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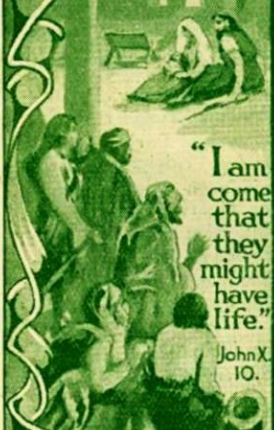
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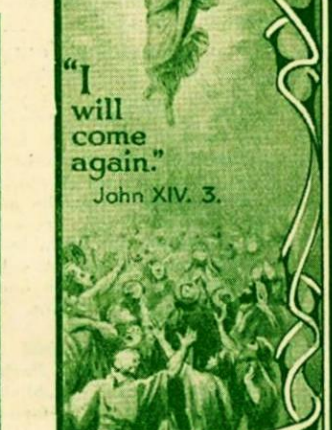


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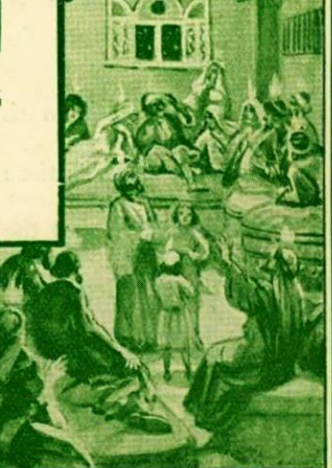


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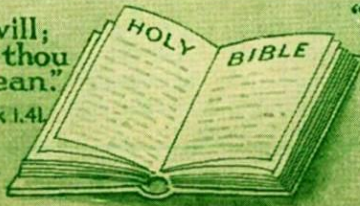
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THE MAD SWIRL OF WORLDLINESS

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

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## The Present Economic Collapse

Considered in the Light of Prophecy

By GERALD B. WINROD

[The following article, reprinted from a contemporary, will undoubtedly be of great interest to readers, bearing as it does upon the present "distress of nations." The article is thought-provoking.—ED.]

THE fulfilment of prophecy in the present catastrophic period authenticates the Bible as the inspired Word of God. The present world programme is outlined in detail in the Divine library. A systematic examination of current events in the light of prophecy enables one to discover where we are at the present time, and what there yet remains to be written of the story of human history. The perpetual miracle of the Bible is the fact that it has sketched the history of the world in advance. The world is topsy-turvy and is moving towards a crash. In view of the present world-wide collapse, the modernists and post-millennialists who teach that "day by day in every way we are getting better," must be experiencing considerable embarrassment.

Governments are being thrown into the melting-pot. Systems which have stood for centuries are toppling over. Who will say that the nations are not in chaos? Statesmen want to know whether or not cosmos will ever come out of the present chaotic conditions.

There are four men prominent in world affairs whose deeds are being cast into prophetic moulds: Roosevelt, Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin. Let us study them in the order given.

**Roosevelt.** The new President has introduced the principle of American fascism into the political and economic structure of the United States. His thinking has been poisoned by his Liberalism. A day seldom passes that he does not send a new bill to Congress for the purpose of curtailing the power of the representatives of the people who have been sent to Washington for the purpose of enacting laws. He demands a constant

### BROADENING OF DICTATORIAL POWERS.

Many statesmen are condemning his policies as being contrary to the Constitution. They emphasise the fact that he has a working majority in both Houses of Congress through which he could accomplish almost

any reasonable objective. They revolt against his repeated attempts to make figureheads of Congressmen. Ignoring these criticisms, every passing week the nation moves in the direction of a dictatorship.

This is the spirit of the age, and it is a clean-cut fulfilment of prophecy. Statesmen and leaders of high finance regard a dictatorship as the only way out of our present difficulties. The President is a psychologist of rare intuition, and, therefore, keeps pushing Congress more and more into the background, thereby curbing the power of the duly elected representatives. In blazing headlines the *New York Times* said recently, "Senate Gets Bill For Controlled Inflation Making President Financial Dictator." Congressman Snell of New York asked on the same day, "What could be more radical than authority to issue printing press money and to give one individual, in direct violation of the Constitution, the power to alter at will the value of the medium through which all business transactions are conducted?"

The forces behind the scenes which have created the seeming necessity for a financial dictatorship in the United States will also make it seem necessary, in due time, to

### CURB FREEDOM OF SPEECH

and freedom of press. America will never be the same again. In the not distant future, many will look back upon the days when they used to call themselves a "free people." You have heard it said, "This is a free country." It is evident, by the way conditions are developing, that this phrase will soon cease to speak the truth. But America will not be called upon to endure what other nations are certain to suffer.

As these words are written the President has just expressed his determination to rebuild monetary structure from the ground up. The world was dazed when he announced that he had taken the nation off the gold standard. He was evidently forced to do this because

the gold had been withdrawn from circulation in such quantities that a sufficient amount of silver and paper money could not be issued to meet the requirements.

The President, therefore, made the strategic move of inflating the nation's currency. When he did it, United States Senator Reed said, "President Roosevelt's programme of inflation reminds me of nothing so much as a child

#### PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE."

Instead of taking the matter up with Congress, Mr. Roosevelt demanded sweeping dictatorial powers whereby he would be responsible to no one but himself. These demands have created public resentment. United States Senator Walcott protested against "printing press money" and hinted that he thought someone was working behind the scenes and making demands upon the Chief Executive. He said, "It might be urged that the President will not exercise the authority granted. Then why does he ask for it? And surely those who are powerful enough to force him to agree to this legislation will be strong enough to compel him to make it successful."

It is reported that the President plans to introduce a new gold standard on which the financial leaders can agree. He planned to put the nations of the western world upon a revised gold standard. He called representatives of European nations to the White House with a view, it is rumoured, of working out some such plan as this.

Let statesmen proceed with their plans, and when they are through they will have established exactly what the Bible prophesies, a world bank over which one man, a superman, will eventually preside. There is coming

#### A CENTRAL HUB OF FINANCE

which will take in the territory controlled by the old Roman Empire, and its influence will be felt throughout all western nations.

Recently the Associated Press said, "The President has in mind bringing all nations back to the gold standard as a measure of stability, but he is considering a new standard whereby the present ratio of forty per cent gold reserve for currency would be reduced. He will insist upon common action by all the nations in establishing the new ratio which will permit more currency to be circulated on the same supply of the previous gold basis."

We question if Mr. Roosevelt knows that the revolution which he is helping to bring about in international finance is in direct line with the fulfilment of Prophecy.

*The Position Occupied by the Jew.* Parenthetically it should be remembered that the present world movements can be understood only as the activities of Jewry can be traced among the nations. The Jew is the gulf-stream from which all the world currents flow. My old-fashioned grandmother used to knit stockings for the family. She made me a pair of stockings by hand when I was a boy. I learned that there was one thread that ran through each stocking which, if fol-

lowed out, would unravel the garment. In exactly the same manner

#### THE JEW IS THE THREAD

which runs through all the nations of the world. The way to unravel the present entangled affairs is to find the Jewish thread and follow it through.

If you would understand the immediate future of England, the United States, Russia, France, or any other nation, study its attitude toward the Jews. If you would understand the deeds of Roosevelt, Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin or any other world figure, find his relationship to the Jew.

Some Bible teachers have engaged in meaningless sentimental gush when studying the relation of the Jew to prophecy. Much has been said about the persecution which he has endured. A sympathetic attitude toward the Jew is commendable, but we should not permit emotionalism to overbalance the plain teaching of the prophets. Paul says that in the present period of the world's history the Jew has a "veil" over his heart so that he cannot understand spiritual truth. They are a chosen people, and the hand of God will eventually be vindicated upon them, but at the present time they are in a "delusion." No harm will be done in locating their position in prophetic developments, even though we are brought to face the stubborn facts that they are frequently guilty of crimes, and are sometimes engaged in doing many cruel and heartless things.

The Jew is essentially an egotist. He is made of special cloth, and when he becomes deliberately sinful, selfish, and bigoted,

#### HE IS CAPABLE OF SINKING

to depths untouched by peoples of lesser capacities. His attitude of self-inflation, and egotism, was shown a little while ago in a speech by Mr. Samuel Untermyer, the noted American Jew, who had just made a \$25,000 gift to a Hebrew University in Palestine. At a banquet in New York, where this gift was celebrated, Mr. Untermyer said in a speech, "Meantime, as the Jew has outlived all the centuries of persecutions of the past, so he will survive this tyranny. He is more proud than ever of his lineage. He is the aristocrat of the world. Other races have come and gone. He alone has survived. Persecution cannot crush him."

*Adolph Hitler* has been swept into power over Germany. The newspapers are filled with reports of his alleged Jewish persecutions. Judging his deeds, however, from the strictly human point of view, it is evident that he has been justified in his attitude toward the powerful Jews of Germany. The Semitic men of finance threatened to tear down all Gentile nations, that

#### OUT OF THE CHAOS

they might emerge with the balance of power, gagging the nations in a dictatorship which they proposed to control, based upon the gold, which, they claim, is in their hands. Powerful Jews are behind Communism, not because they believe in atheism, but due to the fact that the red menace serves as a tool for creating endless chaos among the nations that it touches.

Hitler and his associates claim to have traced such

destructive forces as these, and many others, to their original source, namely, to powerful German Jews. For this reason he set out to break their control over the finances of the country. He complains that the motion picture industry of Germany, which has become such a curse of immorality, has been under the control of powerful Jews; he claims to have traced many currents of Communistic propaganda to the same source.

While Hitler doubtless believes that his viewpoint is well taken, yet underneath there are prophetic forces driving him which students of prophecy can understand. We see from Daniel that the old Roman Empire is to be revived and rebuilt into a league of ten nations, exactly as we see it developing to-day. This territory will be controlled by powerful Jews

#### WHO WILL MANIPULATE THE GOLD

of the nations, and will emerge from European chaos holding the balance of power. I have before me a press report from the *New York Times* which bears this heading, "Zionists To Ask Aid From The League." It explains that the leaders of the Zionist Movement who are determined to rebuild Palestine and exalt Jewry to the position of dominant power are protesting to the League of Nations against Hitler.

Germany was not a part of the old Roman Empire, and, therefore, will have no part in Europe's league of ten nations which is now in process of formation. Hitler's antagonistic attitude toward the Jews, therefore, is in exact parallel with the prophetic Scriptures. The backbone of Jewish power has been permanently broken in Germany and, as a result, a few thousand Jews have left the country for Palestine. The Jews the world over have pointed to the persecution in Germany as another reason why their people should leave other nations and speedily develop their homeland. So we see from several angles, that Hitler, unknown to himself, is co-operating in the fulfilment of prophecy.

Moreover, according to the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel, Germany's future lies with Russia. At first glance this statement may seem paradoxical because of Hitler's hatred for Communistic activities within the borders of his own country. While it is true that he is the enemy of German Communism, yet

#### THINGS CHANGE SO RAPIDLY

these days, that overnight he could be driven into the arms of the Russian bear for protection. Take notice, also, that the day he overthrew the German Republic and became its sole Dictator he said, "Germany looks forward to friendly relations with Soviet Russia." The Gog of the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel is Russia, and Gomer is Germany.

*Mussolini.* Hitler calls himself a Fascist, but his Fascism is unlike Mussolini's; the former being anti-Semitic, and the latter being pro-Semitic. Hitler is an enemy of the Jews; Mussolini is a friend of the Jews. Hitler's future is with Russia, and the east, whereas Mussolini's future is with the revived Roman Empire, and the west. Eventually east will meet west for the last great war of the age.

There are two beasts in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation: the first is a governmental beast, and the

second is an ecclesiastical beast. The governmental beast becomes the false Messiah of the Jews, and is called the Antichrist. The ecclesiastical beast is "the False Prophet" and becomes a great religious leader, possessed of superhuman powers, who will ultimately

#### BETRAY THE JEWISH PEOPLE

and persuade them to accept the Antichrist who comes out of the old Roman Empire. Mussolini looks like the first beast of Revelation thirteen.

A certain well-known Bible teacher who is regarded by some as an authority on prophetic subjects is devoting a great deal of time to speaking and writing about Mussolini's good and helpful work. This teacher praises the Italian killer and actually leaves the impression that Mussolini is a Christian man. This is an untenable position for anyone who professes to understand the first principles of prophecy.

For a full-sized portrait of the Italian Dictator, the best place to go is to the book, "The Life of Benito Mussolini" by Sarfitti, an authentic volume for which Mussolini himself wrote the preface. In it we learn the origin of the superman atmosphere which has surrounded him since he came into power; as a young man he was tutored in spiritism by an old witch. King Saul went to the witch of Endor, and Mussolini went to a woman called "Old Giovanna." After reading this book, one can understand what Mussolini means when he says that he is

#### NOT GUIDED BY REASON

or logic, but by intuition and an urge from within which leads him. He was nurtured in demonism by a spiritist medium.

In the ninth chapter of the above book we read, ". . . Dovia and its neighbourhood boasted many such human oddities, and one among them in particular exerted a marked influence over the mind of young Benito Mussolini. This was a mysterious old woman known as 'la vecchia Giovanna.' . . . Benito was in constant attendance on Old Giovanna, whose strange imperious ways had a fascination for him, not wholly devoid, perhaps, of alarm. And she, for her part, recognising that he was an exceptional boy, perhaps even foreseeing for him a great destiny, favoured him. She passed for a witch throughout the whole district and women came to her from all around to buy charms and love-philtres and quack medicine of various kinds. She taught Benito of her magic lore. Even to-day Mussolini has strange things to say about the moon, the influence of its cold light upon men and affairs and the danger of letting its rays shine on your face when you are sleeping; and he is adept in interpreting dreams and omens and in telling fortunes by cards. 'My blood tells me,' 'I must listen to my blood,' are phrases sometimes used by

#### THIS STATESMAN-GLADIATOR.

He will add: 'I am like the animals. I feel when things are going to happen—some instinct warns me, and I am obliged to follow it.' "

Without doubt the Antichrist will do what Mussolini is seeking to do, namely, revive the old Roman Empire. And Daniel establishes his nationality as a Roman "prince." Mussolini may later become that man.

*Stalin.* Russia has always been famous for its persecution of the Jews. It will be seen at a glance that this quality identifies Hitler with the Soviets.

As these words are written there is tension existing between England and Russia. This feeling is shared by the leading statesmen of all European nations. Russia has always remained aloof of the League of Nations, and this is most significant, because Sovietland was far beyond the borders of old Rome. An inevitable break, and

#### ULTIMATE HOSTILITY,

is certain to come between the European League and Russia. And, since Germany's future rests with Russia, it is easy to understand France's antagonism toward Hitler.

Front-page headlines of the *Buffalo Times* recently, said "Paris Prepares For Air Raids." The article explains that France regards war with Russia and Germany as certain. France was in the boundary line of the old Roman Empire.

During recent months Moscow has done a daring thing in arresting six British engineers who were employed in installing Red machinery. England took immediate steps to protect her subjects, only to be slapped in the face by Moscow. Officials say that the whole trial was a frame-up, that the evidence against the Britishers was false, and that Stalin's strategy has been to bring these charges against the foreigners in order to try to explain to the satisfaction of the masses of dissatisfied Russian people why his pet Five-year Plan has failed. The plan has been

#### SUCH A COLOSSAL FAILURE,

that in order to keep his face with the people, he has been forced to get their minds off their troubles and try to place the blame upon the foreign engineers, with the absurd charge that faulty mechanical equipment has been installed.

The fact that England and Russia should come to the point of separation is also in line with prophetic developments for the reason that war between Gog and Europe is certain.

*A Triangle.* Attention is now called to the three outstanding personalities who will precipitate the coming war, and bring about the "great tribulation."

The first is the beast which comes out of the Roman Empire. He is described in Revelation xiii. 1-10 and Daniel ix. 27. He is also the "King of the South" of the eleventh chapter of Daniel.

The second is the great Red Napoleon, "Gog," of the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel. He is also the "King of the North" of the eleventh chapter of Daniel who makes war with the "lions" of Ezekiel xxxviii. 13. It is at once clear that

#### THESE LIONS

refer to Great Britain and her English possessions including Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; and also to the United States.

The third personage is the False Prophet, the ecclesiastical beast of Revelation xiii. 11-18. His character is also referred to in Daniel xi. 36-45. This man will doubtless be a Jew. "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women,

nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all" (Daniel xi. 37). He will prevail upon the Jew in Palestine to accept the superman Roman Prince, the Antichrist, as the Messiah. Meanwhile the Jews of Europe who will be in possession of the gold of the western nations will have the stage set and ready for unveiling the man who will give to them what Jesus Christ did not offer, temporal power and dominion.

It is significant to observe that the Jews of the world have called a meeting for 1934, the purpose of which will be to select a world leader from among their people, who may finally become "King of the Jews." This man will set up his headquarters, according to Daniel, in Palestine, and the Jews will have taken most of the gold of the world back to the Holy Land with them when they leave the other nations.

We are now ready to look at the last great war toward which the nations are heading. It is referred to in Daniel xi. 40, "And at

#### THE TIME OF THE END

shall the King of the South [the Antichrist, Roman Prince—possibly Mussolini] push at him [the King of the Jews, the False Propnet]: and the King of the North [Gog with Gomer—possibly Stalin] shall come against him like a whirlwind." This probably means that the King of the Jews in Palestine will be forced to form a merger with the Antichrist and the old Roman Empire; the two will unite, and the Antichrist will be suddenly unveiled as the Messiah of the Jews. These two forces will be standing together in unity when the Reds under "the King of the North" sweep down upon Palestine for the final battle of Armageddon.

