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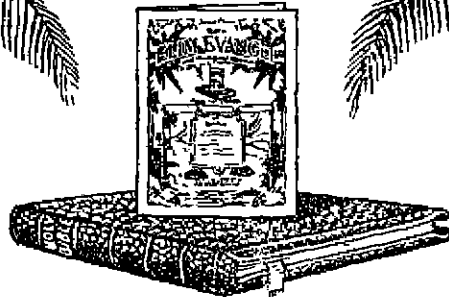
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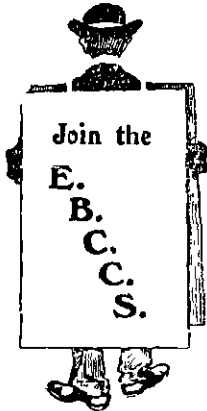
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## Can God give a Revival in these Last Days?

By Evangelist GEORGE BELL

**C**AN God give a revival in these last days? Much doubt is manifest regarding this great subject. Scripture is quoted ever so glibly to back up the belief—or unbelief—that God is not going to give revival previous to the coming of Jesus. Last days are dark days, evil men and seducers are

Despite the attitude of the many, we come back to our original question, and ask, Can God give a revival in these last days? Perhaps it can be answered by asking another question, Has God ever given revival in any other days than dark days? Dark days have always been times when God delighted to work,

## The Great Bingley Hall Besieged

Climax to a Colossal Campaign

*The following message is from Rev R J Jones, J.P. :*

**1875 SAW THE BINGLEY HALL, BIRMINGHAM, THE LARGEST HALL IN THE MIDLANDS, FULL FOR THE MOODY-SANKEY CAMPAIGN. 1904 SAW IT AGAIN FILLED DURING THE TORREY-ALEXANDER MISSION. ON BOTH THESE OCCASIONS PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF THE CITY CO-OPERATED, BUT, MIRACLE OF MIRACLES, THE HUGE BUILDING IS PACKED TO CAPACITY FOR PRINCIPAL GEORGE JEFFREYS' FOURSQUARE GOSPEL REVIVAL CAMPAIGN IN 1930. THERE HAS BEEN NO BLARE OF TRUMPETS, NO JOINT CHURCH COMMITTEES ARRANGING BEFOREHAND. THE REVIVALIST CAME INTO THE CITY NOT BEING ABLE TO COUNT ON ONE TO COME TO HIS SERVICES. REVIVAL SCENES DURING HIS CAMPAIGN BAFFLE DESCRIPTION. IN TEN WEEKS IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 10,000 SOULS HAVE BEEN SAVED, OVER 1,000 HAVE BEEN IMMERSSED IN WATER, AND THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF MOST ASTONISHING CASES OF MIRACLES OF HEALING, MANY OF WHICH I HAVE INTERVIEWED MYSELF. THE GREAT BINGLEY HALL WAS ALMOST FILLED FOR A COMMUNION SERVICE WHICH ONLY FINOS PARALLEL IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL GATHERINGS**

waxing worse and worse, lukewarmness in the Church is on the increase, apostasy, pleasure-loving and perilous times abound and all these seem to make men form the opinion that God is not going to move in revival power. Ofttimes one is inclined to think that such a pessimistic conclusion is the outgrowth of the belief that He cannot. In the face of all this, are we not following in the steps of Israel, when she committed the great sin of

### LIMITING THE HOLY ONE,

and had to suffer the awful consequences? As of old, unbelief to-day may again work spiritual havoc and disaster in a more appalling manner. Giants of unbelief again tower in the midst of God's own people and our Jericho's and Ai's remain unconquered. History is repeating itself.

such days have always driven the faithful remnant to their knees and in the sharpness of their agony as they cried to God He has always heard and answered, man's extremity being God's opportunity. The Psalmist cried, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work for they have made void Thy law." Not, let it be noted, It is time for Thee to work, because they are keeping Thy law. No! no! but making void Thy law. Lawlessness abounding everywhere in the Psalmist's day, yet unbelief does not seal his lips in silence. He knows the power of his God and so cries in the midst of sin, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work." Lawlessness is again rampant to-day, and when God's laws are at a discount, man's laws likewise are lightly esteemed, but such conditions should only serve as a stimulus to emulate the Psalmist in his cry, "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work."

**DARK DAYS!**

Hasn't He promised us the treasures of darkness, and what glorious treasures He has given us in dark times? Darkness prevailed spiritually before Pentecost, and out of that darkness came three thousand and five thousand souls, and stalwarts such as Stephen, Philip, Barnabas and Paul. Darkness again in Samaria, Ephesus, Corinth, Thessalonica, Lystra and Derbe, and yet great mass movements of the Holy Spirit were witnessed, and again men won to outstanding spirituality were wondrously saved.

Can God give a revival in dark days? And again we answer, things have always been dark in days preceding revival. The fact that revival was given inferred deadness, and deadness and darkness go hand in hand. "Wilt thou not revive us again?" They had been alive once, alive for God, seeing His wonderful works amongst the sons of men, but now deadness, darkness, and hence the cry,

**"REVIVE US AGAIN!"**

Restoration, revivification, first in the midst of God's own people and then the regeneration of the lost. This is God's own order. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee," and so the conversion of sinners follows the restoration and reviving of the Church, and surely it is conversions we should be seeking.

How dark spiritually were the days of the Middle Ages, and who would ever have dreamt that the Church could ever be brought out of such awful darkness into such a condition of light and fruitfulness as prevailed during the latter half of the nineteenth century, producing such men as Finney, Moody, Spurgeon, Gordon and a whole host of others.

Appalling was the darkness when God used John Wyclif in mighty revival and raised up his band of evangelists called the Lollards. John Huss and his followers saw powerful works in days when circumstances would have made it seem almost impossible for God to accomplish anything at all.

**THE REFORMATION,**

also a glorious period of regeneration—for tens of thousands found Christ as their Saviour at that time—was preceded by evil days when souls spiritually sat entrenched in darkness and in the shadow of death, and then came that glorious movement destined to change, not only individuals, but nations. Outstanding and conspicuous figures were raised up from sin to stand for God, rock-like, making it impossible for the gates of hell to prevail against them—Luther, Calvin, Zwingle, Farel, being among the many.

Wesley and Whitefield were men mightily used of God in the eighteenth century in England. How were conditions—morally and spiritually—then? Deplorable in the extreme, so dark that if revival had not come it would have meant revolution, and, as one eminent historian states "This revival saved Britain as a nation." Dark and hard must have been the times that brought forth the cry, "Revival or revolution!" Finney witnessed wonderful movements of

the Spirit in the midst of the most impossible conditions throughout New England.

**MODERN REVIVALS**

have been no exception. Wales in 1903 was steeped in unbelief, but the close of 1904 saw tens of thousands swept into the kingdom of God. The north of Scotland in 1921 was far from God, but at the close of the year was blazing with a new enthusiasm of loyalty to God. Ireland in the north in the same year was experiencing times of civil war and God stepped in and now peace reigns because the Prince of Peace has been enthroned in thousands of hearts. And so the glorious record of the past encourages us to press on. Times may change, but the power of God never, and it is encouraging to know that among the prominent men to believe that God was going to give revival in these last days were the late Dr. A. B. Simpson, Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission, Dr. F. B. Meyer, Dr. R. A. Torrey, Michael Baxter and others.

Oh, friends, let us press on. Everywhere to-day in village, town, city, there are faithful handfuls of saints, burdened and distressed with the condition of things and crying for revival. Will God hear their cry? Or does He put those desires in their hearts to mock them by withholding the deep cravings of their souls which have been created by the Holy Ghost? Such desires are never of the flesh, or Satan, but from God, hence God.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GROANING**

out to God the Father in the Name of God the Son, and answers must come. The close of this dispensation is upon us but God's gracious promises remain unchanged. Darkness, it is true, abounds, and things to the human eye look black, and yet to the eye of faith things are as bright as the promises of God, therefore let us stand on them and "ask anything in His Name," knowing that if we ask anything in His Name "we shall receive." The perishing masses are dear to His heart still, and "He is not willing that any should perish." It is still His will that "all men should be saved." Let us plead, pray, agonise, for the salvation of loved ones, neighbours, work-mates and all in the land. Let us add to the number of intercessors already besieging and beseeching the throne of grace. Let us sigh and cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst. Let us cry mightily to God for a gracious movement of the Holy Ghost that will result in a quickening of every member of the Body of Christ, that will mean new life to the Church, the filling of the gaps in the foreign field, that will again bring unity, love and sacrificial living back into our midst, and fast, but not least, the "much fruit" in the redemption of the lost that glorifies the Father's Name. For "yet a little while, and He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry." Like Abraham let us hopefully believe in hopeless circumstances. Pray without ceasing. God can do a big work in a short time.

Nothing gets a preacher under conviction like meeting another preacher that is holier than he.

# The Coming of the Lord

## II.—AN AMBITIOUS HOPE. By Pastor P. N. CORRY

**I**N II. Corinthians iv and v, Paul the apostle, speaking of the confidence that belongs to those who are Christ's and of the far more and exceeding weight of glory that awaits us, likened the Christian's present life to a tent and his future life to a dwelling in glory. At present the draughts, the dust and the inconvenience—living in boxes with the constant need to look to the ropes and pins; but then, the dwelling of God, not made with hands, commodious, permanent, open to the air of heaven, with plenty of room and no fear of storms. What a change!

