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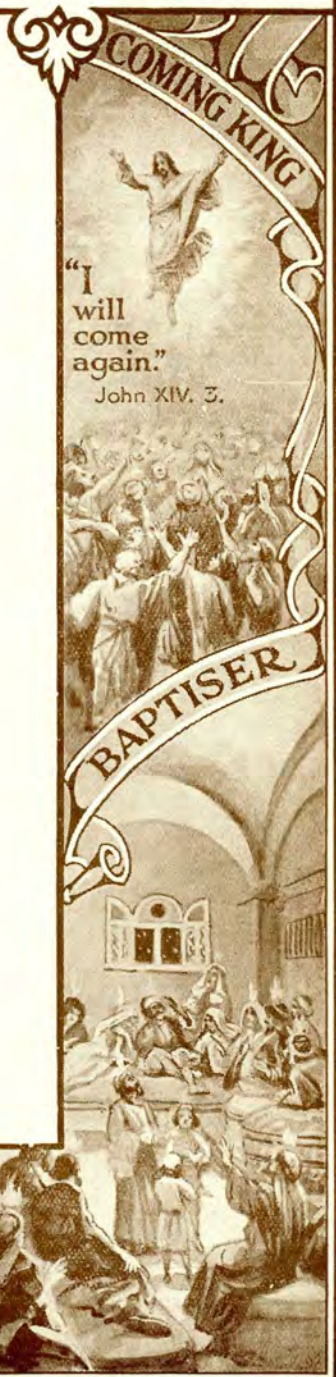
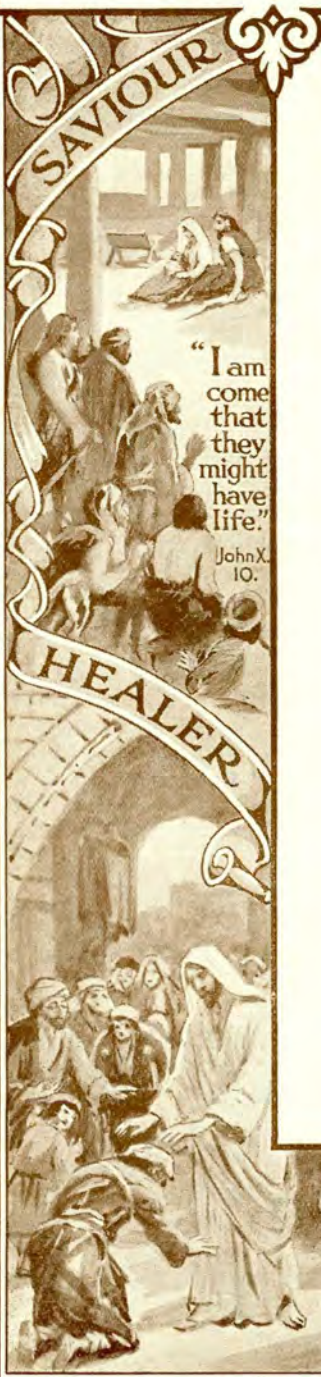
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The Saviour's Charm

There are faces here that are strangely fair ;
There are hearts that glow with love ;
But I know a face that is fairer far,
And a Friend all friends above.

He is fairer far than the sons of men ;
His lips with grace o'erflow ;
His smile is the light of heaven above
And the joy of saints below.

When He comes to dwell in a human heart,
'Tis the dawn of a heavenly day ;
The earth will sing when He comes again,
And the shadows flee away.

Let my soul be filled with Thy light, dear Lord,
My life with Thy beauty shine,
So that men will long for Thy friendship too
As they see Thy face in mine.

—A. B. Simpson.

"I will;
be thou
clean."
Mark I. 41.



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

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BIRMINGHAM. April 19, 20. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street. Speakers include Pastor J. McAvoy and Pastor J. R. Knight.

April 21, 22. Embassy Skating Rink, Walford Road, Sparkhill (largest and most up-to-date Skating Rink in the British Isles). Easter Sunday at 3 (Divine Healing Service), and 6.30—Principal George Jeffreys. Easter Monday at 11, 3, and 6.30—Pastors P. Le Tissier and J. R. Moore. Convener: Pastor W. Barton. Refreshments obtainable in Skating Rink Refreshment Room.

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The Elim Evangel

AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance was founded by Principal George Jeffreys, its present leader, in Ireland, in the year 1915. The Principal's campaigns have filled to overflowing the largest halls in the British Isles, and have resulted in many thousands of converts to Christ, and notable miracles of healing. The movement consists of Elim Revival and Healing Campaigns, Elim Foursquare Gospel Churches and Ministers, Elim Bible College, Elim



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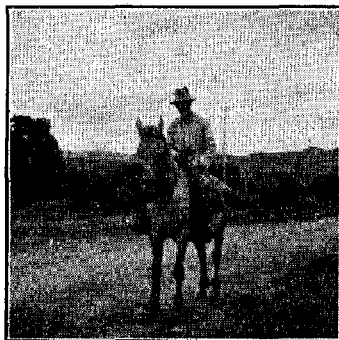
News from the Eastern Battlefields

WE are happy to tell our readers that our young brother, Mr. W. H. Francis of the Emmanuel Mission, Transvaal, was happily married early in the month of January of this year to Miss Lynch, an earnest Christian young lady belonging to the Brixton Full Gospel Church, Johannesburg, South Africa. We know many of our readers who are keenly interested in the work of Mr. Francis will rejoice with him in having found a life's partner to share with him in the triumphs and the trials of missionary life. He writes:

"You will notice from the address that we are back again in Nelspruit, temporarily. We arrived back only last Sunday from our holiday which we took after our marriage. God graciously helped us and blessed in a very definite way, making that day a very happy one for us all. Many attended the Church ceremony in the Brixton Full Gospel Church, Johannesburg, including a number of Pentecostal missionaries, together with Brother and Sister Phillips and other fellow-workers. Pastor Opperman of the Full Gospel Church conducted the ceremony. We left Johannesburg that same night (12th January) with a great send-off from members of my wife's Church (Brixton) and have been followed by their prayers. Hallelujah! During part of our holiday we were privileged to

STAY WITH CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

farming at Hemlock, where, as you know from my previous letters, we have a native church. Conse-



Mr. Francis off for a day's preaching.

quently, I was overjoyed to be able to minister to them during that week, and how pleased they were to welcome us both. It was difficult to know whose joy was the greater, ours or theirs! After being away from the work for some weeks it was blessed to see them all again and to hear them sing as they did. We preached the Word, and had the joy of immersing two more children of God who have repented there, while a number more are still preparing for baptism. It was uplifting to the native worker and ourselves, to see so many seek the Lord for His blessing during those services, blessing for body and spirit alike . . . then several mothers brought their little ones to the Lord to be dedicated. So many we meet have given themselves over to evil spirits

"We listened entranced to the impassioned preaching of our beloved leader."

WHO DID?

The spellbound thousands at the Royal Albert Hall.

and evil ways that we rejoice to see those whose hearts God has touched giving themselves and theirs to God, their faithful Creator."

Pastor and Mrs. Hubert Phillips make reference in their letter to Mr. Francis's wedding to Miss Lynch. They write:

"We started this year in the native church where a goodly number had gathered together, some

CONFESSING THEIR SINS

and others seeking to live a life nearer to God. The Bible School being closed for two weeks allowed a few things to be attended to that had been impossible while working at full pressure. Thus some of the students were able to assist an evangelist in rebuilding his church which was almost falling down. Now he has a nice little brick building near his home for those unable to reach the church in the Mine a few miles away. Sunday morning was spent at home where we always have a morning service especially for the believers. It is nice to get together in this way and feel that we are just 'the family.' On the ninth we went to Johannesburg for the wedding. We stayed at Mr. Pettenger's house (Pentecostal

Missionary from U.S.A.). At Johannesburg we ministered to some of the native churches before returning. We have had quarterly meetings this month at Elandshoogte and Bonasi, and two baptismal services."

Our readers will be pleased to learn of reinforcements on their way out to join Pastor and Mrs. Phillips and his co-workers in the Transvaal. Mr. and Mrs. Blythen and their little daughter, Dora, from Letchworth Church, sailed in company with Miss Hobbs, who was returning after furlough, to the Transvaal. A very

INSPIRING AND TOUCHING

farewell meeting was held in the Elim Church, Letchworth, to bid these dear ones God-speed on their journey forth to the needy fields of East Transvaal. We ask our readers to add the names of these workers to their missionary prayer list, and to endeavour more zealously than ever to uphold day by day in prayer every one of our dear missionaries, both those on the field, and those at home on furlough.

Bravely and joyously Miss Hoskins in far-off Japan writes of her work there, as follows:—

"Praise God for the 'gospel of peace and joy and everlasting life' through our triumphant, risen Lord and King. My heart is rejoicing to see large crowds, who, despite the cold weather, stand in the open air and listen to my Bible woman and me as we preach and sing this glorious message, 'Grace is free.' Lonely-hearted mothers with their babies tied to their backs drink in the words of comfort that they so deeply need. Old people and young and children too are made conscious that the gospel we preach has power unto salvation—Glory be to Jesus! Very often we seem to see no outward, visible results from these meetings, but God has promised that "His Word shall not return unto Him void" and sure enough

HE IS ANSWERING PRAYER

and giving the increase in His own time and way, for recently a young man who in the natural was in a hopeless condition of consumption came to our



Mr. Francis holding an open air service as the church is too small.

Sunday night gospel service and brought three friends with him. After hearing of his deep need and having special prayer for him and making plain the way of salvation to him, he said he believed, there and then, on the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of his soul. Hallelujah to Jesus! Then my Bible woman and I both testified how the Lord had healed our

bodies too. He was greatly encouraged and is 'trusting God for his bodily healing too. We are praising God for the victorious answer to our prayers, because he already feels so much better. Please pray much for this young man that God may be glorified in his life and testimony. One of his brothers is a doctor. Let us pray that this young man's salvation and healing shall be the means of many coming to believe on 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.' Your united prayers will help to bring a sweeping victory. I am praising God for a steady increase in numbers at the meetings, and the Sunday school, and there is a real hunger in many hearts to follow on in the light of His Word."



