law, and included the sayings of the scribes, even though they were absolutely unsupported by Scripture at all. Moreover, once a saying or custom had been added, no teacher, nor the sanhedrin itself, might annul it, or set aside the decrees of those that had gone before. Thus there were no less than thirty-nine distinct kinds of work that the Jew was forbidden to perform on the Sabbath Day. Even to the present day I know, from one personally acquainted with Jewish life, that whilst they

#### COULD NOT OPEN A LETTER

on the Sabbath Day, they could read it if some Gentile had done the opening for them. They could enjoy the light of the gas or the warmth of the fire, but someone else must strike the match that lit both. When the disciples plucked corn they did not break the law (Deut. xxiii. 25), but when they did it on the Sabbath it was equivalent to "reaping," and to rub it between the palms of the hand was equal to "threshing," according to the tradition of the elders.



Hill-Top Burdens.

Photo by]

[Pastor P. N. Corry.

Even the Rabbis compared their laws about the Sabbath to "a mountain that hangs on a hair," and life for the Jew became one "tangled forest of prohibitions." It was these traditions that the Lord Jesus was constantly coming up against in His ministry of healing (Matt xii 1-12; Mark iii. 2-4; Luke xiii. 10-16) and to this growing burden that He referred when speaking of the scribes and Pharisees who sat in Moses' seat; as He said, "They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with one of their fingers" (Matt. xxiii. 1-4). As you read the passage, you can see the poor burden-bearer with his back to the weight, being loaded up, far above his normal tremendous load. Yet when it comes to lightening the weight, or even helping them to unload (which the eastern carrier cannot do himself),

#### THEIR SPIRITUAL LEADERS

were not willing to lift even a finger to help. The bearers must stand under the weight, hoping for someone with a heart more tender than the rest to come

to their help. And they do not wait in vain, for One comes walking down the ways of life, crying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." He takes away the burden of man's making, and in return says, "Take My yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. xi. 28-30).

The very music of the words, the power as well as the comfort of them, make you stretch your back, and walk upright once again, no longer only looking at feet, feet, feet, mud and stones, but able to see the sky, and to look the world in the face. Gone the cruel oppression of religious traditions, broken the spiritual slavery of priestcraft and custom—free and forgiven, but yoked together with Christ. Now we gladly bear one another's burdens, and if we see one staggering under a load it is our joy to put our back under the weight and relieve him, because in so doing we "fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. vi. 2), who has lifted the weight of our load.

## Dreams and Visions

By JOHN McALISTER

"THE prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies, and by their lightness, yet I sent them not nor commanded them" (Jer. xxiii. 28, 31, 32).

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods which thou hast not known, and let us serve them: Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deut. xiii. 1-3). In these Scriptures, God is giving a timely warning, to which we would do well to take heed, especially in these last days when the enemy is so insidiously transforming himself into

#### AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.

It is a fact that wherever God is working in a special way, Satan is also there to counterfeit it. This has been very apparent in connection with the special outpouring of the Spirit in recent years. There has never been in the history of the world such a revival, that has reached men and women of almost every nation and tongue and denomination, bringing them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. Right here Satan always strives

Sickness in every form and of every nature has been healed by the power of the risen Christ, through prayer, anointing with oil, and the laying on of hands. But while this is an indisputable fact, it is

also a fact that there never was such a time of apostasy, of false teaching, and fanaticism. It matters not which side of the line you go off at, whether you cool off and accept formality and modernism, or if you listen to the suggestions of the Devil and go into fanaticism, the Devil has accomplished his purpose. But, in this article we wish to deal particularly with

#### THE QUESTION OF DREAMS AND VISIONS,

also tongues and interpretations.

Let me say that we believe in dreams and visions, tongues and interpretations, and they have their place, but when folks throw themselves open to these things and expect to be guided and instructed and governed by them, they are on dangerous ground. God has declared that all Scripture is given for this purpose, and He has never proposed that the Church should be guided by dreams and visions, tongues and interpretations.

