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By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.—Heb. xi. 24-26.

THE INFLUENCE OF A CHRISTIAN HOME

By PETER STAM

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.—Josh. xxiv. 15.

THAT the influence of his home had a great deal to do with the heroic and sacrificing faith of Moses, cannot be denied. We read about his parents: "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw that he was a proper child (the margin reads 'the child was beautiful [to God]'); and they were not afraid of the king's commandment"—(Heb. xi. 23).

Godly homes in the Old as well as in the New Testament are conspicuous and have been of great benefit to the children. A home where the Lord has the first place, and the place of honour, is bound to be blessed. A home where father and mother both are looking from day to day for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, where His Word is read and prayerfully studied each day under the guidance of that Spirit—there you can expect that the children will grow up in the fear of God; and the children will usually follow in the parents' footsteps.

But may we not call your attention to something of great importance—the need of

ONENESS IN THE FAMILY.

Moses' father and mother were one in faith and desire, for we read he "was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid." A divided godly home is hardly possible, for what the one builds up the other breaks down. Therefore God gives the warning not to put on a yoke with unbelievers, or to mingle with the world, but to be God's peculiar, separated people.

The influence of a Christian home certainly means much for the children, and through them, for the Church and the nation. We read: "They that honour me I will honour." This is true in every particular. God honours our obedience, our worship, and our

faith, but remember, we must prove our words by our actions. There are so many carnal Christian homes and worldly Christian homes, and these are very detrimental to the family, the Church, and the nation.

The world does not read the Word of God but it reads you and me. And more so, our children read us! I may be pious in church; but at home I may be very carnal and worldly. I think the present situation in homes and churches proves this. The theatre, cinemas, dancing, and card-playing, have entered many homes and churches, and God frowns at the divided lives of His children. He

DESIRES THAT YOU LOVE HIM

as He loves you. God says: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Can there be anything more reasonable? To be truthful, you must answer "No." The passage continues: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. xii. 1, 2).

What husband or wife would be satisfied if either one went astray with another man or woman? So God cannot tolerate anything that comes between you and Him. Indeed, we belong to Him, for we are bought with a price, even the blood of Jesus, and we have promised Him that He should be first. At least that is what we did if I understand anything of the meaning of making confession of our faith.

Personally, I was reared in a godless home, although my father was a moral man of high standing. But what were we thinking about and what were we aiming for? Money-making and earthly pleasures.

We never wanted to think about death and its consequences. Our home was not a home for the glory of God and for the benefit of others, even for us as children.

A Christian home, where father and mother are both

GOD-FEARING PEOPLE,

who know and feel the responsibility that rests upon them—that home, with the family, is consecrated unto the Lord and is bound to have an influence for good. I believe that such parents will deny themselves many things for the benefit of their children, for children will follow you every step of the way. Such parents will forgo many pleasures, which may be innocent in themselves, in order that the children may not go a step farther. Godly parents will instil into the children's minds a fear to offend God, and a reverence for His Word and His commandments.

A Christian home is a home where God is acknowledged in everything. The world knows that home as such. Friends know that home. There God comes first, and if friends try to persuade the children to disobey God's Word, they soon find out that the children know that the parents' word stands.

The influence of a Christian home is felt in the liberality of its members. Christians know, or at least they ought to know, that there is no better investment than God's cause, and no safer place for their money than God's bank. Would to God that all Christians felt and realised that God's bank never fails, and that God pays the highest interest. And after all, when we give to God's cause, we only give of that which belongs to Him, for we are only His stewards. God says that the liberal soul shall be made fat, and that they which sow bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Christian fathers and mothers, do you want

LIBERAL-HEARTED CHILDREN?

Then set the example yourselves. I know that sometimes we are not able to do what we desire to do, but the Lord knows that too. The question is whether we teach our children to think of God first, and His cause as uppermost and foremost. Surely your example will be followed by your children, and your influence will be felt by your fellow-Christians, as well as by the world.

The influence of a Christian home is far-reaching.

Your children and friends know whether you are ashamed of the gospel of Christ or not. They know whether you mean what you confess. They know whether you live near to God or in the world, even though you go to Church three times on Sunday and occupy a high position in Church. A Christian home is a light in the world, for it will try to bar anything whereby God is dishonoured or man is harmed.

We came in contact with a Christian woman some time ago, and while speaking to her daughter about yielding her life to Christ for service, the mother came near and said, "Do not try to have my child go to Africa; that's not for us; I could not do without her; we are not all fit for that work." This mother, and many more like her I am afraid, are satisfied with God's only Son leaving His Father and heaven's glory for their sake, but when it comes to

MAKING ANY SACRIFICE

for others, they are not willing to make it. They are satisfied that Christ died on Calvary's cross to save them from condemnation and hell, but never mind the heathen at home and abroad. Others are good enough to remember them. How we praise God that we could give our children, John and Betty Stam, for the glory of God and for the salvation of the Chinese. Their death has brought them into the presence of their Lord. The greatest happiness that can come into our lives is to please God and seek the salvation of others.

What is the secret of the influence of a Christian home? We believe it is the unbiased, prayerful, regular, and systematic study of God's Word. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psa. cxix. 11, 105). "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart" (Jer. xv. 16). God's Word will show us our privilege and our duty. God's Word will be unto us a sword and shield, a warning-post and a hiding-place in times of danger. How fitting it is for all God's children to acknowledge Him in all their ways, and surely His promise shall not fail, and He will direct their paths (Prov. iii. 6).

The influence of a godless home spells disaster, but the influence of a Christian home spells peace, joy and rest.—*Moody Monthly.*

Mirror of World Events

By Pastor P. N. CORRY

The Living Book, the Living Word.

Some of you will have children's picture books which, when opened, cause the illustrations to rise up and almost become real.

For months preceding the present war writers in one of the most respected American weeklies warned us that Germany and Russia would come together. Here are two of them:—

"Nazi Germany has never had difficulty in dealing with Soviet Russia, whereas all democracies have. The two systems share in common their closed economy, their blocked currency, their one-party, no-opposition political system, their brutal suppression of free speech and free press, their complete regimentation of all citizens. Both

are militarised police States which speak each other's political language."—Demaree Bess, in "The Saturday Evening Post," December 24, 1938.

"Stalin's foreign policy in the western world was predicated upon a profound contempt for the 'weaking' democratic nations, and upon an equally profound respect for the mighty totalitarian States. . . . Stalin's international policy during the last six years has been a series of manoeuvres designed to place him in a favourable position with Hitler."—Krivitsky, in "The Saturday Evening Post," April 29, 1939.

When those of us who love our Bibles read these things we murmured, "Ezekiel xxxviii. it must come," but statements

by Communists such as this from the "Daily Worker" in May, 1939:

"The whispered lies to the effect that the Soviet Union will enter into a treaty with Nazi Germany is nothing but poison spread by the enemies of peace and democracy, the appeasement-mongers, the Munich men of Fascism."

And this by a German leader during the same month:

"Rumours that Germany will enter into a pact with Communist Russia are part of a campaign to smear Hitler with a Communist brush"

seemed to relegate it to the regions of fancy and speculation.