Miss Brown and Miss Ewens' New Year Gathering at Giridih.

Miss Ewens in Kodarma whose snapshot of a New Year's gathering at Giridih is here seen has been

BRAVELY ATTACKING VILLAGES

where no one has ever preached the gospel before. Please remember Miss Ewens and Miss Brown very definitely in prayer, for opposition has confronted them of late from quarters least expected, but they are bravely pressing on.

Pastor and Mrs. Thomas in Spain, still valiant for the truth in that land of darkness, write as follows:

"Since last writing one of our Spanish believers and I visited a large village where we had not been before. We took with us a good stock of Gospels, New Testaments, Scripture portions, and tracts and called at every house in the village. The people received us very well and we sold eighty Gospels, and six New Testaments, and distributed freely the booklets and Scripture portions and tracts explaining the way of salvation. In some cases we were able to have interesting talks with the people. One woman was very much annoyed when we offered her a booklet and refused it saying that she did not want it as it was of the enemy, as everything offered freely was of the enemy. I tried to reason with her, and asked her if she knew the contents of the booklets; but she was impossible, and came on to the street talking loudly and saying that we were of the "enemy." She seemed obsessed with the idea of an enemy. A boy of about fourteen years of age had previously

PURCHASED A GOSPEL,

but when this woman told him not to read it as it was a bad book, he tore it to bits. I asked him later why he tore the little book to pieces. He re-

plied, saying it was a bad book. I asked again why it was a bad book, and all he would say was: "Because it is bad." In this way people are so easily influenced, and can be led to any extreme, without knowing why. The Roman Catholic priests fear the distribution of the Word of God; they do not read it themselves, neither will they allow their people to read it. They are surely "blind leaders of the blind," and will both fall into the ditch, because they are wilfully ignorant of the things of God."

Our dear missionaries home on furlough are being

used of God very sweetly and effectively on their deputation tours. We know our readers are praying for each of them, Pastor and Mrs. Mullan and Sheila, Miss Paint and Mrs. Taylor. These dear ones are deeply conscious of the loyal prayers of God's faithful people, and return to you their grateful thanks. Mrs. Taylor has been marvellously upheld since the Home-going of her beloved husband. She is triumphantly bearing her great loss with a courage and a radiancy which indicates how unswervingly her life has been surrendered to the will of God.

Palms in their Hands

By Dr. G. WATSON

PERHAPS no form of vegetable or animal life represented to the Eastern mind the thought of victory more perfectly than the palm tree, growing sometimes one hundred feet high, living in the desert, and waving its leaves of perennial green for a hundred years. Overcoming desert droughts, scorching simoons, summer suns, and the flight of years, it has ever been in Eastern countries the emblem of conquest. When the followers of Jesus shouted His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, they spread palm branches in the way, supposing He was about to ascend victoriously the temporal throne of David. When the Romans conquered Judæa, they stamped the image of the palm on their next coinage of money, to indicate their triumph.

The Christian life is evidently a warfare, and yet with singular accuracy the Scriptures designate the soldier life of a Christian as dating from his full salvation, his being armed with the "panoply of God." The Jews had some skirmishings in the wilderness, but their warfare, properly speaking, dated from their entrance into Canaan, the type of the believer's entrance into perfect love. The apostles began their true warfare and the enduring of hardness as soldiers after Pentecost, although previous to that time they were "registered in heaven," "the little flock," "not of the world," and "babes in Christ." Previous to sanctification the Christian wages a domestic war with the foes in his own nature, and has but little time or strength for fighting the battles of the Lord. The Lord tells us through Isaiah that He hath commanded His sanctified ones. When God has some Waterloo to be fought, some forlorn hope to carry, some awful breach to fill, some soul-humbling and severe task to be performed, He does not look to Christian babes, nor to easy-going ministers, nor to stiff ecclesiastics, nor to dainty church devotees, nor to partially sanctified though earnest believers, but His all-piercing eye scans the fields of Christendom, and His voice calls for the "old guard," those who are dead to sin and self. We learn from the order of this text that perfect submission, or "standing before the throne," is preliminary to heart purity, or the white robe; and that purification, or the washing of the robe, is preliminary to conflict and victory.

Every true saint will be led by the Holy Ghost through experiences of severe testing and trial. Satan will attack the sanctified in a stronger and

bolder manner than ever before. He will use every device to poison the sweetness of perfect love, and turn it into acid of gall. He will attack the faith, either to break it down with discouragement, or make it leap off into presumption, or sidetrack it on some fanatical fact; he will assail the hope to make it droop in despondency, or else inflate it with all sorts of imaginary fulfilments of prophecies and visions. Every grace will meet its test to prepare it for its eternal state. The heroic saint will be charged with riding a hobby of holiness; but long ago John described a heavenly cavalry riding on white horses, going out with King Jesus to fight His battles. Every intelligent, earnest person rides a hobby of some kind; the great question is, What is the colour of your horse?

The palm tree can endure more ill-usage than any other form of plant life. It has no outer bark like other trees, and cannot be killed by any amount of girdling; its sap flows up through its heart. In like manner the purified Christian can endure ill-treatment, hard usage, and, like Job, though all the outward

ROYAL ALBERT HALL EASTER MONDAY

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(See particulars on Cover II.)

bark of life may be peeled away, there flows from hidden sources, through the interior heart, a mysterious current of sap which keeps it ever green, though to all human eyes there seems nothing but desolation and decay. The heroism of the saint is at an infinite distance from the heroism of the world. His warfare, like the other phases of his life, is a perfect paradox to human reason.

We live by dying; the deeper our death the higher our life. We are filled with wisdom by being fools in our own eyes; we conquer by being first perfectly conquered; we meet the roar of the lion with the uncomplaining quietness of the lamb; roughness is overcome by gentleness, and long-continued patience wears down the raging of the tiger.

A Fourfold Viewpoint

ON a recent Sunday one of our pastors being asked to dedicate a child, and desiring to pass on a few words of helpful instruction to the parents regarding the training of children, noticed at the beginning of his remarks a very wise-looking smile playing over some of the faces of his congregation, owing no doubt to the fact that he was a single man. Feeling confident that the Lord was leading him he proceeded with his remarks. In doing so, however, he stopped to lay for himself, as he said, some few stepping stones to help him over his difficulty. He began by pointing out the four cardinal points from which any speaker was privileged to speak:

1. FROM EXPERIENCE.
2. FROM KNOWLEDGE.
3. FROM OBSERVATION.
4. FROM REVELATION.

He remarked that the man who spoke from experience could only speak from what he had experienced, and was often inclined to be very narrow, wanting to measure everyone with his own little rule; and if you did not measure up to his experience you were very little good. Experience was of course the one great essential thing when it came to testimony,

Principal GEORGE JEFFREYS' EASTER ENGAGEMENTS

Easter Sunday. Embassy Skating Rink, Sparkbrook, Birmingham
Easter Monday. Royal Albert Hall, London

but after all, no man should preach his testimony, but should simply tell it. The Apostle Paul only told his testimony, but he preached the Word.

The man who spoke from knowledge spoke from life as he had studied it from books or from hearing others speak.

The man who spoke from observation spoke from life as he had observed it in going through the world. As he walked about and observed things, as he saw how the children of the world were being brought up so he could speak.

The man who spoke from revelation, spoke from life as God had revealed it to him. Of course his scope of life was much the larger. From this standpoint the Apostle Paul spoke, and also our Lord, as well as the other writers of the Bible. Paul certainly did not have experience of all the sins about which he had written.

The speaker went on to say that although he could not speak from the first one of these, yet he did lay claim to the other three. Needless to say the remainder of his discourse was listened to with rapt attention and with great profit by the congregation.

ANONYMOUS GIFTS.

We acknowledge with gratitude to God the following anonymous gifts from readers:

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She Being Dead, Yet Speaketh

Miss Harriet Sheppard with the Lord. A Tribute from Tamworth

POUR forth a phial of rare and costly perfume and you will find its fragrance lingers often in months and years to come. The result of the broken alabaster box was that the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Some lives are like that. Long after their local influence has ceased the effect of their testimony continues. Harriet Sheppard has fallen asleep in Jesus, but she lives in the memories of those whose lives were blessed by her loving ministry, her fervent prayers, and her kindly help and encouragement.

Having been brought into the saving knowledge of the grace of God as a young woman, from thence her one aim to live was Christ, and together with Miss Watson (her faithful and loved companion for over forty-five years), she witnessed boldly to the truth in all parts of this district.

These two consecrated lives, in 1887, became instrumental in bringing about the Cottage Mission in Tamworth, where a very blessed work was carried on and which later was transferred to the Elim Foursquare Church in Park Street.

It may be said of our dear sister Sheppard, as of Phebe of old, that she hath been a succourer of many; a real mother in Israel, and Elim friends here and

elsewhere thank God for such a gracious life. To many she was a friend who could be relied upon in the day of trial, always ready to open the doors of her home to those who needed fellowship and prayer, and not a few of us have in times of difficulty visualised her on her knees in that little Bethel praying fervently for us,—and we have been strengthened. Even during the time of her infirmity her interest in the work of God here was so minute, that even the Sunday school scholars were enquired after. Her one absorbing ambition was to serve God, and from her deathbed, as friends visited her, she sounded forth the word, "Be faithful." A gentle, loving and fearless stalwart of the gospel, the grace of God was thus magnified in her life and on the 13th day of February she fell asleep in her 85th year, and we await with confidence the day when we shall meet again!

We feel we cannot more fittingly conclude this tribute than by repeating a statement made concerning our sister in the *Tamworth Herald* of 22nd February, which read, "She was a noble character, a prayer warrior, a saint."

She has gone on before, but the odour of such a life fills this House of Elim at Tamworth to-day.