Our observation for the past number of years has proved that this Word is true. Very often some person who is not familiar with the Word has a dream or a vision or an interpretation, which may be all right in itself, but somehow they get puffed up and begin to pose as God's Special Medium to instruct everyone within reach how to act and what to do, and there are always a number of simple-minded people who think it is wonderful and will gather around and will become "dupes" and I am persuaded that the enemy rakes advantage of their pride and ignorance; and as they have

#### TURNED AWAY FROM THE WORD

and seek dreams, visions, tongues and interpretations, he gives them in abundance, and very soon by following these suggestions, they are led into the most ridiculous fanaticism. One of the worst features of it is that they are so sure that it is the direct guidance



of the Spirit, and they will keep saying, "The Lord told me" and "A message came through," etc. These messages and instructions as a rule go on from bad to worse until it spoils the ministry and in many cases wrecks the faith of those who have been captivated by them.

Where the enemy gets the advantage of the dear ones who get off the line in this way is that he suggests to their pride that they are more spiritual than other people, and that God is making special pets of them in giving them these wonderful revelations, and they will not take counsel even from those who have been through these things for years, and know that

they are sure to end in disaster.

When once you leave the trunk-line of truth and run off on some little side line, there is no place to stop and you just get farther and farther away.

Let us therefore be wise. If we are on speaking terms with the Lord He can reveal His will to us, not through a medium nor by special revelation, nor by trances, but by His Word through the Spirit. If we get out of touch as Saul did, we are in a dangerous place. Better get back to God.

If you know of these things starting in your church, no matter how plausible it may seem, have nothing to do with it, but rather prove it

## Window Dressing for the Glory of God

**M**ANY people look upon the Bible simply as a book to have in the house—their interest not going further. So in order to impress on the passer-by that it is not only the Sword of the Spirit, but that it must be known and used, the Clapham Bible and Tract Depot have made a special window display. On a background of purple and gold, with a basket of flowers to match, a helmet and shield were displayed. In front of this a two-edged sword was suspended over an open Bible, and, in order that the connection between them might be quite clear, the Scripture from Ephesians VI was quoted. Thus the obvious fact that it is no use hav-

ing a sword unless you know how to use it is impressed on the mind, and the remainder of the window used to display literature on the Word of God, helpful to a knowledge of its use and power.

The window has caused much comment in the district, and has attracted the more attention in that the local Chamber of Commerce have awarded it first prize, a silver cup, in their open window-dressing competition. Best of all it has been the means of causing people to take notice of God's Word,—an answer to many prayers offered by various sections of the Christian community in Clapham.



# Unbounded Enthusiasm and Undaunted Evangelism

## Leicester Baptisms—Streams of Converts—Bible Study Blessings—Joy Abounding

**Islington** (Miss N Kennedy and Miss A Hawes) All hearts are filled with praise and gratitude to God for His wonderful blessing in this assembly. Old-time conviction of sin turning people from darkness to light has brought twenty souls to the Saviour during the last few weeks. The fetters of sin and unbelief have been broken and these precious souls are now rejoicing in glorious freedom. A brother who a month ago was a spiritualist is among the number of those rejoicing in salvation. After many years of doubt and searching for truth and reality he found Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Many are realising more fully that the day of miracles is not past, and Foursquare Gospel results are in evidence, numbers of believers having been baptised in the Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost. Week by week the blessing increases. Thus the church is growing in numbers and power daily, as the Word of life is faithfully ministered. The open-air work and the selling of the "Elim Evangel" around the public houses is being owned and blessed of God. Many have been brought into the services by this means and are enjoying a personal experience of salvation. The saints here are encouraged to press on, believing God for greater things, giving Him all the praise.



Miss N. Kennedy.

**Ilford** (Pastor J T Bradley) The local work is being faithfully carried on, the saints have been edified by the Bible studies given by the Pastor and the breaking-of-bread services lately have been times of refreshing from the Lord. A visit last Tuesday by Miss Ewens and Miss Paint was greatly enjoyed, a larger gathering than usual having assembled to hear the experiences and real Pentecostal testimonies of our sisters.

**Bermondsey** (Pastor W. G. Hathaway) "Blessings abound where'er He reigns" was the expression of many who came together to worship and to meet with the Lord, Sunday evening, October 6th, for it was a time of triumphant victory. After much praise and adoration, an encouraging message from the Word of the Lord was given by Pastor Hathaway then two sisters gave the soul-saving appeal in song. During the breaking-of-bread service which followed, the Pastor received quite a number of new members into fellowship. The work in this centre is growing, and Sunday and week-night meetings are proving rich seasons of blessing, for which we praise God.