## "Pentecostal Rays"

One of our ministers for many years in the Elim movement writes us:

"*Pentecostal Rays*, by Principal George Jeffreys, is a book that has brought me profit and enlightenment, as well as great blessing. Particularly have I delighted in the clear and explicit presentation of certain Scriptures in explanation of truths which we hold dear. I have rejoiced over the contents of this book, and especially over the conscientious way in which certain truths that have been overstrained by others have been so lucidly dealt with by the searchlight of Scripture.

"I believe that all my fellow-ministers who read the book will thank God for it. One longs that leaders in the Keswick movement, ministers in the churches of the British Isles, hungry missionaries on the far-off fields, yea, that every child of God outside the great blessing of Pentecost might read this book, "May our faithful God bless *Pentecostal Rays* for His own glory in a way far beyond even the prayers that have been offered up over its pages."

# "We are Labourers together with God"

(I. Cor. iii. 9)

CITIES, towns and villages all over the British Isles are calling out for Foursquare Gospel Revival Campaigns. There are souls in darkness who only need to hear the good news to accept it. There are lives and homes to be changed from habitations of sin and iniquity into God's dwelling places. Will you help us to send them the Gospel? Lack of funds is preventing us from answering many calls. Among the many ways you can help are:—



(i) By a gift to the work. Such gifts should be sent to the Secretary, Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, 20, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

(ii) By remembering the work in your will. A form of legacy for incorporation in a will is given on page ii. of the cover. We should be pleased to render any assistance in such matters. Letters should be marked "Private" and addressed to the Secretary.

## Tempering Thunder

*Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.—Luke ix. 55, 56.*

ONE of the greatest miracles of grace is the manner in which Christ patiently deals with the untempered clay in our lives, that He may mould it into a vessel of honour and service. James and John, the men to whom the words of our text were addressed by the Lord, were known as the "sons of thunder." In the company of Jesus and others of the disciples, they entered a Samaritan village, where they sought lodging, but were refused. The fiery, zealous, untempered spirit of John, the "son of thunder," broke its barriers, and he, with his brother James, clamoured for the destruction of the inhospitable Samaritans, by fire from heaven. But Jesus turned and rebuked them and said: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of."

It will be remembered that John was the disciple whom Jesus loved. There seemed to be some special attachment between them. And yet how incredible that one who could impulsively suggest so revolting a plan should be so loved! How could such a man ever be

### TRUSTED TO BE AN APOSTLE,

and be selected from among men to be a great soul-winner? We can only understand that as we see in Jesus One who could love a man, not for what he was, but for what he would be. This "son of thunder" had two opposite moral characteristics of equal intensity; one was the capacity to hate intensely, the other was to love the same way. John would love Jesus just as intensely as he hated the Samaritans. Perhaps it was the tempestuous manifestation of these two extremes that earned for him the appellation "the son of thunder."

Be that as it may, it is evident that this display of thunder was out of Divine order because it was untempered with wisdom and charity. There was provocation, truly. The Samaritans merited rebuke for their conduct. But Jesus could not condone the spirit in which John would administer judgment. A zealous, true Christian may find justifiable reason to give reproof in the cause of righteousness, but the spirit in which the reproof is given will determine its value and its results. John was sincere, but misguided. The mighty Elijah had called down from heaven fire upon the heads of the captains and their lilies, and the record of this, sharply etched on the memory tablets of his Jewish mind, gave direction to John's capacity for hating. Might not the Christ be avenged by the same means by which Elijah was protected? Fiery zealots like the "son of thunder" and Saul of Tarsus ruthlessly persecute, and harshly judge and condemn; their consciences approving because sustained by the plausible plea that they are doing God's will. John and Saul thought that they were

### ACTUATED BY A HOLY ZEAL

for the Lord; and in part they were. But they did not know that their zeal was mixed with the alloys of untempered mortar such as impatience, pride, anger, and self-will. They were not conscious, according to Jesus' statement, of the nature of the spirit that dominated them.

It is noteworthy that Jesus did not discard the erring disciples, nor yet did He dispossess them of their extreme opposites of hate and love. These must be tempered; they must be directed into the proper



channels. In an examination of the character of John in later years, when he had become a faithful witness of Jesus, we observe that the thunder of his soul was so tempered that his hatred was turned into an abhorrence of hypocrisy, apostasy, indeed all manner of sin, while the opposite, love, constrained his weak and sinning fellows to accept the advocacy of Jesus Christ the righteous, and to rise to the blessed state of full overcoming. Thus did the Master temper the thunderous opposites of that nature; and He will temper ours, and mould them into useful instruments

that we might zealously employ them in a Christlike spirit, for the winning of souls.

Do we know what manner of spirit we are of in the sight of Jesus?—Sel.

**FULL OF SPIRITUAL FOOD**

"I must also say: Thank you, for the 'Elim Evangel.' I look forward each week to receive it. It is so full of spiritual food and by far the best magazine I have ever seen"—A. B. T. (Cheshire).

## My Home is there

MRS. M. A. KIDDER.

WM. B. BRADBURY.

1. A-bove the waves of earth-ly strife, A-bove the ills and cares of  
 2. Where liv-ing foun-tains sweetly flow, Where buds and flow'rs im-mor-tal  
 3. A-way from sor-row, doubt and pain, A-way from world-ly loss and  
 4. Be-yond the bright and pear-ly gates, Where Je-sus, lov-ing Sa-viour

life, Where all is peace-ful, bright, and fair; My home is there,  
 grow, Where trees their fruit ce-les-tial bear; My home is there,  
 gain, From all temp-ta-tion, tears and care; My home is there,  
 waits, Where all is peace-ful, bright and fair; My home is there,

**CHORUS.**

my home is there. My beau-ti-ful home, . . . My beau-ti-ful home, .  
 My beau-ti-ful home, . . . My beau-ti-ful home,

In the land where the glo-ri-fied ev-er shall roam, Where an-gels bright  
 angels bright

wear crowns of light, . . . My home is there, my home is there.  
 wear crowns, wear crowns of light,

## Bible Study Helps

### OUR HOPE IN SORROW.

(John xi. 25, 26).

**Introduction:**

Unbelieving hearts might question God in such an hour, but who trust Him rest with confidence on Him and His promises.

1. A Fact to cheer you—"I am the resurrection and the life."
2. A Faith to assure you—"He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
3. A Future to inspire you—"shall never die."

### I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT.

Paul would remind us of:

1. The gifts of the Spirit (I. Cor. xii. 1-10).
2. About those who died in Christ, and His coming (I. Thess. iv. 13).
3. The Rock that the children of Israel drank from was Christ (I. Cor. x. 1).
4. Afflictions in this world (II. Cor. i. 8).
5. The dealings with Israel and the Gentiles by God (Rom. xi. 25).
6. Paul wanted to preach the Gospel in Rome and all the world (Rom. i. 13).

### TRUE WORSHIP AND ITS RESULTS.

(Luke x. 38-42).

#### I. The Character of True Worship.

1. True worship finds its attitude in humiliation—"sat at Jesus' feet" (verse 39).
2. True worship finds its delight in the living Word—"and heard His word" (verse 39).
3. True worship finds its communion in a willing mind—"Mary hath chosen" (verse 42).
4. True worship has its motive in pleasing God—"But one thing is needful" (verse 42).

#### II. The Results of True Worship.

1. It receives the commendation of Jesus—"Mary hath chosen that good part" (verse 42).
2. It has an abiding effect in the life—"which shall not be taken away from her" (verse 42).
3. It comprehends better the afflictions of life—Mary better understood the death of her brother (John xi. 45).
4. It is more intelligent in its service with Christ—Mary knew about the death of Christ, and anointed Him for His burial (John xii. 7).
5. It is firmer in its life of faith—Mary did not doubt the resurrection.

# FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions: Meditations by PERCY G. PARKER

**Sunday, October 29th.** II. Kings xxli. 1-10.

"He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord" (verse 22).

In the walk of life we can swerve. We can swerve to the right hand or the left. We can also backside or turn back. The danger that comes to most is not that of turning back. Few Christians contemplate turning back, but many contemplate swerving to the right hand or the left. An attraction on the right hand—and we move toward it. An attraction on the left hand—and we move toward it. We would not think of denying our Lord completely, but we sometimes treat lightly slight deviations from the perfect path. Yet side-tracking is filled with much sorrow. The side-tracker loses time, strength, achievement, peace. A side-tracker cannot be a permanent leader. Leaders for God must not side-track, otherwise their followers will do the same. Steadfastness and straightness must characterise leaders of others.

**Monday, October 30th.** II. Kings xxii. 11-20.

"Because thine heart was tender . . . I also have heard thee, saith the Lord" (verse 19).

The Word of the Lord not only brings encouragement, it frequently brings rebuke. It is easy to utter a hearty "Amen" to words of encouragement. It is far more difficult to say a hearty "Amen" to words of rebuke. Yet our hearts should be just as tender under rebuke as they are joyous in the presence of praise. If God is to hear our prayer, then we must hear His voice. If He rebukes us and we repent, then we may still pray and He will hear. We can resent rebuke, but then we cannot present request. If we are to get all God has to give, then we must yield to all that God has to say. The man who fights God puts a roof over his own prayers. Prayers that rise to heaven come from hearts that have yielded to heaven.

**Tuesday, October 31st.** II. Kings xxiii. 1-9.

"And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord" (verse 3).

Josiah made his covenant as he stood by a pillar. We make our covenants as we stand by the Cross. Calvary is the place where the grateful soul makes covenants with the Lord. In the light of the Cross we surrender our all to God. It is at the Cross that we yield time, heart, mind, all. The actual Cross of Christ has long since vanished, but the meaning of that Cross forms an eternal monument. We cannot forget the place where the eternal love of God was

lighted with the lustre of deepest sorrow. The Cross has gone—yet it remains! For all eternity it remains. The complete victory of the Cross will only be seen in eternity. No need then for covenants. Covenants are connected with defeat. But in this life where defeat is constantly possible the safe way is to daily renew our covenant at the Cross.

**Wednesday, November 1st.** II. Kings xxiii. 10-20.

"And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun" (verse 11).

How stupid it was to give away horses to the sun! What waste of mind and material to worship the sun god. Yet we ourselves need to take care that we do not give away that which is valuable unto that which is valueless. Valuable hours can be given away to the goddess of pleasure. Valuable weeks can be given away to the goddess of adventure. It is well for us to ask ourselves: Am I wasting my time? I am as a sailor bound for a distant port. Am I delaying the voyage? I am a soldier fighting eternal battles. Am I postponing the victory? I am a climber scaling the heights of God. Am I neglecting my opportunities of progress? Am I squandering valuable time and talents? Am I squandering on other things that which should be given to God? Squandered things have reduced many from the highest grade of the best to the lower grade of the good. What a pity that some who might become generals in the army of God never reach a higher rank than captain.

**Thursday, November 2nd.** II. Kings xxiii. 21-30.

"And like unto him was there no king before him" (verse 25).

Gracious Lord, grant that I may reach the best for Thee. It is easy to see failures in others; grant that there may be no failure in me. I feel that my life is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Some have been faithful unto the end; others have failed in the midst of their days. Keep me true. Those who have been faithful should be my encouragement; those who have failed should be my warning. Josiah would have nothing to do with evil. Money could not buy his approval. Grant that I may hate sin in myself and in others. Make me better than my fathers. They have sacrificed in order that I may be better than they. Grant that I may not disappoint them. May I rise to my responsibilities. May this day be a day in which my life will increase its testimony for Thee. Grant that my light may so shine forth that others will glorify my Father which is in heaven.

**Friday, November 3rd.** II. Kings xxiv. 1-16.

"And all the men of might . . . the King of Babylon brought captive to Babylon" (verse 16).

Sin did not bring immediate doom—but finally the threatened disaster took place. Sin leads to final doom. We cannot sin and escape judgment except we repent and are forgiven. No one can continually sin against the law of God and escape the judgment of God. No high position, not even a high religious position, will save the sinner from the judgment of God. Sin found Israel out. Sin will find us out. Secret sin may continue for years. It may seem that God sees it not. But finally sin will receive its tragic reward. In many a home there is a skeleton in the cupboard. Behind a religious profession there is a sinful practice. Judgment will certainly come. There is no escape from the doom of sin except in the Cross of Calvary. Secret drinking, secret gambling, secret deceit, will all end in open punishment.

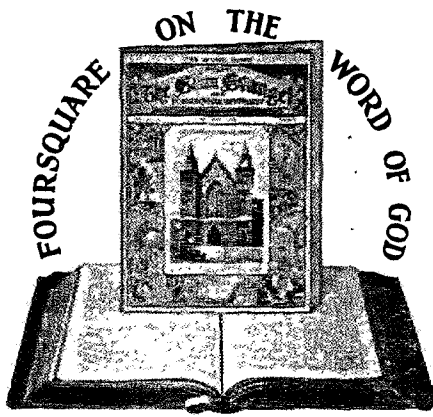
**Saturday, November 4th.** II. Kings xxiv. 17-20; xxv. 1-12.

"There was no bread for the people of the land" (chap. xxv., verse 3).

Praise God there is now always bread in Bethlehem. Bethlehem stands for the One who was born there. Bethlehem stands for Christ. He is the feeder of hungry hearts. He is the satisfier of hungry souls. There is no bread in Theosophy, in Spiritism, in Unitarianism. None of these things satisfy. Communism does not satisfy; neither does Fascism or Nazism. False creeds and false controls cannot feed hungry souls. There is no satisfying bread in Russia or Germany but, praise God, there is bread in Bethlehem. Our Lord still lives. He can satisfy. The life of Christ provides soul food for the heart of man. We can feed on Him and be satisfied. Every heart can find bread in Bethlehem. Satisfaction for the heart is not found in Rome, in Berlin or in London. It is found in Bethlehem. Bethlehem never disappoints the visitor. Christ always satisfies.

## Peace and Power

The Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall find rest." Some young friend may say, "I had not thought of rest and peace: I want power." Will you please notice that peace and power are two sides of the same thing; peace is the inside, and power is the outgoing side. "You shall find peace." We are never promised the consciousness of power. We are promised power, but never the consciousness of it. We know the peace; others know the power. I suppose we could not stand to have the consciousness of power: the hat shops would all be doing a very big business in supplying large sizes.—*Dr. S. D. Gordon.*



## EDITORIAL

### Persecution

In our own favoured land we know very little about persecution. Yet even here the opposition some get from friends and associates is keenly felt, and tends to lessen one's boldness and zeal for Christ. A heartening story, however, comes from *Ein Tagliches Wort*. It should nerve each one of us to stand bravely for our Lord whatever the cost may be.

"It was in Riga in 1918 during the Bolshevik reign of terror that three hundred Christians of the Baltic provinces were sentenced to die. When with proudly-lifted heads they arrived at the place of execution, where the rifles and machine guns were already pointed at them, they began to sing,

Let me go,  
Let me go,  
At His feet my crown to throw.

The Red soldiers looked puzzled and refrained from firing. The officer in charge yelled at them to fire. Still they hesitated. The singing of those three hundred doomed people seemed supernaturally beautiful. At last when they began to sing the second verse:

Through the night  
Breaks the light,  
Glorious eternity.

a salvo of shots put them to silence. The great moment had come when they were ushered into the presence of Him whom they had loved unto death."

### Knowing the Safe Course

Years ago an old pilot of the Mississippi was looking for a job at a ship office. "Do you know the snags along the river?" he was asked. "No," he replied. "Then how do you expect to pilot a ship along this dangerous river?" was the next question fired at him. "I know where the snags ain't," he replied, "and that's where I expect to do my sailing." He got the job. Those who keep close to the teachings of God's Word know where the snags of false teaching are and will be able to steer a safe course to the port of rest.

## The Perfect Preacher

HE is never too long, either in his sermons or prayers. He never forgets anything he ought to remember, and he never remembers anything he ought to forget. He knows just when to speak and when to be silent. His laughter is always well-timed, and his tears are always shed at the precise moment of psychological correctness. His sermons are always well prepared, well delivered, and appropriate. He is educated enough to be a college president, and unassuming enough for an humble beginner. He never has any financial embarrassments, as he always manages to live comfortably on the smallest salary. He never quarrels, and yet he always is

### OUTSPOKEN AND COURAGEOUS.

He is at once an ideal visitor, and an ideal student. He is a real leader of Israel's hosts, and yet even his enemies speak well of him. His wife is absolutely without fault, and his children are all just like her. His theology is old-fashioned enough to please the most conservative, and new-fangled enough to satisfy the most radical. There is never any difficulty in stationing him, as any appointment is glad to get him, and he is always willing to sacrifice himself for the good of his brethren.

Unfortunately for us, we have never met this brother. We have heard of him: we have listened wonderingly to the tales of his perfection: and we have hoped to meet him: but, always he has happened to move away or die just before we could meet him. But we are still looking for him, and when we find him we shall have no hesitation in letting our people know just where he lives.

But, meanwhile, we have some thousands of good men in our ministry who are

### CARRYING ON THE WORK.

They are not perfect, and they know it; and we know it. And yet it is surprising how great a work these men are doing. They have lots of faults, but more virtues; and they are honestly seeking to build up the kingdom of God. And it may be that of them we shall say by and by with great depth of sincerity, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." If your congregation is looking for a perfect preacher, we don't want to discourage them: keep on looking; but take our advice and don't wait till you find him, but pick on some brother near by who has a score of faults, but who, after all, is loyal to his Master and who will be loyal to you.—*Sel.*

### A Guilty Conscience

"Bessus, a native of Pelonia, in Greece, being seen by his neighbours pulling down birds' nests, and destroying their harmless young, was severely rebuked for his cruelty. His excuse was that their notes were insufferable to him, as they never ceased twitting him for the murder of his father. Poor birds, they were innocent enough in the matter, but it was a guilty conscience which muttered its ceaseless reproaches in his ears." Every sound is to the guilty conscience an accusing voice and a death-knell.