Suddenly the news of the Ten Year Non-Aggression Pact startled the world, and Russia with Germany advanced hand-in-hand to divide Poland.

The Bible picture lived that day! Once more the Book of Books shed its light into the future and was an accurate guide to the history of these last days. Read that passage and you will see something more—the result of the conflict, viz., Germany a country under the control of Russia along with Turkey and other nations.

Don't make the big mistake of simply reading or telling people of the Bible as a book of prophecy, but lead them to the more sure Word—to Christ. HURRY, for the time is getting short!

Black-outs and Witnessing.

Have you noticed how sociable people are in these "black-outs"? I could tell you any number of stories of talks I've had with absolute strangers. "Ships which pass in the night" is a very real thing these days, and you may never meet them again. What sort of signal are you giving them, what message do you pass on? Is it simply the latest news or is it a real contact with the message of salvation and the power of God to cast out fear?

I know of one young lady in a cash desk whose quiet confidence and peace led another assistant to ask her for the secret. She told him of her Saviour and read him scriptures which could give him the same assurance of sins forgiven. The next day he told her that he had taken Christ to be his Lord, and knew the secret of peace with God. Within twenty-four hours that young man was called up. Think what she would have missed if she had failed to make that contact and give him a definite message of salvation!

What are you doing about it? Don't simply say, "I must," but ask God for POWER to do it, and He will equip you for service. Don't delay!

H. M. S. Courageous.

The loss of this ship and the number of the casualties fills our hearts with a great sadness, but amidst it all I have a great feeling of thankfulness. On Monday, September 18th, the loss was made known. The next day I received a letter from one of my boys on that ship. Hours of anxiety, and then his name in a list of those saved. Now I've received the following:

Dear Uncle P—,

Just a line to let you know I'm safe; shall be back in — on the 3rd Oct. Hope to see you soon. Psalm 23.

—L. C.

Do you wonder I praised God for Psalm 23 and the words, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

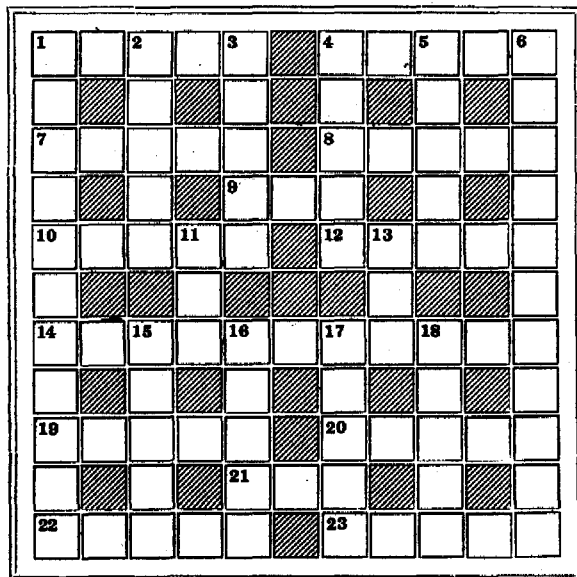
Is work among boys worth while? A letter like this after such an experience gives the answer and should rouse everyone to start classes or to help in Sunday school or in young people's work more than ever. What are you doing about it?

Other Things.

I can't tell you how ordinary things such as the sound of a lawn mower, birds singing in the morning, and a maid beating carpets, please me in these days. The strain, the common dread, the sound of guns thudding away in the distance, might tend to drown the ordinary and the commonplace, but they can't! Nature is still causing the grass to grow, the chestnut by my window is beginning to clothe itself in all its autumn glory, some late-flowering plants are still flaunting their colourful blooms and, bless God, the sun still shines! Oh, it is good to adjust one's thoughts to this normal trend instead of to the war—to chat about these steadfast things instead of news from Poland and France—to keep the mind and get the thoughts of one's friends on pleasant subjects. They will all feel better for it and look forward to another chat if you will do so. Then from this to the Creator and to His grace and glory is an easy step. Why not try this avenue? Instead of saying, "Have you heard about —?" try, "Did you hear the blue jay or see the wild geese?" Keep normal, keep in touch with the common and the everyday, and save your own nerves and the nerves of those about you.

OUR SPECIAL "EVANGEL" CROSSWORD
For Increasing Bible Knowledge

No. 49.



The solution will appear next week.

CLUES ACROSS:

1. Onward.
4. A weapon.
7. A record was found in the house of these (Ezra 6).
8. This man sheared his sheep in Carmel (1 Sam. 25).
9. Method of attaching one thing to another.
10. Soldiers were told to take Paul by — (Acts 23).
12. David cast a stone with this.
14. Witnessed (Neh. 9: 29).
19. Name for dry land.
20. To acquire knowledge.
21. Senses are exercised by this (Heb. 5).
22. Moses was up this mountain for forty days and nights.
23. "Who is able to —before envy?" (Prov. 27).

CLUES DOWN:

1. Relatives who precede us.
2. Pharaoh made Joseph this.
3. Speed.
4. Small thoroughfares.
5. One who sealed the covenant (Neh. 10: 19).
6. This happened to Jonathan's eyes (1 Sam. 14).
11. "And others — down branches."
13. Thou shalt — down, and thy sleep shall be sweet" (Prov. 4).
15. Peter caused people to turn to the Lord here (Acts 9).
16. Son of Saul (1 Sam. 14).
17. Chittim was the name for a group of these (Ezek. 27).
18. Goddess of the Ephesians.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO. 48.

- Across:** 2. Pottage (Gen. 25: 34). 7. Nurse (2 Sam. 4: 4). 8. Organ (Job 21: 12). 9. Abi (1 Chron. 5: 15). 10. Elect (Isa. 45: 4). 11. Dwelt (Acts 28: 16). 12. Rie (Exod. 9: 32). 14. Fig (Rev. 6: 13). 16. End (Rev. 21: 6). 17. Was (Gen. 1: 3). 18. Leeks (Num. 11: 5). 20. Sarai (Gen. 11: 29). 21. Yield (Psa. 67: 6). 22. Eshek (1 Chron. 9: 39).
- Down:** 1. Wonderfully (Psa. 139: 14). 2. Purse (Luke 10: 4). 3. Theatre (Acts 19: 29, 30). 4. Avoided (1 Sam. 18: 11). 5. Eagle (Prov. 30: 19). 6. Candlestick (2 Kings 4: 10). 13. Ink (2 John 12). 15. Gede (Deut. 14: 13). 17. Worth (Prov. 10: 20). 19. Sad (Matt. 6: 16). 20. See (John 9: 25).

Linking Up the Evacuated Populations

By Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY (National Secretary for Youth Departments)

HUNDREDS of our Sunday School scholars and Cadets together with numbers of parents and others have been removed—not destroyed, thank God. They are somewhere in Britain. During the last week or two we have been endeavouring to locate them, and where possible put them into touch with Elim churches and their Sunday Schools. Our efforts have been fruitful and already reports are to hand of helpful contacts made; children and scholars from evacuated areas being received and warmly welcomed by Elim Sunday Schools in reception areas. Further, in districts where there is no Elim church, arrangements are under way for visits to be made and services commenced.