This hope, he says, leads to confidence and the confidence to labour for His kingdom, because "we are ambitious that whether at home or absent we may be well-pleasing to Him" (II Cor v 9, *Newberry*, margin). It matters not if we are still on colonial service or at home, in the tent or the palace,

### ON TREK OR IN GLORY,

the confidence of this hope makes the Christian ambitious to be well-pleasing unto Him, because we shall one day appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ (verse 10).

Surely it is self-evident that if the King is coming then the result of my work for Him will be manifest. What colonial officer of the King of England abroad, if he knew that the King-Emperor was coming would not at once become ambitious that his section of the country should be the very best? And if we know He is coming, we also shall be ambitious to win His approval.

In I. Thess ii 19, 20, Paul, writing from Corinth, tells the Thessalonian Christians that they are his hope, his joy and crown of rejoicing in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming. But in case you think they were his favourites, he also says the same to the Church at Corinth that he had to rebuke so sharply (II. Cor. i 14), and finally he says the same with great longing to

### THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI.

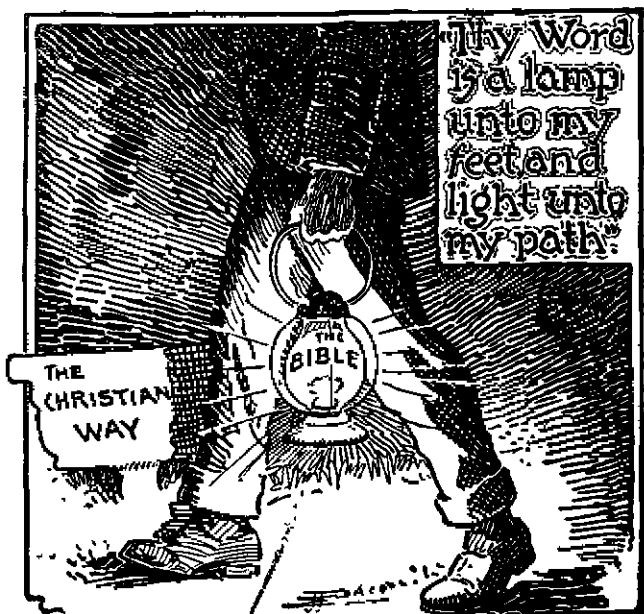
Hear him cry, "My brethren beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown" (Phil. iv. 1), and you realise what love Paul entertained toward those whom he had led to the Master.

That this was not a special term of endearment to a select company is very evident, because he used it to Christians of varying temperaments. Some had given him cause for rejoicing, others of sorrow nigh unto death, but he claimed all as his victor's crown of rejoicing. He was filled with the hope of His Lord's return to such an extent that it made him an ambitious collector of crowns in every clime and in every city in which he may perchance pitch his tent. To Paul the Lord's coming was such an incentive to soul-winning at all times and occasions that he was not content until he had representatives in his crown from every city he visited.

If you study the jewels of the Royal House of Windsor in the Tower of London you will find the *Koh-i-Nur* from India, and the Stars of Africa from the Union of South Africa alongside rubies from Burma, and jewels from other portions of the Empire. Some occupy a large place, others are almost hidden, but all combine to make the crown jewels of England. The result of the hope of the return of the Lord Jesus in the heart of every believer should be that we become ambitious collectors of jewels to present and to glory of in His presence at His coming.

Christian," Bunyan tells us, "was led by Interpreter into a room where was a man that could look no way but downwards, with a muck-rake in his hand. There stood also one over his head with a celestial crown in his hand, and proffered him that crown for his muck-rake, but the man did neither look up, nor regard, but raked to himself the straws, the small sticks, and dust of the floor." Some Christians do not seem so far removed from this condition still. Worldly ambition and longing fills them with the unsavoury results of mud-groveling. They are ambitious collectors of the gilded sticks and straws of worldly fame and glory, when all the time the confidence born of the knowledge of the home in His presence should make them ambitious collectors of souls. You, my brother, my sister, may have many crowns of rejoicing in His presence if your hope of Christ's return makes you ambitious, not for worldly fame or fortune, but for souls. Let this hope spur us on to be collectors of crowns and we shall surely find jewels in the jostle of life, gold in the gutter, and riches on the roads we tread.

(To be continued)



The Light is not for the head only but for the feet

# Hymn-Singing

By HAROLD PAYN

**T**HERE can be no doubt whatever that hymn singing is a predominant feature in the service of the Christian Church. It is the outstanding feature, especially in revival services, which are accompanied by a flood of new hymns and choruses.

Many people have grown so accustomed to the hymns in general use, that they sing them mechanically, missing the wealth of beauty in them. The hymns in use to-day cover every phase of Christian experience. But what is the secret of the supremely happy revival-singing, and the insatiable appetite for new choruses, especially those about the Lord Jesus Himself? It is not for

## THE LOVE OF SINGING

alone. It is not simply stirring the emotions. Singing by the trained choir may be beautiful from a musical standpoint, it may stir the intellect and the emotions, but lacks the joy of the Spirit-filled life which gives real soul to music. Some sing to shew their ability to sing. This brings praise of men, which is their reward. Good singing brings praise to the singer, as do good sermons to the preacher, but successful singing and successful preaching bring praise to the Saviour. Successful singing is getting the congregation to sing intelligently. Some sing without the slightest understanding of what they sing. If a Philip came alongside them and introduced himself with the question, "Understandest thou what thou singest?" how would they reply? If they replied truly they would say, "How can a person sing with the understanding, knowing nothing of the new birth?" Can a blind man sing intelligently of the beauties of Nature? They need an evangelist to guide them. The first thing in Christianity is to receive Christ.

The second thing is to live upon Him, if we are to

## LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS

—"I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." Our love and joy are then intensified, and our emotions stirred by the knowledge of what we sing, and we are able to sing under circumstances which humanly speaking would be impossible. The secret then is, first, receive Christ; second, live upon Him,—with a result that is the outcome of both. Two examples will suffice to shew the truth of this. The first is recorded in Matthew xxvi. 30, "And when they had sung an hymn" (or Psalm as the margin puts it) I prefer the word *hymn* because it is the first mention of the singing of a hymn in the Bible. If we consider the circumstances leading up to this event, we shall marvel that they could sing at all. But out of the deepest sorrows are born our greatest joys. On this occasion the chief priests and rulers had assembled at the palace of the high priest (Caiaphas) to consult together how they might kill Jesus. Judas, one of the

disciples, had gone there to bargain with them, that for thirty pieces of silver he would be willing to betray Jesus into their hands. Then in the evening, the disciples in obedience to the Lord's command, met to eat the Passover. The disciples on being informed by Jesus that one of them should betray Him, were "exceeding sorrowful." Then follows that sacred and solemn breaking of bread and drinking of wine, signifying the death Jesus was to die in a few hours' time. Jesus took bread, and blessed it and brake it, and gave to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is My body. And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Thus, by taking the symbol of bread, the body of Christ, they receive Christ, and by drinking of the wine, the symbol of the blood of Christ, they live upon Him, for the blood is the life. Amid such bitter sorrows on that dark betrayal night, what billows of anguish would sweep over their souls, and yet we read, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. Is it not amazing they could sing at all? What did they sing? The only hymn I can sing when I consider these circumstances is, "Love so amazing, so Divine, shall have my soul, my life, my all."

## FAITH IN WHAT WE SING

brings deliverance to the soul. How wonderfully this is shewn in the case of Paul and Silas, as recorded in Acts xvi. We have only to consider the circumstances under which these men prayed and sang praises to God, to realise how utterly impossible it would have been for them to sing at all except with the Spirit and with the understanding. These men had been drawn into the court of the rulers, their clothes had been torn off their backs, they were beaten with many stripes, and with their bleeding backs, had been thrust into the inner cell of that Philippian prison, their feet made fast in the stocks, and the gaoler warned to keep them safely. Does it not make one wonder how Paul and Silas could sing at all in such surroundings? And what did they sing? I imagine they sang something like "Jesus breaks every fetter." One thing we know, they put their faith into operation. They did not try and cheer one another up by a popular song. They sang praises to God. They were not surrounded by

## ORNATE GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE

with stained glass windows; they had no large pipe organ, no set of cushions or new carpets, no warmed comfortable pew; no electric light or a light of any sort by which to read their music,—for we read in verse 29 that a light was called for. The time was midnight, and their surroundings from a human standpoint were hopeless. But the eyes of these two men were not on their surroundings. The darkness of the dungeon did not dim their faith in Him to

whom they sang their praises They praised Him with their whole heart and soul that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake They praised Him because the Spirit gave them utterance, and because they knew He heard them Their praises woke the gaoler up from sleep, and made him cry. "What must I do to be saved?" The prisoners heard their praises and wondered The prison heard their praises, and trembled, so much so that

#### THE DOORS WERE OPENED

and the fetters loosed The very earth quaked at their mighty faith expressed in their song The Lord heard and delivered them Oh God, give us a faith like that Help us to sing with the Spirit and with full understanding, to sing what is true to Thy Word and true to our experience—then we know Thou wilt witness to the truth of it in mighty power Shall we sing a hymn? What shall we sing? Considering the great number of converts and Crusaders now being

trained for service in the army of the Lord at our revival centres in this land, and considering the number of our brethren now being slain in Russia, I suggest we sing,

Ho, my comrades, see the signal  
Waving in the sky,  
Reinforcements now appearing,  
Victory is nigh

Hold the fort for I am coming,  
Jesus signals still  
Wave the answer back to heaven,  
By Thy grace we will

May the Spirit waft the mighty song over land and sea to our brethren in Russia, inspiring them to such faith and fortitude in the midst of such terrible persecution as will make their persecutors cry out, 'What must I do to be saved?' Then may they, like Paul, shew as much zeal for the cause of Christ as they have done against it.