Heart Talks on Vital Themes

# Pastor Hsi—The Foursquare Chinese Christian

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

**I**N my earlier years my faith was greatly strengthened by reading two books issued by the China Inland Mission. The two books were: *One of China's Scholars*, and *Pastor Hsi, one of China's Christians*. Both these books tell the story of Pastor Hsi: the first one about his conversion, and the second one about his life's work. Pastor Hsi was translated to higher service on 19th February, 1896.

Pastor Hsi never heard of the Foursquare Gospel in exact wording, but his life was an exact expression of it. There are perhaps many who have rejoiced in the life of this Chinese saint who would object to his being called a *Foursquare Gospeller*. Yet his life's work proves him to have been such.

Here are the facts—gathered from the two aforementioned books:

## 1. PASTOR HSI KNEW CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

The chief instrument that God used in Hsi's salvation was the big-hearted David Hill, for thirty-one years a missionary in China, connected with the Wesleyan Missionary Society. But he was bigger than any one society: every mission in China felt that it had a share in him.

Mr. Hill engaged Hsi as his teacher. That act led to the teacher's salvation. We cannot go into all details—I advise you to get the books in order to do that—we can only summarise. Here is the summary as given by Mrs. Howard Taylor, the writer of the books:

“Upon the table in Hsi's little room lay a copy of the New Testament. It was but natural that he should keep it there, for to that book Mr. Hill invariably turned

### DURING STUDY HOURS,

and the teacher needed to make sure beforehand of any doubtful characters. But was it this necessity that led him to take up the book so often? Was it to refresh his memory only, he would pore over its contents for hours, losing all count of time as he slowly turned the pages? No: it had become more than a book to him; it was a revelation, telling him all his heart for long years had hungered to know.

“Gradually, as he read, the life of Jesus seemed to grow more real and full of interest and wonder, and he began to understand that this mighty Saviour was no mere man, as he had once imagined, but God, the very God, taking upon Him mortal flesh. Doubts and difficulties were lost sight of. The old, unquenchable desire for better things, for deliverance from sin, self, and the fear of death, for light upon the dim, mysterious future, came back upon him as in earlier years. And yet the burden of his guilt, the torment of an accusing conscience, and bondage to the opium habit he loathed but could not conquer, grew more and more intolerable.

“At last, the consciousness of his unworthiness became so overwhelming that he could bear it no longer, and placing the book reverently before him, he

### FELL UPON HIS KNEES

on the ground, and so with many tears followed the sacred story. It was beginning then to dawn upon his soul that this wonderful, Divine, yet human Sufferer, in all the anguish of His bitter Cross and shame, had something personally to do with *him*, with *his* sin and sorrow and need.

“And so, upon his knees, the once proud, self-satisfied Confucianist read on, until he came to ‘the place called Gethsemane,’ and the God-man, alone, in that hour of His supreme agony at midnight in the garden. Then the fountains of his long-scaled heart were broken up. The very presence of God overshadowed him. In the silence he seemed to hear the Saviour's cry—‘My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death’: and into his heart there came the wonderful realisation—‘He loved me, and gave Himself for me.’ Then, suddenly, as he himself records, the Holy Spirit influenced his soul, and, ‘with tears that flowed, and would not cease,’ he bowed and yielded himself, unreservedly, to the world's Redeemer, as his Saviour and his God.

“Words can tell no more. The mighty miracle was done. The living Christ had come Himself

### INTO THAT SILENT ROOM.

There, all alone, the stricken soul, with eager faith, had touched the hem of His garment, and straightway was made whole.

“With tears that flowed and would not cease, the pardoned, renewed, rejoicing man knelt there before his Lord. Time, place, circumstances, were all forgotten. He was alone with God.”

## 2. PASTOR HSI KNEW CHRIST AS THE BAPTISER IN THE HOLY GHOST.

Again quoting from his life story:

“One night shortly after his great deliverance, Hsi was alone in his room in prayer. The hour was late and all around him silent. Though so young a Christian, only a few days converted, he had already perceived some glimmering of the great truth about the full indwelling of the Holy Ghost. In thought and prayer over the Word of God, he had learned that there is a baptism of the Spirit different from the regeneration of the soul at conversion. Already, in the hour of his helplessness and anguish, he had cast himself upon the power of the Holy Ghost, and had been lifted out of his despair and carried into a new life of victory and rest. But this experience seems only to have convinced him that there were yet further possibilities open to faith. The story of Pentecost

had raised his expectations, while it quickened his longings; and for that fuller baptism he prayed.

"Alone in that midnight hour, as he waited upon God, with dim perception but sincere obedience and simple faith, the answer came. Heaven itself seemed opened over that little room as once again the promise was fulfilled, 'I will pour . . . My Spirit upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.' For there upon that untaught, newly-converted Chinaman, so recently rescued from heathenism, opium-smoking, and sin, was shed a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Life, Divine and more abundant; life that is joy, light, victory, and love, triumphing over self as well as sin, flooded his soul.

"'Three times in the night,' reads the simple record, 'the Holy Spirit descended, filling and overflowing my heart.'

"Pardoned and delivered, he was now possessed and satisfied, filled for a life of service that should grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

### 3. PASTOR HSI KNEW CHRIST AS THE HEALER OF THE BODY.

"Wherever he saw real earnestness, and found people willing to put away their idols and give up sin to follow Christ, he gladly laid his

#### HANDS ON THEIR SICK

and prayed for immediate recovery. He had no guide but his Bible; and living at a distance from the city, no teacher most of the time, except the Holy Spirit. But it is wonderful how much a man may learn under these circumstances, if he be willing and obedient.

"Hsi's Bible knowledge, of course, was most defective, and his idea crude and incorrect in many ways. But he had learned some things; amongst them, that the Bible means just what it says. And so in the simplest, most natural way, he expected the Lord to do as He had said. 'These signs shall follow them that believe: in My name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.'

"Wonderful were the scenes those simple home-steads witnessed, recalling days in Samaria, Lydda, and elsewhere, when the apostles' message was—

#### 'JESUS CHRIST MAKETH THEE WHOLE.'

And seeing these things with their own eyes, it was little wonder that men and women turned to the Lord."

Yet it would not be right to give the idea that Pastor Hsi despised medicines. He realised their limitations. But for those who had not faith to trust the Lord fully he did not hesitate to use means. He established Opium Refuges up and down the land and, as he believed, prepared medicines under God's guidance for the relief of the poor opium sufferers who sought deliverance at these places of refuge.

But his highest thought can be summarised thus: "'Truly,' he would say, 'the opposition of evil spirits can only be met by the power of the Holy

Ghost. Sooner or later, the man who is trusting in medicine is certain to go back, because the Devil has not been driven out. If you would break off opium, don't rely on medical help, don't lean on man, but trust only in God.'"

Under this heading we may also mention that this Chinese pastor had wonderful experiences in connection with demonism. To him demon possession was

#### A TERRIBLY REAL FACT,

and the power of the name of Christ over these demons a more triumphant fact still.

His experience with his own wife will suffice:

"And just then this new trouble arose: the strangest, most unexpected thing that could have happened.

"It all concerned Mrs. Hsi, and thus touched her husband in the tenderest point. For he had been so full of hope and joy about her. Always receptive and intelligent, she had grasped the truth with clearness. Her life had brightened and her heart enlarged, until it seemed as though she would become her husband's real fellow-worker and friend.

"Then, suddenly, all was changed; and her very nature seemed changed too. At first only moody and restless, she rapidly fell a prey to deep depression, alternating with painful excitement. Soon she could scarcely eat or sleep, and household duties were neglected. In spite of herself, and against her own will, she was tormented by

#### CONSTANT SUGGESTIONS OF EVIL,

while a horror as of some dread nightmare seemed to possess her. She was not ill in body, and certainly not deranged in mind. But try as she might to control her thoughts and actions, she seemed under the sway of some evil power against which resistance was of no avail.

"Especially when the time came for daily worship, she was thrown into paroxysms of ungovernable rage. This distressed and amazed her as much as her husband, and at first she sought to restrain the violent antipathy she did not wish to feel. But little by little her will ceased to exert any power. She seemed carried quite out of herself, and in the seizures, which became frequent, would use language more terrible than anything she could ever have heard in her life. Sometimes she would rush into the room, like one insane, and violently break up the proceedings, or would fall insensible on the floor, writhing in convulsions that resembled epilepsy.

"Recognising these and other symptoms only too well, the excited neighbours gathered round, crying: 'Did not we say so from the beginning! It is

#### A DOCTRINE OF DEVILS,

and now the evil spirits have come upon her. Certainly he is reaping his reward.'

"The swing of the pendulum was complete, and in his trouble Hsi found no sympathy. There was not a man or woman in the village but believed that his wife was possessed by evil spirits, as a judgment upon his sin against the gods.

“ ‘ A famous “ Conqueror of Demons,” ’ they cried. ‘ Let us see what his faith can do now.’ ”

“ And for a time it seemed as though that faith could do nothing. This was the bitterest surprise of all. Local doctors were powerless, and all the treatment he could think of unavailing. But prayer; surely prayer would bring relief? Yet pray as he might the poor sufferer only grew worse. Exhausted by the violence of more frequent paroxysms, the strain began to tell seriously, and all her strength seemed ebbing away.

“ Then Hsi cast himself afresh on God. This trouble, whatever it was, came from the great enemy of souls, and must yield to the power of Jesus Christ. He called for a fast of three days and nights in his household, and gave himself to prayer. Weak in body, but strong in faith, he laid hold on the promises of God, and

#### CLAIMED COMPLETE DELIVERANCE.

Then without hesitation he went to his distressed wife, and laying his hands upon her, in the name of Jesus, commanded the evil spirits to depart and torment her no more.

“ Then and there the change was wrought. To the astonishment of all except her husband, Mrs. Hsi was immediately delivered. Weak as she was, she realised that the trouble was conquered. And very soon the neighbourhood realised it too.

“ For the completeness of the cure was proved by after events. Mrs. Hsi never again suffered in this

way. And so profoundly was she impressed, that she forthwith declared herself a Christian and one with her husband in his life-work.”

#### 4. PASTOR HSI BELIEVED IN CHRIST AS COMING LORD AND KING?

The reader will notice that I put a question mark against this statement, not because I doubt it, but because I cannot find actual mention of the fact in either of the two books. But when it is remembered that Pastor Hsi was for many years in touch with Mr. D. E. Hoste of the China Inland Mission, and other like-minded missionaries, it can scarcely be doubted that the second coming of our Lord was

#### A GLAD ITEM IN HIS BELIEF.

There are very few spiritually-minded Christians who do not hold the blessed Hope.

Therefore we are, I believe, on perfectly safe ground in claiming this remarkable Chinese pastor as a four-square Christian.

No doubt some will desire to read the books from which this summary of his life is taken. They can be obtained from the Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

I will close with this suggestive incident. A little laddie said to his mother, “ Mother, I like that book about Pastor Hsi.” “ Why? ” asked the mother. The simple but solid reply was immediately given, “ Because, mother, it makes God seem just as He used to be.”

## Baptisms in the Scottish Capital

By Miss M. E. M. ALLAN (Edinburgh)

IT was with great pleasure that Principal George Jeffreys and his Revival Party were welcomed back to Edinburgh. With eager anticipation, the church had looked forward to the day when many of the members would identify themselves with their Master, in passing through the waters of baptism.

The Music Hall, which is situated in the centre of the town and was the scene of a wonderful revival during the Principal's last visit to Edinburgh, was aptly chosen and engaged for the services, which, unfortunately, were limited to one day.

A Divine healing service was held in the afternoon. The Word of God was preached in power, and the Lord, who was certainly in the midst, met expectant souls. One lady testified to being instantaneously healed of varicose veins. Eight persons were led to Calvary for the first time, there to yield their lives to the King of kings.

Many were the friends from churches in other towns who joined with us in the evening to witness a service at once both unique and beautiful—unique, because never in the history of Edinburgh has a public hall been used for such an event. How symbolic did the baptistery, sunk in a tank of flowers, look, of that which it represented. The meeting opened with fervent singing led by Mr. Darragh and accompanied by Mr. Edsor at the piano. Many of the choruses sung during their last visit were revived and the enthusiasm

of the audience waxed greater as the evening wore on. Before giving instruction on water baptism, Principal Jeffreys invited the congregation to sing “ When I



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Once a cinema, but now a centre of revival blessing.

survey,” while he especially asked the candidates to sing the verse of consecration—“ Were the whole

realm." This had the effect of quelling any levity which might have existed in the minds of strangers. The hearts of all were hushed to listen in expectancy to what the Holy Spirit might have to say through His channel.

The sermon made plain to all minds the ordinance of baptism and its purpose. The Principal first emphasised that baptism was an act of obedience on the part of the child of God, and it was also made very clear that the water itself had no soul-cleansing values. Secondly, it was a mark of the early Church, for keeping His commandments is a proof of our love towards Him.

As, with bated breath, we listened to the narrative of the Ethiopian eunuch so vividly depicted, the candidates must have felt familiar with one who passed through the waters in like manner. The hush deepened as the Principal took his audience in spirit to the place of our Lord's baptism. In fancy we stood on the banks of the Jordan listening to the conversation between Jesus and John. The words of Christ rang out afresh, "Suffer it to be so now," after which, as was pointed out, He identified Himself with the outcasts of society.

Prior to baptising the candidates, the Principal tested them as to the certainty of their salvation,

making clear that his was not the right to baptise anyone who was not definite on that point. As he descended into the flower-bedecked tank, he was heard to remark that the splash of the water was music to him, because it spoke of obedience to Christ. Altogether, fifty-one candidates passed through the waters, among whom were a family of three, two mothers with their daughters, husbands with their wives, three sisters, and a brother and sister. A brother testified to having been healed while being immersed. While Principal Jeffreys immersed the candidates the congregation took up the strains of "I will follow Jesus," "Dearer than all," and several other appropriate choruses.

In response to an invitation from the Principal, thirty-three persons expressed a desire to follow the example of Christ in baptism at the first opportunity given.

The friends appeared reluctant to leave the scene of blessing afterwards, and by the passer-by an unusual sight was to be seen in the street outside the Music Hall. Around the car containing the Revival Party were happy crowds of people, singing God-speed to those who had brought such blessing to the city. The Party moved off to other fields of labour, to the strains of the Shepherd Psalm.

## Concise Comments & Interesting Items

It is strange that in a few short years the cry for the rule of democracy has largely given place to the cry for autocracy. The world is beginning to feel that if you can only get the right man, then it is best to trust the right man and not let him be hindered by the opinions of less far-sighted advisers. One keen writer says:

"Within the last few years, the trend of the world has changed from democracy to autocracy. The most up-to-date form of government to-day is the dictatorship—one man rule. Four great countries of the world are being ruled by dictators, besides a number of smaller countries. Stalin rules Russia. Hitler rules Germany. Mussolini rules Italy, and Roosevelt rules the United States. It is said that the head of the army in Japan, General Araki, is the real controlling influence in that country. Turkey is ruled by Mustafa Kemal. Poland is largely controlled by Marshal Pilsudski. The dictator of Portugal is Carmona, and of Persia, Riza Shah Pahlavi. Dictators rule in Hungary, Austria, Jugoslavia, Serbia, and Roumania, and we now can add that Dollfuss practically rules Austria.

A shrewd summary of the position is given by Mr. McKinney, B.A. He says:

"Mussolini, who, more than any other, has popularised the dictatorship form of government, says: 'The League of Nations is too universal and Europe will be Fascistised in ten years.' There is English Fascism under Sir Oswald Mosley, Chinese Fascism under Chiang Kai-Shek with three thousand cadets as Black Shirts, United States Fascism with seventeen thousand enrolled in four weeks in the State of Georgia, and there is also

Japanese Fascism. In 'Time,' 26th October, 1932. Signor Mussolini said: 'This will be the century of Fascism, and during it Italy will again be the leader of Roman civilisation. Within ten years Europe will be either Fascist or Fascistised.' Eight years ago the Nazis—German Fascists—could be counted on the fingers of two hands: in the last two elections they polled between six and seven million votes, and Hitler is to-day the undisputed dictator of Germany."

**Tithing of income** for the Lord is a practice which many have helpfully adopted. Dr. W. J. Dawson says that six genuine surprises will come to the man who tithes. He says the tither will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithes.
3. At his ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
4. At the ease in going on from one-tenth to larger-giving.
5. Over the preparation this gives to be a faithful, wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

**How thought-provoking** is the following:

"A certain brand of cigarettes is advertised in every city and town in Japan. It is the most popular brand of cigarettes in the country, not because of its superior quality but because it is backed by American capital which has brought it to the attention of the smoking public by prodigious advertising.

"A Japanese Christian statesman, pointing one day to this advertisement, remarked: 'If America would put as much capital into the advertising of Christianity as they put into the advertising of that cigarette they would have the gospel of Jesus Christ in every hamlet of this empire within five years.'

**Two sides** of a subject frequently helps to balance our viewpoint. We give another side of the situation in Germany as given by Pastor Ernst Modersohn—described as one of the greatest evangelists in Germany. Says he:

"During the past months God has done great things among our people. We did not realise what an abyss we faced, nor how great the danger of falling into it. At the last moment God helped and gave us the new government. Just in time! Everywhere black lists were found giving names of leaders and Christians who were to be murdered first. My name was on such a list. Certainly these plans would have been carried out if Communism had been allowed to lift its head in Germany, and the country would have become a field of ruins and a heap of corpses. In the very last hour God gave Chancellor Adolph Hitler as a deliverer. With a strong hand he quenched the revolt. Outwardly Communism is finished. How far it is inwardly overcome is a question, but we are grateful that through God's visible interference the days of grace have been prolonged. During the last years I had counted that Communism would bring us Antichristdom and martyrdom. Now I believe we shall have a little more time of grace which we will use to the utmost in the service of our God."