Some Brixton scholars are now living down in Horsham and have almost all reported at the local Sunday school, which they like very much. Others who are a little too far away are being visited by the superintendent and teachers, who say "we are all very happy together."

At Bath, an area where there are large numbers of evacuees, Pastor F. J. Slemming is planning to take over a mission hall in another part of the city for special services amongst the young people. We shall look forward to receiving more good news from this new centre of evangelism and enterprise.

Scholars from Croydon are being welcomed in the Sunday schools at Eastbourne, Brighton, and Worth-

ing. Others from the eastern side of London are found to be in such places as Ipswich and Beccles, and some of the Yorkshire coast towns' children are in safe areas of Lincolnshire. We are doing out utmost to advise churches of all these moves and transfers.

See that the *Young Folks' Evangel* is supplied to the children. It will be a link with home for our own young folk and a means of influencing others for good.

In the meantime we still await information from a number of other evacuated areas as to the districts where the young folk have been sent. This matter is urgent. Sunday school superintendents and teachers and Cadet leaders, this is a matter of great importance. We must not lose touch with our children during these critical days. Parental control is not altogether a shining attribute of this age, but many of the children must be missing what they have had of it. On the other hand there must be many parents very anxious concerning their offspring. Let us do our part in seeing that these young folk have all the care, attention, and spiritual guidance given them as lies in our power.

Please do not fail to write to me any information you can give as to the whereabouts of Elim children, also send along, no matter how brief, jottings or reports of interesting items from the evacuated populations.

MORE EVACUATION NEWS NEXT WEEK.

NEW TABERNACLE OPENED AT ANDOVER

ELIM PASTOR HELPS IN ITS ERECTION

(From the "Andover Advertiser.")

Since the coming of Pastor W. R. Cole as minister of the Andover Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, the Movement has made such great strides that the old premises have had to be abandoned, and during the last few months a new church has been built in South Street.

The actual erection of the building has been a rather marvellous achievement, for almost the entire labour has been carried out by Pastor and Mrs. Cole, and a few members of the local church. Before building could commence several cottages had to be demolished, and the ground at the back had to be raised several feet in order to make the site level. The work was actually started in January, and building proper began just after Easter. Men and boys have thrown themselves whole-heartedly into the work, the Pastor himself taking a full share of the "spade work," and Mrs. Cole being extremely useful at interior decorations. The entire membership of the Andover Elim Church have been most helpful in fact, and the financial support was always very readily forthcoming.

Pastor Cole, as many may remember, first came to take up his ministry in Andover in October, 1938—a time when the congregations attending the Elim Church were very sparse indeed. Though the attendances were small, they were adequate enough to fill the little hall in the George Yard, and Pastor Cole could see that, if his ambitions were realised, and he succeeded in increasing the congregations, a larger building would have to be acquired.

It was here that the new Pastor "launched out and hired the Guildhall for a series of revival meetings," he told a reporter the other day, "and from the results obtained from them, it became obvious that we should have to get a larger place. Again I launched out, and I asked the people of my church what they could do about it. We made the attempt a matter for special prayer, and in three weeks over £300 was raised and spent."

"The people have been most loyal and faithful," the Pastor added, and he expressed the fond hope that the building, when everything was completed, would be a magnificent structure with gardens back and front, and every possible convenience.

Built on very modern but substantial lines, the new church consists of one main hall for the services (this has a seating capacity of 250), cloak-rooms back and front, and a vestry. There are concrete lintels in the back wall that will enable the wall to be removed later and a baptistery erected behind the pulpit.

On Sunday, when the first services were held in the church, the communion table looked very beautiful; standing in front of the pulpit, it was surrounded by a magnificent array of flowers. The platform, too, was absolutely laden with flowers.

As speaker, the services of Capt. P. N. Corry were obtained, and meetings were held in the morning, afternoon and evening. Capt. Corry is a former Dean of the Elim Bible College. At the morning service he spoke of "The Promises of God to His People," when he discussed God's ability to look after His own in times of trouble. "The Woman of Samaria" was the Captain's subject of his afternoon sermon.

In the evening the preacher spoke about the story of Nicodemus, and the truth of this Biblical narrative was brought home to the congregation as only a person who had had wide experience of the East could do it.

Pastor Cole had intended to have conducted an extensive campaign in the town this week, but owing to the present emergency this has been postponed to a later date. Meetings are being held daily at the new church this week, however, and in the near future the Pastor and his wife are distributing over 3,000 copies of the Elim Church's weekly periodical.

Picture News



Elim Crusaders from our Crusader Holiday Home at Hayling Island enjoying a walk in the country.



Above: Church members at Elim Tabernacle, Newtownards (Northern Ireland) erecting new boundary walls.



Above: Pastor, Mrs., and Miss Boulton, and Pastor and Mrs. L. Morris bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wigglesworth at Southampton.

Below: A new photograph of Elim Tabernacle, Romsey, Hants.

Below: Boys at the Elim Camp at Compton, Isle of Wight (See report in next "Evangel.")



SECRETARIAL NOTES

By W. G. H.

A few more new appointments have been arranged: Mr. W. Kirkby goes to Beeston, Notts.; Pastor V. Petersen to assist at Nottingham; Mr. C. Hornby to Ayr; Pastor David Vanstone to Forest Hill.

Mr. A. Newman is now in charge of Penzance, not Mr. Davies as stated in last week's Notes.

Sunday schools in some evacuated areas, which had been temporarily closed, are re-opening and the number of old scholars is increasing. We cannot say whether this is a good sign or not. Evacuated areas are certainly not safe areas, as yet, for children. However, teachers are pleased to see some of their old scholars again.

Our sympathies to-day are with many of the Pentecostal brethren whom we were privileged to meet in the Stockholm Conference, and who came from Germany, Russia, Poland, and other Eastern Europe States. They will need our prayers, that God may keep them and all their brethren faithful in the face of overwhelming odds.

Special war-time services in some of our churches are proving a means of stimulating faith and are attracting numbers of strangers. In one district where several churches are closed on Sunday evenings, the Elim Church is enjoying good attendances, many preferring to worship with us than remain at home.

In Margate, where most churches are at present closed on Sunday evenings, five cinemas have decided to hold religious services after their evening performances. We hope the Churches concerned accept the rebuke.



Coming Events

ELIM WOODLANDS. October 7. Holiday Homes Reunion, 3 to 7 p.m. Speakers include Pastor W. G. Hathaway. Visitors from Elim Holiday Homes and all friends heartily welcome. Tickets at door, 1/- each.

GREENOCK. Oct. 8-22. Elim Tabernacle, Belville Street. Bible Study Campaign by Pastor P. N. Corry.

LOWESTOFT. Regular Foursquare Gospel services are now held in the Beaconsfield Hall, Surrey Street, on Sundays at 11 and 6.15, and Wednesdays at 7.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Commencing Oct. 15. Elim Hall, St. John's Street. Revival Campaign by Pastor W. E. Smith.



ANONYMOUS GIFTS

We are very grateful for the following anonymous gifts and desire to express our thanks to the donors.