Cameos of Jesus.

Sidelights on the Greatest Figure of History

VII.—CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

By Pastor H. KITCHING

Reading: I. Corinthians xv.

IN the previous talk we contemplated the true significance of the death of Christ. In this talk we are to dwell upon the triumph or resurrection of Christ. It is of course impossible in one study to mention all issues; therefore let us limit our meditation to a consideration of the "Resurrection Body." A question often asked by enquirers is "What will the resurrection body be like?" Paul the apostle was once asked that question, "How are the dead raised and with what body do they come?" (I. Cor. xv. 35). This has been an age-long question; a burning question throughout time. Two lines of thought will doubtless help to throw light upon this problem. First a consideration of what the Bible teaches concerning the resurrection body of Christ, and secondly what the Bible teaches concerning the resurrection body of the saint.

Christ's resurrection. This fact is in the centre of the Gospel. If you leave me merely with the Cross you leave me nothing to which my soul may cling. Without the resurrection the Cross of Calvary was a colossal tragedy (I. Cor. xv. 13-19). One of the most astounding things about those early Church preachers was the emphasis placed upon the resurrection of Jesus. It was their credentials when preaching to the masses; it was the arrow in the bow of divine truth to pierce through the unbelieving and sceptical hearts of men. Peter was very sure of his ground when speaking on the Day of Pentecost (Acts ii. 24-33). Later Paul lays stress upon the fact of the resurrection, that it was the great thing in his life. It was his philosophy and his theology (Acts xvii. 18).

Certain theories are brought forward to destroy this truth, such as the Hallucination Theory, the Legend and Swoon theories. All these are repudiated by Scripture and common sense. The four Gospels agree and the several epistles confirm that Jesus died and rose again (Matt. xxviii.; Mark xvi.; Luke xxiv.; John xx.). The whole of Scripture bears witness that Christ's resurrection was a visible and a physical one. Christ's resurrection was certainly physical in the truest sense of that word. The disciples who visited the grave found it empty—the body was not there and no one could explain its removal (Luke xxiv. 23). When He appeared to His disciples in the upper room He definitely said, "Spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have." (Luke xxiv. 39). Those terrified and fearful disciples identified their Lord's body by the nail-prints and spear wound which, although healed, were yet manifested to them (John xx. 20-25). Christ after His resurrection ate broiled fish and honeycomb (Luke xxiv. 42, 43). Thomas was invited to feel and touch His body, and you cannot touch spirit. He walked with those disciples and led them forth. All these are qualities of the physical frame and are a strong proof of Christ's physical resurrection. Doubtless it was not exactly the heavy and solid body of blood, bones and flesh but a body of

flesh and bones minus the blood which was poured out on Calvary, and filled with the Spirit (Rom. viii. 11). The Spirit would doubtless give the body supernatural powers such as the disappearance at will and the passing through material substances. Speaking of the resurrection of Christ's body Peter says it was quickened or made alive by the Spirit (I. Peter iii. 18). It was this body that ascended into heaven (Acts i. 9, 10). Christ's body did not see corruption.

Saint's resurrection. The whole tenor of Scripture seems to point to the fact that every believer shall have a body like unto Christ's glorious body (Rom. vi. 5; Phil. iii. 21). It will be a physical, celestial body. The body placed in the grave will be raised up again in resurrection power and fulness. Job even in his day had more light upon the subject than many to-day, for he said, "Though worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job xix. 26). The body that has seen corruption will put on incorruption. Those bodies buried in Flanders; those lost at sea; those eaten by worms or cremated will be raised up by God's almighty power. He who in the beginning made man out of the dust of the ground will have no difficulty in re-creating the body that has returned to dust.

In Ezekiel we have recorded the vision of the valley of dry bones, in which incident God breathed upon the bones of human beings, and flesh and muscle grew upon those dry bones and they lived again. Like many to-day Ezekiel doubted their bodily resurrection but God set him at naught and proved to him the possibility of a physical resurrection. Jesus once said, "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." In the Book of Revelation we read that "the sea gave up the dead that were in it." God is able to resurrect the thousands who remain at the bottom of the ocean and to make alive again the millions that have vanished in the dust. Even at the resurrection of our Lord we are given to understand that the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints rose and walked the streets again (Matt. xxvii. 51-53).

The immortality of the body is a blessing of the resurrection day. Eyes closed in death will open with the light of resurrection. The voice silenced in the grave will make heaven echo with praise. The courts of heaven will ring with the melody of the redeemed. Out of the cemeteries—out of the seas—out of the family vault—out of the jungles they will rise up. The gates of heaven will be thrown open and we shall march in amid glory and triumph. The full redemption for the believer is a wondrous Bible truth. It is an indestructible fact. It is something far beyond our human powers of understanding. It doth not yet appear what we shall be. The best is yet to be. Our best days are ahead. Jesus is alive. "I know that my Redeemer lives." That is enough for me. Is it enough for you?

In My Heart a Song is Singing

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In my heart a song is sing-ing, In my heart a joy-bell
ring-ing; I've been for-giv-en, my soul is set free;
No-one knows bet-ter what this means to me, Life is a song,
I dance a-long, Sing-ing the prais-es of Je-sus.

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Bible Study Helps

THE WORDS OF CHRIST.

I. Their Divine Origin.

1. Foretold by God to Moses (Deut. xviii. 18).
2. Reaffirmed by John the Baptist (John iii. 34).
3. Declared by Christ Himself (John vii. 16; viii. 28, 38; xii. 49; xiv. 10, 24; xvii. 8, 14).

II. Their Abiding Characteristics.

1. Eternal (Matt. xxiv. 35; Mark xiii. 31; Luke xxi. 33).
2. Gracious (Luke iv. 22).
3. Authoritative (Luke iv. 32).
4. Spiritual (John vi. 63).
5. Living (John vi. 63).
6. Unique (John vii. 46).
7. Wholesome (I. Tim. i. 6).

III. Their Power in Our Hearts.

1. To cleanse (John xv. 3).
2. To teach us how to pray effectively (John xv. 7).
3. To instruct us in the life of true discipleship (John viii. 31).
4. For imparting eternal life (John viii. 51).
5. For laying unshakable foundations of character (Matt. vii. 24, 25).

IV. Their Ultimate Place in Final Judgment.

John xii. 48.

V. Our Response to His Words.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Col. iii. 16). The same sentence in the translation of A. S. Way reads: "May the word Messiah speak to you have in your hearts, in all its wealth, its home."—W.M.S.

SYMPATHY & COMPASSION

THERE is a vast amount of human suffering everywhere, where there is little outcry or complaint. There is weeping in hidden places; there are deep groans in prayer closets that are not heard by human ears. There are ten thousand tragedies about us everywhere, that are not enacted upon the public stage before the gaze of the multitudes; they are tragedies of the soul, behind curtains which human eye cannot penetrate. There are wrestling matches with evil spirits where no cheering crowd looks on. There are ten thousand victories in gardens of Gethsemane where the Christ who once sweat blood beneath the burden of the sins of the world, meets under the veil of the night those who love Him and suffer in silence, brushes their tears away, and puts a song of peace into a conquering, victorious heart.

I have sometimes thought if we only knew the burdens that others carry, we would not add a feather's weight to those burdens. If we knew how very tired are the feet of those about us, we would not put a straw in the pathway of any fellow traveller along the highway of life. If we knew the sorrows in the hidden heart of our worst enemy, we would not add another grain or groan to those sorrows. If we

understood their deep thirst for sympathy, their heart cry for help, we would press the cup of refreshing to their parched lips, and take a part of the burden of our enemies upon our own shoulders. Let us learn to suffer in silence; to carry our griefs to our Lord, and to endeavour, as best we can, to add something to the strength, the courage, the hope and good cheer to all about us, remembering that almost every human being has hidden wounds and secret sorrows.

Have You Heard?

That Rev. Willard H. Pope, D.D., from the United States, on a special visit to this country, is engaged to speak at special services in several Elim Churches.

That Rev. T. J. McCrossan, D.D., on a visit to this country from across the Atlantic, is also planned to speak at several Elim Churches before he returns.

That among a few recent changes in Elim Churches are the following: Pastor C. Johnson to assist Pastor R. Tweed in Manchester, Evangelist Burt to Ballysillan, Belfast.

That a series of campaigns by Pastor Fielding is being held in Belfast.

That among recent successful campaigns are the following: Pastor W. E. Smith at Redhill, Surrey, Pastor P. S. Brewster at Neath, Glamorgan, Pastor D. Vanstone at Shanklin, I.O.W., and Pastor C. J. E. Kingston at Plymouth.

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions : Meditations by Pastor H. A. COURT

Sunday, April 14th. Luke xxii. 24-38.

"I am ready" (verse 33).

Unfortunately this was not true. Peter had yet to pass through a great deal of very practical preparation before he could be ready for what he promised his Lord. No doubt it was a case of the spirit being willing but the flesh weak. In that respect Peter was a most ordinary man. He belonged to the category to which most of us belong. In enthusiastic moments we promise much, and there is no doubt but what we are sincere in those promises. What we forget is that there is a human part of us that constitutes a barrier. Peter was brought back to earth with a jerk when later on he was challenged. Subjected to the test he discovered that he was not so strong as he had supposed. May God spare us from such unhappy disillusionment. Let us avoid boasting. No effort with resulting success can be made without Him. And often His part is to prepare us for the work to be undertaken. Until that preparation is complete it is useless crying "I am ready."

Monday, April 15th. Luke xxii. 39-53.

"He touched his ear" (verse 51).

This appears to be the last miracle of Christ's pre-Calvary ministry. To the end He showed that He was the incarnation of mercy. The servant of the high priest may be ranked as one with the enemies of the Lord. But this does not exclude him from benefit at a time when he needs it. Which shows how wonderful our Saviour really is. No other would have raised the healing hand on such an occasion. He stands out in many things as the only One and this is no exception. Many arguments might be employed against such an act on His part, but love and mercy can be extraordinarily unconventional. It is when we ponder on such matters that our own love is shown up in its colourless weakness. How little our love has achieved. "Love your enemies." He said it. He did it. But after two thousand years of precept and example how far from accomplishment we are.