# Fruit from the Branches

## Energetic Evangelism the Hall-mark of the Foursquare Churches

### REVIVAL CONTINUING.

**Hull** (Pastor F. G. Cloke). The saints meeting in the City Temple, Hesse Road, feel that words cannot express what great times they have been experiencing of late. What with the glorious five weeks' Revival and Healing Campaign conducted by Principal George Jeffreys and Revival



Pastor F. G. Cloke.

Party, in the tent, followed by the opening of the City Temple, in Hesse Road, they cannot praise God enough. Over 1,250 decided for Christ in the tent and there have been conversions at most meetings ever since in the City Temple.

For years the saints here have prayed and given toward a larger church. Now in a marvellous way

prayers have been answered and God has given them a lovely Temple seating 1,200. The previous hall was often too small to accommodate those who desired to attend the services, but in the new and spacious City Temple, there will be room for expansion.

The success of the campaign and of the work in Hull can be summed up in the words of I. Chronicles xi. 9 in reference to David: "David waxed greater and greater, for the Lord of Hosts was with him."

Pastor and Mrs. Cloke are ably carrying on this great work in Hull. Souls continue to be born again and believers quickened. The revival continues, thus proving to all gainsayers that it is not a flash in the pan, but truly of God and lasting. Hallelujah!

### SOUTH COAST CONVENTION.

**Brighton** (Pastor J. McWhirter). The usual monthly convention service was held here at Elim Tabernacle, Union Street, on the last Saturday evening in September. Pastor McWhirter convened, and saints came from Worthing, Hove, and Eastbourne. A time of rich blessing and spiritual uplift was experienced, Pastor Steward from Eastbourne, and Pastor Greenway from Worthing, both gave Spirit-filled addresses which the Lord blessed to every heart.

God is indeed blessing the ministry of His servant, Pastor J. McWhirter, here. His powerful addresses delivered under the unction of the Holy Spirit are a

source of great encouragement and blessedness. All praise and glory to God for His continued blessing upon the church here; the saints are being built up and, above all, souls have been saved.

### INSPIRING MINISTRY.

**Grimsby** (Pastor J. Kelly). Fresh revelation, new thought, and inspiration are given through the ministry of the Word, in the Elim Hall, Tunnard Street. At the various meetings, many who hunger and thirst after righteousness rejoice in the fulfilment of the promise that the Lord fully satisfies the longing soul.

A large audience gathered for a recent Sunday evening service, the message being "Contending for the Faith." The message was given in Holy Ghost power and proved to all that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. A Grimsby news reporter attended and a long report was published in the paper. An item rendered by the singing band, "Sail Home," was a source of blessing to all present.

Mr. G. Stormont, of Birmingham, recently took over the services for a fortnight, the Lord using him to be a great help and uplift to the saints, and four precious souls accepted Christ as their Saviour.

### ENERGETIC EVANGELISM.

**Christchurch, Hants.** "The Lord is doing business in the same old way," is the testimony and song of the saints here at the Elim Tabernacle, Millham Street. Truly they are experiencing great blessing from the hand of the Lord, the tide of blessing is rising higher and higher. Souls have been saved nearly every week and numbers have nearly doubled. Young converts are testifying and witnessing to the saving power of the Lord. The band of open air workers has increased four-

fold, and regularly parade through the streets with text banners and give out tracts and "Evangels." Souls have been saved in the streets. The Holy Spirit is being poured out and a brother received his baptism during a prayer meeting. Pastor J. T. Bradley, of Bournemouth, comes over on Friday evenings, and a rich time is spent around the Word of God.

### CONVENTION CONVERTS.

**Ayr** (Evangelist T. MacNiven). The work here is being steadily carried on at James Street, under the able and energetic leadership of Evangelist MacNiven.

A good congregation gathered on a recent Thursday evening, when they were favoured by a visit from Evangelist T. H. Stevenson of Dundee, who gave an inspiring address, which was enjoyed by all. The Saturday and Sunday night meetings are proving a blessing to all and souls have been saved. On a recent Saturday, the meeting was taken by a converted negro, and all benefited by his message.

At a special prayer meeting one Sunday evening, the Lord blessed in a special manner, several receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

After Mr. Burke ministered the Word at the recent monthly convention, seven adults professed salvation.

### DOWLAI'S BAPTISMS.

**Dowlais** (Pastor W. N. Brambleby). To a visitor to Elim Tabernacle, Ivor Street, it would never be apparent from the sounds of prayer and praise that distress continues so acutely. With ninety-eight per cent out of work in this South Wales coal and iron district, it still remains true that the Lord is mindful of His own, and the fortitude and patience

A Group of Christchurch Workers





of the people is much remarked upon by those from districts where such an amount of distress is unknown. Truly God is sufficient, and happy and precious times are spent in worship and praise such as is manifested only in Wales. The members have recently set about cleaning and painting the inside of this big church, and the Pastor is as happy as anybody to see it being done, and to take part in it. Many strangers visit the services,

**HEALING STANDS TEST.**  
**Portsmouth** (Pastor W. Field). In September, 1927, Miss Jardine was miraculously healed after being anointed by the Principal at the Portsmouth Guildhall. In September this year, six years later, she again testified before a Sunday evening congregation of the crippled limbs that were straightened, of the blind eye that can now see, and how that tuberculosis, paralysis and sleepy sickness disappeared at the command of the con-

Now, with Pastor Field back in the mid-t, the work is going on, souls are being saved, restoration is the lot of some who were backsliders, the Divine Physician is having the victory over pain and disease, and the saints are determined to lift up Christ in this city, that many, many more may be saved ere He returns.

#### MISSIONARY VISIT.

**Launceston** (Evangelist H. Palliser). The saints at Launceston were recently favoured with a visit by Miss D. Ching, and rejoiced to hear of her fruitful labours for the kingdom of God in India. Much interest was shown throughout the week-end meetings, and blessings followed the preaching of the Word at each service. The brethren have thus been encouraged to pray for the salvation of souls in India for whom Christ died. A World Crusade fund (which has the honour of being the first in Cornwall) has also been instituted as a result.

#### OUTPOST EVANGELISM.

**Eastwood.** During the past fifteen months God has graciously been pleased to bless the work in this corner of His vineyard, among the gypsies and vandwellers. About twenty adults have found Christ as their personal Saviour. In the meetings and during the house and van visiting dear ones have been saved and healed through His wonderful love.

This is a very varied work, needing great patience and grace, and the blessing experienced in this little place of worship is solely due to prayer. Nearly every Sunday evening there is an after meeting for prayer and supplication. Sunday morning at 7.45 the saints meet for prayer, and often the Mission is open for people to go in at any time they are led to pray. Requests for visits and for special prayers come from all over the neighbourhood.

Two of the Rayleigh Crusaders are giving a series of talks for six weeks, and the people are enjoying much blessing through the simple message of these servants of the Lord.

Kindly remember these workers at Eastwood very definitely before the throne of grace.



**Baptismal Service at Dowlais.**

and many are taking cards of membership, some of whom had never definitely associated themselves with the Church before.

Two baptismal services have recently been held, one of them for the members of the assembly at Abertysswg, whose leader is Mrs. R. Jones. The other was for new members of the Church, and on this occasion the local Crusaders gathered around the baptistery and sang

A surprise visit by Evangelist S. J. Cooper was the occasion for a young man deciding for the Lord. The Crusaders conducted the meeting at a great rally at Cardiff, when a huge congregation listened very appreciatively to the various items given

passionate Saviour. As she simply and clearly told of the Lord's work in her body, He was glorified, and fresh hearts were opened to receive Christ.

Open air work has of late been especially blessed. The workers who take their stand on Saturdays and Mondays have been encouraged by witnessing the crowds that have listened eagerly to the good news of salvation.

Mr. Packer, of Chichester, visited the assembly for a fortnight during the Pastor's absence. During that time he became a channel through which God blessed the Church. On one Thursday he brought a number of friends from Chichester, and, amid praise and singing of choruses of encouragement, many of them were baptised in water.

## “WHOSE SHALL THOSE THINGS BE?”

“**T**HE ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do, I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry” (Luke xii. 16-19). That night the rich man passed away, and then the question is asked by the Lord: “Whose shall those things be?”

“Whose shall those things be?” It is a question which ought to stir the conscience of every believer, and especially those who believe in the blessed hope of the soon coming of our Lord. Our earthly possessions

will be left behind. Whose shall those things be? There is great danger in these days when judgment clouds hover over this age, even for true believers, to heap treasures together in these last days and to hold on to the earthly things. We do not enter into an answer to the question: What will become of the possessions of the children of God, which they will leave behind, when the Lord does come? We mention it purely that we may all think about it and pray about it. But this we say, we must do all we can as His stewards in these days in the support of all real spiritual work in sending out the Gospel in every possible way both at home and abroad, in the home and mission fields and in witnessing for the truth of God. Think it over. If He comes, “Whose shall those things be? Then pray:

“**LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?**”



# ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

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



**South Croydon.** A recent Sunday night's service was conducted by the Crusaders and God's blessing was upon every effort put forth by these, His messengers. Judging by the joy manifest in the faces of those in the congregation, this was a time of rejoicing for all and, according to subsequent remarks, the efforts of these young people were greatly appreciated and were the means of much blessing. Two Crusaders gave gospel messages, both setting forth the mercy and justice of God and clearly showing His way of salvation. Every Crusader took part in the meeting in some way in telling forth the glorious news of salvation, some rendering recitations, solos, duets, etc., themselves rejoicing in the truths they were singing. As one after another testified to the saving power of the Lord Jesus and told of the exceeding joy found in His service since being made new creatures in Christ Jesus, they arrested the attention of a number of strangers present who had never before been in a Foursquare Gospel meeting. One Crusader testified to having been converted just one month, another brother six months, others a number of years, but one and all were filled with joy and completely satisfied with Jesus. In each testimony could be traced the guiding hand of God in arranging and bringing to pass even small details to fit in with His plan for their salvation and preservation.

This Sunday night service was the Crusaders' first venture for the Lord in this direction, being a comparatively new branch, but they are rejoicing in the fact that God can use them as instruments in His great work of human redemption, "For He hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty." Praise God for such a band of young people who have enlisted every gift and faculty in the service of the Lord. The Crusaders have also conducted special open air services with obvious blessing.—M.S.

**Islington.** A very happy and profitable evening was recently spent at Fowler Road. It was the occasion of the visit of our Crusader neighbours from Hornsey. These enthusiastic ambassadors of Christ, led by Miss E. Thompson, presented not only an interesting, but an edifying programme, consisting of choir pieces, songs, and messages, conveying the truth of God's Word in a very happy way to every heart. A good number of friends, who are not usually seen on Wednesday even-

ings, came and shared the blessing of the service.

There is a splendid spirit of service and love for Christ among the young people in the Islington branch. On Sunday evenings the Crusader singing is much appreciated and adds to the blessing of the gospel service. The Saturday evening open air meeting is proving to be a real "fishing ground" and its appeal to the passers-by is seen in the strangers who come to the meetings as a result of these efforts. The Crusader meetings are full of blessing and quite a number of new members have recently been enrolled.

## The Lamb of God

By an ELIM CRUSADER

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John i. 29).

To realise the meaning of this text fully, we need to make the acquaintance of this Lamb of God, and also to know by personal experience what He does or, what it means when it says: "taketh away the sin of the world."

To begin with, we are all born in sin. We read: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Again: "The wages of sin is death," and: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." These are very definite statements of the fate of the sinner and, seeing that we are all sinners, imply that each one, personally, must be cleansed to enter heaven; for we read that "naught that defileth shall ever enter heaven."

We are facing a great problem. How shall we be made fit for heaven? The only answer is: "The blood of Jesus Christ [the Lamb of God] cleanseth us from all sin." This means that we must believe sincerely that when the Lord Jesus was crucified, He offered Himself as the sin offering for the sinner; and believing that, the sinner dies unto sin, that he may henceforth live unto God. Now, of himself, a sinner could not do this, but God has promised that "whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," and we are told that God Himself will give the sinner power to overcome the power of sin, and also that God will forget our sins. They are to be remembered against us no more. Hebrews xi. 25 speaks of the pleasures of sin lasting "for a season." We need something far more lasting than "for a season." We need something abiding, to enable us to press on when times are difficult and dreary. Surely a mere season's joy cannot fulfil that desire! No, there is only one remedy; we must, individually see our own need, and see in the crucified Lord our own personal salvation and our passport, as it were, to a life of victory over sin; and also our consecration to a life of holiness, in keep-

ing with the indebtedness to God which we by our own effort could never discharge.

Surely no gift of ours to God can compare with the assurance of peace, the comfort, and the heavenly protection which we receive from Him when we accept this Lamb of God who takes away our sins, and makes us fit for the kingdom of God.

## The Cross

I turn to the Cross, and I see there a love which comes from the depths of His own infinite being, who loves because He must, and who must because He is God. I turn to the Cross, and I see there manifested a love which sighs for recognition, which desires nothing of me but the repayment of my poor affection, and longs to see its own likeness in me.—A.M.

## The Yoke

"Take My yoke upon you." What does this invitation mean? Well, in the old Book of God, and commonly in literature outside of the Book, the word "yoke" stands for two things—surrender by one, and mastery by another one. Where two have fought—two nations—the one forced to yield is commonly spoken of as wearing the yoke of the victorious nation. These Jews were writhing under the iron rule of the Roman yoke. It is as if Jesus said, "You have one yoke now. How do you like it? Change yokes. Take My yoke upon you."—Dr. S. D. Gordon.

## The Infinite Christ

And we will never get to the end. Eternity will not exhaust the tales about Him. It will be one of the delights up yonder; there will be a sameness and yet a perpetual variety that will for ever prevent monotony. There will be a monotone, the monotone being Jesus, *Jesus*, JESUS. All music, let it be the simplest ditty or the greatest anthem, is written and composed upon the usual lines and spaces of the staff. But what wonderful variations music has! —John MacNeil.

# About the Bible

By J. H. T. SIME

**T**HE common phrase used for the Bible by many hundreds, yea, many thousands of people, is "the Word of God." And what is a word? It is the expression of a thought. So the Bible is the expression of God's thoughts.

The Old Testament contains seventeen books of history, five of poetry and seventeen of prophecy. In the New Testament we have five books of history, twenty-one of precept and one of prophecy. The whole Bible comprises sixty-six books in all.

It contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, and 1,198 chapters. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm, while the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. It is Maher-shalal-hash-baz. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times, while the word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of II. Kings are almost alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest verse is the 35th of the 11th chapter of John. The alphabet is in the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra (in old English "i" and "j" were regarded as one letter). The finest piece of reading is the 26th chapter of Acts. The name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther, although it contains knowledge, wisdom, holiness and love.

The Word of God should be held near and dear to every one of God's children. The Psalmist says in the 11th verse of the 119th Psalm: "Thy word have I

hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Notice that he hid the right thing—"Thy word," in the right place—"mine heart," for the right purpose—"that I might not sin against Thee."

We also think of the Word of God as being a light to our path and a good guide to our feet while travelling heavenward.

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,  
Thro' all kinds of weather, with smile and with sigh,  
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,  
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my Psalm.

What a wonderful treasure;  
Gift of God without measure,  
We will travel together  
My Bible and I."

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,  
When love had grown weary, and death e'en was nigh;  
But all through the darkness, of mist and of wrong,  
I found there a solace, a prayer, or a song.

So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I?  
Shall 'isms or schisms, or "new lights" who try?  
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,  
Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Oh, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light;  
Thou Sword of the Spirit, put error to flight.  
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,  
We will travel together, my Bible and I.

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## The Bible and a Young Hindu

**A**N earnest Christian professor from an American university visited India. During one of his journeys in that country a young Hindu came up to him with a large sheet of paper which was divided into four squares. In one square was the name of Mahomet, in another that of Buddha, and in a third that of Confucius, and in each square an epitome of the religion related to the name.

The fourth square was blank, and the Hindu said to Professor W.: "I look upon you as a champion of Christianity, and I want to put into that square Christ and Christianity." Professor W. looked at him, and his heart yearned for the Hindu. It seemed to him that the young man had a real desire to understand and know the truth.

"My dear young friend," he said, "you have put a difficulty before me which is insuperable. You have asked me to do a thing which is absolutely impossible for any man to do. Those squares are big enough for Buddha and Mahomet and Confucius, but Christ—Christ is God, that is, infinite. I cannot do it."

The Hindu looked a little disappointed, and so Professor W. went on: "I will tell you what I will do. I am a busy man, but I will devote to you an hour a day. Will you come to where I am staying, and we

will read together the Bible, which I believe is God's Word? We will, first of all, pray, then we will read God's Word, but we will not discuss it nor argue; we will simply read it."

The next morning the Hindu arrived. Professor W. opened the Bible at the first chapter of the Gospel of John, and then they both went down on their knees. The Christian asked God to give the young man light, to open his eyes and enable him to believe what was written there.

They rose from their knees and read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

"Stop a bit," said the Hindu, "that cannot be. Here it says the Word was God, and there it says the Word was with God."

"Don't you remember our bargain?" was the reply, "not to reason about it, but simply to read?"

And they continued their reading till they reached the third chapter of John. The light entered the young man's soul, and the eyes of his understanding were enlightened. He believed in the "only begotten Son of God," and there and then became the happy possessor of "everlasting life." And so were fulfilled the words: "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm cxix. 130).