## Pentecost in Java

### News from a Late Student of the Elim Bible College

*The following news has come to hand in a letter from our fellow-labourer in Java, Pastor Hank Thiessen, with whose father and sister we had the joy of fellowship during their visit to Elim Woodlands last year—ED.*

THE work here is still going forward and of late it is expanding rapidly, this being true of work under native care as well as that under Europeans It is wonderful, but where the Spirit is working the hardest hearts must break Most of the natives are Mahometans, whose leaders use many agencies with great zeal and effectiveness—schools, hospitals, etc They are very hardhearted, but praise the Lord, Pentecost changes all things, and in our meetings with joy they throw over the old, to receive the new and the better. Many of them visit our meetings, and the old "La illah ha ill Allah Mahomet rasoel Allah" ("God is great and Mahomet is His prophet"), is changed for the joyful "Hallelujah! glory!" and "Praise the Lord!" The greater part of our converts are baptised with the Holy Ghost Yes, the hardest rocks must rend where the Cross of Calvary rises, and where the bleeding Lamb of God shews His pierced hands and reveals His matchless love

We are expecting to open a new College, another representation of Pentecost in the Far East, where we can train some native preachers, that they may preach the Name of Jesus to the millions of Java and the other islands here in the great ocean We hope to use the lessons of the Elim Correspondence School too The College is surrounded by a large garden, where but a few years ago there was nothing but the wild animals of the jungle I hope to send you soon a photo of this building which will be opened at Easter.

My father and sister have been back several months from their visit to Europe We heard with great joy the good tidings from the many beloved ones whom we came to know there, and from the Elim Churches where four years ago my brother and I got such a rich blessing. My youngest brother also writes with joy about the meetings there

Please remember to pray for God's work here in dark Java

## Book Review

*The Miraculous Foursquare Gospel—Supernatural*, by PRINCIPAL GEORGE JEFFREYS (Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham, S W 4)

This is the second volume in a series of four on the Foursquare Gospel In this volume Principal Jeffreys vividly shews that the age of miracles is not passed He lifts the book of Acts over from the first century into the twentieth century He makes it quite clear that to deny the miraculous is to be unfaithful to the teaching of Scripture The writer deals with the profoundest truths in the simplest and clearest manner. The writing is by no means theoretical—the teaching of Scripture is confirmed by present-day

miracles Photographs of Mr. Gregson of Leeds, and Miss Munday of Southampton appear, with brief accounts of their amazing healings The value of the book is greatly increased by a series of questions and answers on Divine healing. In the first volume questions and answers were given on *salvation* It will be clear to every reader that the Principal's views on Divine healing are well-balanced and effective. The book is very well printed, and has a striking jacket which compels attention In paper covers the price is 1/6 (by post 1/9), in strong cloth boards, 2/6 (by post 2/10) Obtainable from the Elim Book Saloon, 7, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.4.



# A Doubting Heart

By W. J. COOKE (*Eastbourne*)

**W**HAT is it? It is a fatal hindrance to obtaining spiritual blessing or physical healing

For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith (Mark xi 23)

There are thousands of promises in the Bible given to the children of God for their benefit, which have been purchased for them by the atoning sacrifice of God's dear Son on the Cross. Thereby they become the believer's blood-bought right, and inheritance in Christ Jesus. These promises are all based upon conditions. They are covenant promises made by God the Father to every new-born child of God. If we will fulfil our side of the covenant, God will assuredly fulfil His side, and bring to pass in our experience the very things we desire and the promise we claim. There are

## CERTAIN CONDITIONS

which the seeker must observe and comply with. The channels through which these promises are changed into actual experience are *prayer and faith*.

Prayer is the method of approach unto God. Faith is the channel through which the blessing flows into our being. We have no goodness, no works of our own to merit God's favour. Therefore we are entirely and absolutely dependent on the merits of the atoning Blood and of our High Priest who ever pleads for us. Therefore we must always approach God through the Name of Jesus. We must pray in His Name and for His sake. He Himself said, "Whosoever ye ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it," and again it is recorded that "without faith it is impossible to please God." Now let us note the conditions

First, *Praying according to the will of God*. Second, *Believing that I receive when I ask*. Third, *Praise for the blessing, and acting on faith*.

The first condition suggests the question, How can one know the will of God? There are certain things as to which we must first seek to know that will of God before we can pray the prayer of faith. In those requests we are bound to say, "If it be Thy will." But where the promise is the declared purpose and will of God, there is no need to say, "If it be Thy will." You cannot pray

## THE PRAYER OF FAITH

with the *if* in the prayer. We never should pray, "If it be Thy will to save souls," or to heal the sick, or give grace or spiritual blessing of any kind, but when praying for guidance in some undertaking then we should get to know the will of God first, before we present our request.

Second. Believe that I receive when I ask. Faith is not feeling, and feeling is not faith. I must accept the answer to my request by faith alone, "Whosoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

Third. Having accepted the promise asked for, it is quite natural that we should praise God for giving the blessing, and go forth acting on the promise as being fulfilled in our experience.

This is the exact point of failure. We do not do this. Here comes the deadly heart of doubting. What is it? It is secret unbelief, a mental reasoning and calling into question God's faithfulness, judging Him by our feelings, or by our experience, waiting for some wonderful thing to happen—rather than accept the statement God has made, and go forth leaving God to carry out the work in His own way. It is the Devil's oldest suggestion, "Hath God said?" No sooner have we presented our request and looked for its fulfilment, than

## THE ARCH-ENEMY

suggests some doubt—perhaps, our utter unworthiness—and thereby draws our eyes from God and the promise to our condition. It may be our failure or the failure of someone else. The enemy will suggest all sorts of things to the mind in order to fill the mind of the child of God with that deadly question, "Hath God said? Is it really true?" Sometimes he will suggest that we have not faith enough, or that we are not really good enough, and therefore cannot expect the answer to our request, and by these means cause us to wait and see how we feel. There are hundreds of so-called Christians living by their feelings rather than by faith. Many go to God with their trials, their besetting sin, and their diseases, and they pray about the matter and give their difficulty over to God in prayer, and they will tell you they are waiting "God's time." And so a delay is caused in the fulfilment of the promised blessing.

What should be the attitude of the believer in case of delay? Should it not be a close examination of his own heart and condition, instead of sitting and waiting for some future thing to take place? To obtain and experience the promised blessing, the seeker must believe that

## GOD IS ABLE

to do what we ask, also that He is willing, and that He fulfils His promise when and while we are praying. Then thank and praise Him for having given us the answer to our request, and go on treating the whole thing as done and as accomplished fact.

Again, there is the all-important question, Do we seek the blessing? Is it from any selfish motive or that we may enjoy our life and be free to indulge ourselves more if the life is not right, and the motive not in line with God's will. We have no real ground of hope if we cherish unforgiven sin in our hearts. God cannot answer our prayers if we long still for those sins; if we merely seek healing from disease to be free from pain, or to escape the punishment of the very sin that has caused the disease, we cannot expect the blessing. We must seek every blessing spiritual or physical for the glory of God, that Jesus may be extolled, and His Name glorified. Again one

cannot pray the prayer of faith with an *if* in the prayer. So many pray for healing of the body with "If it be Thy will," when the Word of God is so very plain and clear on the matter. There are no less than

**THREE HUNDRED PROMISES**

on physical healing in the Word. I must be certain of His will. Peter tells us that "He has given us exceeding great and precious promises, whereby we become partakers of the Divine nature." Again Paul in his letter to the Hebrews (vi. 17, 18) leaves us no room or excuse for doubt. Read this

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us

There is a very comprehensive passage upon our subject—

Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things that he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith

Dear brother or sister, if you are really a new-born soul, you are an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ. For you all the promises of God are "yea and amen in Christ Jesus"

What is your mountain? Is it some besetting sin, some painful disease, some trying circumstance, or some burden? Just cast it all at Jesus' feet and the mountain shall become a plain. If it is some past sin it shall be cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness

# Do and Don't

Some people seem to think the Lord delights  
In saying, "Don't"—  
In mowing down the grass of earth's desire  
With scythe called "Won't",

And that when wayward tendrils seek to soar  
More than obey,  
He takes the shears and clips them off  
In ruthless way.

But, truth to tell, He loves so feelingly  
All tender shoots,  
He never stops their growth a bit—instead,  
He feeds their roots  
And says, "Dear wandering things, *do* round Me  
twine—  
I'd love you to!"  
And oh! how easily He guides me with,  
Not "Don't," but "Do!"—E.M.W.

## Wide, Wide as the Ocean

Wide, wide as the o - cean, High as the hea - ven a - bove,

Deep, deep as the deep - est sea, Is my Sa - viour's love,

I, though so un - worth - y, Still I'm a child of His care,

For His word teaches me That His love reaches me ev - ry - where.

## Bible Study Helps

### FIVE "MUSTS" OF THE BIBLE.

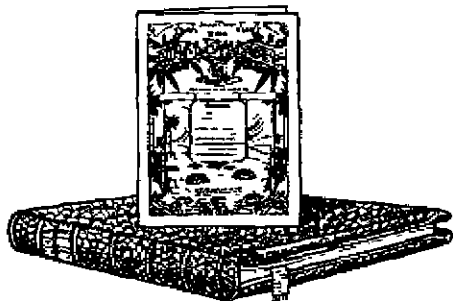
- 1 "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts xvi 30)
- 2 "Ye must be born again" (John iii 7)
- 3 "Whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv 12)
- 4 "I must abide at thy house" (Luke xix 5)
- 5 "We must all appear," etc (II Cor v 10)

### CHRIST AND THE BELIEVER.

- 1 Christ above the believer (Acts vii 55)
  - 2 Christ beneath the believer (I Cor iii 11)
  - 3 Christ before the believer (John viii 12)
  - 4 Christ behind the believer (Rev i 10)
  - 5 Christ beside the believer (Isaiah xli 10)
  - 6 Christ within the believer (Gal ii 20)
- W S B.