**Clapham** (Pastor J J Morgan) Within the past five weeks, twenty-eight souls have surrendered their lives to Christ. The work here is certainly being owned and blessed of God. For the Thursday evening Bible studies, Pastor Morgan has been dealing with Justification, Sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the church as a whole has received renewed impetus and inspiration. The Sunday night meetings are being devoted to the Second Advent. The huge audiences at these meetings are held spell-bound by his powerful and sincere addresses. A rich time of blessing was experienced on October 6th, when at the evening breaking-of-bread service ten souls yielded to Christ, the atmosphere was charged with the power of God. Also thirty-two people were given the right hand of fellowship, after which they were commended to the Lord. The revival spirit continues to rise higher and higher, souls are saved, backsliders restored, and many have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The prayer meetings are on the increase, which is a healthy sign. The Lord's hand too is upon the open-air work, where many have been brought out of nature's darkness into God's marvellous light.

**Liverpool** (Pastor J E Goreham) Sunday, October 6th, opened with a special Bible study at 9.30 a.m. by Pastor J. E. Goreham which was of great blessing to those present, and after which a glorious time was spent at the 11 o'clock service, when the power of the Lord was manifested. At the 6.30 p.m. Gospel service the Pastor spoke on Naaman's leprosy.

The subject—"New Skins for Old"—was greatly appreciated by all present. After the Gospel service there was a Divine healing service, followed by the breaking of bread, which was greatly blessed by the presence of the Lord. Monday, October 7th was the Crusaders' open night, and a profitable evening was spent together. They were honoured with a very good congregation, many strangers being present. The Lord is blessing the ministry of Pastor J E Goreham, the saints are being revived and numbers are increasing.

**Southampton** (Pastor and Miss Henderson) God's richest blessing is being poured out here in Southampton in a most remarkable manner. Every week souls are being won for Christ, and saints are being built up in their most holy faith.

On Thursday, October 3rd, Miss Henderson gave to a crowded church an address on "Life in the Belgian Congo," when young and old were held in rapt attention. Although not intended to be a preaching service, so great was the power that the meeting was tested, and three souls gave their hearts to Jesus. Mr Godson, on Sunday, gave one of a series of messages on the Second Coming. God has been greatly blessing these and on that day six more souls were won for the Master. The church here is really having good times of rich blessing, and is making progress under the ministry of God's faithful servants.

**East Ham** (Pastor H A Court) In sure evidence that the numbers are increasing here, fifteen more believers were baptised in water on Thursday, September 19th, after Pastor Court had ministered the Word to a large gathering. The baptismal candidates included a dumb sister who had been saved for five years, three small boys and a brother who seven weeks previously had been lying very ill as the result of a stroke, but whom the Lord had graciously saved and healed, also, an unsaved man came to watch his wife pass through the waters and he went home gloriously saved! Four more decided to be baptised when the first opportunity occurred.

When Pastor Court preached on "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, to-day and to-morrow," on the following Sunday, five souls surrendered to Christ, and at the waiting meeting which followed the power of God was manifested in a remarkable way—many receiving mighty infillings—and one sister came right through according to Acts 11:4.

On the next Thursday, the Pastor continued with "Mountain-Top Experiences," this time the subject being "Lessons from Lebanon." How true it is that we, just as much as those who are mountaineers in a literal sense, should be bound together and to our Guide, not by a rope but by love.

Sunday, October 6th, was a day of great blessing for all. Much new light was shed by the Pastor's address in the morning—"The Baptism in the Holy Ghost." In addition to treating this subject as a doctrinal truth, he greatly helped all present in an individual sense, for those who were still seeking were encouraged to keep on "asking, seeking, and knocking," until they received, and those who had received were exhorted to remember that the power of God was the only means of fighting against "spiritual wickedness," carnal weapons being of no avail. In the evening of the same day another soul came to the Lord after the Gospel message on "The Glory of the Cross." Although mention cannot be made of every meeting, the Lord is indeed with us, every department of the work is being blessed—to God be the glory!