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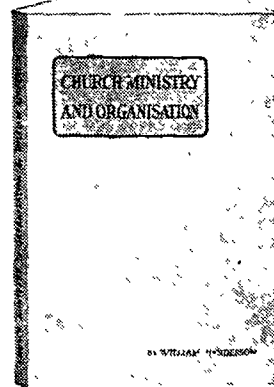
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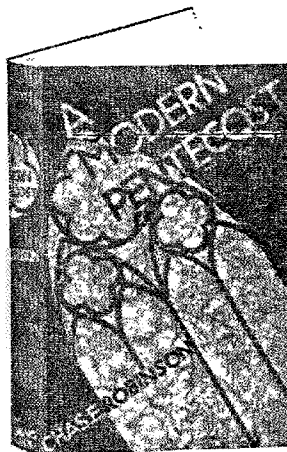
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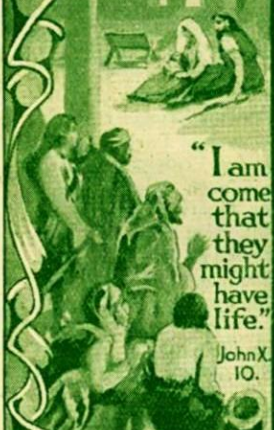
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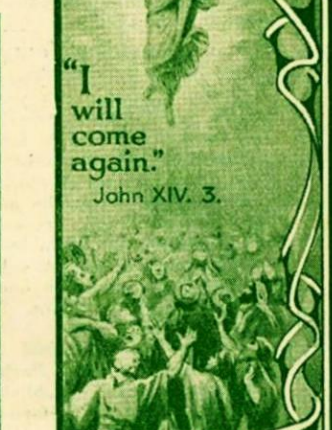


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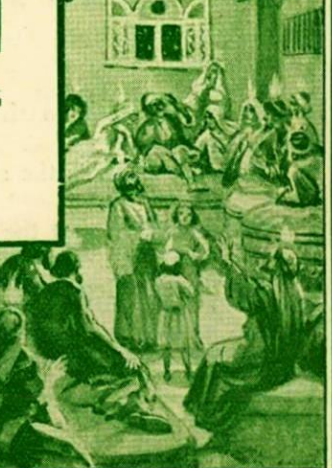


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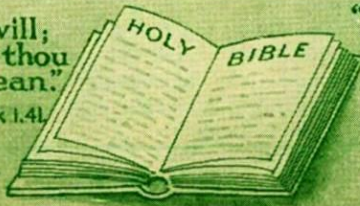
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## The Present Economic Collapse

Considered in the Light of Prophecy

By GERALD B. WINROD

[The following article, reprinted from a contemporary, will undoubtedly be of great interest to readers, bearing as it does upon the present "distress of nations." The article is thought-provoking.—ED.]

THE fulfilment of prophecy in the present catastrophic period authenticates the Bible as the inspired Word of God. The present world programme is outlined in detail in the Divine library. A systematic examination of current events in the light of prophecy enables one to discover where we are at the present time, and what there yet remains to be written of the story of human history. The perpetual miracle of the Bible is the fact that it has sketched the history of the world in advance. The world is topsy-turvy and is moving towards a crash. In view of the present world-wide collapse, the modernists and post-millennialists who teach that "day by day in every way we are getting better," must be experiencing considerable embarrassment.

Governments are being thrown into the melting-pot. Systems which have stood for centuries are toppling over. Who will say that the nations are not in chaos? Statesmen want to know whether or not cosmos will ever come out of the present chaotic conditions.

There are four men prominent in world affairs whose deeds are being cast into prophetic moulds: Roosevelt, Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin. Let us study them in the order given.

**Roosevelt.** The new President has introduced the principle of American fascism into the political and economic structure of the United States. His thinking has been poisoned by his Liberalism. A day seldom passes that he does not send a new bill to Congress for the purpose of curtailing the power of the representatives of the people who have been sent to Washington for the purpose of enacting laws. He demands a constant

### BROADENING OF DICTATORIAL POWERS.

Many statesmen are condemning his policies as being contrary to the Constitution. They emphasise the fact that he has a working majority in both Houses of Congress through which he could accomplish almost

any reasonable objective. They revolt against his repeated attempts to make figureheads of Congressmen. Ignoring these criticisms, every passing week the nation moves in the direction of a dictatorship.

This is the spirit of the age, and it is a clean-cut fulfilment of prophecy. Statesmen and leaders of high finance regard a dictatorship as the only way out of our present difficulties. The President is a psychologist of rare intuition, and, therefore, keeps pushing Congress more and more into the background, thereby curbing the power of the duly elected representatives. In blazing headlines the *New York Times* said recently, "Senate Gets Bill For Controlled Inflation Making President Financial Dictator." Congressman Snell of New York asked on the same day, "What could be more radical than authority to issue printing press money and to give one individual, in direct violation of the Constitution, the power to alter at will the value of the medium through which all business transactions are conducted?"

The forces behind the scenes which have created the seeming necessity for a financial dictatorship in the United States will also make it seem necessary, in due time, to

### CURB FREEDOM OF SPEECH

and freedom of press. America will never be the same again. In the not distant future, many will look back upon the days when they used to call themselves a "free people." You have heard it said, "This is a free country." It is evident, by the way conditions are developing, that this phrase will soon cease to speak the truth. But America will not be called upon to endure what other nations are certain to suffer.

As these words are written the President has just expressed his determination to rebuild monetary structure from the ground up. The world was dazed when he announced that he had taken the nation off the gold standard. He was evidently forced to do this because



the gold had been withdrawn from circulation in such quantities that a sufficient amount of silver and paper money could not be issued to meet the requirements.

The President, therefore, made the strategic move of inflating the nation's currency. When he did it, United States Senator Reed said, "President Roosevelt's programme of inflation reminds me of nothing so much as a child

#### PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE."

Instead of taking the matter up with Congress, Mr. Roosevelt demanded sweeping dictatorial powers whereby he would be responsible to no one but himself. These demands have created public resentment. United States Senator Walcott protested against "printing press money" and hinted that he thought someone was working behind the scenes and making demands upon the Chief Executive. He said, "It might be urged that the President will not exercise the authority granted. Then why does he ask for it? And surely those who are powerful enough to force him to agree to this legislation will be strong enough to compel him to make it successful."

It is reported that the President plans to introduce a new gold standard on which the financial leaders can agree. He planned to put the nations of the western world upon a revised gold standard. He called representatives of European nations to the White House with a view, it is rumoured, of working out some such plan as this.

Let statesmen proceed with their plans, and when they are through they will have established exactly what the Bible prophesies, a world bank over which one man, a superman, will eventually preside. There is coming

#### A CENTRAL HUB OF FINANCE

which will take in the territory controlled by the old Roman Empire, and its influence will be felt throughout all western nations.

Recently the Associated Press said, "The President has in mind bringing all nations back to the gold standard as a measure of stability, but he is considering a new standard whereby the present ratio of forty per cent gold reserve for currency would be reduced. He will insist upon common action by all the nations in establishing the new ratio which will permit more currency to be circulated on the same supply of the previous gold basis."

We question if Mr. Roosevelt knows that the revolution which he is helping to bring about in international finance is in direct line with the fulfilment of Prophecy.

*The Position Occupied by the Jew.* Parenthetically it should be remembered that the present world movements can be understood only as the activities of Jewry can be traced among the nations. The Jew is the gulf-stream from which all the world currents flow. My old-fashioned grandmother used to knit stockings for the family. She made me a pair of stockings by hand when I was a boy. I learned that there was one thread that ran through each stocking which, if fol-

lowed out, would unravel the garment. In exactly the same manner

#### THE JEW IS THE THREAD

which runs through all the nations of the world. The way to unravel the present entangled affairs is to find the Jewish thread and follow it through.

If you would understand the immediate future of England, the United States, Russia, France, or any other nation, study its attitude toward the Jews. If you would understand the deeds of Roosevelt, Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin or any other world figure, find his relationship to the Jew.

Some Bible teachers have engaged in meaningless sentimental gush when studying the relation of the Jew to prophecy. Much has been said about the persecution which he has endured. A sympathetic attitude toward the Jew is commendable, but we should not permit emotionalism to overbalance the plain teaching of the prophets. Paul says that in the present period of the world's history the Jew has a "veil" over his heart so that he cannot understand spiritual truth. They are a chosen people, and the hand of God will eventually be vindicated upon them, but at the present time they are in a "delusion." No harm will be done in locating their position in prophetic developments, even though we are brought to face the stubborn facts that they are frequently guilty of crimes, and are sometimes engaged in doing many cruel and heartless things.

The Jew is essentially an egotist. He is made of special cloth, and when he becomes deliberately sinful, selfish, and bigoted,

#### HE IS CAPABLE OF SINKING

to depths untouched by peoples of lesser capacities. His attitude of self-inflation, and egotism, was shown a little while ago in a speech by Mr. Samuel Untermyer, the noted American Jew, who had just made a \$25,000 gift to a Hebrew University in Palestine. At a banquet in New York, where this gift was celebrated, Mr. Untermyer said in a speech, "Meantime, as the Jew has outlived all the centuries of persecutions of the past, so he will survive this tyranny. He is more proud than ever of his lineage. He is the aristocrat of the world. Other races have come and gone. He alone has survived. Persecution cannot crush him."

*Adolph Hitler* has been swept into power over Germany. The newspapers are filled with reports of his alleged Jewish persecutions. Judging his deeds, however, from the strictly human point of view, it is evident that he has been justified in his attitude toward the powerful Jews of Germany. The Semitic men of finance threatened to tear down all Gentile nations, that

#### OUT OF THE CHAOS

they might emerge with the balance of power, gagging the nations in a dictatorship which they proposed to control, based upon the gold, which, they claim, is in their hands. Powerful Jews are behind Communism, not because they believe in atheism, but due to the fact that the red menace serves as a tool for creating endless chaos among the nations that it touches.

Hitler and his associates claim to have traced such

destructive forces as these, and many others, to their original source, namely, to powerful German Jews. For this reason he set out to break their control over the finances of the country. He complains that the motion picture industry of Germany, which has become such a curse of immorality, has been under the control of powerful Jews; he claims to have traced many currents of Communistic propaganda to the same source.

While Hitler doubtless believes that his viewpoint is well taken, yet underneath there are prophetic forces driving him which students of prophecy can understand. We see from Daniel that the old Roman Empire is to be revived and rebuilt into a league of ten nations, exactly as we see it developing to-day. This territory will be controlled by powerful Jews

#### WHO WILL MANIPULATE THE GOLD

of the nations, and will emerge from European chaos holding the balance of power. I have before me a press report from the *New York Times* which bears this heading, "Zionists To Ask Aid From The League." It explains that the leaders of the Zionist Movement who are determined to rebuild Palestine and exalt Jewry to the position of dominant power are protesting to the League of Nations against Hitler.

Germany was not a part of the old Roman Empire, and, therefore, will have no part in Europe's league of ten nations which is now in process of formation. Hitler's antagonistic attitude toward the Jews, therefore, is in exact parallel with the prophetic Scriptures. The backbone of Jewish power has been permanently broken in Germany and, as a result, a few thousand Jews have left the country for Palestine. The Jews the world over have pointed to the persecution in Germany as another reason why their people should leave other nations and speedily develop their homeland. So we see from several angles, that Hitler, unknown to himself, is co-operating in the fulfilment of prophecy.

Moreover, according to the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel, Germany's future lies with Russia. At first glance this statement may seem paradoxical because of Hitler's hatred for Communistic activities within the borders of his own country. While it is true that he is the enemy of German Communism, yet

#### THINGS CHANGE SO RAPIDLY

these days, that overnight he could be driven into the arms of the Russian bear for protection. Take notice, also, that the day he overthrew the German Republic and became its sole Dictator he said, "Germany looks forward to friendly relations with Soviet Russia." The Gog of the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel is Russia, and Gomer is Germany.

*Mussolini.* Hitler calls himself a Fascist, but his Fascism is unlike Mussolini's; the former being anti-Semitic, and the latter being pro-Semitic. Hitler is an enemy of the Jews; Mussolini is a friend of the Jews. Hitler's future is with Russia, and the east, whereas Mussolini's future is with the revived Roman Empire, and the west. Eventually east will meet west for the last great war of the age.

There are two beasts in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation: the first is a governmental beast, and the

second is an ecclesiastical beast. The governmental beast becomes the false Messiah of the Jews, and is called the Antichrist. The ecclesiastical beast is "the False Prophet" and becomes a great religious leader, possessed of superhuman powers, who will ultimately

#### BETRAY THE JEWISH PEOPLE

and persuade them to accept the Antichrist who comes out of the old Roman Empire. Mussolini looks like the first beast of Revelation thirteen.

A certain well-known Bible teacher who is regarded by some as an authority on prophetic subjects is devoting a great deal of time to speaking and writing about Mussolini's good and helpful work. This teacher praises the Italian killer and actually leaves the impression that Mussolini is a Christian man. This is an untenable position for anyone who professes to understand the first principles of prophecy.

For a full-sized portrait of the Italian Dictator, the best place to go is to the book, "The Life of Benito Mussolini" by Sarfitti, an authentic volume for which Mussolini himself wrote the preface. In it we learn the origin of the superman atmosphere which has surrounded him since he came into power; as a young man he was tutored in spiritism by an old witch. King Saul went to the witch of Endor, and Mussolini went to a woman called "Old Giovanna." After reading this book, one can understand what Mussolini means when he says that he is

#### NOT GUIDED BY REASON

or logic, but by intuition and an urge from within which leads him. He was nurtured in demonism by a spiritist medium.

In the ninth chapter of the above book we read, ". . . Dovia and its neighbourhood boasted many such human oddities, and one among them in particular exerted a marked influence over the mind of young Benito Mussolini. This was a mysterious old woman known as 'la vecchia Giovanna.' . . . Benito was in constant attendance on Old Giovanna, whose strange imperious ways had a fascination for him, not wholly devoid, perhaps, of alarm. And she, for her part, recognising that he was an exceptional boy, perhaps even foreseeing for him a great destiny, favoured him. She passed for a witch throughout the whole district and women came to her from all around to buy charms and love-philtres and quack medicine of various kinds. She taught Benito of her magic lore. Even to-day Mussolini has strange things to say about the moon, the influence of its cold light upon men and affairs and the danger of letting its rays shine on your face when you are sleeping; and he is adept in interpreting dreams and omens and in telling fortunes by cards. 'My blood tells me,' 'I must listen to my blood,' are phrases sometimes used by

#### THIS STATESMAN-GLADIATOR.

He will add: 'I am like the animals. I feel when things are going to happen—some instinct warns me, and I am obliged to follow it.' "

Without doubt the Antichrist will do what Mussolini is seeking to do, namely, revive the old Roman Empire. And Daniel establishes his nationality as a Roman "prince." Mussolini may later become that man.

*Stalin.* Russia has always been famous for its persecution of the Jews. It will be seen at a glance that this quality identifies Hitler with the Soviets.

As these words are written there is tension existing between England and Russia. This feeling is shared by the leading statesmen of all European nations. Russia has always remained aloof of the League of Nations, and this is most significant, because Sovietland was far beyond the borders of old Rome. An inevitable break, and

#### ULTIMATE HOSTILITY,

is certain to come between the European League and Russia. And, since Germany's future rests with Russia, it is easy to understand France's antagonism toward Hitler.

Front-page headlines of the *Buffalo Times* recently, said "Paris Prepares For Air Raids." The article explains that France regards war with Russia and Germany as certain. France was in the boundary line of the old Roman Empire.

During recent months Moscow has done a daring thing in arresting six British engineers who were employed in installing Red machinery. England took immediate steps to protect her subjects, only to be slapped in the face by Moscow. Officials say that the whole trial was a frame-up, that the evidence against the Britishers was false, and that Stalin's strategy has been to bring these charges against the foreigners in order to try to explain to the satisfaction of the masses of dissatisfied Russian people why his pet Five-year Plan has failed. The plan has been

#### SUCH A COLOSSAL FAILURE,

that in order to keep his face with the people, he has been forced to get their minds off their troubles and try to place the blame upon the foreign engineers, with the absurd charge that faulty mechanical equipment has been installed.

The fact that England and Russia should come to the point of separation is also in line with prophetic developments for the reason that war between Gog and Europe is certain.

*A Triangle.* Attention is now called to the three outstanding personalities who will precipitate the coming war, and bring about the "great tribulation."

The first is the beast which comes out of the Roman Empire. He is described in Revelation xiii. 1-10 and Daniel ix. 27. He is also the "King of the South" of the eleventh chapter of Daniel.

The second is the great Red Napoleon, "Gog," of the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel. He is also the "King of the North" of the eleventh chapter of Daniel who makes war with the "lions" of Ezekiel xxxviii. 13. It is at once clear that

#### THESE LIONS

refer to Great Britain and her English possessions including Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; and also to the United States.

The third personage is the False Prophet, the ecclesiastical beast of Revelation xiii. 11-18. His character is also referred to in Daniel xi. 36-45. This man will doubtless be a Jew. "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women,

nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all" (Daniel xi. 37). He will prevail upon the Jew in Palestine to accept the superman Roman Prince, the Antichrist, as the Messiah. Meanwhile the Jews of Europe who will be in possession of the gold of the western nations will have the stage set and ready for unveiling the man who will give to them what Jesus Christ did not offer, temporal power and dominion.

It is significant to observe that the Jews of the world have called a meeting for 1934, the purpose of which will be to select a world leader from among their people, who may finally become "King of the Jews." This man will set up his headquarters, according to Daniel, in Palestine, and the Jews will have taken most of the gold of the world back to the Holy Land with them when they leave the other nations.

We are now ready to look at the last great war toward which the nations are heading. It is referred to in Daniel xi. 40, "And at

#### THE TIME OF THE END

shall the King of the South [the Antichrist, Roman Prince—possibly Mussolini] push at him [the King of the Jews, the False Propnet]: and the King of the North [Gog with Gomer—possibly Stalin] shall come against him like a whirlwind." This probably means that the King of the Jews in Palestine will be forced to form a merger with the Antichrist and the old Roman Empire; the two will unite, and the Antichrist will be suddenly unveiled as the Messiah of the Jews. These two forces will be standing together in unity when the Reds under "the King of the North" sweep down upon Palestine for the final battle of Armageddon.