### "Understand."

- A command (Daniel viii 17)
- An impossibility in the natural man (Dan viii 27)
- A possibility through the Bible (Dan ix 2)
- A possibility by special revelation, before the Holy Spirit was given (Dan ix. 22)
- A reiterated command (Matt xxiv 15).
- A glorious possibility and accomplished fact (John v 20). Hallelujah!



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## Discoveries

WHAT amazing discoveries the last century has yielded! It seems as though the hand of science has rent the veil of ignorance and mystery that enveloped mankind. We think of the evolution of electricity—its wonder of wireless—the astonishing advances in aeronautics. Most of these things were undreamt of 100 years ago. Science is justly proud of its progress, but is in danger of being deified by its devotees. We are grateful for the beneficent service to mankind which some of these discoveries have made possible. But no scientific discovery is comparable to that which the soul makes when it realises that the Cross of Christ is the all-effective remedy for sin's fatal malady—that out of the wealth of Divine grace its utter bankruptcy is more than met. No rapture is so full as that which possesses the being when first it is flooded with the "blessed assurance" of sin's full forgiveness—no relief so great as that which follows the lifting of the intolerable sin-load, which rolls away for ever and is lost amid the redemptive waters of that cleansing, healing Love Fount of Calvary. Oh, the inexpressible and irrefragable glory of that birth-hour when the Rubicon 'twixt life and death is crossed, and the soul passes out into spiritual freedom. The dawn of an endless day of discovery! Like those Galilean fishermen of old we can but exclaim, "We have found Him!" The incomparable One! The all-sufficient One! The One who completely answers the cry and the craving within.

## Summer Opportunity.

WHAT are we going to do this summer? Is summertime to be an opportunity for our own enjoyment, or shall we make it into an opportunity for active Christian service? Gipsy Smith in one of his sermons utters a passage which we may wisely and prayerfully ponder at this time

"When I first began preaching, one night I saw, among a crowd of people who were seeking Jesus, two women. One was a poor fallen woman in a shawl, the other, a refined, cultured woman. The latter said afterwards, 'I cannot say that Christ has saved me from the gutter, but I can say, thank God, He has saved me from an easy-chair.' Ah, it takes a big salvation to save us from laziness! That good woman donned a Salvation Army bonnet, and plunged into exhausting work for Jesus. At length she broke down. Her doctor called in a specialist, who said, 'I must tell you the truth. There must be no more singing, no open-air preaching, no slum visiting. If you continue, it means that you will be dead in a year.' 'Oh,' she cried, 'doctor, let me work for Jesus one more year, and I will be quite content to die.' That is the spirit of the New Testament."

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## Childlike Trust.

AN ILLUSTRATION occurs in the *Christian Herald*, by Rev. G. C. Grubb, which our Elim readers will delight to know. It will encourage our prayers—it will lead us to consider nothing too small to bring to the Lord.

A few years ago a poor widow, an earnest Christian, came into the office of a near relative of mine, who loves his Lord and Saviour. "Oh, Mr. —, what a wonderful God we have!" she exclaimed. "What is it now, Mrs. —?" said he, for she nearly always had something good to tell about her God and Saviour. "Well," said she, "a few days ago I was looking at the things in my little room, and I noticed that the strip of carpet before the fireplace was very shabby, and I said to myself, 'That strip of carpet is not fit for a Christian to have in the house. It dishonours the Lord.' And I hadn't the money to buy a new one. So I knelt down and told my Father about it. And I asked Him to send me a strip of carpet for the fireplace. And I told Him the exact length. 'It's three feet by two, my Father. And Thy Son has said, 'Whatever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it.'"

"I got up from my knees with my heart at rest, knowing that the matter was now in His hands. A few days after that, a carriage and pair of horses stopped at my door, and out got a lady with a parcel in her hand. I have worked for her occasionally. She said, 'Oh, Mrs. —, we were doing some spring cleaning, and I've just brought along some things that I thought might be useful to you. This is a bit of carpet. It's very small.' 'Oh! it's all right, ma'am. It's three feet by two.' 'Yes,' she said, 'that's just what it is, but how do you know its size?' 'Because, ma'am, I asked my Father to send me a bit of carpet, three feet by two, a few days ago, and He has sent it by you, ma'am.' 'Well, so it appears,' said she. 'And I've brought along a pair of tongs as well,' she added. 'Oh! praise the Lord, ma'am, I forgot to pray about the tongs, ma'am, although I needed them. Oh, what lovely steel tongs! What a Father we have! He didn't forget about the tongs, though I did. How can I ever praise Him enough for His goodness!'"

# Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?

A Sermon by Pastor A. G. WARD.

*Wherefore did Sarah laugh? Is any thing too hard for the Lord? Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?—Genesis xviii 13, 14, 17.*

**W**HEN these words were spoken, Abraham was encamped with Sarah his wife on the plains of Mamre. It was midday. Abraham was sitting in his tent-door waiting for Sarah to put the finishing touches to the midday meal. Gazing across the plain he saw three strangers approaching his tent, and as was the custom he advanced toward them to invite them to enjoy his hospitality. They accepted the invitation and joined him under one of the oak trees. Soon Abraham discovered that one was the Lord who was

## APPEARING IN VISIBLE FORM.

As they entered into conversation the Lord said, "I have not forgotten the promise I made you some time back. I intend to fulfil it, and you shall have a son through your wife Sarah." Sarah overheard this part of the conversation and laughed at the idea, for she remembered that it had ceased to be with her after the manner of women, and at the same time she recalled the fact that her husband was now an old man.

The Lord turned to Abraham with the question, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh?" It is possible that Sarah was not conscious that she had laughed. But there happened to be one present on that occasion with an all-penetrating ear that could hear the laugh she was not conscious of. He said, "Sarah, you did laugh, but you laughed within yourself." It was a laugh of unbelief. Oh, those miserable inward laughs; how they hinder God and prevent the workings of the Spirit, and cause many a meeting, which would otherwise go over the top, to be a comparative failure! What a blighting, blasting, damning thing unbelief is, and what a pry we carry so much about with us.

One day a boy threw in at my door a bill announcing a sale of furniture. I picked it up and read these words, "Have you ever stopped to consider

## WHAT UNBELIEF HAS COST YOU.

—unbelief in the Wingold Furniture Co.?" I was impressed with the words and took them to an artist and asked him to make them into a motto for me. Over my study door there hangs that motto—"Have you ever stopped to consider what unbelief has cost you?" Whenever I sit down to study the Scriptures, I find those words looking down at me. When I kneel to pray, those words look down and say, "Have you ever stopped to consider what unbelief has cost you?" I am going to suggest that you go to some quiet spot with paper and pencil and there make a list of the things that unbelief has cost you, and you may be surprised to discover that unbelief has cost you a great deal. It is an expensive commodity to carry about.

For years I foolishly thought that God had a number of ways by which He could communicate Himself

to us, but later I discovered that God had confined Himself to one way—the way of faith. It does not say, anywhere within the covers of the Bible, that according to your earnestness shall it be done, nor according to the soundness of your creed shall it be done, nor according to your long prayers,—but according to your faith so shall it be. God has limited Himself to this one channel through which

## HE WILL COMMUNICATE HIMSELF

to us. But is it not interesting to know that He has not provided Himself with any alternative but to honour faith? Wherever He finds faith He will respond. Oh, that there might be a great increase of faith in our hearts!

A father and mother said to an only child, "When your birthday arrives we will take you to a departmental store, give you ample time to look about, and then anything you select up to the value of £5 we will buy for a gift to you." Her birthday came. They kept their word, giving her plenty of time to look around; and then to their amazement and disappointment she selected something as trivial as a sixpenny tablet of highly perfumed soap.

Don't smile, we are not doing any better. Listen to some of the things in the catalogue of the great

## DEPARTMENTAL STORE IN THE SKIES.

Things are there to be had for the asking, that is, if we ask in faith. "If ye ask, I will do." Who said those words? Because it depends on who says a thing whether we give much attention to it. I say to John Smith (who is waiting in the condemned cell to be executed), "You are a free man." He says, "Who said it?" I say, "I heard the boys on the street say it." He answers, "It is nothing but street talk and is of no particular value to me." The following day the gaoler comes and says, "John Smith, you are a free man, for I hold in my hand a document signed by the governor, declaring your freedom." His face lightens up and he says, "It means everything to me if the governor has said it." Who said, "If ye ask, I will do"? Is it common street talk? No, God's unique Son, with all heaven back of Him, said these words. If it were not for our miserable, blighting unbelief that we harbour within us, we should see a great deal more of the glory of God and His power in operation than we are seeing.

This Book, which we call the Bible, is either one of two things—either fact or fiction. If it be fiction, the sooner we find it out the better, and then let us discard the whole Book, burn it, or throw it into the dust-bin. But if it be fact, then let us

## PROVE IT UP TO THE HILT.

I tell you that he who passes out of this world maintaining his faith in the integrity of the Word of God without having proved it up to the hilt, will be embarrassed eternally. This is God's Word, and God

is back of His Word. He says, "If ye ask, I will do." "What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." He said these words, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Then why don't we do it? We are so afraid.