Foreign Missionary Fund: Colwyn Bay, Miss B. (designated), 10/-; Walsall sister, H.D.H., £4; Two Sparkbrook Crusaders (designated), 1/-; Tunbridge Wells, £1; per Miss Henderson, 10/-; Hastings, not forgotten (designated), £3.

Debt Fund: Liverpool sister, 5/-; Sheffield sister, £2.

Work in General: Glasgow sister, £2.

For Students' Bible Training: per Pastor J. Smith, £25.

Leaflet Campaign. Walsall sister, H.D.H., £1; B'ham, 2/6.



Gleanings from Other Fields

Mr. J. A. Kensit.

Owing to the war Mr. J. A. Kensit's South African tour was curtailed, and he arrived back in England on September 18th.

The Salvation Army.

Commissioner J. McMillan, Chief of Staff of the Salvation Army, who recently received his Homecall, held Salvation Army posts in Australia and New Zealand for twenty years, and the United States of America and Canada for more than ten years.

Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. W. O. Lewis is succeeding Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke as General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Mildmay Mission to the Jews.

Rev. Charles Fisher, minister in charge of Lansdowne Hall, West Norwood, has been appointed Associate Director of the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, but will still continue his pastorate of Lansdowne Hall.

National Young Life Campaign.

The N.Y.L.C. is planning to concentrate during the war on evangelistic work among men in the Services. Their headquarters have been temporarily removed to Little Chalfont, Bucks. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Wood are continuing their tour in Canada.

"World Dominion."

"World Dominion," the unique quarterly international review of Christian progress, edited by Dr. Thomas Cochrane, and "The World To-day," edited by Dr. Wilkinson Riddle in the interests of the Mildmay Movement, are to be amalgamated under the title "World Dominion." Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Riddle will be co-editors, and the new publication will be a bi-monthly.

A.S.R. & S.A.C.A.

A year ago the Army Scripture Readers' Association and the Soldiers' and Airmens' Christian Association were amalgamated, resulting in both economy and increased effectiveness in their evangelical work. They are now engaged in providing huts at home and abroad, and increasing their number of readers.

New Testament for H.M. Forces.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Scripture Gift Mission are publishing a special pocket edition of the New Testament for all serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or civil defence. At the beginning of the Testament is the following message from His Majesty:

"To all serving in my forces by sea, or land, or in the air, and indeed, to all my people engaged in the defence of the realm, I commend the reading of this book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration."



A Christianity without a dying Christ is a dying Christianity.—ALEXANDER McLAREN.

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portion. Meditations by Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

Sunday, October 15th. Acts xi. 19-30.

"Cleave unto the Lord" (verse 23).

There are so many things that would come into our lives to hinder our union with God. And it is not only the things that are unlawful that mar our fellowship with the Father—sometimes it is those things that may be described as legitimate. They usurp His place in life, challenging the supremacy of His will, and bringing life on to a lower spiritual plane than that chosen for us by God. If the power of such things is to be annulled, it is only this determined cleaving unto the Lord that can accomplish it. With all the power of our being we must give ourselves continually unto Him.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For an ingathering of souls as a result of the preaching of the Word to-day.

Monday, October 16th. Acts xii. 1-10.

"But prayer was made without ceasing . . . unto God for him" (verse 5).

Peter had been apprehended, and the Church was, humanly speaking, powerless to render any practical assistance. Circumstances suggested that the Apostle's fate was sealed. Yet in this crisis the Church recognised a challenge which faith alone could accept. They betook themselves to prayer; it was their sole resource. Along the pathway of prayer they had access to Him whose hand was strong to deliver. And mark you, it was *unceasing* intercession. They prayed until they prevailed. They were in the very act of prayer when the answer came. Lord, let life's crises draw us to Thy throne in Spirit-anointed supplication!

PRAYER TOPIC:

That God's stewards may give to the work of the Lord as guided by Him.

Tuesday, October 17th. Acts xii. 11-25.

"She opened not the gate for gladness" (verse 14).

There are times when joy is overwhelming in its effect. We are rendered powerless by the excess of our gladness. Sometimes it may take the form of emotional intoxication for the time being. Over the whole being sweep waves of ecstatic joy which become so absorbing as to make us overlook the duties which lie to hand. Rhoda left the Apostle standing at the door because of the greatness of her gladness. Lord, grant that Thy joy may send me forth with a new and more powerful urge to tackle the task, unromantic though it be, which is calling for my attention. Let not joy make me its prisoner, but may it set me free to a new and nobler service for Thee.

PRAYER TOPIC:

Thanksgiving for the souls recently won for Christ in our churches.

Wednesday, October 18th. Acts xiii. 1-12.

"The Holy Ghost said" (verse 2).

What inspiration such revelation should bring. Clear and definite came the command from on high. There was no room for misunderstanding. "The Holy Ghost." And this was sufficient for that Church at Antioch. That Voice put an end to any misgivings which might have entered their minds in the choice of those who were to go forth. What confidence this heavenly word of guidance would vouchsafe to all concerned. Blessed Spirit of Revelation, Thou who knowest the mind of God, speak into this heart the will of the Father. Breathe Thou within me the instinct to recognise Thy Voice when it speaks. Quicken Thou my hearing this day.

PRAYER TOPIC:

That God will speak to the hearts of all rulers, and cause the nations to seek Him.

Thursday, October 19th. Acts xiii. 13-25.

"Jesus" (verse 23).

All God's wealth of love and grace and power come to us through Him. That Name means everything to us. Through the Name of Jesus we have access to the very bosom of the Father. "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me," said the Master. I am the Way. Oh the inestimable glory of this Name! Blessed is the heart which has Him its Lord; that has capitulated to His claims; that has surrendered to His conquest. "Jesus!" Divine Spirit, speak that precious Name into this heart afresh this day! Give to it some new and more ravishing meaning than hitherto this heart has understood. Make it henceforth the keynote of all life's music!

PRAYER TOPIC:

That the light of God's Word may penetrate all priest-ridden countries.

Friday, October 20th. Acts xiii. 26-41.

"The forgiveness of sins" (verse 38).

To the heavy-laden and sore oppressed among men here is tidings that should pierce the dark clouds of condemnation which shut them in like prison walls. Self-expiation of sin is impossible. There is none that can liquidate sin's overwhelming liability. The indelible stains of guilt stand out to convict and condemn the soul. Yet here is the very answer to that appalling need which sin has created. The river of Divine forgiveness can forever remove all that stands against the soul. Here are depths of redemption into which the unclean may plunge, finding perfect cleansing and healing.

PRAYER TOPIC:

For the voice of God to be heard by all men and women in the nations at war.

Saturday, October 21st. Acts xiii. 42-52.

"And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God" (verse 44).

What a tremendous constraint the Word of God exercised over the minds and hearts of these people. That living Word drew them because it contained an answer to the hunger within them. It came with light to illuminate their darkness, and set them free from the thralldom of superstition. It brought them the revelation of God which they so much needed. Alas, that the Christian Church should ever resort to other means of attraction. If the Kingdom of God is to come, it must come through the inspired unveiling of the Divine Mind through the Book. Blessed are the ears which are eager to hear the Word of God in these days!

PRAYER TOPIC:

That God's blessing may rest upon the efforts of all those who seek to win for Christ the men serving in His Majesty's Forces.