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(I. Cor. iii. 9)

CITIES, towns and villages all over the British Isles are calling out for Foursquare Gospel Revival Campaigns. There are souls in darkness who only need to hear the good news to accept it. There are lives and homes to be changed from habitations of sin and iniquity into God's dwelling places. Will you help us to send them the Gospel? Lack of funds is preventing us from answering many calls. Among the many ways you can help are:—



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(ii) By remembering the work in your will. A form of legacy for incorporation in a will is given on page ii. of the cover. We should be pleased to render any assistance in such matters. Letters should be marked "Private" and addressed to the Secretary.

## Tempering Thunder

*Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.—Luke ix. 55, 56.*

ONE of the greatest miracles of grace is the manner in which Christ patiently deals with the untempered clay in our lives, that He may mould it into a vessel of honour and service. James and John, the men to whom the words of our text were addressed by the Lord, were known as the "sons of thunder." In the company of Jesus and others of the disciples, they entered a Samaritan village, where they sought lodging, but were refused. The fiery, zealous, untempered spirit of John, the "son of thunder," broke its barriers, and he, with his brother James, clamoured for the destruction of the inhospitable Samaritans, by fire from heaven. But Jesus turned and rebuked them and said: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of."

It will be remembered that John was the disciple whom Jesus loved. There seemed to be some special attachment between them. And yet how incredible that one who could impulsively suggest so revolting a plan should be so loved! How could such a man ever be

### TRUSTED TO BE AN APOSTLE,

and be selected from among men to be a great soul-winner? We can only understand that as we see in Jesus One who could love a man, not for what he was, but for what he would be. This "son of thunder" had two opposite moral characteristics of equal intensity; one was the capacity to hate intensely, the other was to love the same way. John would love Jesus just as intensely as he hated the Samaritans. Perhaps it was the tempestuous manifestation of these two extremes that earned for him the appellation "the son of thunder."

Be that as it may, it is evident that this display of thunder was out of Divine order because it was untempered with wisdom and charity. There was provocation, truly. The Samaritans merited rebuke for their conduct. But Jesus could not condone the spirit in which John would administer judgment. A zealous, true Christian may find justifiable reason to give reproof in the cause of righteousness, but the spirit in which the reproof is given will determine its value and its results. John was sincere, but misguided. The mighty Elijah had called down from heaven fire upon the heads of the captains and their lilies, and the record of this, sharply etched on the memory tablets of his Jewish mind, gave direction to John's capacity for hating. Might not the Christ be avenged by the same means by which Elijah was protected? Fiery zealots like the "son of thunder" and Saul of Tarsus ruthlessly persecute, and harshly judge and condemn; their consciences approving because sustained by the plausible plea that they are doing God's will. John and Saul thought that they were

### ACTUATED BY A HOLY ZEAL

for the Lord; and in part they were. But they did not know that their zeal was mixed with the alloys of untempered mortar such as impatience, pride, anger, and self-will. They were not conscious, according to Jesus' statement, of the nature of the spirit that dominated them.

It is noteworthy that Jesus did not discard the erring disciples, nor yet did He dispossess them of their extreme opposites of hate and love. These must be tempered; they must be directed into the proper

channels. In an examination of the character of John in later years, when he had become a faithful witness of Jesus, we observe that the thunder of his soul was so tempered that his hatred was turned into an abhorrence of hypocrisy, apostasy, indeed all manner of sin, while the opposite, love, constrained his weak and sinning fellows to accept the advocacy of Jesus Christ the righteous, and to rise to the blessed state of full overcoming. Thus did the Master temper the thunderous opposites of that nature; and He will temper ours, and mould them into useful instruments

that we might zealously employ them in a Christlike spirit, for the winning of souls.

Do we know what manner of spirit we are of in the sight of Jesus?—Sel.

**FULL OF SPIRITUAL FOOD**

"I must also say: Thank you, for the 'Elim Evangel.' I look forward each week to receive it. It is so full of spiritual food and by far the best magazine I have ever seen"—A. B. T. (Cheshire).

## My Home is there

MRS. M. A. KIDDER.

WM. B. BRADBURY.

1. A-bove the waves of earth-ly strife, A-bove the ills and cares of  
 2. Where liv-ing foun-tains sweetly flow, Where buds and flow'rs im-mor-tal  
 3. A-way from sor-row, doubt and pain, A-way from world-ly loss and  
 4. Be-yond the bright and pear-ly gates, Where Je-sus, lov-ing Sa-viour

life, Where all is peace-ful, bright, and fair; My home is there,  
 grow, Where trees their fruit ce-les-tial bear; My home is there,  
 gain, From all temp-ta-tion, tears and care; My home is there,  
 waits, Where all is peace-ful, bright and fair; My home is there,

**CHORUS.**

my home is there. My beau-ti-ful home, . . . My beau-ti-ful home, .  
 My beau-ti-ful home, . . . My beau-ti-ful home,

In the land where the glo-ri-fied ev-er shall roam, Where an-gels bright  
 angels bright

wear crowns of light, . . . My home is there, my home is there.  
 wear crowns, wear crowns of light,

## Bible Study Helps

### OUR HOPE IN SORROW.

(John xi. 25, 26).

**Introduction:**

Unbelieving hearts might question God in such an hour, but who trust Him rest with confidence on Him and His promises.

1. A Fact to cheer you—"I am the resurrection and the life."
2. A Faith to assure you—"He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
3. A Future to inspire you—"shall never die."

### I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT.

Paul would remind us of:

1. The gifts of the Spirit (I. Cor. xii. 1-10).
2. About those who died in Christ, and His coming (I. Thess. iv. 13).
3. The Rock that the children of Israel drank from was Christ (I. Cor. x. 1).
4. Afflictions in this world (II. Cor. i. 8).
5. The dealings with Israel and the Gentiles by God (Rom. xi. 25).
6. Paul wanted to preach the Gospel in Rome and all the world (Rom. i. 13).

### TRUE WORSHIP AND ITS RESULTS.

(Luke x. 38-42).

#### I. The Character of True Worship.

1. True worship finds its attitude in humiliation—"sat at Jesus' feet" (verse 39).
2. True worship finds its delight in the living Word—"and heard His word" (verse 39).
3. True worship finds its communion in a willing mind—"Mary hath chosen" (verse 42).
4. True worship has its motive in pleasing God—"But one thing is needful" (verse 42).

#### II. The Results of True Worship.

1. It receives the commendation of Jesus—"Mary hath chosen that good part" (verse 42).
2. It has an abiding effect in the life—"which shall not be taken away from her" (verse 42).
3. It comprehends better the afflictions of life—Mary better understood the death of her brother (John xi. 45).
4. It is more intelligent in its service with Christ—Mary knew about the death of Christ, and anointed Him for His burial (John xii. 7).
5. It is firmer in its life of faith—Mary did not doubt the resurrection.

# FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions: Meditations by PERCY G. PARKER

**Sunday, October 29th.** II. Kings xxli. 1-10.

"He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord" (verse 22).

In the walk of life we can swerve. We can swerve to the right hand or the left. We can also backside or turn back. The danger that comes to most is not that of turning back. Few Christians contemplate turning back, but many contemplate swerving to the right hand or the left. An attraction on the right hand—and we move toward it. An attraction on the left hand—and we move toward it. We would not think of denying our Lord completely, but we sometimes treat lightly slight deviations from the perfect path. Yet side-tracking is filled with much sorrow. The side-tracker loses time, strength, achievement, peace. A side-tracker cannot be a permanent leader. Leaders for God must not side-track, otherwise their followers will do the same. Steadfastness and straightness must characterise leaders of others.

**Monday, October 30th.** II. Kings xxii. 11-20.

"Because thine heart was tender . . . I also have heard thee, saith the Lord" (verse 19).

The Word of the Lord not only brings encouragement, it frequently brings rebuke. It is easy to utter a hearty "Amen" to words of encouragement. It is far more difficult to say a hearty "Amen" to words of rebuke. Yet our hearts should be just as tender under rebuke as they are joyous in the presence of praise. If God is to hear our prayer, then we must hear His voice. If He rebukes us and we repent, then we may still pray and He will hear. We can resent rebuke, but then we cannot present request. If we are to get all God has to give, then we must yield to all that God has to say. The man who fights God puts a roof over his own prayers. Prayers that rise to heaven come from hearts that have yielded to heaven.

**Tuesday, October 31st.** II. Kings xxiii. 1-9.

"And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord" (verse 3).

Josiah made his covenant as he stood by a pillar. We make our covenants as we stand by the Cross. Calvary is the place where the grateful soul makes covenants with the Lord. In the light of the Cross we surrender our all to God. It is at the Cross that we yield time, heart, mind, all. The actual Cross of Christ has long since vanished, but the meaning of that Cross forms an eternal monument. We cannot forget the place where the eternal love of God was

lighted with the lustre of deepest sorrow. The Cross has gone—yet it remains! For all eternity it remains. The complete victory of the Cross will only be seen in eternity. No need then for covenants. Covenants are connected with defeat. But in this life where defeat is constantly possible the safe way is to daily renew our covenant at the Cross.

**Wednesday, November 1st.** II. Kings xxiii. 10-20.

"And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun" (verse 11).

How stupid it was to give away horses to the sun! What waste of mind and material to worship the sun god. Yet we ourselves need to take care that we do not give away that which is valuable unto that which is valueless. Valuable hours can be given away to the goddess of pleasure. Valuable weeks can be given away to the goddess of adventure. It is well for us to ask ourselves: Am I wasting my time? I am as a sailor bound for a distant port. Am I delaying the voyage? I am a soldier fighting eternal battles. Am I postponing the victory? I am a climber scaling the heights of God. Am I neglecting my opportunities of progress? Am I squandering valuable time and talents? Am I squandering on other things that which should be given to God? Squandered things have reduced many from the highest grade of the best to the lower grade of the good. What a pity that some who might become generals in the army of God never reach a higher rank than captain.

**Thursday, November 2nd.** II. Kings xxiii. 21-30.

"And like unto him was there no king before him" (verse 25).

Gracious Lord, grant that I may reach the best for Thee. It is easy to see failures in others; grant that there may be no failure in me. I feel that my life is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Some have been faithful unto the end; others have failed in the midst of their days. Keep me true. Those who have been faithful should be my encouragement; those who have failed should be my warning. Josiah would have nothing to do with evil. Money could not buy his approval. Grant that I may hate sin in myself and in others. Make me better than my fathers. They have sacrificed in order that I may be better than they. Grant that I may not disappoint them. May I rise to my responsibilities. May this day be a day in which my life will increase its testimony for Thee. Grant that my light may so shine forth that others will glorify my Father which is in heaven.

**Friday, November 3rd.** II. Kings xxiv. 1-16.

"And all the men of might . . . the King of Babylon brought captive to Babylon" (verse 16).

Sin did not bring immediate doom—but finally the threatened disaster took place. Sin leads to final doom. We cannot sin and escape judgment except we repent and are forgiven. No one can continually sin against the law of God and escape the judgment of God. No high position, not even a high religious position, will save the sinner from the judgment of God. Sin found Israel out. Sin will find us out. Secret sin may continue for years. It may seem that God sees it not. But finally sin will receive its tragic reward. In many a home there is a skeleton in the cupboard. Behind a religious profession there is a sinful practice. Judgment will certainly come. There is no escape from the doom of sin except in the Cross of Calvary. Secret drinking, secret gambling, secret deceit, will all end in open punishment.

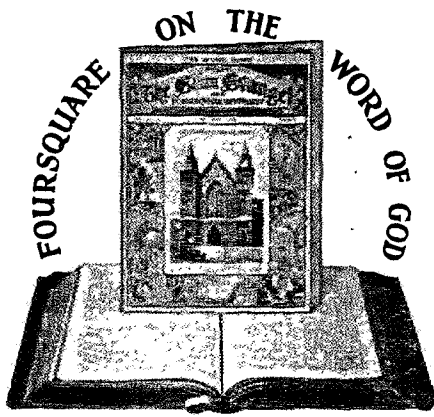
**Saturday, November 4th.** II. Kings xxiv. 17-20; xxv. 1-12.

"There was no bread for the people of the land" (chap. xxv., verse 3).

Praise God there is now always bread in Bethlehem. Bethlehem stands for the One who was born there. Bethlehem stands for Christ. He is the feeder of hungry hearts. He is the satisfier of hungry souls. There is no bread in Theosophy, in Spiritism, in Unitarianism. None of these things satisfy. Communism does not satisfy; neither does Fascism or Nazism. False creeds and false controls cannot feed hungry souls. There is no satisfying bread in Russia or Germany but, praise God, there is bread in Bethlehem. Our Lord still lives. He can satisfy. The life of Christ provides soul food for the heart of man. We can feed on Him and be satisfied. Every heart can find bread in Bethlehem. Satisfaction for the heart is not found in Rome, in Berlin or in London. It is found in Bethlehem. Bethlehem never disappoints the visitor. Christ always satisfies.

## Peace and Power

The Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall find rest." Some young friend may say, "I had not thought of rest and peace: I want power." Will you please notice that peace and power are two sides of the same thing; peace is the inside, and power is the outgoing side. "You shall find peace." We are never promised the consciousness of power. We are promised power, but never the consciousness of it. We know the peace; others know the power. I suppose we could not stand to have the consciousness of power: the hat shops would all be doing a very big business in supplying large sizes.—*Dr. S. D. Gordon.*



## EDITORIAL

### Persecution

In our own favoured land we know very little about persecution. Yet even here the opposition some get from friends and associates is keenly felt, and tends to lessen one's boldness and zeal for Christ. A heartening story, however, comes from *Ein Tagliches Wort*. It should nerve each one of us to stand bravely for our Lord whatever the cost may be.

"It was in Riga in 1918 during the Bolshevik reign of terror that three hundred Christians of the Baltic provinces were sentenced to die. When with proudly-lifted heads they arrived at the place of execution, where the rifles and machine guns were already pointed at them, they began to sing,

Let me go,  
Let me go,  
At His feet my crown to throw.

The Red soldiers looked puzzled and refrained from firing. The officer in charge yelled at them to fire. Still they hesitated. The singing of those three hundred doomed people seemed supernaturally beautiful. At last when they began to sing the second verse:

Through the night  
Breaks the light,  
Glorious eternity.

a salvo of shots put them to silence. The great moment had come when they were ushered into the presence of Him whom they had loved unto death."

### Knowing the Safe Course

Years ago an old pilot of the Mississippi was looking for a job at a ship office. "Do you know the snags along the river?" he was asked. "No," he replied. "Then how do you expect to pilot a ship along this dangerous river?" was the next question fired at him. "I know where the snags *ain't*," he replied, "and that's where I expect to do my sailing." He got the job. Those who keep close to the teachings of God's Word know where the snags of false teaching are and will be able to steer a safe course to the port of rest.

## The Perfect Preacher

HE is never too long, either in his sermons or prayers. He never forgets anything he ought to remember, and he never remembers anything he ought to forget. He knows just when to speak and when to be silent. His laughter is always well-timed, and his tears are always shed at the precise moment of psychological correctness. His sermons are always well prepared, well delivered, and appropriate. He is educated enough to be a college president, and unassuming enough for an humble beginner. He never has any financial embarrassments, as he always manages to live comfortably on the smallest salary. He never quarrels, and yet he always is

### OUTSPOKEN AND COURAGEOUS.

He is at once an ideal visitor, and an ideal student. He is a real leader of Israel's hosts, and yet even his enemies speak well of him. His wife is absolutely without fault, and his children are all just like her. His theology is old-fashioned enough to please the most conservative, and new-fangled enough to satisfy the most radical. There is never any difficulty in stationing him, as any appointment is glad to get him, and he is always willing to sacrifice himself for the good of his brethren.

Unfortunately for us, we have never met this brother. We have heard of him: we have listened wonderingly to the tales of his perfection: and we have hoped to meet him: but, always he has happened to move away or die just before we could meet him. But we are still looking for him, and when we find him we shall have no hesitation in letting our people know just where he lives.

But, meanwhile, we have some thousands of good men in our ministry who are

### CARRYING ON THE WORK.

They are not perfect, and they know it; and we know it. And yet it is surprising how great a work these men are doing. They have lots of faults, but more virtues; and they are honestly seeking to build up the kingdom of God. And it may be that of them we shall say by and by with great depth of sincerity, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." If your congregation is looking for a perfect preacher, we don't want to discourage them: keep on looking; but take our advice and don't wait till you find him, but pick on some brother near by who has a score of faults, but who, after all, is loyal to his Master and who will be loyal to you.—*Sel.*

### A Guilty Conscience

"Bessus, a native of Pelonia, in Greece, being seen by his neighbours pulling down birds' nests, and destroying their harmless young, was severely rebuked for his cruelty. His excuse was that their notes were insufferable to him, as they never ceased twitting him for the murder of his father. Poor birds, they were innocent enough in the matter, but it was a guilty conscience which muttered its ceaseless reproaches in his ears." Every sound is to the guilty conscience an accusing voice and a death-knell.

Heart Talks on Vital Themes

# Pastor Hsi—The Foursquare Chinese Christian

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

**I**N my earlier years my faith was greatly strengthened by reading two books issued by the China Inland Mission. The two books were: *One of China's Scholars*, and *Pastor Hsi, one of China's Christians*. Both these books tell the story of Pastor Hsi: the first one about his conversion, and the second one about his life's work. Pastor Hsi was translated to higher service on 19th February, 1896.