Did you ever hear of the man who wanted to cross a stream on a winter's day, but feared lest the ice would give way under his weight. He got down and crawled over on his hands and knees, and when he reached the other side he observed that a man with a team of sixteen mules and a load of steel rails was driving on the ice. He whipped up the mules and crossed over without it ever occurring to him that the ice might give way. Too many of us hold up our own weight. We are afraid to lie down flat on the promises of God. We are

#### AFRAID THAT GOD MIGHT FAIL.

Another one comes along with a load of steel rails and sixteen mules attached, and drives on without a thought of God failing. And the world looks on and says, "Isn't it wonderful! See, here is a man with great faith." Oh, no it is just a man that has a little faith in a great God.

But it is not always an undercurrent of unbelief that hinders God. Sometimes it is an undercurrent of criticism that hinders the Lord from working. Some folks think themselves perfectly competent to criticise. They sit in the meeting and size up the situation and pronounce on this and that, and say, "This is of God, and that is not of God, that manifestation is in the flesh, and this other one had not much of God in it." How wonderfully clever and smart we are! Who are we, to pass judgment on these peculiar manifestations of the Spirit and demonstrations of the power of God! Don't you know that sometimes the very thing we are disposed to criticise as being of the flesh is the very thing God intends to use in an extraordinary way?

#### JOHN INSKIP

was conducting a holiness camp meeting some years ago and the meeting was tight, there was no victory apparently. He and his co-workers knelt in prayer—"Lord, break up our formalism, and if there is any pride left in our hearts, deal with it and break through and give victory." A young man who was attending university came to one of the meetings after that. He had accumulated a good deal of wealth and was not only attending university himself but was helping some poor young men through. He sat in the afternoon service listening, when suddenly he fell from his seat down into the straw. But instead of losing the power of locomotion as some do, he began to move about violently under the seats. John Inskip looked on and said to himself, "This is the finish of our meeting. Now that folk are going crazy, we might as well close the meeting." But he remembered his prayer that God would deal with pride. After a time the student arose and said, "I was perfectly conscious of all that was transpiring while I was down there, and now I want to tell you that while I was rolling about in the straw God met me in a very wonderful way and He has filled me with

the Holy Ghost" (That was how they understood things in those days.) The news spread like wildfire.

#### THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

crowded to the meetings. Farmers drove for miles in order to attend. People wanted to get where that student had received an experience of the things of God. A revival broke out, and rivers of salvation flowed in that place. Don't criticise.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Someone says, "No." May I ask what part of you answered, the heart or the head? A lot of folks are giving their mental assent to the Word of God, but that is as far as they ever go. It is "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Does your heart say there is nothing too hard for the Lord? If so, you will have a great time. You say, "I have been praying for a friend for a long time, but the longer I pray the more persistent my friend seems to be in living in sin, and I have about given up the idea of his ever getting saved." Keep right on praying, for there is not anything too hard for the Lord. I have witnessed God's mighty converting power at work for the last twenty-five years, until at last I have been convinced that God can take one of the Devil's bankrupts and save him beautifully.

We were holding some meetings some months ago, when a fine Irishman walked out and came to the front and said, "I am an infidel."

#### I DO NOT BELIEVE

there is a God. You say there is. Now if you are right, I wish that the God whom you say is a reality would reveal Himself to me." "Well," my friend said, "there is a God who is willing to reveal Himself to you." The Irishman knelt at the altar and said, "O God, if You are a God (I do not believe that You are a God, but if You are), I wish You would reveal Yourself to me. You know what sort of a man I am—how I have made fun of Your people, how egotistical I am. But if you will reveal Yourself to me I will live for You all the rest of my days." He remained at the altar for a little while and then arose and said, "No, there is nothing in it." I said, "There is a God, and He is willing to reveal Himself to you."

He went down on his knees again and said, "O God, I do not believe that You are a God, but if You are a God, reveal Yourself to me." Suddenly like a bolt out of heaven's blue, he said, "There is a God! There is a God! He has revealed Himself to me and I am His son!" Is there anything too hard for the Lord?

I was once having a series of meetings, and a fine fellow came to the altar and began to

#### UNLOAD THE DEVIL'S TRUCK

from his pockets—cigarettes, etc. He said, "Wait a little." Then he went out and came back and presented me with an awful dagger. He had had murder in his heart, but that night he opened his heart to the Lord. Did God say, "You go away. I am not in the business of dealing with murderers and folks like you"? Of course not. There is nothing too hard for the Lord.

Harry Campbell, a drunkard, came to one of our

meetings A coloured brother was preaching that night He listened to him preach and then, to use his own words, he said, "That nigger will never get me," and out he went But while my friend did not get him, someone else did For the next day, over at the casket factory, God kept speaking to his heart, repeating the words of the negro brother's text the night before, "If ye obey My voice I will be your God" He had been a notorious drunkard, used to drink from eight to ten glasses before breakfast, kept it by his bed to drink through the night Finally he went into another part of the factory and knelt down and said, "I'll do it." God met him on the spot and saved him Years have gone since then, but the other day he came to one of our services, put his head on my shoulder and wept like a child He is pretty near the place of crossing-over now, but he is going over a saved man. Is anything too hard for the Lord?

Poor Alice Green came to one of our services years ago

#### ON THE BANKS OF THE OHIO.

just across from Kentucky She listened to the preacher while he preached from the text "Come thou and all thy house into the ark" And when he reached the point where he told that God came down and shut the door, she said within herself, "God will not shut the door on me, for I will enter in to-night" Was her case too hard for Jehovah? Indeed no Withered, blighted, blasted by years of sin, God was ready to take her into His kingdom Is anything too hard for the Lord?

You say, "Brother, I have been tarrying a long time for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost I wish I could receive it, but I have become so awfully dry I am pretty nearly discouraged The longer I seek the drier I get" Well, that is fine Thank God you are so dry That will enable you to claim the promise which otherwise you would have no claim to—"I will pour water on him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground" The mighty, flaming Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the greatest thing God has in heaven for His believing children Some folks think the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is rank fanaticism Oh, it is a glorious thing to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

It is said that during the world war one of the most deadly inventions brought into action was what they called

#### THE CURTAIN OF FIRE.

It is said that before an engagement on the part of the Allies, they would launch this curtain of fire, and it would clear the field, over which the Allied men hoped to advance, of all the entanglements and obstructions which had been placed there by the enemy's forces, and that behind that curtain of fire they advanced to certain victory. God has a curtain of fire behind which His warrior saints are able to advance. And that curtain of fire is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost He turns it loose on the battlefield and clears it of the entanglements of hell; and behind it the overcomers go clear over the top for Jesus. Would you like to have the Baptism? You say, "I would, but I am not very hungry for it If you have not

a real hunger for Pentecost you had better start now saying, "O God, give me a ravenous appetite for the Baptism, and let me be so hungry that I shall not be able to leave the church until I am baptised"

You say, "Brother, I have the Baptism, but I have an ailment Do you suppose there is any hope for me?" Is there anything too hard for the Lord? There is One who has never been baffled by any case that has been fully committed to Him. He is a great Healer

#### A ROMAN CATHOLIC LADY,

who had lived a society life for years, and who had been suffering with tubercular trouble for about sixteen years, heard of folks who prayed for the sick and they were healed She had lost the sight of one eye and the other eye was affected Her lungs were affected and her side was affected Finally her husband consented to lead her to the place of worship She came and listened to the testimonies, was impressed with the truth, felt her need of a Saviour Her desire for healing was totally eclipsed with a desire to be saved God saved her and then began a work of healing God did a marvellous work in a remarkably short time He restored her sight, healed her lungs, and for many years she has been an entirely different woman. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

When influenza swept over the country years ago it struck our home, one of the first in the city of Toronto My wife, three children and myself were all down at the same time Our second child became seriously ill, and one day it looked as though she was really going to pass over Her body was cold and she was in such pain she begged us not to touch her.

#### I SENSED DEATH

was there Going down to the basement of our home, for by this time I was somewhat better, I lifted my heart to God I said, "O God, I recognise that my children belong to you, and you have a perfect right to take them to glory if you choose. But this thing is of the Devil, and I protest against my children being taken by the Devil If you want to take them, let them go some other way than this." And the Lord came down and rebuked the Devil, and stretched forth His healing hand upon the body of my child, healing her perfectly

Two or three years ago our baby girl developed a bad knee We later discovered that the leg was badly swollen It was practically stiff She dragged it about as she went I took her to a friend, a very prominent physician, and he pronounced it to be tubercular A bone specialist confirmed this. He said he would arrange an X-ray examination for her I said, "Sir, are you a Christian?" He said, "Yes" I said, "For years we have trusted the Lord for our bodies I will pay you this afternoon for your services, and if I need you later I will let you know" The days passed and we continued to look to the Lord for her healing. Often mother and I were sorely tried But whenever Ruth saw a worried look on my face she would say, "Daddy, why are you looking like that? Don't you know I am going

to get better?" I carried her about on my back, but she held on in full faith of God's sure promise and insisted she was going to get better. One morning at family worship, when we were praying for her, God spoke out of heaven to my heart and said, "I don't want you to ask Me to heal her again. I want you to begin this morning to thank Me for her healing." After that we refused to look at her knee, we kept our eyes on God and praised Him for healing her. The fever left, and the stiffness left. She began to put on flesh. The colour came back to her cheeks. And she is romping about with the other children to-day. Is anything too hard for the Lord?