Helpful Illustrations for Christian Workers

The Two Clocks

Traversing one night a city street, I was startled by a sharp clanging above my head. On looking up, I found myself directly beneath the tower wherein a huge clock was striking the midnight hour. I took my watch from my pocket, and lo, the slender overlying hands were pointing exactly to the hour of twelve.

It scarcely seemed possible that that tiny piece of mechanism in my hand could keep time with the huge machinery that filled a whole room of the tower; but the proof was before me, and as I gazed at the two pairs of hands of such diverse proportions, I understood as never before that the most insignificant human being needed only to be clean, in running order, and divinely regulated to keep time with Divinity itself—to be perfect even as the Father is perfect.

"For All Have Sinned"

A Negro evangelist exhorted a wailing audience to clean living. In front of the platform in the African Methodist Church a casket was piled high with flowers. The evangelist told of the horrors of hell, and there were not a few hysterical cries from his listeners. The newspaper announcement had said that the service was to be a funeral. Over the coffin the evangelist chanted no eulogy. The dead man had committed every sin. He was wicked, and therefore he would go into eternal torment. When the sermon was finished, the audience was invited to file past the casket and take one final look at this horrible sinner. Each man and woman peered into the casket. The casket was empty! A mirror in the bottom reflected the face of every person who stared.

IN our town of Eastbourne during this last week, we have seen a good deal of the Government's Evacuation Scheme in operation. This event will go down upon the pages of history as one of the greatest feats of modern organisation. Thousands of children have been transferred from danger zones to other towns known as safety areas. Trains, coaches, cars, and almost every conceivable means of conveyance have been used to carry these children and many parents to safety areas.

This terrible war with Germany, which after the last war we said would never happen again, has been thrust upon us against our will.

When pondering over these events yesterday, my mind began to turn to the Bible. A preacher tries to see in all the events of life something that he can preach about and attach to, if possible, some spiritual or prophetic interpretation. As I began to think of all that had happened my mind turned to the Bible, and almost immediately a number of texts and Bible illustrations came to my mind. I gathered from these that God has an Evacuation Scheme. Probably you have never thought of this before, therefore, for our profit and understanding, I wish to point out to you certain things about this

DIVINE EVACUATION PLAN.

My first point comes from II. Corinthians vi. 17: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Can you understand the interpretation of this text? Some will. Here are stated two things—firstly, the reality of sin, and secondly, the reality of God's provision for sin. In other words, we have here God's Evacuation Scheme with regard to sin. Two things stand out concerning the Government's Evacuation Scheme—the danger zone, and the safety zone. The Bible points out clearly and definitely that sin is a danger zone and that salvation is a safety zone. God says to you and me, "Come out from sin, and lead a separate life from the things that are unlike God." What is a Christian? His life is made up of many things. Chiefly, he has taken his stand against what is known as sin. We declare that if men and women want to be Christians they must come out from sin and be separate.

Notice also that the Government's Evacuation Scheme was entirely voluntary. Many allowed their children to go, and others did not. God's scheme of salvation is voluntary. You may accept it or leave it. You must decide to come on the side of Christ or to stay on the side of Satan and sin. You can only do one of these two things. You must either serve God or serve the Devil. You cannot do both. I know this is plain talk—there is no time for fancy phraseology. God provides

A WAY TO ESCAPE

from your sin, and it is up to you whether you accept God's offer of salvation—the issue remains with you

GOD'S EVACUA

A SERMON PREACHED
KITCHING AT ELIM
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17,000 CHILDREN AND
EVACUATION

—you can receive or reject. What are you going to do about it?

My next thought comes from the Old Testament story of Sodom and Gomorrah. They were very wicked cities, but it so happened that a few lived there who were the children of God: the just and the unjust lived side by side—the wheat and the tares. We are told in the records of the Bible that because of the wickedness of these cities God sent judgment upon them, but before the judgment came, God organised an Evacuation Scheme, and one family—Lot's—took advantage of God's offer. After they had gone the judgment of God by fire fell upon that city, and it was destroyed. The Bible prophesies that God's fire is to descend from heaven once again. II. Peter iii. 10 says that the time is coming when the planet upon which we live shall be consumed with fire, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat because of the sin that is upon the earth: but before that judgment occurs, God offers an Evacuation Scheme. He offers to the world a way of escape. This is always the way of God—He never sends judgment without first offering a way of escape. The Angel of the Lord came to Lot and his family and told them to "Get out," and yet Lot remained; the second time the same thing happened and still he remained; the third time he was warned "Judgment is coming, get out," so he

PACKED UP HIS BAG

and he got out. When he was out the judgment of God fell. I want to suggest to you to-night, very solemnly, that the world is heading for a dark judgment, but God makes an offer to escape. God's offer is, "Repent and believe the Gospel." Judgment is coming, but God offers you and me an opportunity to "get out."

God has an Evacuation Scheme from judgment. These are very troublesome hours. The world seems to be a camp of trouble—trouble among nations and individuals. But God offers to the nations, and He offers to all of us, a way of escape. Psalm 1. 15 says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble": that is God's

EVACUATION SCHEME

PREPARED BY PASTOR H.
 TABERNACLE, EAST-
 END LONDON, THE WEEK IN WHICH
 THE BOMBING OF PARENTS WERE
 DISCUSSING.

plan—the way of prayer, and if our country to-day could realise the power there is in prayer, we should all be upon our knees. God says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." Let us realise this if we have never realised it before. God says to this world and He says to all of us, if we want a way of escape, then pray.

I wonder how many of us to-night have definitely prayed that God would undertake in these days, or have we done everything else but that? We have sand-bagged our houses, we are experts in A.R.P., we have laid in stores, and have done many other things, but have we forgotten the one thing that is really needful? Is it possible, I ask you to-night, that God is speaking to the hearts of the people in the days that are upon us? Some people say to me, "If God is a God of love, why does He send war?"

DOES GOD SEND WAR?

If by sin men violate the laws of God, why blame God for the Devil's work? It is contrary to Bible teaching to say that God sends war, but it is true that God can make the wrath of men to praise Him, to turn the events of life and make them move to the furtherance of His Kingdom. Many are praying who have never prayed before. It is possible in this war that man himself has created, and that man himself could stop, that God can use even this for the furtherance of His Kingdom. God may use the events of life to bring people to realise that He is still on the Throne. It is sad to think that God has to do it in this way, but remember, God has not done with this planet yet. God has a plan, and in spite of kings and dictators, this plan will be fulfilled to the letter. God has a wonderful scheme. Hallelujah!

Are you in trouble? "Call upon Me," He says, "and I will deliver thee." Are you tempted? Then read in I. Corinthians x. 13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape. Temptation is a danger zone.

You cannot hinder thoughts from coming to you, but you can stop them from lodging in the mind. You cannot stop the birds from flying overhead, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair! Temptation is not sin, but it becomes sin when we submit to it. God offers

A WAY OF ESCAPE.