Tuesday, April 16th. Luke xxii. 54-71.

"They struck Him on the face, and asked Him, saying, Prophecy" (verse 64).

The willing Victim suffered many things at the hands of His enemies. I have often wondered what was the most hurtful to Him. We must not forget that mental suffering as well as physical entered into His galling experience. And when I think of that it seems that

the mocking act of the soldiers must have been a terrible ordeal. They were mocking His message. A man may bear being mocked, but his life's work is dear to him, and he guards it jealously. May it not have been so with the Christ. He had given up heaven to bring salvation to mankind. His heart is in His message. And now this very message is made the butt of the rude soldiers' jests. It was bitterness indeed. To be smitten on the face was a small matter, but the accompanying blasphemies must have been painful in the extreme. Yet no word of complaint escapes His lips. He is prepared to go to any lengths to secure our salvation.

Wednesday, April 17th. Luke xxiii. 1-12.

"He hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him" (verse 8).

Herod's desires to see Jesus were not of an exalted nature. To Him Jesus was a magician. Stories had entered the palace, and these had doubtless changed in passing from one to another. Herod had probably heard of things that had never taken place at all. Magnified accounts of Christ's miracles would give the impression that Jesus wrought wonders for effect. Now this very Man is in the presence of Herod, who hopes to see a performance. Needless to say, he is disappointed. To-day the Saviour is treated with similar contempt. The results are the same. They who seek after Christ with no better purpose go away empty-handed. The approach to Christ must be mingled with faith. And that faith must be fixed or anchored in God.

Thursday, April 18th. Luke xxiii. 13-26.

"Release unto us Barabbas" (verse 18).

Yes, the amazing truth is that the people chose to liberate a man of violence rather than the Man of love. Barabbas before his apprehension had been the scourge of the district. Men feared for their wives' safety, while wives awaited with anxiety their husbands' return from distant parts. The very name was a bogey to disobedient children. His capture must have been hailed with delight. It was as the lifting of a pall from social and private life. Now these people are faced with a choice. They can have in their midst a Man who will heal their sick and bless their children or the man whose name struck terror to the heart. There could be only one sane choice. But the people were beside themselves. Whipped into a mad frenzy by the hatred of the priests they became auto-

matons. The world's choice is as bad to-day. It chooses hectic pleasure with its ruinous consequences rather than Christ and peace in the heart.

Friday, April 19th. Luke xxiii. 27-43.

"The place which is called Calvary" (verse 33).

No place has attracted so many people as this place. Not as to its geographical situation. But as the place where burdens are laid down and forgotten, whether it be in the privacy of home-life or the openness of public avowal. Can we who are born again forget the place where new life began? To visit Calvary is to visit our birthplace. Do we visit it as oft as we might? To-day many will visit it for the first time since last Good Friday. Their visit takes on the aspect of respect. And that respect is akin to that which they show to others who have died illustriously or nobly. To the child of God the visit to the Cross is so much more. Respect is there, but so is love and adoration and devotion. May God make to-day's visit to the Cross so effective to us that there shall be a renewing and a reviving and re-consecrating.

Saturday, April 20th. Luke xxiii. 44-56.

"And the sun was darkened" (verse 45).

I am not surprised that God drew a curtain over the awful scene. The world has had no tragedy that can compare with this. There have never been sorrows like unto His sorrows. And men would have glutted their eyes on the scene. How callous they were. And it was for such that this event was taking place—that their lives might be changed. Until then the golden orb had poured down his bright beams of health and cheer. But it is as though all nature receives the command to halt while the world's sin is dealt with. It is as if all God's creation is called to witness that an offering is being made for sin. So darkness covered the earth. He who said "I am the Light of the world" passed into the darkness that He might bring us out of the darkness of the prison-house into the light of liberty. The sun was darkness. In consequence the souls of men have been lightened with the lamp of life.

Easter Monday.

Royal Albert Hall, London
and the
Embassy Skating Rink,
Birmingham

(See particulars on cover ii.)



SPRINGTIME is here again with all its inspiring, ennobling and enriching influences. It is as though nature had now flung off all her reserve, the long stillness of the Winter is broken at last, and earth becomes prodigal of wondrous harmony. One can almost catch the laughter of nature, as it literally leaps into newness of life. There is a buoyant gladness and radiance about it all. All creation seems festal. She is busy donning her bridal attire in preparation for the banquet of summer so soon to follow.

The deft hand of nature has touched everything into wondrous beauty, so that we are provided with a millennium in miniature; a foretaste of the forthcoming splendour which shall one day mantle the earth.

Who can weave garments of such superfine texture as those which now adorn the countryside? Where is the artist that can clothe his canvas with glory such as that which now envelops the fields and lanes of our land? Such a wealth of loveliness, provided for the delectation of man, is beyond the power of pen or brush to produce or portray.

Each radiant hedgerow and smiling tree, pregnant with bounding life, tells its own glad story. Some mysterious hand is at work carpeting the woods in rich blue and gold. The hills and the vales are being covered in virgin green. Cool and caressing breezes proclaim the evangel of earth's emancipation. The very air is

LADEN WITH A MYSTIC FRAGRANCE.

Wild hyacinths, soft-scented violets, graceful daffodils, charming yellow primroses, and clustering apple blossom all unite in one pæan of praise to the great Creator of all good things. Even the feathered choristers seem anxious to share the secret of that creative hope within them as they gaily go about their task of nest construction.

"Gone is the winter, all nature doth sing,
Blithesomely, gladsomely cometh the spring,
Mountain and meadow, forest and plain,
Clothed in their beauty, sing praises again."

Who has not listened to the message and to the music of spring with overflowing heart, and felt rising up within him a response to all its seductive sweetness and radiant appeal? Those subdued melodies which only reach the ears of the attentive; those wonderful undertones of tender harmony which

The Symphony of

By Pastor

demand a quiet and restful heart to hear. Dead indeed is that soul which can move amid the verdant, vibrant scenes of nature in these days and not realise the impact of new life. That can dwell in such environment and fail to surrender to the uplifting influences which are abroad. Poverty-stricken is the heart that has no thirst for nature's loving and lavish provision.

The whole world of nature is teeming with spiritual suggestion at this season. Blessed are the ears that hearken and the hearts that yield to the lure of Spring, for it will surely lead them to Him who is the Source of all beauty and harmony.

"Heaven and earth are
full of Thee,
Heaven and earth are
praising Thee,
O Lord, Most High."

Spring provides us with a wonderful exhibition of transformation. It is the conquest of indwelling life; life that breaks through all restraints and bursts forth into a thousand charming shapes and colours. All creation is singing its anthem of resurrection. It has heard and answered the stirring revêille of the heavens, shaking off the grave-clothes of its long captivity. Triumphantly and defiantly it flings its glorious challenge in the teeth of death. Joy girdles and mantles the whole land from north to south, from east to west gladness prevails.

"Joy of the mountain sap, the bursting seed,
The joy of life from death's dominion freed."

Death has become the servant of creation, for Winter has but acted as the medium of a greater and more wonderful demonstration of life. A dark and desolate earth has blossomed into beauty. 'Tis but a few weeks since the world of nature seemed so drab and drear, there was naught to suggest the forthcoming miracle of new creation.

So it must have seemed to those disconsolate dis-

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*The Springtime joy bet
Joy of the wind across
And like a giant on
Joy of the trees from
From dreams of living
Joy of the little bird
For very rapture of its
Joy of the stream, who
Muffles no more its g
Joy of the silver show
And leave a trail of g
Joy of the mounting s
The joy of life from dea
This joy be thine.*

Spring

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come."—Canticles ii. 11, 12.

C. W. BOULTON

ciples as they stood amid the dark shadows of Gethsemane and Golgotha. Their horizon held no friendly gleam to point them to that wondrous after-tide of triumph and fruitage. All their world was wrapt in the sombre folds of midnight. Should we not learn that the path to the goal must also always lie

"Through death to resurrection life"?

For those who would prove themselves "more than conquerors" in God there is no other alternative to this.

Blessed are those hearts which cherish the vision

of springtime in the winter-tide of experience; who in the hour when Love is stripping the life, and leading the soul in paths of humiliation, can rest "in quietness and confidence," conscious of all the hidden work that is going on within. The soul is able to sing "it is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good." The soul's response to each new phase of death is but to cry "it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

are yielding to the uprising energy within them. There is a sense of creative activity everywhere, the very air seems full of it. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be" has been the song of the winter months. All through those grey and gloomy days the earnest of resurrection was there, hidden yet

LADEN WITH THE VITAL DYNAMIC,

only waiting the release of those latent forces within.

What a striking reminder Spring can be of that glorious destiny towards which creation is moving; of that time when righteousness shall cover the earth, and all that mars shall have disappeared. Cries the inspired Seer, "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are done away." The things that so long have held sway are to be deposed for aye. The long dark night has passed for ever, and creation awakes to the dawn of an eternal day. "Creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty . . . of God."

O miracle of miracles! O mystery of mysteries! The reign of death is at an end! Corruption is conquered! The cold hands of the grave have loosed their deadly hold upon creation. A new and eternal empire hath been established.

As in the realm of nature so in the kingdom of grace. Springtime possesses

AN INCOMPARABLE CHARM;

there is a subtle sovereignty in these days of bursting buds and opening blossoms; when the whole world seems wrapped in the delicate fragrance of new birth. To most believers in Christ those first days of the new life in God are surpassingly wonderful and precious. Each day brings some new unfolding of the loveliness of the Lord; some fresh revelation of the greatness of His love, the splendour of His sacrifice. As the soul steps out in union with its Master there is that daily development of discipleship, that constant sense of discovery, that inward enlargement of heart, all contributing to the bliss of those early stages of Christian experience.