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" God was on His way down to Sodom and Gomorrah to destroy those cities because of their wickedness. But here was a man on the plains who lived so close to the heart of God that God thought to tell that man what He was going to do before proceeding with the work of destruction. Is it not fine that we can live so

#### CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD

that He will be disposed to tell us His next move? There are a lot of folks wondering what is going to happen next. Many people are taken up with Mussolini. They are wondering what he is, and who he is going to develop into. Well, what about him? If he is the Antichrist, he is, and if he isn't, he isn't. I am getting ready for flight. I am going out of here—I feel the advent glory now. Do you think anything is going to happen soon? Surely—Jesus is coming, and the Bride is going

A German lady came across from the old country to visit her son. She was a Roman Catholic, but because her boy came to our mission she thought she would like to come and see where he worshipped. Poor old soul, I felt sorry for her, for she could not understand the service at all. But the Lord accommodated Himself to that lady and let the preacher have a time speaking in tongues. When the service was over she seemed so happy. She said, "My boy, the preacher

#### TALKED THIS MORNING IN GERMAN

and told me about the coming of Jesus and said He would be back soon." The Lord is revealing the truth of His coming to His faithful ones scattered over the earth. Some of them are not very well known, and if they were known they would not be appreciated. But He is whispering in their hearts, "I am coming shortly." Who knows but that the next thing will be a rift in heaven's blue and a break in earth's ground, and the glorious Christ will come down. I tell you He is not coming down through heaven's blue to summon a company of defeated people to meet Him in the air. He is coming for a company of overcomers, for folks who have stood in the evil day, that is, man's day, who have conquered all their enemies and are in full command of the field of battle.

How about it, sinner friend? How about it, backslider? Christian, are you living up to your privileges? Are you ready? There is nothing half so important in your life as getting right with God and getting the blessing of heaven to come down over your soul. God bless you—*The Pentecostal Evangel*.

## Signs & Wonders Still Following the Word

Converts Still Coming in—Many Receiving the Spirit's Baptism—Girl Guides Born Again

#### THOUGHTFUL BIBLE READINGS.

**Leigh-on-Sea** (Pastor and Mrs G Kingston) The assembly at Leigh-on-Sea has been favoured by a visit from Pastor Kemp of Hove. During his week's ministry among them the friends appreciated him, and enjoyed his very thoughtful Bible readings as they always did in the old days when he lived amongst them.

#### SUCCESSFUL MISSION.

**Belfast, Ravenhill Road** (Pastor J Smith) The mission conducted by Mr and Mrs Seth Sykes has been one of the most successful missions yet held in this Tabernacle. Night by night the old Gospel story was proclaimed in word and song to an ever-increasing and appreciative audience until this spacious hall was filled to its fullest extent, and a real and a lasting work has been done for the Lord. So interested and captivated were these large audiences by Mrs Sykes's solos that requests were frequently sent up for one to be sung again, and when this was not possible in the general meeting, and it was announced that Mrs Sykes would sing the piece asked for in an after meeting, only those compelled by distance would leave. If Mr and Mrs Sykes should feel led to come back to Erin again a hearty welcome awaits them.

#### FULL-THROATED PRAISES.

**Brighton** (Pastor J J Morgan) At the recent Sunday school anniversary services a time of great blessing was experienced through the ministry of the little ones, and at the closing service in particular, a real revival spirit gripped the assembly. The whole-hearted manner in which the children undertook their items of recitation and song proved that enthusiasm for service existed in the school, equally with the assembly.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was splendidly supported, and for the evening service the church was packed. On Monday night, following a wonderfully inspiring sermon by Pastor Morgan, based on the text "What mean ye by these stones" (Joshua iv 6), there was a reaping of six souls for the Master. The closing hymn chosen for this final meeting was the Glory Song, and it was good to hear the full-throated way in which it was sung by that crowded congregation—yet when Pastor Morgan called on the children and teachers to sing it by themselves they did not suffer by comparison, so afire were they to sing their testimony!

On the following Wednesday, a large assembly gathered to hear Miss Bruce from Islington relate how, after undergoing five operations for cancer and being finally pronounced incurable, she was miraculously and completely healed in answer to prayer.

#### BELIEVERS BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

**Springbourne** (Pastor W Field) Pastors come and pastors go, but the work of the Lord goes on. On Thursday, May 1st, Pastor W L Taylor gave his farewell address to the saints of Bournemouth. For almost a year he has laboured faithfully in this place, souls have been saved, saints have been built up, bodies have been healed under his ministry and the prayers of the people follow him to his new sphere.

On May 4th, all were glad to welcome Pastor W Field. He came in the fulness of blessing of the Gospel and with real Irish fervour. The morning service was a time of real blessing. Sunday evening was also a time of blessing. After a searching address on "The White Throne Judgment," two souls raised their hands for salvation. God continues to bless



every week Souls are won and bodies are touched by the mighty Healer Divine

In the prayer meetings the power is falling, and believers are being filled with the Holy Ghost in the good old-fashioned way, speaking with tongues and magnifying God

#### HEAVENLY BREEZES AT CARDIFF.

**Cardiff** (Pastor A Longley) The revival in Cardiff began with the cloud the size of a man's hand blown by a heavenly breeze across the impressionless brazen sky of the city's spiritual life. It continued for a time like the subdued murmuring of unseen breakers upon a distant shore, then growing and rising like the rushing of wind stirring the tree-tops, it burst in a glorious life-giving deluge of Holy Ghost blessing. To those dead in sin it brought the throbbings of immortal life, to the thirsty, drink, to the hungry, the Bread of heaven. People began to take notice, the waves of glory continued to roll and to-day, crowds still flock to hear the Gospel. The Easter Convention drew the people in hundreds around the Christ. A thousand gathered to the Crusaders demonstration one Thursday evening. Six or seven hundred come in the week, to pray, and crowd in to feed upon the Word of God. They break bread around the Lord's table, pray for the sick, and fill the hall to hear the Gospel. For nearly an hour on Thursday, May 15th, more than eight hundred people sat earnestly listening to an address on the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost," scarcely moving. They were hungry for every portion of heavenly food. It is difficult to express the experiences of the past month, unless by saying "God is surely in the midst."



Pastor A. Longley.

#### SIGNS FOLLOWING THE WORD

**Ilford** (Miss A Kennedy and Miss Hawes) It is with thankful hearts that we are able to report that this part of God's vineyard is experiencing a time of spiritual uplift and refreshing under the ministry of Miss Kennedy and Miss Hawes. At the Sunday school anniversary held recently, it was indeed encouraging to hear the children giving forth by solos, recitations, and testimonies, the grand old story of a Saviour's love. The tide is surely rising and the saints here are unitedly pressing forward in the strength of the Lord. Best of all the Lord is confirming His Word by signs following, three souls being saved at a recent Sunday evening Gospel service.

#### ELIM FOURSQUARE GOSPEL.

**Bath** (Pastor W L Taylor) The following is taken from the "Bath and Wilts Chronicle"

#### NEW PASTOR GREETED BY BATH CHURCH

"The Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, which holds its meetings at the Bath Assembly Rooms, had the privilege of welcoming Pastor W L Taylor, on Sunday, as its minister.

"Pastor Taylor has come to Bath from the church at Springbourne, Bournemouth, where he has ministered for twelve months. He has taken the place of Pastor W G Channon who has been called to the work at Islington London. Pastor Taylor was given a warm welcome, and preached to a crowded congregation on Sunday evening, on "The Beauty of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ." The idea, he said, was fast growing that the Gospel of Christ was played out, but this was not so. The great need of the Church to-day was for a band of men and women to arise, and proclaim that the Gospel of Christ was still the power of God unto salvation.

The beauty of Christ's Gospel, he said, lay in (1) its simplicity, (2) the practicability of its message, not only was it good in theory, but also in practice. It supplied the power to give up sin. It changed homes and men's lives, (3) its universality, the Gospel embraced every man, and (4) the wonderful character of the central Figure, Christ was the supreme

necessity of life and also of the Gospel, He was willing to stoop to lift men from degradation, to suffer the lash, and to be crucified in order to bring salvation to a lost world. The Pastor's message was listened to with rapt attention by the congregation."

#### GIRL GUIDES VISIT FOURSQUARE.

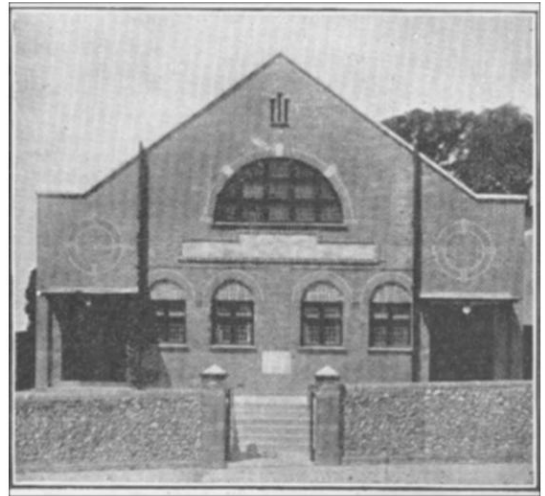
**Hove** (Pastor W L Kemp) Praise God the work is still going forward at Hove, and souls are being saved. Sunday, May 11th, was a special day, for at the evening meeting the Girl Guides of one of the local factories held their church parade in the Hove Tabernacle, and as a result of the meeting three of the Guides accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

On Sunday and Monday May 18th and 19th, the first Sunday school anniversary was held. There was a special singing provided by the children throughout the meetings and they did well.