I am glad in this service to be able to say that God's greatest scheme on the lines of Evacuation is still future. In I. Thessalonians iv. 16, 17, we read: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." That means the Second Coming of Christ. A time is coming when Christians are going to be taken out of this world. The earth is a danger zone, and all Christians are soon to be evacuated to the "safety zone." No trains will be necessary—the air itself will be the means of our conveyance. Glory!

They tell us that certain parts of London are almost deserted of children, so many have left and gone away. My Bible says that when Christ comes again "there will be two men in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other left; two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other left; two men shall be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other left." Who will be taken? All Christians will be taken—those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour; and what a deserted, lonely place this will be when all Christians have been taken away. When Christ comes

ALL CHILDREN WILL GO.

When Christ comes all that we know as goodness and purity will go. When Christ comes, every pure desire will go. Who and what will be left? The ungodly, sin, rebellion, bloodshed, distress, pain, heart-breaks, separation, misery. God's Divine Evacuation Scheme is still future—it is the Second Advent. Let this thought cheer you in these days of war and worry.

Finally, may I earnestly and humbly ask each one of you a pointed question: Are you ready to meet God? That is a straight question, and I want you not to give to me, but to God, a straight answer. Do you believe or do you reject? It is left with you to decide, and I pray that you will say:

Take my life and let it be,
 Consecrated, Lord to Thee,
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

I cannot say more than that. You may now make your decision. May God help you to make that decision for Jesus Christ.

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Words of Cheer

for Days of Strain and Strife

By Pastor E. C. W. Boulton

A MID all the welter of bitter feeling that now prevails in Europe it is not easy to keep one's heart completely clear of the contamination of hard and unchristlike emotions. There is so much to provoke and provide an excuse for bitterness of heart and spirit against those who have so cruelly violated the peace of the nations and plunged Europe into the whirlpool of war. There is only one real means of becoming innocuous to the bacilli of bitterness, and it is found in the "secret place" of fellowship with God. Here the heart is garrisoned by those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Occupied with these the heart is kept from brooding over that which would render it gloomy and discontented.

Many new demands are being made upon us in these times of peril and perplexity—demands which call for fortitude and faithfulness, and this depends upon the soul's grip on God and inward adjustment to His will. Sometimes a great sense of our utter helplessness sweeps over us; a consciousness of the inadequacy of our human resources. And then it is, if we are looking off unto God, that the Spirit of the Lord raises a standard against onrushing hosts of dark thoughts. Recently the Lord dropped a precious word into the writer's heart; it came as a ray of light from the Unseen, warming the whole of the being. The Holy Spirit whispered within the depths of his soul, "Your . . . Father knoweth." Only those three words, and yet somehow, in a new, sweet and strange way, it brought such a glad sense of safety and sufficiency; a consciousness that all was well. It seemed wholly to change the face of things and transform them from dark and threatening possibilities into a sky radiant with stars of promise, the contemplation of which lifted the soul into a place of far-sweeping vision.

The voice of the tempter was there to rob the soul of the spiritual value of that precious word of comfort and encouragement. "Can you believe that your Father knoweth in the face of all that is transpiring in the world to-day? Where are the proofs of His care and concern? Is not all such belief mere illusion?" These and many other dark and sinister suggestions came from him who is the author of all unbelief.

Yet what an anchorage for the soul such a word can become, holding it fast and true to the highest and utmost in Christian life and thought. "Your . . . Father knoweth." And this does not mean that He regards all that is happening with unconcern. Far from it, for He is deeply concerned and involved in the world events of the present time, and could we but see all this in its ultimate outworking, we should discover that God means it unto good.

A Word to our Readers.

THE editing and publishing during war-time of a weekly magazine such as the *Elim Evangel* is no easy task. Postal delays, transport difficulties, increasing costs, compulsory war risk insurance, government control of paper, and various other factors all add to the problems of producing a war-time weekly. During the first week of war most newspapers were reduced to half their usual size. Religious and other magazines are also becoming considerably smaller. The *Elim Evangel* has been deprived of its cover only, and this has resulted in the loss of but one page of reading matter. With the co-operation of our readers, we hope to be able to maintain the *Evangel* as it is now being published, without any further reduction in size.

Now how can our readers co-operate with us to this end? It will be readily understood that in certain districts congregations have been depleted owing to evacuation, and this has resulted in what we trust is only a temporary decrease in circulation. You can help us by making good this leakage, and you can do it by introducing the *Elim Evangel* to your friends and securing new subscribers. If this paper has been a blessing to you, then we feel sure you will co-operate with us by introducing it to others, and so making it a blessing to a wider circle.

Newspapers and wireless bulletins are studied to such an extent in these critical days that there is a danger of our minds being filled with war news and international problems to the exclusion of spiritual matters—those things which are of the greatest import and will last long after the kingdoms of this world have passed away. Let us make more time for the things that matter most. We would urge our readers not to give up careful reading of the pages of this magazine, for the messages it contains are more than ever needed in these uncertain times.

There is one other way in which we invite your co-operation. Have you had any war-time experience which would be a help if passed on to other readers? The present circumstances have no doubt given rise to many incidents and experiences which, if narrated, would make our pages more useful and interesting. Will you help us in this way?

May we then rely on YOUR co-operation, firstly to read and recommend the *Elim Evangel*, and secondly to make it more interesting by your contributions.

THINGS I CONSIDER

An INSULT to GOD

BY PASTOR H. W. GREENWAY (ELIM TABERNACLE, BRADFORD)

I HOPE this article shocks and upsets some of the folk who read it. I have no doubt it will evoke criticism in certain quarters, but this is all to the good, for it will serve as evidence that some consciences have been affected. We are living in careless days, and there is urgent need for plain speaking. Too long have parsons allowed themselves to be gagged by fear, or smothered by the delicately-perfumed hand of etiquette. Too long have the majority of people who gather in our churches used their religion as a means of coercing God into doing their will. And so the words that follow may be a little unacademic, but if only they serve to shake us from the curse of an easy religion, and the wickedness of treating God with contemptuous patronage, they will have well repaid the effort of writing them.

Life is becoming exceedingly hard, and it looks as though physical survival will only be retained at the cost of slavery to eternal fear. Religion in this age cannot afford to be flippant: it is most earnest business. If we dare to use it as dope to stupefy an indulgent conscience, a bitter time of disillusionment awaits us.

FACTS ARE OFTEN VERY HARD,

and have a habit of upsetting our smug idealism.

God is holy and to be feared. Our salvation was not cheap, nor was it achieved without intense suffering to God Himself. Therefore we must ever remember to approach Him in the spirit of reverent worship, fearing lest we desecrate His holy shrine.

One thing is certainly true—very little impression will be made on our neighbours for good, if we treat our faith with indifference. Some of the things mentioned here may be considered trivial, but the time has come for us to realise that the excuse, "It doesn't really matter!" has worn too thin to afford any covering. If our action grieves God, it does matter, and should be avoided like a plague. Perhaps you will look on this article as a little bit of my own irritability, and lay it to one side. That is not my concern, but I do feel that if Christ came into some of our churches, and saw how we had changed the character of His faith from a passion to a pleasantry, He, too, would be grieved. With Him the service of religion was no plaything: it consummated in a ghastly cross.

I propose to divide the article into two parts:—

- (1) Insults inside the Church.
- (2) Insults outside the Church.