**Ipswich** (Evangelist H W. Fielding) The new Elm Church in Ipswich began its career on Sunday, October 6th, and already the Lord has in a marked way, set His seal upon the work. On the first Sunday evening some 300 people gathered to enjoy the continuation of the revival blessings. By the radiant faces, the whole-hearted singing and the enthusiastic response to the Pastor's call for "Amen" or "Hallelujahs," it is evident that the campaign fire is still intensely burning. The whole aspect is indeed very inspiring, and it is believed that much blessing is in store. On Tuesday, October 8th, the first week-night meeting was held in a hall which is situated just opposite to a cinema. The cinema queue gathers just as the singing is at its height, so the Foursquare Gospel testimony is going forth. We pray that this testimony to those seeking this world's pleasures may bring forth fruit. On the first

week-night meeting, the Pastor gave a very encouraging word to new converts from Psalm xxxvii exhorting them to "trust in, rest in, and wait on the Lord." This message gave new impetus to the tried and persecuted Christian, revealing, as it did that the One in whom our trust and confidence should be placed was none other than El Shaddai, the God All-sufficient. On the Thursday following, a goodly number gathered at the same hall for a Bible reading. The Pastor spoke on "Prayer," which proved to be another excellent word of exhortation to the Christian. Real heart prayer, governed by the Holy Ghost, was compared with the repetition of printed prayer. Believers were exhorted to take the prayer life of our Lord as an example, several scriptures bearing thereon being referred to. Although given to believers the effect of the Word caused one soul to decide for Christ at this meeting. On the following Sunday morning a breaking-of-bread service was held. The Lord's presence was indeed manifest at this service and a blessed time of fellowship was experienced. The Pastor afterwards spoke on the subject of "The Lord's Supper," and he was instrumental in clearing away many doubts appertaining to this service, as to who was permitted to break bread, etc. In the evening there was again a crowded attendance. It is in the Sunday evening services, probably on account of the number present, that the campaign revival fire is so evident. The singing at these services is indeed an inspiration, no urging is necessary, "out of the abundance of the heart" the song comes forth. The Pastor spoke on the Lord's Coming. This message was indeed blessed of the Lord, for as a result four souls decided for Christ, and were made ready for that "glorious hope." At the close of this service a Divine healing service was held, and quite a number came forward for prayer. The presence of the Lord was very manifest. Yes, the Lord has indeed set His seal upon this work, everyone is on the tip-toe of expectation, and we are believing in the promise that "greater things than these" shall be manifest in the midst for His glory.

**Greenock** (Pastor S. Gorman and Evangelist J. T. Robinson) Wonderful times are still in progress. Evangelist J. T. Robinson has been welcomed here as assisting Pastor Gorman. In his initial address on Saturday, September 28th, Mr. Robinson addressed a large congregation on God's dealings in the world

in the past, present and future taking Psalm xxiv as a basis for his talk.

Sunday night's service attracted a very large crowd, many of whom stood in the vestibule of the church to listen, while others were unable to gain admission. Pastor Gorman spoke on "A Midnight Tragedy," which he illustrated by the story of King Belshazzar and his great feast, when the handwriting on the wall was a portent to the great king of his impending death. Nineteen souls professed conversion.

The following week-end was a very interesting one. On Saturday, while Evangelist Robinson waited upon the saints in Greenock with good results, Pastors Tweed and Gorman visited the Baptist Church at Gourock, with a number of Crusaders, and gave a very helpful evening to a large congregation. One interesting case of conversion was registered. This is the first case of a Foursquare deputation being invited to another fellow-organisation in this district, and we believe much good has been accomplished thereby.

On Sunday morning Pastor Tweed spoke on "The Priesthood of the Believer," bringing much helpful encouragement to the saints. In the evening we had the much anticipated meeting for reception of new members. Many had looked forward to this day since Principal Jeffreys was here, and now that it had arrived much spiritual enthusiasm prevailed. Those intending to join were in their seats at 5:30 p.m. and at 6:10 p.m. the church was crowded, while at commencing time many were turned away. Pastor Tweed, previous to the receiving, gave an address on "Making a Chain" (Ezekiel vii 23). He described the chain of sin, made of various links of carnality, then Satan's chain with links of indifference, pride and unbelief, finally and most beautifully he spoke on God's chain, with its unbreakable links of infinite love, Divine manifestation, and supreme sacrifice. Twenty souls professed conversion. During the service Mr. and Mrs. Seth Sykes sang "Jesus lifted me," and "We'll talk it o'er together by and by," and Mrs. Tweed sang "I need a Shepherd," all of which were very helpful. Pastor Tweed gave a very fitting word of exhortation to unity, peace and love to the intending members, after which about four hundred received the right hand of fellowship into the Foursquare Gospel Church at Greenock, from Pastors Tweed and Gorman.