On Sunday afternoon the chair was taken by Mr Douglas Craig. There was a large congregation, the hall being packed to overflowing in the evening, when Pastor Kemp spoke on the text, "Tram up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The children again did their part in reciting and singing, while some quite young children read papers written by them on the Scripture. The final meeting of the anniversary came all too quickly. Mr Hearher acted as chairman. The children took nearly all the service. In the Sunday school report it was noticed that when the school was opened about nine months ago about fifty boys and girls enrolled. Now there are 130 on the books.

#### MANY CONVERTS.

**Eastbourne** (Pastor J R Moore) The work of God is going forward in this assembly. During the past four weeks there have been twenty souls who professed conversion. Each Sunday the services have been seasons of great power and blessing. Saints have been quickened and sick ones touched by Christ. Some very earnest, plain, heart-searching sermons have been preached, bringing home the great needs of the people of God for the mighty outpouring of the Spirit to fit them for service.



Elim Tabernacle, Eastbourne.

A very special feature of the work here is the requests for prayer from the sick, and friends of unaved ones are continually being presented for prayer while at almost every service requests for praise and thanksgiving are received for answers to those prayers.

Sunday, June 1st, was a day of spiritual power. At both morning and evening services there were large gatherings. Pastor Moore preaching on Elijah's sacrifice on Carmel. One soul yielded to Christ at the altar call. This was followed by the breaking-of-bread service, being the first Sunday in the month. This was a soul- uplifting time. We praise God for all His wonderful blessing to this assembly. To Him be all the glory! Amen.



# The Family Altar

Being the Scripture Union Daily Portions, with Meditations by Principal PERCY G. PARKER

**Sunday, June 22nd.** Genesis xxxvii 1-17

'They hated him they hated him yet the more they hated him yet the more' (verses 4 5 8).

Their hatred was natural. The natural heart hates those who are exalted above it. There is only one thing that can turn hatred into love—it is the grace of God. The grace of God saturates the heart with gratitude. That gratitude is not simply in return for blessings to self—it is frequently in return for blessing to others. We love to see others blessed—we love to see others exalted. The exaltation does not cause us envy and hatred, but joy and love. In the church circle hatred should be unknown. No one has a right to come to the Lord's Table with hatred in the heart. Calvary was the revelation of man's hate, but it is also the secret of the destruction of man's hate. No one can truly gaze at Calvary and hate another. We may hate their sin and backsliding but we cannot hate them. There is no hymn of hate for those who have learned the hymn of Calvary.

**Monday, June 23rd.** Genesis xxxvii 18-36

'They cast him into a pit they lifted up Joseph out of the pit' (verses 24 and 28)

The future of Israel was held, figuratively speaking, by a thread. But God did not allow that thread to break. Joseph's life was forfeited by his brethren, but God overruled and the very brethren who determined to take his life finally determined to save it. Behind those brethren was God. God never allows a thread to snap if thereby His plans are interfered with. Illness nearly takes our life—but God sees to it that the thread of life does not snap. He has important work for us to do. We are involved in an accident—God holds the thread! Our employment is threatened—but God holds the thread! Satan attacks us with hurricane force—but God preserves the thread. Let us bless God to-day for the many threads that on our behalf He has preserved intact. Bless God—we are perfectly safe, until our work is done. Then the thread will snap, but the breaking of the earthly thread only means the substitution of the eternal cable that will never break.

**Tuesday, June 24th.** Genesis xxxix 1-6 20-23

'The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man' (verse 2)

Of course he was! When the Lord is with a man his life will surely be prosperous. He may not build for time, but he builds for eternity. He may not have a well furnished mansion on earth, but he has a well furnished mansion in heaven. He may not have to pay income tax on earth, but he will get compound interest in glory. He may never get to the throne of Egypt as Joseph did, but he is included in the promise, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in My throne." The man of God has many "ups" and "downs," but he always finishes with an "up." Earthly prosperity fades away in the presence of death, God's prosperity, at death, enters into its blaze of glory. If God be for us there will be many who are against us. But their opposition is so impotent that it counts as nothing. Happy is the man whose sole aim is so to do God's will that in every way and on every day God is with him.

**Wednesday, June 25th.** Genesis xl 1-11

'The place where Joseph was bound' (verse 3)

The place where Joseph was bound was the place where blessing was found. Better be with a godly man in a prison than with an ungodly man in a palace. Contact with a godly man creates a great responsibility—it also constitutes a great privilege. Many of us to-day can trace our yearnings for God to contact with those who were godly. Their lives were such that they made us think of God. Do we make others think of God? I don't mean by an affected piety, but by our solid living for God in every circumstance. A little girlie was asked through whose preaching she was brought to Christ. She responded, "By nobody's preaching, but through Aunt Mary's practising." See that girl!—she only does the washing up in a tea-shop. She is bound by four plain walls and lives in an atmosphere of rush and steam. But the place to which that girl is bound is a place where God is found. She sings Gospel

choruses as she washes up, and now the other girls sing them, and one or two have gone to the meetings and found Christ! Whither are you bound? Is Christ found by fellow-travellers through you?

**Thursday, June 26th.** Genesis xl 12-23

'Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him' (verse 23)

Let us just say to ourselves—"By God's grace I will never forget another who does a kindness to me." The chief butler was not the only one that had a short memory. We are all threatened out of sight, out of mind. Sons and daughters frequently have short memories. Mother's loving sacrifice is soon forgotten. Father's self-denying efforts quickly vanish from the thought. The old folks are left in ungrateful loneliness. God gives quickened memories. Let us ask for the quickening of our own. A letter—a word—a handshake—a kiss—a present—a card all help to prove that we do not forget. The big world of kindness is made up by little deeds of kindness. Can we do something to-day to shew somebody that we have not forgotten? Let some kind friend know that you remember them in prayer. It's a little thing—but little things make great lives.

**Friday, June 27th.** Genesis xli 1-16

'And he came to pass at the end of two full years Pharaoh dreamed' (verse 1)

Two full years!—and all that time Joseph was in prison! But in prison Joseph was being trained to rule Egypt. It was a tough and rough training place—but it was God's choice. If we pray for a throne of influence for God we must be prepared for a tough training ground. Those who would rule for God must pass through a difficult school of training. In the course of years we frequently wonder why God allows testing experiences to come upon us. Later on we see how every step of the way was necessary in order to prepare us for a life of usefulness. "What I do ye know not now, but ye shall know hereafter." Let us dry our tears—the way is rough, but it is God's way. Why should we weep? Rather let us smile and plod through.

**Saturday, June 28th.** Genesis xli 17-36

'And Pharaoh said unto Joseph' (verse 17)

Pharaoh said! The highest in the land telling out his need to Joseph! Joseph was greater than Pharaoh. Pharaoh had a higher title but Joseph had a higher standing. Pharaoh was a man of the world—Joseph was a man of God. In the time of crisis the man of the world opens his heart to the man of God. It frequently happens. A Christian man plods away in a worldly office for years, but during that time he knows what it is for worldly men in the time of crises to open their hearts to him. There is many a man of the world longing to open his heart to a man of God. Let your light brightly shine—not simply on Sunday, but steadily all through the week—and you will find that at times men and women who dwell in darkness will want to come into the steady glow of your light. Pharaohs are looking for Josephs. Be a Joseph.

Let us trust! God says, in anticipation of all trials and all needs. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." Is not this enough? Let us trust! We may rest our confidence in God. We may be sure He will fulfil His Word, and do as He has said. Never mind what may await us of trouble or trial, temptation or sorrow, Leave all that to Him. He will come with each trying occurrence; and all will be well. "I will not fail thee" may indeed suffice to assure us of all needed grace. And "I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee," shall certainly be fulfilled.

READING: John vi. 1-21  
Sunday, June 29th, 1930.

# Sunday School Lesson By Pastor P. N. CORRY

MEMORY TEXT: "Our sufficiency is of God."—II. Corinthians iii. 5.

## THE LAD AND THE LOAVES

### TEACHER'S NOTES.

The account of the feeding of the five thousand as recorded by John is seen to have led on to the Lord's wonderful teaching that He Himself is the Bread of Life. It should therefore be your aim in teaching this lesson to lead up from the natural to the spiritual, from the temporal to the eternal.

The "two hundred pennyworth" of bread should also be explained because this sum worked out at the value of 7½d to the denarius, which is its Western equivalent, shews that the amount required to feed this crowd would have been £6 5 0, and as a man's wage was a penny a day, it will be seen at once what a hopeless thing it seemed to be to get food for these people. Barley loaves are round flat cakes, quite small, and to this day they are the food of the poor people of the land (see Judges vii 13 and II Kings iv 42). They would generally speaking have been just enough for this boy's meal and there is not the slightest doubt that they were for his own use. He was not a bread boy out in search of custom.

### The Lad was in Good Company.

He was where Jesus was. The Lord Jesus had gone over the lake in a boat, but so keen was the desire of the crowds to see the signs He was working, that the people flocked out of the cities after Him on foot (Matt xiv 13, John vi 1, 2). This boy was one of the crowd, but his mother had in love provided him with sufficient provisions for the day. You all know that in a crowd, no matter how big it is, a boy would wriggle through somehow and get to the front, even between the policeman's legs if necessary. They always get the front view. This boy did, because Andrew's sharp eyes spotted him, and not only the boy, but what he had got. Imagine that you can see this eastern boy in the forefront of the crowd, all eyes and ears for everything that the Lord Jesus would do and say. It was now evening, the time to eat in the east (Matt xiv 15), but so far his mother's provision was not touched, he was not thinking of food when Jesus was the centre of thought and attraction. He was in good company, and it would be well here if you asked the class how we may get in such good company to-day, and where? Get them to give you Matthew xviii 20 as the answer to the question, and shew that in Sunday school we are just as present with the Lord as this boy was.