I consider it an insult to God to use the Church as a convenience to while away the time on a rainy Sunday, when it is too wet to soil the car. God's house was not established as a second-rate

PLACE OF ENTERTAINMENT.

It was created as a *rendezvous* between God and man,

and to use it as a cheap get-away from an otherwise boring week-end, is to insult the One who called it into being. If the House of God degenerates into the meeting-place of self-seeking interests, He will destroy it, as He destroyed the Temple so many years ago. The Creator of the Universe, who offers us this means of fellowship, will not be treated with careless indifference by any of His creatures. The Church is just as vital to us when the sun is shining, as it is on a dull week-end.

I consider it an insult to God to come to church for the sole purpose of displaying the latest Paris creations. It does not help the atmosphere of the Church to give it the appearance of a West End store; nor does it improve the spiritual life to strut about the sanctuary like so many third-rate mannequins. Someone has said that Solomon brought apes and peacocks from afar, but we nowhere read that he loosed them in the Temple. In the modern age we imitate the peacock without its beauty, and act like apes without the decency to admit our depravity. I hope I shall not be misunderstood here: I am not among those who believe in the sanctity of dowdiness. God's house should not be characterised as an assemblage of frumps, for God Himself has shown His appreciation of the beautiful by dressing the landscape in a riot of colour. We would indeed be foolish to eliminate all colour from our schemes of dress and decoration. One cannot help but feel there are many folk who could do with more of the beautiful in their lives; the danger lies in using the holy place

TO PARADE OUR VANITY.

I consider it an insult to God to gossip before divine service. Time for preparation and meditation is wasted in idle talk: sometimes abusive talk. How can the mind, so freshly filled with nasty tales and suggestive speculations, devote itself to the worship of God? We would find it considerably easier to approach the Throne of Grace if we refused to fill our minds with worldliness before the meeting commences. Moreover, it gives the impression that we are not in earnest, that we go to church to meet one another, and then make a few genuflections before God as a formal devotion when we have finished our scandal. If we really come to meet God, we shall not have time for discussion of the most pressing and worrying news, our souls will seek immediate contact with the Infinite. We are far too much in thrall to the conventions of the world in which we live. If a service is arranged for 6.30 o'clock, then we expect God to come in with the minister at the appointed time, and consider it an indelicate intrusion for Him to ask us to meet Him beforehand. That interval must be left to us to chat away to any whom it may or may not concern.

I consider it an insult to God to eat sweets in His house. It would suggest a spiritual life so empty that we must fill our bellies with husks. To chew sweets, when our minds should be occupied with thoughts of the highest majesty, and our lips filled with His praises, seems to me the height of insolence. Young, immature Christians might be forgiven for doing it, but with the growth in grace there should dawn a realisation of the necessity for a reverent approach to God.

WHO WOULD DARE BEHAVE

in such a manner if called in audience before an earthly monarch? Perhaps Nonconformity suffers more than the Established Church in this respect; but the fact remains, there are folk foolish enough to waste money in confections that could be put to more useful purpose, and indecent enough to bring them to church to eat during the sermon. It is true, some sermons may need sweetening up a little, and the form of service might be improved, but I am sure the eating of sweets in church is not the right way to accomplish it.

I consider it an insult to God to criticise His children in prayer. I might even add that it is an insult and personal affront to the Devil! The Bible tells us that he has the title Accuser of the Brethren, and we are foolish to try and emulate his slanderous disposition. We have all heard such prayers as: "Lord, Thou knowest those who . . . etc., etc.," followed by a list of some friend's besetting sins. How idiotic to remind God of something He already knows! I suspect, however, it is not so much idiocy as a wicked desire to promote personal virtue at the expense of someone else's feelings. We step up on the shoulders of the weaker brethren to show God how tall we are. Our Lord noted this kind of hypocrisy in the Pharisees, and told us of two men who went into the Temple to pray. One paraded his religious trappings before God, and to show the exclusiveness of his position above other men, began to contrast himself from the publican nearby. Christ tells us which of the two was justified. Those whom we may accuse before God, are souls for whom Christ died. He did not pray *about* them, He prayed to the Father *for* them. There is a vast difference between these two forms of prayer. We are insulting the Atonement and the passion of God by praying at those for whom He gave so much.

I consider it an insult to God to bring

OUR SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

within the church by a system of pew rents, so arranged that the rich folk can buy seats in the gallery and "look down," yes, literally "look down" on the poorer saint who can only afford the cheaper seats below. Our Lord warns us in the story of Dives and Lazarus against this evil. There came a time when the tables were turned by death for the rich and the poor, and the poor man was found looking down on the rich man. I cannot believe God is pleased to find this condition of social stratification within the Church. The Word of God tells us we are all members of the Body of Christ. True, some

have greater honour in that Body than others, but it is determined by spiritual character and not by financial advantage.

And now we will get outside the Church.

I consider it an insult to God to say we have no need for the Church. God created this fellowship, and it is tantamount to an accusation of muddle-headedness to say He created something for us we can well do without. There are lone folk about who have been disappointed in their church experiences, and in disgust have turned altogether from its society. This kind of behaviour is altogether wrong, and more often than not suggests guilt on the part of the lone sheep. There must be something wrong with the person who finds himself a misfit in every denomination. The majority cannot be wrong every time and all the time. Dan Crawford, the eminent missionary, reminds us of the habit of trees in this respect. He says the lonely tree

GROWS CROOKED AND TWISTED,

but the trees which grow in clumps grow straight up like needles. The natives have observed this peculiarity, and have a song which runs:

Oh! crooked lonely forest tree.

Yes, crooked because lonely,

How very different things would be

If only comrades two or three

* Could break your lone monotony.

Don't be too individualistic and self-important, or you may become crooked and cranky.

I consider it an insult to God to read the newspaper before we have had our morning devotions. We are in danger of becoming slaves to the penny press, and giving the exaggerated journalism of our day a far more prominent place in our lives than the Word of God. I am sure the nery condition of many Christians could be easily dispelled if only they would take the trouble to meditate before God a little more than they do. How can we expect help from the spiritual life if we stow it away in some forgotten place, and fill our minds with all the events of a godless world? It is a habit we must break, for we are giving God second place to a penny newspaper, and that, to my mind at least, is a gross insult to God.

There are many other things, I am sure, which will occur to the reader, proving our lack of courtesy to God. I do not intend to go any further, for I have had my say. I only hope some will be persuaded to take their Christianity more seriously; not with a long face, but with more sincerity and passion; and a determination to satisfy the heart of God. May we have the same testimony as Enoch—"he pleased God."

Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, but He did teach them how to pray. I would rather be able to pray like Daniel than to preach like Gabriel. If men know how to *pray* they know how to work for God.—D. L. MOODY.



FRUITFUL MINISTRIES IN ELIM CHURCHES



Faithful Preaching of the Word Yields Results

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Southport (Pastor F. G. Cloke). Three souls were saved at the close of a recent Sunday night's gospel message, and one the previous Sunday. God has also honoured our witness in the open air, and as a result of these weekly meetings there have been two definite decisions for Christ.