Whilst we delight to dwell amidst all those beautiful experiences which characterise springtime in the soul, yet the special glory of this spiritual birthtime is that it is the promise and the pledge
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Springtime

thine:
 ss vast spaces sweeping
 the forest leaping;
 slumber rudely shaken,
 unto life to waken;
 hat flies and sings
 song and wings;
 se penthouse roof of snow
 lad, impetuous flow;
 bers that gleam and pass
 een o'er tree and grass;
 up, the bursting seed,
 th's dominion freed;
 —ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

What was the missionary message of the early Church? Was it not one of resurrection? And it is this message and spirit which the presence of Spring would help us to recapture. Each lovely bloom, swaying so gracefully in the breeze, tells us of an empty tomb, reminding us of those exhaustless resources which reside in Jesus Christ, the Risen One. All the splendid pageantry of life which surrounds us speaks so loudly of that Victorious Love which vanquished hell and the grave, and gave birth to the eternal hope which dwells deeply within us at this time. Easter joy fills the soul because He who is "the Resurrection and the Life" occupies the throne.

It is at this time that all nature feels the urge to new creation. Bird and tree, and flower alike



Royal Albert Hall Gatherings.

WHAT an important part these annual meetings play in the life of the Foursquare Gospel Movement, shedding their holy influence o'er the whole work, giving spiritual quickening to each of its manifold ministries. To many Easter Monday in the Royal Albert Hall has meant a veritable Mount Carmel, where the heavenly fire has fallen to mantle their lives in its mystic glory. To others it has proved an Horeb of sacrifice and surrender, whilst to some it has proved a Peniel of conflict and conquest. Each year brings its wealth of blessing to hungry and needy hearts, sending thousands of believers away with a new vision of God.

The Principal and Party by the Lake of Galilee

By Pastor P. N. CORRY

THE full moon is shining in a sky dappled with fleecy cloud and the lake is turned to molten silver with mysterious shadows under the Syrian shore. Everything exudes the spirit of peace and we as a party are spending a week by Galilee's lake in restful quiet.

The meetings at Amman, Es Salt, Jerusalem, and Haifa were all much blessed of God to the salvation of souls, but here in Galilee amid scenes that fill the mind with thoughts of Him who after busy days in Judæa must have loved this restful spot, we relax and refresh ourselves.

The spirit of the lake permeates our very being: the quietness, the varied beauty, the colour, the scents, and the rest all combine to make Galilee an unforgettable experience and a refreshing memory. This afternoon we watched the fishermen going about their task with methods so unchanged that the Lord might have taken them as His disciples instead of Peter, John and Andrew; and we rejoice at the thought that His ways and work are "just the same to-day," and that as the result of some singing on Sunday evening another soul was caught in the gospel net. To-morrow we shall spend the day on its waters, visit Bethsaida, Capernaum, and other spots, while above it all, Hermon with its snows will constantly attract the eye and dominate the landscape. So amid our rest days, He who was transfigured before them dominates our thoughts and prepares the heart for busy days, fruitful days—more fruitful and more blessed because of the rest and quiet of Galilee.

Clusters of Camphire.

The Indwelling Glory

By Pastor E. C. W. Moulton

"That the name of our Lord Jesus may be made all-glorious in you."—II. Thessalonians i. 12 (Rotherham).

O may this blood-won heart of mine
The virtues of my Risen Lord enshrine;
That other lives may learn His pow'r,
And yield them captive from this hour.

HOW inconceivable it seems that this Jewel of such priceless worth should be set in a casket of common clay; the Divine Treasure in the earthen vessel, bearing riches of fabulous value. And yet it hath pleased the Father that in the realm of human life Christ should display the wonders of His grace, and exercise the authority of His love.

Within the bounds of this life evil once exerted and exhibited its terrible tyranny. The whole being bore the stamp of sin, and betrayed the mastership of self. Each expression of the life was a condemning witness of the principle of wrong which held the throne within. But now this throne has been handed to Another and life has become possessed and permeated by One whose beauty and glory may be enshrined within.

As the stately edifice proclaims the skill of the architect who has planned it, so should my life declare the glory of Him whose hands have shaped it. As the inanimate creation shows forth the power of Him whose handiwork it is so may each consecrated moment of this surrendered life reveal the wisdom and grace of the great Creator-Redeemer.

O Thou who dost my life indwell,
Bid me the story of Thy grace forthtell.

This should be the sovereign and supreme end and aim of every part of the redeemed personality; no department of the life but what should be dominated by this passion to magnify the Lord. And that this goal might be reached and this purpose achieved, no cost should be counted too great, no discipline too severe. The success of life must be determined by no lesser standard than this.

What a splendid conception of life this supplies, saving it from anything small or mean; giving to the most obscure life a vocation to which even the angels would gladly surrender themselves.

O that this life of mine, for which such price was paid, may become a voice for Thee, telling abroad the excellences of Thy Person, and the glories of Thy redeeming work on Calvary. That all its "days and hours" may be devoted to the noble work of showing forth "the life also of Jesus." That I may spend and be spent in the glorious task of magnifying my Master and Lord.

Within Thy hand, a humbled and emptied vessel I lie,
Yielded and ready with all Thy commands to comply;
So thankful at last that self's bondage is o'er,
That from Thee this heart shall wander no more.

Barabbas

By JANE CAROL

And they had then a notable prisoner called Barabbas. —Matthew xxvii. 16.

AT this season of the year, our attention is focused on the world's greatest tragedy, and the Divine Victim of all the malice and hatred of which the inflammable nature of bigoted Jewry is capable. So much has been said and written of the despised Nazarene. He has been portrayed by the world's most eminent artists (not to speak of the hideous monstrosity recently produced by Jacob Epstein) and men and women all over the world have, for the last 2,000 years, been drawn to this Person of exalted humility and infinite power.

There is, however, another person in this episode whose character, though far from noble, is at least intensely interesting. I refer to Barabbas, the "notable prisoner" of our text, who, until the trial of our Lord, was paying with imprisonment and condemnation the price of insurrection, larceny and murder. We are not told very much concerning Barabbas, but the brief references made to him are eloquent of the lawlessness of this wild incendiary. Matthew calls him a notable prisoner, Mark says he had made insurrection, Luke charges him with sedition and murder, and John informs us he was a robber. Surely the worst criminal that ever lived could not be guilty of very much more than this.

We read that Pilate endeavoured, albeit somewhat lamely, to divert

THE SAVAGE POPULACE

from their intention to murder the Man of Galilee. As well try to stem the surging waters of Niagara as to quell the storm of malice begotten of the insidious promptings of the chief priests. It is quite probable that Pilate offered to release the most dangerous criminal the prison of Jerusalem could produce as an alternative to the acquittal of the Christ, in the hope that the peaceable character of the Nazarene, in comparison, would appeal to the better nature of the people. Such an appeal, however, was utterly futile; the better nature upon which Pilate depended was entirely eclipsed by the violent hatred and jealousy of the seething mass before him. He endeavoured to uphold justice, but to no avail. "What evil hath He done?" queried the desperate Pilate. The question is so obviously superfluous. What evil, indeed, could He do, this Man whose whole life was one continual sacrifice for the benefit of others.

I like to think of the possibility that, after beholding, as doubtless he did, the crucifixion of our Lord, Barabbas realised that in more senses than one, the Man of Galilee died for him; that His death was not only substitutionary in the physical sense, but atoning in the spiritual sense. It is surely not improbable that some effect was made on the criminal whose life was spared that the death of the Nazarene might be effected. In this way, the

REALITY OF THE ATONEMENT

by which we of the present day derive the benefits

of salvation is made very clear, and we can see that Barabbas was a type of ourselves. Did not the Christ die in our room and stead? Of course, we may like to reflect that we were not murderers and robbers before conversion, and may find some pleasure in doing so, but, in essence, were we so very much better? In spite of the veneer of respectability, the nature of Barabbas is definitely responsible for strife, envyings, backbiting, and all similar shortcomings, enumerated at length by the Apostle Paul in his Epistles. Whilst the world is crooning of peace, individual nations are arming in readiness to fly at each others' throats, and methinks I see behind it all the turbulent spirit of unregenerate Barabbas.

Such troubles are not, I fear, restricted to the world. The Devil's chief concern is to bring trouble into the Church and to keep it there. Is he successful? It must be admitted that his endeavours are not altogether a failure, and it is for the members of the Church of Christ to see that their resistance is effective. Maybe you are all for peace and harmony in the Church, and rightly so, but even if you do not make trouble yourself, be very sure that someone else will make it for you. We are instructed to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves, and

THE MEASURE OF WISDOM

necessary in the Christian make-up is not small. Solomon had some idea of human nature when he requested to be endowed with wisdom above all things. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him" (James i. 5). This valuable attribute is ours for the asking, and not to be despised.

Easter is, I think, the most wonderful time of the year, particularly to the Christian. The death of Good Friday would be an age-long symbol of hopeless defeat but for the resurrection of Easter Morn. Resurrection of whom? Of Barabbas? Too often we find the characteristics of this fractious rebel coming uppermost, in many disguises 'tis true, but none the less dangerous, and it is our duty to use every effort in eliminating everything that is not conducive to spiritual health and soul prosperity.

"It was all so unutterably magnificent, so unspeakably awesome, so overwhelmingly unique."

WHAT WAS?

The Communion Service at the
Royal Albert Hall

PRAISE THE LORD!

Gathering Golden Grain for the Heavenly Garner. The Cross Challenges Sin and Self

TWENTY-THREE NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO FELLOWSHIP.

Special visit of the Editor.

Liverpool (Pastor H. Haith). The last note of music had been sung, the sweet, hallowed strains of the last consecration hymn had ceased, the Benediction pronounced, a moment's pause, and silence. Then from all sides you could hear the expressions of delight from so many smiling faces—"What a week-end of blessing," "What a grand time." "Praise the Lord." The long-looked-for visit of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton had arrived, and on the Sunday morning a good crowd gathered. A real Pentecostal type of service took place, full of help and blessing. At the evening service a fine crowd gathered and listened with deepest interest to a most up-to-date and helpful address. But the service when hearts were most stirred was on the Monday night when twenty-three new members were received into fellowship.