### The Lad had what Jesus Wanted.

There was need of bread—they were far away from shops and bakers, and if the money necessary was there on the spot, it is yet extremely unlikely that bread could be bought or baked at once for so many people. Five thousand men and

women can eat a lot, and time would not allow of fetching it or baking it. This boy's supply was just what the Lord required. He happened to be in the right place at the right time with the right article. True, if necessary, the Lord could have provided bread by other means, but He does not work in that way. He is not a magician but an economist. He takes what is available, and through that His Divine power will be manifested. This boy had got exactly what was required.

Ask your class what does the Lord require in these days to meet the need of a hungry world? Hearts and heads, hands and feet, bodies and brains—all these are required of the Lord, and they are what every boy and girl has got.

### The Lad Gave all to Jesus

John vi 11. The disciples did not think much of the supply—they said, "What are they among so many?" But Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks. Jesus the Son of God gave thanks for a poor boy's supper, and took it all. What would have happened if the boy had selfishly clung to what was rightly his own, or if he had said he would go halves? His supply would have gone nowhere if he had undertaken to do the dividing of it. At best it was only enough for himself, and only in the hand of the Lord and at His command was it sufficient to meet the need of others.

Now take the case of all who have been made a blessing to others, Moffatt, Livingstone, and right back to New Testament apostles and prophets, and ask if any of these would have been sufficient of themselves? Find your answer in II Cor iii 5, 6 and II Cor xii 9, and shew that we of ourselves can do nothing, but that as the life is given wholly up to the Lord Jesus, He can and does get more out of it, thousands of times more than ever we could ourselves. Just as He made five small loaves and two fishes go a long way, so He is still the only One who can take little from us and make it much.

### The Lad was Satisfied as Well

as the five thousand (John vi 12, 13). He did not go hungry because the Lord had deprived him of his supper. The feed he had was not only just as great but probably greater (he like the others, was filled) than if he had played the foolish and selfish game of "Little Jack Horner." How his eyes must have popped out when he saw the fragments gathered and there is not the slightest doubt that his boyish voice shouted for joy when he knew the people wanted to make the Lord King. He was his King already, and as a King, had taken all that he had to give.

Has He got as much from you and from me? It is one thing to say that He is our Lord and Master, but have we let Him commandeer all that we have and hold? Only as this is done will needs be met, souls be fed and multitudes be saved. The Lord wants to possess all we have, before He can work through us and with us to display all that He has.

## Children's Bible Educator

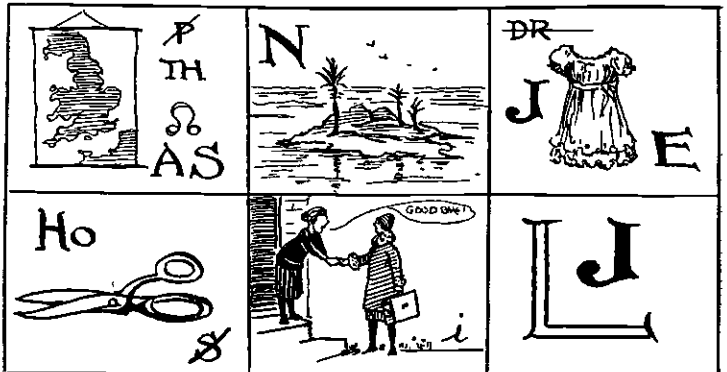
We are giving book prizes every month for the best answers.

In order to help our children to become interested in Bible study and gain a better knowledge of the Scriptures we are inserting a Bible Puzzle every week in this space.

Each diagram represents the name of a person or place mentioned in the Bible. Children under fifteen years of age are asked to draw similar spaces on the back of a postcard and write in the names, making sure that spelling is correct. Put your name and address on and send in your answers as soon as possible to "Children's Bible Educator," Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

Answers to June 6th Puzzle: Rome, Kedar, Nero, Euphrates, Noah, Obed

NOTE:—All answers should be posted by Saturday to the above office so as to arrive not later than Monday morning, June 23rd



# Concise Comments and Interesting Items

**A. R. Boughen** gives this interesting statement in an article on "The Jew, the Arab, and Palestine"

"The colonies founded and developed by Jewish immigrants are worth crossing the Atlantic to see. With their neat homes and tree-bordered streets these colonies, which may be rightly described as of mushroom growth, are centuries ahead of the windowless, unshaded, mud houses of Arab villagers near by."

"A striking example of this is Jaffa and its suburb, Tel-Aviv. Jaffa is an Arab city of 15,000 people, which looks as though the only change of a thousand years has been to make the houses a little blacker."

"Alongside Jaffa is the modern city of Tel-Aviv, of 50,000 people, all of them Jews. This new city has in the last six years grown like Jonah's gourd. Fifteen years ago it was a barren sand waste. Now it has wide, paved streets, with attractive and costly buildings lighted by electricity. The modern flour-mill at Haifa, the electric light at Tel-Aviv, the hydro-electric development at Tiberias, the provisions for adequate water and sanitation at Jerusalem, are all evidences of Jewish acumen and ability. Truly the Jewish fig tree is beginning to put on its leaves."

**Sunday school** work is being alarmingly attacked. These amazing facts are given in "the Advent Witness."

"The alteration and cutting up of the Word of God is a far more serious matter for the nation. One proof of this lies in the Bible especially produced by the National Sunday School Union for use in Sunday schools. The Devil's hand is clearly seen in this production. The subjects which have been the main objects of attack are 1. Salvation by the Blood 2. The reality of Hell 3. The personality and judgment of the Devil 4. The Lord's Return."

"(1) Of the 27 occurrences of the mention of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in the books from Romans to Revelation, 24 have been cut out."

"(2) In the Authorised Version the word "hell" is mentioned 23 times in the New Testament. 21 of these passages have been completely omitted. The other two have been altered."

"(3) Most of the passages concerning the Devil, his work and doom, have been omitted. Genesis iii 13-22, God's curse on him, is cut out, as is Luke x 1-24. The words 'devil' and

'devils' occur 27 times from Ephesians to Revelation in the Authorised Version. Of these 26 have been cut out."

"(4) The whole of the references to the Coming of our Lord have been cut out from Romans, II Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, II Peter and Jude."

**Evolutionists** have received a big shock through the following event described in the "New York Herald."

"Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, one of the foremost zoologists and biologists of America, who was a staunch supporter of the Darwinian theory of evolution at the time of the famous 'monkey trial' in Dayton, Tenn., four years ago, has recanted. Ape-man theories are myths, he has declared, according to the 'Evening Sun.' Instead of man descending from a place among anthropoid apes, as Darwin maintained, he has been human throughout his evolution, according to Dr. Osborn's latest belief."

"Particularly is the change surprising because it was Dr. Osborn who undertook to answer William Jennings Bryan on fundamentalism at the time of the Dayton trial, when John Thomas Scopes, a small-town school teacher, found himself charged with violating State laws by instructing pupils in the theories of evolution."

It will be noticed that Dr. Osborn still clings to evolution—although in an extremely modified form.

**The American Association** for the Advancement of Atheism is actively working. One writer comments, "Whether the Christian public know it or not, there is a tremendous propaganda and activity going on, silently and ever more successfully, in every department of the world's work and worship, to dethrone the Son of God from the hearts of young and old alike. But it is on the youth of the world that their hope is centred, and in devious ways and under many disguises the morale of law-abiding Christianity is being broken down and an era of lawlessness, defiance to parents, and abandonment, becoming increasingly popular."

One of the greatest answers to the A A A A, is the F F F F—the Foursquare Forces for the Furtherance of the Faith.

## A Tragic Incident

**T**HE following letter was read by Dr. Chapman, the well-known evangelist, to a large London audience. Dr. Chapman stated that he could vouch for every statement in the letter, for the writer was a personal friend. The letter was as follows:

"While a well-known evangelist was conducting a meeting one morning, a tramp came in and said, 'My father and my mother used to sit in this pew. It is the first church I ever attended. My father was an officer in this church. Seven boys used to sit in this pew in the Sunday school class. We had a great love and respect for our Sunday school teacher. Once a week she invited us to her home for an entertainment of music, eatables, and a look over the lesson. After awhile she was anxious to please us and hold us, and she taught us the names of cards. None had ever used cards. We became enthusiastic over it, learning different games. After awhile we would say, 'Do not give us so much time for the lesson, but let us have more time for playing cards, and shew us some more tricks.'"

"After awhile we were off in the cotton gins playing cards, and not going to her home. Later we failed to go to Sunday school. Cards, cigarettes, and after a while, drink and gambling."

"We all at different times left our homes."

Two of those boys have been hung, three are in state prisons for life, one a vagabond like myself. No

one knows where he is, and if the authorities knew I was here I should be arrested and put behind the bars. All I wish is that our teacher had never taught us to play cards."

"As he stood there broken-hearted, a lady at the right, and near the pulpit, dressed in mourning, arose, went to where the man was, fell on the floor with a scream, and said, 'My God! I am that Sunday school teacher.' She fainted, and we did not know but that she was dead. She revived. The woman was not seen in the meeting any more, and the man has never been seen since."

The impression given by such an incident will not be a light one. May it be a lasting one.

The characteristics of the last days are "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Tim iii 4, 5).

"Enter ye in at the straight gate for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat, because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt vii 13, 14).

The Lord Jesus says of Himself, "I am the door by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John x 9).

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi 31).

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