**Leicester** (Evangelist G. E. Cotton) We print the following report from the "Hinckley Times and Guardian"

Between twenty and thirty people were baptised into the Elm Foursquare Gospel faith, at the Abbey Bathing Station, Leicester by Pastor G. E. Cotton, the local leader.

Clad all in white, the converts stepped into the water, three or four at a time, and each one was individually immersed.

Pastor Cotton, in a short address, said that he believed in total immersion. He quoted several instances from the Bible on this form of baptism.

Two testimonies of healing by faith were given, one by a Southampton woman Miss F. M. Munday, who claims to have been healed of tubercular trouble in the knee, and also a skin disease from which she had suffered since a child. The other testimony was given by a Leicester man, Mr. E. H. Thorpe, who said that he was healed at London in June last, of a fractured knee-cap, from which he had been suffering for seventeen years.

About 300 people witnessed the baptism from the banks, many of whom were strangers. To these Pastor Cotton extended a hearty invitation to attend their regular meeting-place whenever they wished.

## Open-Air Baptisms



Evangelist G. E. Cotton baptising in the River Soar.

# The Family Altar

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**Sunday, November 3rd.** II Chronicles xxii 1-12

"His mother was his counsellor to do wickedly" (verse 3)

There are mothers and mothers. The biggest counsellor in the world is mother. She must counsel—whether she wills or not. The mother who is to counsel aright must go to the right school. The Principal of that School is the Lord Jesus Christ—the Head Teacher is the Holy Ghost—and the Text Book is the Bible. A mother would blush to know that she has counselled her son to do wickedly. Yet a mother's counsel uncontrolled by the Word of God will surely be wrong the right school. The Principal of that school is the Lord. Therefore the mother's constant counsel to her child should be, "Seek the Lord early, for they that seek Him early shall find Him." Saturate yourself in the Word of God, mothers!—then your counsel will build your children up for eternity. Fond kisses can never supply the injury done by wrong counsel.

**Monday, November 4th.** II. Chronicles xxiii 1-11.

"The Levites shall compass the king round about" (verse 7).

There is a King greater than Joash. There are Levites greater than the temple Levites. Christ is the greater King. Christians are the greater Levites. It is our privilege to compass our King about. It is our privilege to let the world know who is the centre of our attraction. The world lets us know her choice. The world is not ashamed to let it be known on whose side she stands. The worldly man will fix in his window the photograph of his political hero. The worldly man will bedeck himself with the colours of his party or his team. The worldly man will wear his society badge. The worldly man will clearly express his opinions. Let God's people not be ashamed to compass their King. A badge helps—a Bible helps—a text in the hall of your home helps—attendance at church helps—a given tract, a lent book helps—but above all the life is supreme. If you are a Christian, the stranger who is in your company for half an hour will know by your life what King you encompass about.

**Tuesday, November 5th.** II. Chronicles xxiii 12-21

"All the people of the land rejoiced" (verse 21).

The evil woman was gone—Athaliah. The evil priest was gone—Mattan. The rightful king was reigning—Joash. The temple worship was purified—the unclean were not allowed to enter. Of course they rejoiced. Evil was dethroned—right was enthroned. A similar day is coming for this poor world. The rightful King is not now on the throne. There are many usurping Athaliahs and Mattans. But the great overthrow is coming. Civilisation is heading towards its crash. It will make one final attempt to prevent it through Antichrist. But Antichrist himself will crash with the final crash. Then God's King will reign. Christ will be exalted. Christ will be enthroned. Every knee shall bow to Him. Every evil Athaliah and Mattan shall be destroyed. The temple of God will become a real temple of prayer—a temple of cleanliness and worship. Discouragement may come to us, but it never comes to Christ. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth, and the isles shall wait for His law."