Pastor Boulton gave a most appropriate message suitable for both young and old in the faith. Then as the names were called, and each given a promise from the Scriptures, all lined up in front of the pulpit, some with recently-changed lives, now taking their stand as warriors for the old-time faith, and the Foursquare Gospel. It did all hearts good to stand and sing the old consecration hymn, "Take my life and let it be." Numbers could be seen with tear-dimmed eyes. It was a real call to renewed consecration and service for the Master.

One of these new members, speaking to the Pastor, said, "I've not been a professing Christian before, but since I gave my heart to the Lord I've done my best to follow Him,"—and placing her hand over her heart and with eyes full of tears, she said, "I've never felt like this before. I've got Christ here." Then calling a bonny, golden-haired boy

to her, she picked him up, and although only four or five years old, said "he can sing nearly all the choruses," and he sang quite correctly in his mother's arms:

"Out of the mud and the mire,
I have been lifted by Christ to-day;
Now I am singing along life's way:
Jesus lifted me up,
Out of the mud and the mire."

It does not take much imagination to see how improved will be the outlook for the young life in the home by the incoming of Christ. Three families, including husband and wife in each case, were amongst those received into fellowship, one remarking how much happier was the home, since they had taken Christ as their Saviour.

The Church at Liverpool is noted for its singing, and one other new member remarked how he used to stand outside and listen to the hearty singing and long to come inside. Now he is not only inside, but also is in the great family of the redeemed.

WORSHIP AND WARFARE.

Challenging the unconverted.

Portsmouth (Pastor S. Gorman). For the saints of this Church each Sunday introduces a week of worship and warfare. The breaking of bread services are full of the power and the love of God. On eagles' wings the Lord's children are lifted into the heights of communion. The Thursday evening meetings are full of rich inspiration as the saints gather around the Word of God, whilst in the gospel services the unconverted meet with a challenge to surrender their lives to the Lord. During the absence of the Pastor on holiday, Evangelist McNiven took charge of the meetings, and his ministry was much appreciated by the Church and congregation. Evangelist Dainton of Chichester also paid a visit to Portsmouth recently and gave a most helpful address.

REMARKABLE CASE OF HEALING.

Power of God manifest.

Waltham Cross. Mr. Sidney Powell and his band of workers have just concluded a campaign which lasted for fifteen days. Souls have been saved, bodies healed, and the Lord's people led into closer union with Himself. One little lad was carried into the meetings for healing and after prayer he walked home. There are several definite cases of healing. About a month ago one Sunday afternoon a man came to be prayed for who was very ill; the physicians were unable to do anything further for him. The Lord met him and healed him; since then the doctor can find nothing wrong with his body. This man is broadcasting the good news of his remarkable deliverance.

CAMPAIGNING FOR CHRIST.

Town stirred.

Coleraine (Co. Londonderry). A campaign of but short duration was conducted here by Evangelist David Hood. It was cut short owing to difficulties in getting a suitable hall in which to continue the meetings. However, in spite of much opposition, God blessed the effort put forth.

Men and women rejoiced in the light of the full gospel for the first time.

A tremendous stir was caused in the town and people were warned not to come to the meetings, but each night the attendance increased.

Another campaign under canvas is to be held shortly (D.V.) by God's servant. Prayer is requested for this and also the regular meetings of the saints now being held.

Eden (Co. Antrim). A special campaign has recently been conducted here in the Old Schoolhouse by Evangelist D. Hood.

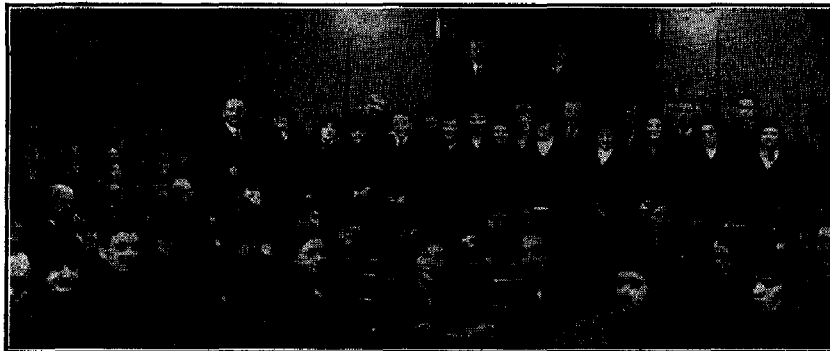
This place, which is noted for its hardness, softened under the powerful preaching of the Lord's servant. "Thy Word is a hammer which breaketh the rock in pieces." Souls were saved and Christians led into a deeper experience of Christ.

Prayer is requested for this needy place, situated amidst a large farming area on the banks of the River Bann.

SUCCESSFUL YOUNG LIFE CAMPAIGN.

Eager and expectant crowds.

Southend (Pastor C. J. E. Kingston). This church has of late been experiencing great times of blessing. A Young Life Campaign was recently launched, the special missionary being Pastor H. E. Wiggins. Throughout these services the interest steadily grew. The last of the special gatherings saw an eager and expectant congregation. The campaign was



Reception of new members at Liverpool. Special service conducted by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton. Pastor Haith is seen in the pulpit.

extended for another week after the departure of the campaigner, Pastor Livesay continuing the services. During the special meetings the local Crusaders have rendered considerable assistance as a choir, also supplying duets and solos. Pastor Kingston has been much encouraged by the evident signs of deepened interest and renewed consecration among the young people of the church.

SIXTEEN IMMERSIONS.

Souls captured for Christ.

Yeovil (Pastor R. Knox). Very encouraging is the report from this corner of God's vineyard, for He has answered prayer in a most wonderful way. The annual Fellowship Meeting was held recently, when quite a number gathered.

There was much praise as reports were given concerning God's work in Yeovil during the past twelve months, and an increase was shown in almost every direction.

The Lord has blessed recently with some real spiritual showers. Pastor W. G. Hawkins, with whom much fellowship has been enjoyed in the past, conducted a week's special services; great joy filled the hearts of all who heard God's Word explained and made to live in real Holy Ghost power. On a recent Thursday evening a baptismal service was held when sixteen brothers and sisters obeyed their Lord, by following Him through the waters. On this occasion Pastor Farrow of Wells ministered the Word and gave a very appropriate message on Water Baptism, each candidate giving their testimony and receiving a promise from the Word of God. This service was witnessed by a crowded congregation, some having to stand. When the invitation was given for others to take this step of obedience at the first opportunity, six others raised their hands. There was great rejoicing at the close of the service when four young people surrendered their lives to Christ. On the following Sunday, after the gospel service, fourteen new members were received into the Church and given the right hand of fellowship by the Pastor. At this service one young man gave his heart to the Lord, making a total of eight decisions in one week, beside a backslider being restored. Hearts are full of praise for what God is doing; numbers are increasing and great interest is shown in all the meetings. God has blessed in a very wonderful way. The saints are experiencing the droppings, but the showers are coming, for they have heard "the sound of abundance of rain."

HELPFUL MINISTRY.

Telling testimony.

Canning Town. Evangelist T. McNiven). During the Pastor's absence, ministering at Portsmouth, the saints at Canning Town have been privileged to hear quite a variety of speakers, each with a living message.

On Tuesdays Mr. Oliver of South Africa has given helpful expositions at the prayer meetings, causing God's people to rise on the pinions of faith. Thursdays have been looked forward to, as Evangelist Stevenson from Dorking has preached on various Foursquare topics.

The truths have been most clearly defined, helping believers to live nearer to God, and to shoulder their responsibilities in the service of the King.

Mr. Cotton, from Barking, has ministered the Word on Sundays, in his usual lively manner. His messages, pregnant with truth, have been most heart-searching and edifying.

Mrs. Cotton addressed the children in the meeting on the Sunday evening, who were very attentive during her message.

Canning Town Church has also had a visit from Mr. Thompson of South Africa, who gave the story of his conversion. His experiences in the Devil's service, and later in the Master's, was listened to with deep interest.

The Bermondsey Crusaders rendered a good programme in gospel and song, during their visit. The spirit of expectancy was manifest in the gathering.

HEAVENLY FARE.

Proving God in foreign fields.

Reading (Pastor W. B. Kelly). The Lord's people at the Elim Tabernacle, Waylen Street, have lately been feasting upon the finest of the wheat during the series of special talks on Job given by the Pastor. The preacher has revealed in a precious way the goodness and the guidance of God in Christian life and experience. Recently the Newbury Crusaders paid the Church a special visit which was greatly appreciated by all. Pastor Mullan also visited the Church, giving an account of his experiences on the foreign mission field. This proved quite an inspiring time. The recent convention was much blessed to God's people. Pastor Byatt and Evangelist Stevenson were the special preachers on this occasion.

AT THE OLYMPIA THEATRE, CARDIFF.

By an eye-witness.

"A Christian is not a better but a different man," declared Pastor J. R. Moore, when he recently addressed a gathering of 1,500 people at the Olympia Theatre, Cardiff.

From all parts of the city, the people poured into this large building, and as we entered our hearts were immediately gripped by the captivating music which was filling the place.

At 6.30 sharp, the chairman, Mr. Gwilym I. Francis, of Swansea, accompanied by Pastor Moore, and supported by a number of Foursquare stalwarts, ascended the platform, and soon the great congregation were singing lustily, as only born-again "Cymro" can sing, the opening hymn; it was obvious that the Master was present, the heavenly drops were already falling, there was a sound of an abundance of rain.