Pastor Hsi never heard of the Foursquare Gospel in exact wording, but his life was an exact expression of it. There are perhaps many who have rejoiced in the life of this Chinese saint who would object to his being called a *Foursquare Gospeller*. Yet his life's work proves him to have been such.

Here are the facts—gathered from the two aforementioned books:

## 1. PASTOR HSI KNEW CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

The chief instrument that God used in Hsi's salvation was the big-hearted David Hill, for thirty-one years a missionary in China, connected with the Wesleyan Missionary Society. But he was bigger than any one society: every mission in China felt that it had a share in him.

Mr. Hill engaged Hsi as his teacher. That act led to the teacher's salvation. We cannot go into all details—I advise you to get the books in order to do that—we can only summarise. Here is the summary as given by Mrs. Howard Taylor, the writer of the books:

“Upon the table in Hsi's little room lay a copy of the New Testament. It was but natural that he should keep it there, for to that book Mr. Hill invariably turned

### DURING STUDY HOURS,

and the teacher needed to make sure beforehand of any doubtful characters. But was it this necessity that led him to take up the book so often? Was it to refresh his memory only, he would pore over its contents for hours, losing all count of time as he slowly turned the pages? No: it had become more than a book to him; it was a revelation, telling him all his heart for long years had hungered to know.

“Gradually, as he read, the life of Jesus seemed to grow more real and full of interest and wonder, and he began to understand that this mighty Saviour was no mere man, as he had once imagined, but God, the very God, taking upon Him mortal flesh. Doubts and difficulties were lost sight of. The old, unquenchable desire for better things, for deliverance from sin, self, and the fear of death, for light upon the dim, mysterious future, came back upon him as in earlier years. And yet the burden of his guilt, the torment of an accusing conscience, and bondage to the opium habit he loathed but could not conquer, grew more and more intolerable.

“At last, the consciousness of his unworthiness became so overwhelming that he could bear it no longer, and placing the book reverently before him, he

### FELL UPON HIS KNEES

on the ground, and so with many tears followed the sacred story. It was beginning then to dawn upon his soul that this wonderful, Divine, yet human Sufferer, in all the anguish of His bitter Cross and shame, had something personally to do with *him*, with *his* sin and sorrow and need.

“And so, upon his knees, the once proud, self-satisfied Confucianist read on, until he came to ‘the place called Gethsemane,’ and the God-man, alone, in that hour of His supreme agony at midnight in the garden. Then the fountains of his long-scaled heart were broken up. The very presence of God overshadowed him. In the silence he seemed to hear the Saviour's cry—‘My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death’: and into his heart there came the wonderful realisation—‘He loved me, and gave Himself for me.’ Then, suddenly, as he himself records, the Holy Spirit influenced his soul, and, ‘with tears that flowed, and would not cease,’ he bowed and yielded himself, unreservedly, to the world's Redeemer, as his Saviour and his God.

“Words can tell no more. The mighty miracle was done. The living Christ had come Himself

### INTO THAT SILENT ROOM.

There, all alone, the stricken soul, with eager faith, had touched the hem of His garment, and straightway was made whole.

“With tears that flowed and would not cease, the pardoned, renewed, rejoicing man knelt there before his Lord. Time, place, circumstances, were all forgotten. He was alone with God.”

## 2. PASTOR HSI KNEW CHRIST AS THE BAPTISER IN THE HOLY GHOST.

Again quoting from his life story:

“One night shortly after his great deliverance, Hsi was alone in his room in prayer. The hour was late and all around him silent. Though so young a Christian, only a few days converted, he had already perceived some glimmering of the great truth about the full indwelling of the Holy Ghost. In thought and prayer over the Word of God, he had learned that there is a baptism of the Spirit different from the regeneration of the soul at conversion. Already, in the hour of his helplessness and anguish, he had cast himself upon the power of the Holy Ghost, and had been lifted out of his despair and carried into a new life of victory and rest. But this experience seems only to have convinced him that there were yet further possibilities open to faith. The story of Pentecost



had raised his expectations, while it quickened his longings; and for that fuller baptism he prayed.

"Alone in that midnight hour, as he waited upon God, with dim perception but sincere obedience and simple faith, the answer came. Heaven itself seemed opened over that little room as once again the promise was fulfilled, 'I will pour . . . My Spirit upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.' For there upon that untaught, newly-converted Chinaman, so recently rescued from heathenism, opium-smoking, and sin, was shed a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Life, Divine and more abundant; life that is joy, light, victory, and love, triumphing over self as well as sin, flooded his soul.

"'Three times in the night,' reads the simple record, 'the Holy Spirit descended, filling and overflowing my heart.'

"Pardoned and delivered, he was now possessed and satisfied, filled for a life of service that should grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

### 3. PASTOR HSI KNEW CHRIST AS THE HEALER OF THE BODY.

"Wherever he saw real earnestness, and found people willing to put away their idols and give up sin to follow Christ, he gladly laid his

#### HANDS ON THEIR SICK

and prayed for immediate recovery. He had no guide but his Bible; and living at a distance from the city, no teacher most of the time, except the Holy Spirit. But it is wonderful how much a man may learn under these circumstances, if he be willing and obedient.

"Hsi's Bible knowledge, of course, was most defective, and his idea crude and incorrect in many ways. But he had learned some things; amongst them, that the Bible means just what it says. And so in the simplest, most natural way, he expected the Lord to do as He had said. 'These signs shall follow them that believe: in My name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.'

"Wonderful were the scenes those simple home-steads witnessed, recalling days in Samaria, Lydda, and elsewhere, when the apostles' message was—

#### 'JESUS CHRIST MAKETH THEE WHOLE.'

And seeing these things with their own eyes, it was little wonder that men and women turned to the Lord."

Yet it would not be right to give the idea that Pastor Hsi despised medicines. He realised their limitations. But for those who had not faith to trust the Lord fully he did not hesitate to use means. He established Opium Refuges up and down the land and, as he believed, prepared medicines under God's guidance for the relief of the poor opium sufferers who sought deliverance at these places of refuge.

But his highest thought can be summarised thus: "'Truly,' he would say, 'the opposition of evil spirits can only be met by the power of the Holy

Ghost. Sooner or later, the man who is trusting in medicine is certain to go back, because the Devil has not been driven out. If you would break off opium, don't rely on medical help, don't lean on man, but trust only in God.'"

Under this heading we may also mention that this Chinese pastor had wonderful experiences in connection with demonism. To him demon possession was

#### A TERRIBLY REAL FACT,

and the power of the name of Christ over these demons a more triumphant fact still.

His experience with his own wife will suffice:

"And just then this new trouble arose: the strangest, most unexpected thing that could have happened.

"It all concerned Mrs. Hsi, and thus touched her husband in the tenderest point. For he had been so full of hope and joy about her. Always receptive and intelligent, she had grasped the truth with clearness. Her life had brightened and her heart enlarged, until it seemed as though she would become her husband's real fellow-worker and friend.

"Then, suddenly, all was changed; and her very nature seemed changed too. At first only moody and restless, she rapidly fell a prey to deep depression, alternating with painful excitement. Soon she could scarcely eat or sleep, and household duties were neglected. In spite of herself, and against her own will, she was tormented by

#### CONSTANT SUGGESTIONS OF EVIL,

while a horror as of some dread nightmare seemed to possess her. She was not ill in body, and certainly not deranged in mind. But try as she might to control her thoughts and actions, she seemed under the sway of some evil power against which resistance was of no avail.

"Especially when the time came for daily worship, she was thrown into paroxysms of ungovernable rage. This distressed and amazed her as much as her husband, and at first she sought to restrain the violent antipathy she did not wish to feel. But little by little her will ceased to exert any power. She seemed carried quite out of herself, and in the seizures, which became frequent, would use language more terrible than anything she could ever have heard in her life. Sometimes she would rush into the room, like one insane, and violently break up the proceedings, or would fall insensible on the floor, writhing in convulsions that resembled epilepsy.

"Recognising these and other symptoms only too well, the excited neighbours gathered round, crying: 'Did not we say so from the beginning! It is

#### A DOCTRINE OF DEVILS,

and now the evil spirits have come upon her. Certainly he is reaping his reward.'

"The swing of the pendulum was complete, and in his trouble Hsi found no sympathy. There was not a man or woman in the village but believed that his wife was possessed by evil spirits, as a judgment upon his sin against the gods.

“ ‘ A famous “ Conqueror of Demons,” ’ they cried. ‘ Let us see what his faith can do now.’ ”

“ And for a time it seemed as though that faith could do nothing. This was the bitterest surprise of all. Local doctors were powerless, and all the treatment he could think of unavailing. But prayer; surely prayer would bring relief? Yet pray as he might the poor sufferer only grew worse. Exhausted by the violence of more frequent paroxysms, the strain began to tell seriously, and all her strength seemed ebbing away.

“ Then Hsi cast himself afresh on God. This trouble, whatever it was, came from the great enemy of souls, and must yield to the power of Jesus Christ. He called for a fast of three days and nights in his household, and gave himself to prayer. Weak in body, but strong in faith, he laid hold on the promises of God, and

#### CLAIMED COMPLETE DELIVERANCE.

Then without hesitation he went to his distressed wife, and laying his hands upon her, in the name of Jesus, commanded the evil spirits to depart and torment her no more.

“ Then and there the change was wrought. To the astonishment of all except her husband, Mrs. Hsi was immediately delivered. Weak as she was, she realised that the trouble was conquered. And very soon the neighbourhood realised it too.

“ For the completeness of the cure was proved by after events. Mrs. Hsi never again suffered in this

way. And so profoundly was she impressed, that she forthwith declared herself a Christian and one with her husband in his life-work.”

#### 4. PASTOR HSI BELIEVED IN CHRIST AS COMING LORD AND KING?

The reader will notice that I put a question mark against this statement, not because I doubt it, but because I cannot find actual mention of the fact in either of the two books. But when it is remembered that Pastor Hsi was for many years in touch with Mr. D. E. Hoste of the China Inland Mission, and other like-minded missionaries, it can scarcely be doubted that the second coming of our Lord was

#### A GLAD ITEM IN HIS BELIEF.

There are very few spiritually-minded Christians who do not hold the blessed Hope.

Therefore we are, I believe, on perfectly safe ground in claiming this remarkable Chinese pastor as a four-square Christian.

No doubt some will desire to read the books from which this summary of his life is taken. They can be obtained from the Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

I will close with this suggestive incident. A little laddie said to his mother, “ Mother, I like that book about Pastor Hsi.” “ Why? ” asked the mother. The simple but solid reply was immediately given, “ Because, mother, it makes God seem just as He used to be.”

## Baptisms in the Scottish Capital

By Miss M. E. M. ALLAN (Edinburgh)

IT was with great pleasure that Principal George Jeffreys and his Revival Party were welcomed back to Edinburgh. With eager anticipation, the church had looked forward to the day when many of the members would identify themselves with their Master, in passing through the waters of baptism.

The Music Hall, which is situated in the centre of the town and was the scene of a wonderful revival during the Principal's last visit to Edinburgh, was aptly chosen and engaged for the services, which, unfortunately, were limited to one day.

A Divine healing service was held in the afternoon. The Word of God was preached in power, and the Lord, who was certainly in the midst, met expectant souls. One lady testified to being instantaneously healed of varicose veins. Eight persons were led to Calvary for the first time, there to yield their lives to the King of kings.

Many were the friends from churches in other towns who joined with us in the evening to witness a service at once both unique and beautiful—unique, because never in the history of Edinburgh has a public hall been used for such an event. How symbolic did the baptistery, sunk in a tank of flowers, look, of that which it represented. The meeting opened with fervent singing led by Mr. Darragh and accompanied by Mr. Edsor at the piano. Many of the choruses sung during their last visit were revived and the enthusiasm

of the audience waxed greater as the evening wore on. Before giving instruction on water baptism, Principal Jeffreys invited the congregation to sing “ When I



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survey,” while he especially asked the candidates to sing the verse of consecration—“ Were the whole

realm." This had the effect of quelling any levity which might have existed in the minds of strangers. The hearts of all were hushed to listen in expectancy to what the Holy Spirit might have to say through His channel.

The sermon made plain to all minds the ordinance of baptism and its purpose. The Principal first emphasised that baptism was an act of obedience on the part of the child of God, and it was also made very clear that the water itself had no soul-cleansing values. Secondly, it was a mark of the early Church, for keeping His commandments is a proof of our love towards Him.

As, with bated breath, we listened to the narrative of the Ethiopian eunuch so vividly depicted, the candidates must have felt familiar with one who passed through the waters in like manner. The hush deepened as the Principal took his audience in spirit to the place of our Lord's baptism. In fancy we stood on the banks of the Jordan listening to the conversation between Jesus and John. The words of Christ rang out afresh, "Suffer it to be so now," after which, as was pointed out, He identified Himself with the outcasts of society.

Prior to baptising the candidates, the Principal tested them as to the certainty of their salvation,

making clear that his was not the right to baptise anyone who was not definite on that point. As he descended into the flower-bedecked tank, he was heard to remark that the splash of the water was music to him, because it spoke of obedience to Christ. Altogether, fifty-one candidates passed through the waters, among whom were a family of three, two mothers with their daughters, husbands with their wives, three sisters, and a brother and sister. A brother testified to having been healed while being immersed. While Principal Jeffreys immersed the candidates the congregation took up the strains of "I will follow Jesus," "Dearer than all," and several other appropriate choruses.

In response to an invitation from the Principal, thirty-three persons expressed a desire to follow the example of Christ in baptism at the first opportunity given.

The friends appeared reluctant to leave the scene of blessing afterwards, and by the passer-by an unusual sight was to be seen in the street outside the Music Hall. Around the car containing the Revival Party were happy crowds of people, singing God-speed to those who had brought such blessing to the city. The Party moved off to other fields of labour, to the strains of the Shepherd Psalm.

## Concise Comments & Interesting Items

It is strange that in a few short years the cry for the rule of democracy has largely given place to the cry for autocracy. The world is beginning to feel that if you can only get the right man, then it is best to trust the right man and not let him be hindered by the opinions of less far-sighted advisers. One keen writer says:

"Within the last few years, the trend of the world has changed from democracy to autocracy. The most up-to-date form of government to-day is the dictatorship—one man rule. Four great countries of the world are being ruled by dictators, besides a number of smaller countries. Stalin rules Russia. Hitler rules Germany. Mussolini rules Italy, and Roosevelt rules the United States. It is said that the head of the army in Japan, General Araki, is the real controlling influence in that country. Turkey is ruled by Mustafa Kemal. Poland is largely controlled by Marshal Pilsudski. The dictator of Portugal is Carmona, and of Persia, Riza Shah Pahlavi. Dictators rule in Hungary, Austria, Jugoslavia, Serbia, and Roumania, and we now can add that Dollfuss practically rules Austria.

A shrewd summary of the position is given by Mr. McKinney, B.A. He says:

"Mussolini, who, more than any other, has popularised the dictatorship form of government, says: 'The League of Nations is too universal and Europe will be Fascistised in ten years.' There is English Fascism under Sir Oswald Mosley, Chinese Fascism under Chiang Kai-Shek with three thousand cadets as Black Shirts, United States Fascism with seventeen thousand enrolled in four weeks in the State of Georgia, and there is also

Japanese Fascism. In 'Time,' 26th October, 1932. Signor Mussolini said: 'This will be the century of Fascism, and during it Italy will again be the leader of Roman civilisation. Within ten years Europe will be either Fascist or Fascistised.' Eight years ago the Nazis—German Fascists—could be counted on the fingers of two hands: in the last two elections they polled between six and seven million votes, and Hitler is to-day the undisputed dictator of Germany."

**Tithing of income** for the Lord is a practice which many have helpfully adopted. Dr. W. J. Dawson says that six genuine surprises will come to the man who tithes. He says the tither will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithes.
3. At his ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
4. At the ease in going on from one-tenth to larger-giving.
5. Over the preparation this gives to be a faithful, wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

**How thought-provoking** is the following:

"A certain brand of cigarettes is advertised in every city and town in Japan. It is the most popular brand of cigarettes in the country, not because of its superior quality but because it is backed by American capital which has brought it to the attention of the smoking public by prodigious advertising.

"A Japanese Christian statesman, pointing one day to this advertisement, remarked: 'If America would put as much capital into the advertising of Christianity as they put into the advertising of that cigarette they would have the gospel of Jesus Christ in every hamlet of this empire within five years.'

**Two sides** of a subject frequently helps to balance our viewpoint. We give another side of the situation in Germany as given by Pastor Ernst Modersohn—described as one of the greatest evangelists in Germany. Says he:

"During the past months God has done great things among our people. We did not realise what an abyss we faced, nor how great the danger of falling into it. At the last moment God helped and gave us the new government. Just in time! Everywhere black lists were found giving names of leaders and Christians who were to be murdered first. My name was on such a list. Certainly these plans would have been carried out if Communism had been allowed to lift its head in Germany, and the country would have become a field of ruins and a heap of corpses. In the very last hour God gave Chancellor Adolph Hitler as a deliverer. With a strong hand he quenched the revolt. Outwardly Communism is finished. How far it is inwardly overcome is a question, but we are grateful that through God's visible interference the days of grace have been prolonged. During the last years I had counted that Communism would bring us Antichristdom and martyrdom. Now I believe we shall have a little more time of grace which we will use to the utmost in the service of our God."

# Fruit from the Branches

## Energetic Evangelism the Hall-mark of the Foursquare Churches

### REVIVAL CONTINUING.

**Hull** (Pastor F. G. Cloke). The saints meeting in the City Temple, Hesse Road, feel that words cannot express what great times they have been experiencing of late. What with the glorious five weeks' Revival and Healing Campaign conducted by Principal George Jeffreys and Revival



Pastor F. G. Cloke.