**Wednesday, November 6th.** II Chronicles xxiv 1-14

"They . . . gathered money in abundance" (verse 11)

These people did not use a collecting box or a bag—they needed a chest. God's work had been overthrown. An opportunity came to repair the damage. They leaped forward to fill the chest with restoring riches. A converted man means a converted pocket. Abundance of love for Christ means abundance of money for Christ. "Take my silver and my gold" is not then sung in a hesitant whisper, but with a glad shout. But giving to-day is a more difficult problem than in olden times. There are so many chests that need filling—the Church chest, the missionary chest, the tract chest, the special effort chest, the building fund chest, etc. Which chest shall we use? Remember, Christ still sits over against the Treasury.

He knows which chest your money should be placed in. Ask Him—He will guide you. When there is your willingness to give—there is His willingness to direct.

**Thursday, November 7th.** II Chronicles xxiv 15-24.

"He had done good . . . both toward God, and toward his house" (verse 16)

Do good toward God and you will surely do good toward your house. A man of God is always a man of good. The godly man pleases God and blesses men. Set your heart toward God and your home will know it. Crown God in all things and your home will crown you. You may experience opposition and even ridicule at first from unsaved relatives. But if you persist—if you return gentleness for roughness—if you give soft answers to hard words—if you return good for evil, even those who scorn you will at last have to confess that "we couldn't do without our John and our Mary, although they're a bit soft on religion." And finally, they may see that they've been the soft ones" and not John and Mary. And in the eventide of life, when the opposers are slipping away into eternity, they will want to squeeze your hand and say, "God bless you, my child, you were right and we were wrong. You have done good unto God and unto your house."

**Friday, November 8th.** II Chronicles xxv 1-10 and 14-16

"God hath power to help and to cast down" (verse 8)

With God all things are possible. Wits cannot defy God. If God wishes to help forward—nothing can stop Him. If God wishes to hinder—no effort can prevent Him. God always helps faith. Nothing pleases God but faith. Therefore the man of faith is always helped—he is never cast down. It may seem that circumstances are against him. They are not. Apparently opposing circumstances are only permitted by God—the one great Circumstance—in order that weak faith may become strong. Faith needs to be educated. That education is constantly going forward. But when God has got the faith of the man of faith where He wants it—then He honours that faith. God-given faith always receives a God-given reward.

**Saturday, November 9th.** II. Chronicles xxvi 11-23.

"He was marvellously helped till he was strong" (verse 15)

The reason is not far to seek. Before Uzziah was strong he realised his weakness and asked for God's help. Uzziah's weakness plus God's strength was always sufficient for victory. But when Uzziah became strong, then he ceased to ask for God's help, and Uzziah's strength without God's power was not sufficient for victory. When we are weak—then we are strong, if our faith holds on to God. The faith of a weak man is far greater than the strength of a strong man. God is the strength of the weak man of faith. But He is not the strength of the strong man of weak faith. Lord! ever keep us in the place where our faith looks up to Thee. Never let us get into the position of those who push forward in their own strength.

If you hold daily communion with Him in your chamber, and He touches you and you touch Him, you will go through the world like a man who is continually encompassed in impregnable armour, and on your shield of faith Satan's fiery darts of doubt will be quenched. A boy went into the battle and was found without a helmet. Some one said to him, "Your head is unprotected." "No, it is not," he answered, "my mother laid her hands on it before I went to the battlefield, and besought God to be with me." If God's hands are laid on your head, that head is helmeted; if God protects you no arrow from the Devil's bow can pierce your coat of mail.—*A. T. Pierson.*



10th November, 1929.

Reading: I. Samuel vii. 1-12

# Sunday School Lesson

By Pastor P. N. CORRY

**MEMORY TEXT:** "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs xxviii. 13).

## THE ARK OF THE LORD

was the most sacred possession of Israel. It was not only the place upon which the blood of the yearly atonement was sprinkled, but the central object in the camp of Israel (Numbers ii 17 and v 3), round which the life and purpose of the nation revolved. At this time they did not possess a king because it was in the purpose of the Lord to reign over them, and to command the nation from above the mercy-seat (I Samuel viii 7, Exodus xxv 22). For twenty years this little village on the outskirts of Israel had been the resting place of the Ark, but only as a private shrine, and not as a national centre of life and power. Israel still remained under the thralldom of the Philistines (I Samuel vii 2-4), and it was a time of lamentation, when the years seemed long and their history was one of failure. But, as with all other failures, there was

### I. A Cause.

Israel was serving the gods of the nations about them, Baal and Ashtaroth. The old conditions of backsliding and idolatry so often manifested in the time of the Judges were still holding sway. These false religious customs were most debasing and horrible, and the curse of God was pronounced upon them (Deut xxix 24-28). In spite of repeated warnings, failures, and deliverances, Israel still refused to learn, and now their latest oppressors, the Philistines, were making their bondage more complete than ever. There is always a cause at the source of defeat and bondage, and it is generally sin, backsliding and disobedience.