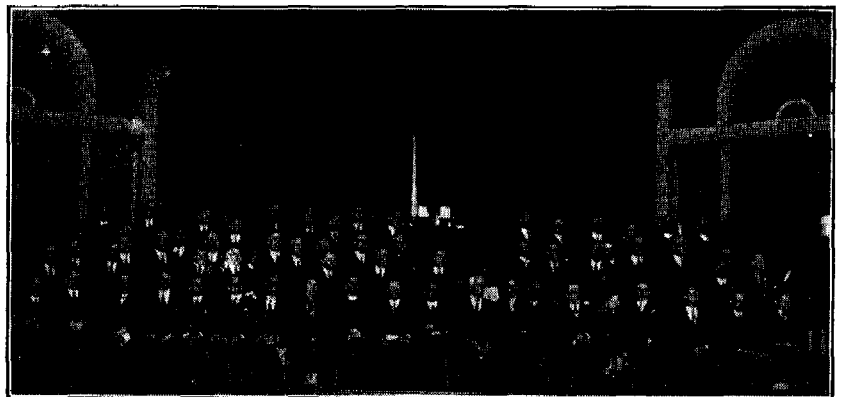
After an inspiring prayer by one of the brethren, the City Temple Male Voice Choir, composed of approximately sixty members, born-again believers, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas, A.T.S.C., gave a delightful rendering of "Deep Harmony," and together with a very touching duet by Mr. and Mrs. Church of Newport, we were lifted up to higher and holier spiritual altitudes.

Then followed the Chairman's bright and appropriate remarks. He said, that having such an ideal congregation he desired to be an ideal chairman, who, according to a well-known divine, was one who introduced the speaker and his subject only, leaving the sermon to the speaker. And soon Pastor Moore was called upon to address the meeting.

The air was now pregnant with divine power, and we all felt that we were on the verge of a mighty heavenly outpouring.

Basing his remarks upon Acts xi. 26, Pastor Moore said that if he were to be asked what distinguished the Christian religion from other religions, he would answer that it was not Incarnation, for other religions have taught that God was manifest in the flesh; neither was it Sacrifice, for other religions sacrificed, nor was it Worship, for worship was common to all religions. What was it? The chief peculiarity of the Christian religion is the fact that it is the only religion among men that has ever represented God as seeking man; all other religions represent man as seeking God. Then followed a masterly, logical and scriptural elucidation of the question: "What is a Christian?"

As to birth, a Christian is born of God, as illustrated by that memorable meeting of Nicodemus with the Master; as to character, he is clothed with the righteousness of Christ as pictured in the return of the prodigal son to the



Cardiff City Temple Male Voice Choir.
Photograph taken in the Olympia Theatre.

father, when he was clothed in the best robe; as to occupation the Christian is here on this earth to carry on his Father's business; and as to his possessions, he is heir to all things. And in concluding a very arresting and inspiring address, he declared, "You may banish the gospel from the pulpits, but you can never banish the person of Christ, for throughout all ages Christ has maintained His life in the hearts of human beings," and added: "The Christ lives in Christian lives."

The climax had now been reached, and immediately the appeal was made, eleven souls responded to the claims of the gospel, and signified their desire to become Christians.

Another soul-stirring duet by Mr. and Mrs. Church, followed by some more impressive singing by the City Temple Male Voice Choir, concluded over two hours of very happy, profitable and spiritual time together. And when the chairman suggested that the people should pray for another similar gathering soon, there was a hearty response from the whole of the congregation.

A PRAISEFUL PEOPLE.

Young people to the fore.

Tamworth (Pastor R. A. Gordon). The saints in Tamworth continue to praise God for the manifold blessings experienced in the midst. Space would not permit a detailed account of all the happenings in the church but the expression of all hearts is framed in the words "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The inspiring ministry of Pastor Gordon is greatly appreciated by all, the blessing of God accompanying the preaching of His Word.

The annual fellowship meeting proved a real source of blessing to all present. That the work at Tamworth is progressive was proved during the evening. As

a report of the work in each department was given one could clearly distinguish the notes of progress both spiritually and temporally.

A Sunday evening was recently devoted to a repeat effort by the senior scholars who presented in telling fashion the Building of the Lighthouse.

God is using the young life of the church in many ways, one that may be specially mentioned is the demand for the Crusaders to occupy the pulpits in the village chapels in the district. Thank God for a message the world needs and so often desires.

HELPFUL CONVENTION GATHERINGS.

Hunger for more of the Word.

Millisle (Evangelist J. H. MacInnes). The church here has just held a very helpful convention. Pastors J. Cooper and C. W. Slemming both gave most encouraging and inspiring messages. The ministry of the Word was followed by a Divine Healing service. The Great Physician was present to manifest His healing power on this occasion. The hall was packed with people for the evening gathering, the Lord's people hungering for the truth; in fact many were turned away. In this meeting Pastor H. Kitching and Evangelist R. Bradley gave the ministry. The convention continued on the Sunday, and Evangelist Pallisier gave the Word during the day. Since Mr. MacInnes took over the work here the numbers have been doubled. The Bible studies are most interesting and edifying. A Crusader branch has also been formed.

EXPLOITS FOR GOD.

Increasing numbers.

Dundee (Pastor J. J. Morgan and

Evangelist A. Kennedy). The church here recently held its annual tea and fellowship meeting, when a gathering of at least 500 attended. It is almost three years since our beloved Principal came to the city, and truly we can say "the Lord hath blessed us," not only so, but He is continuing to bless us. One realised this especially when the Church Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, Crusader Secretary, Cadet Leader, etc., surveyed the activities of the past year.

Many calls have been made upon the financial resources of the church, an added burden being the cost of installing a new heating system, but it is wonderful how deep the pockets of the Lord's people really are. One noteworthy report of the past year is that at least 75 have been baptised with the Holy Spirit, and over 40 baptised in water.

Pastor Morgan has commenced a series of helpful studies on what is generally called "The Lord's Prayer," at the Thursday evening prayer meeting. The people have responded by increasing in numbers and in interest in this important work of praying together.

With undaunted enthusiasm born of God, the Church is pressing on into the future, to accomplish more for God, and to co-operate in greater exploits for Him.



Evangelist A. Kennedy.

The Symphony of Spring (continued)

of that fuller, richer growth in God which shall follow. It is the resplendent earnest of that greater inheritance held in reserve for those who follow on to know the Lord. All that transpires in the form of communion with Christ is the herald of that deeper union to which life is moving.

THE GLORY OF TO-DAY

is preparatory to the greater glory of to-morrow. It will be the same life but in fuller manifestation, and in more abundant measure.

"There is a day in Spring
When under all the earth the secret germs
Begin to stir and glow before they bud,
The wealth and pomp of midsummer
Lie in the heart of that inglorious hour
Which no man names with blessing though its work
Is blessed by all the world. Such days there are
In the slow story of the growth of souls."

Spring also brings with it that sense of contrast, which adds so materially to our appreciation of all

the natural delights that surround us. "Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new" describes in inspired language what has taken place. The breath of God has blown upon the wilderness and it has become as a veritable paradise of pleasure. And it is because of the passing of wintertide that the spring is so welcome, and provokes such gladness in the hearts of all.

Surely it is meet that the redeemed of the Lord should join in the joyous symphony of spring, lending their hearts and voices to all the glad minstrelsy of shining meadow and sparkling stream. When all nature is vocal and choral it behoves the blood-bought believer to render his tribute of praise unto the great Creator Redeemer.

Thus let us revel in all the gracious revelation that comes to our hearts during these glad Spring days, gathering up all the noble impulses that are born as a result of such surroundings, and then let us lift our faces to that shining future which awaits those whose trust is in the Lord.



EXETER'S GREAT YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Exeter Foursquare Gossellers have indeed a great note of praise to the Lord for wonderful answers to prayer and for the splendid way the Crusaders conducted their Youth Campaign. Special services were held from the Sunday and each night of the week (except Saturday) also the following Sunday evening, conducted entirely by the Crusaders who gave their very best for the glory of their Master, and judging by their happy faces and testimony both in word and song they are realising that Jesus fully satisfies.

On Monday evening the subject, Why I Believe Foursquare Truth, was ably dealt with by four Crusaders, each taking a part, viz., Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, and Coming King, and proved a great blessing to one and all. Another two evenings were taken in dealing with The Whole Armour of God, and as each one spoke and explained the armour, belt, breastplate, shoes, helmet, shield, and sword, and illustrated by replicas around the platform, the Spirit of the Lord was felt in the midst to the edification of the saints and conviction of sinners. The visit of the Crusaders from Plymouth proved to be a real red-letter day and the Tabernacle was packed to overflowing, and although many had to stand all the evening, they all went away happy in the love of Jesus. Another service which was outstanding was Building a Crusader Badge, and three Crusaders spoke on Elim, Bible, and Crusader, which was most interesting and instructive. To conclude the campaign we were privileged by a visit from the newly-formed Crusader branch at Ottery St. Mary, and as we listened to their messages we were led to realise in what a wonderful way the Lord is blessing the young people in that little corner of His vineyard.

As a result of these special services both young and old have been stimulated into fuller consecration to the Master and wholehearted service for Him.

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A GREAT FINALE - PLAN TO COME

YOUTH WEEK CAMPAIGN AT THE BORDER CITY

By IRENE DAVIDSON

In connection with Carlisle's Youth Week Campaign handbills were printed announcing the campaign and a special bombardment organised. Crusaders armed with handbills besieged the four corners of the city. Consequently much interest was aroused in the hearts of those who had hitherto been coldly indifferent to the Foursquare Gospel meetings. They said among themselves, "We will turn aside and see this great sight," and so they came . . . to see and to hear, some entering the hall for the first time.

The campaign officially commenced on the Sunday morning when a Crusader, young in years and one of the youngest in the Lord, brought an encouraging message on Changes.