Party, in the tent, followed by the opening of the City Temple, in Hesse Road, they cannot praise God enough. Over 1,250 decided for Christ in the tent and there have been conversions at most meetings ever since in the City Temple.

For years the saints here have prayed and given toward a larger church. Now in a marvellous way

prayers have been answered and God has given them a lovely Temple seating 1,200. The previous hall was often too small to accommodate those who desired to attend the services, but in the new and spacious City Temple, there will be room for expansion.

The success of the campaign and of the work in Hull can be summed up in the words of I. Chronicles xi. 9 in reference to David: "David waxed greater and greater, for the Lord of Hosts was with him."

Pastor and Mrs. Cloke are ably carrying on this great work in Hull. Souls continue to be born again and believers quickened. The revival continues, thus proving to all gainsayers that it is not a flash in the pan, but truly of God and lasting. Hallelujah!

### SOUTH COAST CONVENTION.

**Brighton** (Pastor J. McWhirter). The usual monthly convention service was held here at Elim Tabernacle, Union Street, on the last Saturday evening in September. Pastor McWhirter convened, and saints came from Worthing, Hove, and Eastbourne. A time of rich blessing and spiritual uplift was experienced, Pastor Steward from Eastbourne, and Pastor Greenway from Worthing, both gave Spirit-filled addresses which the Lord blessed to every heart.

God is indeed blessing the ministry of His servant, Pastor J. McWhirter, here. His powerful addresses delivered under the unction of the Holy Spirit are a

source of great encouragement and blessedness. All praise and glory to God for His continued blessing upon the church here; the saints are being built up and, above all, souls have been saved.

### INSPIRING MINISTRY.

**Grimsby** (Pastor J. Kelly). Fresh revelation, new thought, and inspiration are given through the ministry of the Word, in the Elim Hall, Tunnard Street. At the various meetings, many who hunger and thirst after righteousness rejoice in the fulfilment of the promise that the Lord fully satisfies the longing soul.

A large audience gathered for a recent Sunday evening service, the message being "Contending for the Faith." The message was given in Holy Ghost power and proved to all that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. A Grimsby news reporter attended and a long report was published in the paper. An item rendered by the singing band, "Sail Home," was a source of blessing to all present.

Mr. G. Stormont, of Birmingham, recently took over the services for a fortnight, the Lord using him to be a great help and uplift to the saints, and four precious souls accepted Christ as their Saviour.

### ENERGETIC EVANGELISM.

**Christchurch, Hants.** "The Lord is doing business in the same old way," is the testimony and song of the saints here at the Elim Tabernacle, Millham Street. Truly they are experiencing great blessing from the hand of the Lord, the tide of blessing is rising higher and higher. Souls have been saved nearly every week and numbers have nearly doubled. Young converts are testifying and witnessing to the saving power of the Lord. The band of open air workers has increased four-

fold, and regularly parade through the streets with text banners and give out tracts and "Evangels." Souls have been saved in the streets. The Holy Spirit is being poured out and a brother received his baptism during a prayer meeting. Pastor J. T. Bradley, of Bournemouth, comes over on Friday evenings, and a rich time is spent around the Word of God.

### CONVENTION CONVERTS.

**Ayr** (Evangelist T. MacNiven). The work here is being steadily carried on at James Street, under the able and energetic leadership of Evangelist MacNiven.

A good congregation gathered on a recent Thursday evening, when they were favoured by a visit from Evangelist T. H. Stevenson of Dundee, who gave an inspiring address, which was enjoyed by all. The Saturday and Sunday night meetings are proving a blessing to all and souls have been saved. On a recent Saturday, the meeting was taken by a converted negro, and all benefited by his message.

At a special prayer meeting one Sunday evening, the Lord blessed in a special manner, several receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

After Mr. Burke ministered the Word at the recent monthly convention, seven adults professed salvation.

### DOWLAI'S BAPTISMS.

**Dowlais** (Pastor W. N. Brambleby). To a visitor to Elim Tabernacle, Ivor Street, it would never be apparent from the sounds of prayer and praise that distress continues so acutely. With ninety-eight per cent out of work in this South Wales coal and iron district, it still remains true that the Lord is mindful of His own, and the fortitude and patience

A Group of Christchurch Workers



of the people is much remarked upon by those from districts where such an amount of distress is unknown. Truly God is sufficient, and happy and precious times are spent in worship and praise such as is manifested only in Wales. The members have recently set about cleaning and painting the inside of this big church, and the Pastor is as happy as anybody to see it being done, and to take part in it. Many strangers visit the services,

**HEALING STANDS TEST.**  
**Portsmouth** (Pastor W. Field). In September, 1927, Miss Jardine was miraculously healed after being anointed by the Principal at the Portsmouth Guildhall. In September this year, six years later, she again testified before a Sunday evening congregation of the crippled limbs that were straightened, of the blind eye that can now see, and how that tuberculosis, paralysis and sleepy sickness disappeared at the command of the con-

Now, with Pastor Field back in the mid-t, the work is going on, souls are being saved, restoration is the lot of some who were backsliders, the Divine Physician is having the victory over pain and disease, and the saints are determined to lift up Christ in this city, that many, many more may be saved ere He returns.

#### MISSIONARY VISIT.

**Launceston** (Evangelist H. Palliser). The saints at Launceston were recently favoured with a visit by Miss D. Ching, and rejoiced to hear of her fruitful labours for the kingdom of God in India. Much interest was shown throughout the week-end meetings, and blessings followed the preaching of the Word at each service. The brethren have thus been encouraged to pray for the salvation of souls in India for whom Christ died. A World Crusade fund (which has the honour of being the first in Cornwall) has also been instituted as a result.

#### OUTPOST EVANGELISM.

**Eastwood.** During the past fifteen months God has graciously been pleased to bless the work in this corner of His vineyard, among the gypsies and vandwellers. About twenty adults have found Christ as their personal Saviour. In the meetings and during the house and van visiting dear ones have been saved and healed through His wonderful love.

This is a very varied work, needing great patience and grace, and the blessing experienced in this little place of worship is solely due to prayer. Nearly every Sunday evening there is an after meeting for prayer and supplication. Sunday morning at 7.45 the saints meet for prayer, and often the Mission is open for people to go in at any time they are led to pray. Requests for visits and for special prayers come from all over the neighbourhood.

Two of the Rayleigh Crusaders are giving a series of talks for six weeks, and the people are enjoying much blessing through the simple message of these servants of the Lord.

Kindly remember these workers at Eastwood very definitely before the throne of grace.



**Baptismal Service at Dowlais.**

and many are taking cards of membership, some of whom had never definitely associated themselves with the Church before.

Two baptismal services have recently been held, one of them for the members of the assembly at Abertysswg, whose leader is Mrs. R. Jones. The other was for new members of the Church, and on this occasion the local Crusaders gathered around the baptistery and sang

A surprise visit by Evangelist S. J. Cooper was the occasion for a young man deciding for the Lord. The Crusaders conducted the meeting at a great rally at Cardiff, when a huge congregation listened very appreciatively to the various items given

passionate Saviour. As she simply and clearly told of the Lord's work in her body, He was glorified, and fresh hearts were opened to receive Christ.

Open air work has of late been especially blessed. The workers who take their stand on Saturdays and Mondays have been encouraged by witnessing the crowds that have listened eagerly to the good news of salvation.

Mr. Packer, of Chichester, visited the assembly for a fortnight during the Pastor's absence. During that time he became a channel through which God blessed the Church. On one Thursday he brought a number of friends from Chichester, and, amid praise and singing of choruses of encouragement, many of them were baptised in water.

## “WHOSE SHALL THOSE THINGS BE?”

“THE ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do, I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry” (Luke xii. 16-19). That night the rich man passed away, and then the question is asked by the Lord: “Whose shall those things be?”

“Whose shall those things be?” It is a question which ought to stir the conscience of every believer, and especially those who believe in the blessed hope of the soon coming of our Lord. Our earthly possessions

will be left behind. Whose shall those things be? There is great danger in these days when judgment clouds hover over this age, even for true believers, to heap treasures together in these last days and to hold on to the earthly things. We do not enter into an answer to the question: What will become of the possessions of the children of God, which they will leave behind, when the Lord does come? We mention it purely that we may all think about it and pray about it. But this we say, we must do all we can as His stewards in these days in the support of all real spiritual work in sending out the Gospel in every possible way both at home and abroad, in the home and mission fields and in witnessing for the truth of God. Think it over. If He comes, “Whose shall those things be? Then pray:

“LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?”



# ELIM CRUSADER PAGE



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



**South Croydon.** A recent Sunday night's service was conducted by the Crusaders and God's blessing was upon every effort put forth by these, His messengers. Judging by the joy manifest in the faces of those in the congregation, this was a time of rejoicing for all and, according to subsequent remarks, the efforts of these young people were greatly appreciated and were the means of much blessing. Two Crusaders gave gospel messages, both setting forth the mercy and justice of God and clearly showing His way of salvation. Every Crusader took part in the meeting in some way in telling forth the glorious news of salvation, some rendering recitations, solos, duets, etc., themselves rejoicing in the truths they were singing. As one after another testified to the saving power of the Lord Jesus and told of the exceeding joy found in His service since being made new creatures in Christ Jesus, they arrested the attention of a number of strangers present who had never before been in a Foursquare Gospel meeting. One Crusader testified to having been converted just one month, another brother six months, others a number of years, but one and all were filled with joy and completely satisfied with Jesus. In each testimony could be traced the guiding hand of God in arranging and bringing to pass even small details to fit in with His plan for their salvation and preservation.

This Sunday night service was the Crusaders' first venture for the Lord in this direction, being a comparatively new branch, but they are rejoicing in the fact that God can use them as instruments in His great work of human redemption, "For He hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty." Praise God for such a band of young people who have enlisted every gift and faculty in the service of the Lord. The Crusaders have also conducted special open air services with obvious blessing.—M.S.

**Islington.** A very happy and profitable evening was recently spent at Fowler Road. It was the occasion of the visit of our Crusader neighbours from Hornsey. These enthusiastic ambassadors of Christ, led by Miss E. Thompson, presented not only an interesting, but an edifying programme, consisting of choir pieces, songs, and messages, conveying the truth of God's Word in a very happy way to every heart. A good number of friends, who are not usually seen on Wednesday even-

ings, came and shared the blessing of the service.

There is a splendid spirit of service and love for Christ among the young people in the Islington branch. On Sunday evenings the Crusader singing is much appreciated and adds to the blessing of the gospel service. The Saturday evening open air meeting is proving to be a real "fishing ground" and its appeal to the passers-by is seen in the strangers who come to the meetings as a result of these efforts. The Crusader meetings are full of blessing and quite a number of new members have recently been enrolled.

## The Lamb of God

By an ELIM CRUSADER

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John i. 29).

To realise the meaning of this text fully, we need to make the acquaintance of this Lamb of God, and also to know by personal experience what He does or, what it means when it says: "taketh away the sin of the world."

To begin with, we are all born in sin. We read: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Again: "The wages of sin is death," and: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." These are very definite statements of the fate of the sinner and, seeing that we are all sinners, imply that each one, personally, must be cleansed to enter heaven; for we read that "naught that defileth shall ever enter heaven."

We are facing a great problem. How shall we be made fit for heaven? The only answer is: "The blood of Jesus Christ [the Lamb of God] cleanseth us from all sin." This means that we must believe sincerely that when the Lord Jesus was crucified, He offered Himself as the sin offering for the sinner; and believing that, the sinner dies unto sin, that he may henceforth live unto God. Now, of himself, a sinner could not do this, but God has promised that "whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," and we are told that God Himself will give the sinner power to overcome the power of sin, and also that God will forget our sins. They are to be remembered against us no more. Hebrews xi. 25 speaks of the pleasures of sin lasting "for a season." We need something far more lasting than "for a season." We need something abiding, to enable us to press on when times are difficult and dreary. Surely a mere season's joy cannot fulfil that desire! No, there is only one remedy; we must, individually see our own need, and see in the crucified Lord our own personal salvation and our passport, as it were, to a life of victory over sin; and also our consecration to a life of holiness, in keep-

ing with the indebtedness to God which we by our own effort could never discharge.

Surely no gift of ours to God can compare with the assurance of peace, the comfort, and the heavenly protection which we receive from Him when we accept this Lamb of God who takes away our sins, and makes us fit for the kingdom of God.

## The Cross

I turn to the Cross, and I see there a love which comes from the depths of His own infinite being, who loves because He must, and who must because He is God. I turn to the Cross, and I see there manifested a love which sighs for recognition, which desires nothing of me but the repayment of my poor affection, and longs to see its own likeness in me.—A.M.

## The Yoke

"Take My yoke upon you." What does this invitation mean? Well, in the old Book of God, and commonly in literature outside of the Book, the word "yoke" stands for two things—surrender by one, and mastery by another one. Where two have fought—two nations—the one forced to yield is commonly spoken of as wearing the yoke of the victorious nation. These Jews were writhing under the iron rule of the Roman yoke. It is as if Jesus said, "You have one yoke now. How do you like it? Change yokes. Take My yoke upon you."—Dr. S. D. Gordon.

## The Infinite Christ

And we will never get to the end. Eternity will not exhaust the tales about Him. It will be one of the delights up yonder; there will be a sameness and yet a perpetual variety that will for ever prevent monotony. There will be a monotone, the monotone being Jesus, *Jesus*, JESUS. All music, let it be the simplest ditty or the greatest anthem, is written and composed upon the usual lines and spaces of the staff. But what wonderful variations music has! —John MacNeil.

# About the Bible

By J. H. T. SIME

**T**HE common phrase used for the Bible by many hundreds, yea, many thousands of people, is "the Word of God." And what is a word? It is the expression of a thought. So the Bible is the expression of God's thoughts.

The Old Testament contains seventeen books of history, five of poetry and seventeen of prophecy. In the New Testament we have five books of history, twenty-one of precept and one of prophecy. The whole Bible comprises sixty-six books in all.

It contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, and 1,198 chapters. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm, while the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. It is Maher-shalal-hash-baz. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times, while the word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of II. Kings are almost alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest verse is the 35th of the 11th chapter of John. The alphabet is in the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra (in old English "i" and "j" were regarded as one letter). The finest piece of reading is the 26th chapter of Acts. The name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther, although it contains knowledge, wisdom, holiness and love.

The Word of God should be held near and dear to every one of God's children. The Psalmist says in the 11th verse of the 119th Psalm: "Thy word have I

hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Notice that he hid the right thing—"Thy word," in the right place—"mine heart," for the right purpose—"that I might not sin against Thee."

We also think of the Word of God as being a light to our path and a good guide to our feet while travelling heavenward.

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,  
Thro' all kinds of weather, with smile and with sigh,  
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,  
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my Psalm.

What a wonderful treasure;  
Gift of God without measure,  
We will travel together  
My Bible and I."

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,  
When love had grown weary, and death e'en was nigh;  
But all through the darkness, of mist and of wrong,  
I found there a solace, a prayer, or a song.

So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I?  
Shall 'isms or schisms, or "new lights" who try?  
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,  
Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Oh, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light;  
Thou Sword of the Spirit, put error to flight.  
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,  
We will travel together, my Bible and I.

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## The Bible and a Young Hindu

**A**N earnest Christian professor from an American university visited India. During one of his journeys in that country a young Hindu came up to him with a large sheet of paper which was divided into four squares. In one square was the name of Mahomet, in another that of Buddha, and in a third that of Confucius, and in each square an epitome of the religion related to the name.

The fourth square was blank, and the Hindu said to Professor W.: "I look upon you as a champion of Christianity, and I want to put into that square Christ and Christianity." Professor W. looked at him, and his heart yearned for the Hindu. It seemed to him that the young man had a real desire to understand and know the truth.

"My dear young friend," he said, "you have put a difficulty before me which is insuperable. You have asked me to do a thing which is absolutely impossible for any man to do. Those squares are big enough for Buddha and Mahomet and Confucius, but Christ—Christ is God, that is, infinite. I cannot do it."

The Hindu looked a little disappointed, and so Professor W. went on: "I will tell you what I will do. I am a busy man, but I will devote to you an hour a day. Will you come to where I am staying, and we

will read together the Bible, which I believe is God's Word? We will, first of all, pray, then we will read God's Word, but we will not discuss it nor argue; we will simply read it."

The next morning the Hindu arrived. Professor W. opened the Bible at the first chapter of the Gospel of John, and then they both went down on their knees. The Christian asked God to give the young man light, to open his eyes and enable him to believe what was written there.

They rose from their knees and read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

"Stop a bit," said the Hindu, "that cannot be. Here it says the Word was God, and there it says the Word was with God."

"Don't you remember our bargain?" was the reply, "not to reason about it, but simply to read?"

And they continued their reading till they reached the third chapter of John. The light entered the young man's soul, and the eyes of his understanding were enlightened. He believed in the "only begotten Son of God," and there and then became the happy possessor of "everlasting life." And so were fulfilled the words: "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm cxix. 130).

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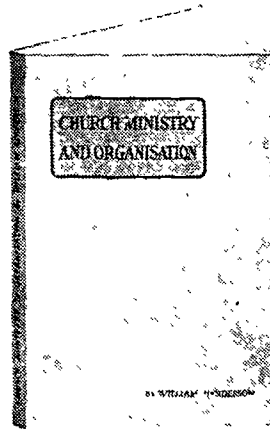
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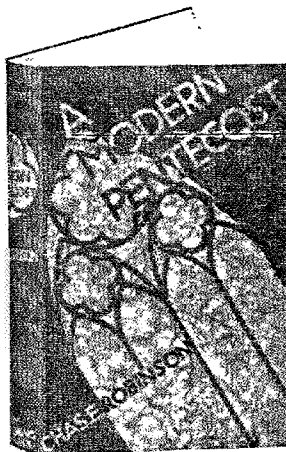
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