### II. Contrition.

Samuel, like the true leader he was, did not begin to amend their condition, or better their social standing. He appealed to the heart, rebuked sin, and condemned idolatry. "Return to the Lord with all your hearts, and put away the idols," was the cry.

Repentance begins in the heart, but it does not stop there, it is manifested in the life, brings about a forsaking of the evil, and works a mighty change in the attitude we take towards God and His Word. This will be seen in I Thessalonians i 10 as well as in the Old Testament. So Israel put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth, and turned to the Lord. What a smashing of idols there must have been, what a burning of groves upon hill tops. The sound of the axe cutting down the groves must have been music to the ears of Samuel, because every blow attested to the reality of their repentance. It will be the same in this day. Even if the habits that are given up are only childish indulgences, they soon become chains of vice.

### III. Confession (I. Samuel vii. 5, 6)

Israel's repentance was not simply a silent one. The old watch tower (Mizpah) saw a gathering the like of which had not been seen for years, and here the men of Israel poured

out their hearts to the Lord. "We have sinned," and its personal application, "I have sinned," is a healthy sign, for "he that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and FORSAKETH them shall have mercy" (Prov xxviii 13). Many people try to cover their sins, they do not wish others to see their failure, or know of their defeat but such do not find a blessing. The man who is blessed is the one whose sin is covered, and not the one who covers up his sin (Psalm xxxii 1, 5).

### IV. The Cry.

The enemy soon heard of this gathering, suspected trouble as a result of it, and came down in force to renew their bondage. And though ages have passed since this deliverance took place, the enemy of souls still does the same. But they cried to the Lord, and thank God, after repentance and confession, the cry is never long in being answered, for to all the promise is very plain, "Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved."

### V. Consecration.

Samuel took a lamb as a burnt offering, wholly given to the Lord, and, thank God, the Lord Jesus has "given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet-smelling savour" (Eph ii 2). There is One who satisfies the claims against us. One who has satisfied the heart of the Father, and now in Him we also can be consecrated as the children of Israel were.

### VI. Conquest.

Oh, what a change! The Lord thundered, Philistines were afraid, armies became panic-stricken, and the oppressed nation became the conquering one. Instead of the crushing oppression of foes, they taste once again the sweets of victory. Instead of being driven before the oncoming flood of the enemy, they pursue their foes. After all these years that had been long and weary, it must have been grand to do the chasing instead of the running away, to be on the side of victory instead of defeat, and when the heart is right God does change ignoble defeat into glorious triumph, the dirge of woe into the psalm of conquest, because "we are MORE than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom viii 37).

### VII. Restoration.

Not only did they have victory, but all the cities that had been taken by the enemy were restored again, and the Philistines were subdued (chapter vii 13, 14). The Lord not only answers the cry, but gives more abundantly above all that we ask or think. He restores the years that the locust, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, and the palmerworm have eaten (Joel ii 25), and gives beauty for ashes. Having restored our soul, He gives joy so that once again we may teach transgressors the way of the Lord (Psalm li 12). Thank God for a wonderful Saviour who not only saves, but delivers, and that in no half measure, but more than we might expect or think. Amen.

## "Gate-Crashers"

By PHYLLIS M. SHAW

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Unsaved one, won't you come to Jesus and "drink of the water of life freely"?

There is one who is like a gate-crasher. It is Satan. He is always coming in uninvited and breaking down the gate of all your good resolutions. But, praise God! there is One who can make the bars of your heart's door so strong, that the wicked gate-crasher, Satan, cannot break through!

Sinner, let me recommend you to that One, Jesus. Listen to His Word, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt xii 28). He will give you the rest and peace and satisfaction you need, you will not have to trouble any more as to how you will expel that terrible gate-crasher, Satan. Come to Jesus and be saved.

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