Sunday night at 6.30 found every man at his post. Pastor H. T. D. Stoneham announced the first hymn, a thrill ran through the ranks. "the fight is on." How encouraging it was to see the hall filled with eager, expectant people. Testimonies were given, solos and duets rendered. A choir piece, "Tho' your sins be as scarlet," was beautifully sung by the choir, a brother and sister ably ministered the Word of God. The end of this first meeting found four precious souls kneeling at the foot of Calvary. It was worth all the quickened heartbeats, the inward tremors, the tortures of nervousness. This first meeting was indeed a glorious success for God. Remarks of appreciation were heard on every hand. "The best meeting I have ever been in." "Oh, yes, we will come again," they said.

The mid-week congregations increased every night as the tide of blessing rose higher and the meetings became better known.

Sunday night was the grand finale of the campaign, and there was a more crowded gathering than ever. One more soul decided, making a total of eight.

The chorus of the campaign, "Let Carlisle flourish by the preaching of the Word," verily found a fulfilment for one week at any rate. Throughout the campaign a keynote of triumphant victory was struck which is still echoing in our hearts and will re-echo right on into eternity.

The success of the campaign must be attributed to the faithful band of prayer warriors who gathered every night during the campaign and the two weeks previous, to pray for half an hour before the meetings. In response to their wrestlings and cryings God rose up and answered.

Carlisle is named "The Border City" owing to its position on the borders of England and Scotland. But Carlisle Crusaders are not content with borderland blessings. Their aim is to possess the whole of the land of promise and the central place of blessing.

Solemn Talks on Serious Subjects (For Young Men and Women)

No. III.—MARRIAGE (Concluded)

By Miss ADELAIDE HENDERSON

"Them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."—I. Sam. ii. 30.

With the strong safeguard that marriage is neither a lottery nor a gamble when God is consulted still echoing in our minds, let a few solemn, tender thoughts be breathed into our hearts. There is no sorrow in the world so deep as that caused by thoughtless, selfish, cowardly conduct. No crushing weight of remorse can undo the anguish and heart-break that may have been wantonly caused by unscrupulous, unguarded behaviour; behaviour that may have involved other innocent lives, causing them shame and sorrow far worse than death.

Already reference has been made to the serious havoc wrought in lives by the so-called "harmless flirtations" between the unmarried. If this conduct has found justifiable censure and condemnation when practised by those who are not married, what must be said of the married men and women, supposed followers of Christ, who allow themselves under any pretence whatever to be tempted to engage in this unprincipled treachery. If one thing above another should be outstandingly the hall-mark of Christian men and women, it should be purity of conduct maintained by consistent holiness of living. How utterly base and treacherous for a young Christian woman then to encourage, and even court the attention of a married man: to steal away from another that which was promised that other before human witnesses and in the presence of God. How equally unscrupulous and even more wicked and treacherous for the man who has already on a certain never-to-be-forgotten occasion stood by the side of a blushing, happy, trustful little bride, and in deep manly tones has given his assent before God, and in the presence of witnesses that he would love, comfort, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health and forsaking all other keep himself unto her as long as both should live.

How biting scathing has been the condemnation some judges in the Law Courts have passed on worldly men for this very thing. What must the Judge of all the earth think of Christian men and Christian women who are guilty of this base treachery? In a former article it was stated that there is a law of divine retribution with God which operates in this life with unerring accuracy. It is still true that our sins find us out. A young woman once said something like this when spoken to about flirting with a married man: "Oh, it is only harmless. Stolen fruit is sweet. Just a little intoxicating, that is all." Ah, but through her intoxicating bit of pleasure she was causing torture, agony, anguish of heart, cruel betrayal to a sweet little wife who loved all too deeply. This same young woman lived to see the day when the man to whom she was married was called up on the 'phone by another young lady, and carried off by her to dances and parties, two or three nights

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SOLEMN TALKS ON SERIOUS SUBJECTS (continued)

each week. Yes, the law of retribution operates with unerring accuracy in this present life. "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small."

Young people, God has called us to be a peculiar people nigh unto Himself, a people who will honour His name, and show forth His praise. In Titus ii. 12 we read "That, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Intoxicating pleasures leave behind their own bitter trail of disillusionment, anguish and remorse. No tears, no repentance, can give back purity, or restore untainted womanhood or unsullied manhood. Wholehearted consecration to Jesus causes God's saving grace to be operative in lives, keeping them spotless, unmarred, and unstained, and making them the very salt of the earth, and examples of God's mighty keeping power, and of practical holiness in the midst of a bleeding world that is sick and satiated with its own weight of sin. Take your stand, Crusaders of the King, for purity of life. Greater is He that is in you than the evil one that is using all his trickery and insidious wiles to lower your stan-

dard of holiness. Read the Word of God every day. Make prayer and the Word of the living God your battle-axe. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Slacken not in the fight. Never let the weapons of your warfare get blunted. Jesus overcame all the forces of evil on Calvary, and you stand in His victory, not your own.

One last thought on this subject of marriage: It was never meant that those whom God joined in holy matrimony should be divorced. Jesus said so plainly in Mark x. 2-12. Read this over prayerfully and the direct wrong of the law of divorce as we know it to-day will be borne in upon you afresh. When God guides in marriage, divorce is never needed. Even where marriage is not in the Lord, and is not divinely guided, as might happen when marriage takes place before salvation, and one of the two afterwards becomes a Christian, God's Word declares that the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, and the advice given is not to put her away, unless she desires to go away, and vice versa. Divorce is only allowed under New Testament teaching when certain conditions exist, as in Matthew v. 32.

Listen to what a Judge in the Divorce Court, Lord Hanworth says (reported by one of the daily newspapers in February of this year) "Every case in the Divorce Court is a tragedy whatever the result . . . there is a tragedy of broken lives, and in many cases the prospects and happiness of the children are involved."

May the Lord help everyone in the King's army to wield the sword for purity, holiness, and separation, maintaining obedience to the highest that is known at all costs. "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Rapturous Praises! Inspired
Ministry! Edifying Expositions!

When? Where?

Easter Monday at the
Royal Albert Hall

Only One Inch Short

TRADER was dull, and Tom had lost his situation. He tried to obtain another but was unsuccessful. What was he to do? He determined to join the "Guards." Was he tall enough to be accepted? was the question that occupied his mind. He was not long left in suspense. A recruiting sergeant appeared on the scene and Tom was soon under the measuring line.

"An inch short," was the sergeant's reply, and Tom was disqualified for the "Guards."

This incident illustrates more important things. The reader doubtless expects to get to heaven when he dies. Allow me to ask, What is the ground of your hope? "I have tried to do my best," you reply. And have you succeeded? "Well, no, I cannot say that I have." Then what is to become of you? If heaven were obtained on the ground of doing our "best," no one would ever see or enter it. God's Holy Word declares that "all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah liii. 6). All have "gone astray" from the path of obedience: "Every one has taken his own way instead of God's. "There is none righteous, no, not one: they are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. iii. 10-12). How sweeping is the divine declaration! "None righteous, no, not one." "None that doeth good, no, not one!" What, then, is to become of you? You have "gone astray," and sinned against light and against love. "I am no worse than others," you reply. True, perfectly true, you are not so bad as some. I would go further than that and say that I believe you are "better" than numbers of religious "professors." That, however, is sorry comfort for you. What about the "others" who are still on the broad road, whether on the clean footpath or on the dirty one? If six men are to be hanged at eight o'clock to-morrow morning for murder, and you are one of them, it won't make you any happier to know that you are the best of the lot. It certainly won't remove the death sentence. Harken to the voice from on high on the subject: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom.

iii. 23). "All have sinned," and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. vi. 23), therefore you deserve what you have wrought for. Respectable, intelligent, moral, sincere, "religious" you may be, but God says "there is no difference" between you and the worst of sinners as to the fact of guilt. Great differences there may be between you and the "masses" as to the degree of your criminality, but there is none as to the fact. Some have gone further astray than others, yet all have gone astray. Some are fifty-pence debtors, others five hundred pence, and some ten thousand talent debtors, yet all are debtors who have "nothing to pay" (Luke vii. 42). "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God"; some doubtless have come much further short than others, yet all have "come short."

What difference did it make to Tom in seeking to enter the "Guards" whether he was three inches short or one only? Multitudes compare themselves with others and say that they are as good as this, that, and the other one who makes a "big profession." There is no road to heaven by that route. One sin would make an angel a sinner, and God declares that "the soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezek. xviii. 4); not only the one that swears, lies, and steals "shall die" the second death, but he who "sinneth" in thought, word, or deed. Have you ever sinned at all? Have you loved God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and your neighbour as yourself? "No one has done so," you reply. True, but what, then, is to become of you? "Whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James ii. 10). Salvation cannot be obtained on the ground of our doings. There is, thank God, a way of deliverance. Our "doings," however, have no part in it. "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. x. 4). "The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the law and make it honourable" (Isaiah xlii. 21). "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."—A.M.

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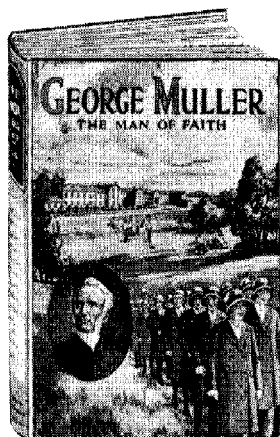
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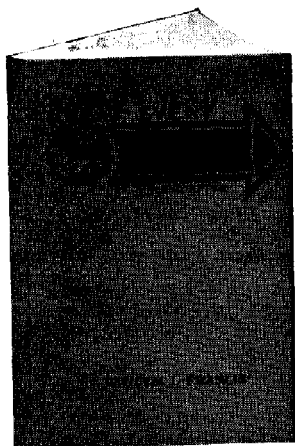
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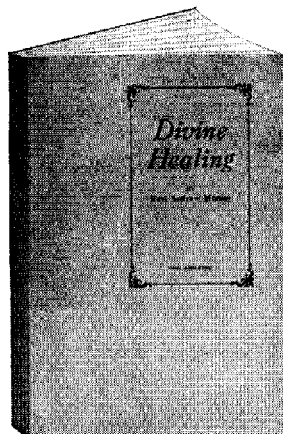
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