Pastor F. G. Cloke

BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS

Dowlais (Pastor L. W. Green). The Lord is richly blessing the saints at Dowlais through the Holy Ghost ministry of our dear Pastor. In spite of the inconvenience caused by the black-out, the services are being exceptionally well attended.

During the past month two baptismal services have been held. Nine candidates followed the Lord through the waters. A fortnight ago ten were received into membership. Crusaders are being continually blessed of the Lord, two receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost within the past month.

PRINCIPAL AND PARTY

Brighton (Pastor T. W. Thomas). On the Sunday that war was declared, our beloved Principal and Revival Party were conducting the services in the absence of Pastor Thomas. We were singing: "Hallelujah to the Lamb—Who died on Mount Calvary," when the siren was heard. About half a dozen people, out of a large congregation, hurried out. To those who remained there was a wonder-

ful sense of the presence of God and of the "peace that passeth all understanding," as we all joined in singing that beautiful hymn: "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

After speaking on "Fulfilled Prophecy," an appeal was given. A brother stood up and said: "Please pray for me. I am a backslider and need prayer." Afterwards, three gave their hearts to God. There was that deep, settled peace within which neither sirens nor war could disturb. At the close of the service, we all repeated after the Principal, the 91st Psalm, the A.R.P. Psalm—Assured Refuge Provided.

In the evening, eight more souls were saved. The atmosphere was such that those who did not know the peace they could see others had, could not leave until they too were partakers of the peace that alone the "Prince of Peace" can give.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Ealing (Pastor A. W. Childs). An unusual meeting was held on Thursday evening, September 14th, when our members met for a time of fellowship. The purpose was to establish a real Christian spirit between newcomers and those of longer-standing church membership, so that the church could present a united home front against the enemy of souls. Each person wore an "identity disc," and during refreshment time contacts were made with those who were until then comparative strangers. Two new members were welcomed into the church by the Pastor.

A Sisters' Own Bright Hour was com-

menced at the beginning of September, and is held every Wednesday afternoon. There is a different speaker each week, and already this meeting is proving a blessing.

We praise God for the way He is answering prayer in supplying various temporal needs of this church.

WELSH EVANGELISTS VISIT IRELAND

Lurgan (Pastor F. A. Farlow). We do praise God for blessing received during the special meetings conducted by Mr.

and Mrs. W. L. Bell of South Wales. We had been looking forward to their visit for some time and, praise God, we were not disappointed.

Right from the commencement the Tabernacle was well filled, and it was gratifying to see the large Town Hall practically full on the three successive Sundays at the service after church hours. Mr. Bell's singing and speaking were blessed to many souls, and we shall not soon forget Mrs. Bell's gripping and thought-provoking messages, backed home by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We praise God for the precious souls that decided for Christ during the mission, and we believe that eternity only will reveal all that has been accomplished. Our hearts are full of praise to God for all His goodness.



Pastor F. A. Farlow

Why Many are Not Saved

Do you know why there are so few people saved? Because there are so few who believe they are lost. A woman came to a meeting some time ago and found a crowd around the door which had not yet opened. She became separated from her little girl and could not find her anywhere, so she sent up word to the minister to call her child. The minister said, "Mary Moore is lost, and if she is in this house will she please rise so that her mother can see her?" No one rose. They took the word to the mother that the child was not in the house and got the town crier to go up and down the street crying, "Lost! Lost!" An hour passed and then they found Mary on the front seat in the meeting. "Why didn't you step out when we called your name?" they asked. "Oh, but I wasn't lost." She thought they meant some other Mary. When you preach to some people they say, "No, I'm not lost." That's the trouble.

Little Things for God

I dropped some seeds beside a path,
And went my busy way,
Till opportunity again
Led me one summer day
Along the selfsame path; and lo!
Some flowers blooming there,
As fair as eye hath looked upon,
And sweet as they were fair.

I dropped a sympathetic word
Nor stayed to watch it grow,
For little tending's needed when
The seed is good we sow;
But once I met the man again,
And by the gladsome way
He took my hand, I knew I sowed
The Best of Seed that day.



ELIM CRUSADER PAGE

CONDUCTED BY PASTOR DOUGLAS B. GRAY

LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

Recent Engagements and Future Activities

Recent engagements of the Choir include the visit to Hove Church, when Pastor H. O. Bale, the Church Officers, and friends warmly welcomed the visitors. Two well-attended services were conducted with marked blessing on the gatherings.

The Choir also sang at the valedictory service of Pastor and Mrs. L. Wigglesworth, Mrs. Wigglesworth having been at one time a member of the choir.

Just a few weeks before the outbreak of the present hostilities, the choir was invited to Broadcasting House, London, for an audition. This took place in a large studio on the eighth floor. An excellently-balanced choir attended, despite the fact that the audition was held during a busy holiday month. Every consideration was shown by the B.B.C. authorities, and the Choir were requested to render six pieces. The singing was well commended.

The choir's first war-time appointment was at Croydon, where, under the leadership of Pastor Douglas Gray, about forty members rendered various items.

A meeting was recently held by the choir at the Elim Bible College for a session of prayer and to discuss the possibilities of continuing some form of service in the future. It was unanimously felt that every endeavour should be made to carry on the Choir's ministry, although the circle of activity may have to be limited for the present. It is hoped to continue the prison work at least in the London area, and plans are in mind for opening up a new avenue of service if suitable arrangements can be made and carried out. The prayers of our

readers are requested for Divine guidance in all the work of God in the days to come.

In view of the fact that so many members (sisters and brothers) are fully engaged in various spheres of National Service, thus affecting their opportunities of being free to support the choir regularly, there are vacancies for suitable Crusaders, who would like to give their services to this unique ministry. Drop a line to the National Crusader Secretary at Headquarters, for full details and advice. Let us determine that in all branches of Christian work, we will keep things going, and never flag in our endeavours for the Kingdom of God at such an hour as this.

NEXT WEEK

Particulars of

CRUSADER BIBLE SCHOOL

(A new weekly feature)



Crusader House Party at Hayling Island

By EDNA COLES

So much has happened since holidays this year that it is difficult to arrange one's thoughts sufficiently to put events in their right sequence. Circumstances may have altered the course of many lives and split many happy communities; but there yet remains a bond that can never be broken.

This year's House Party holds happy memories for all privileged to be there.

Although Hayling Island does not offer beautiful inland scenery, town life, or the usual qualities of a popular seaside resort, it would be hard to find a more desirable place for a Holiday Home. Both indoor and outdoor life breathed freedom and happiness. It was good to throw off the restrictions of routine. The island itself, which is definitely rural and untouched, offered fine country walks. The lovely stretch of sand made pudox and bathing as popular as ever. Indoor games, tennis, a gymnasium, swings, etc., provided recreation and fun.

The house, built on the common which adjoins the shore, commanded a unique view of the Solent. This afforded all the budding navigators a fine view of the activities at sea.

Seager House was ideal in its position and equipment. Three sides of it overlooked the sea, and in fact, the rooms were the envy of all visitors!

Now to mention those responsible for such a fine holiday. Mrs.

*Happy
Elim Crusaders
at the
Hayling Island
House Party,
1939*

White, Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs. Gray ran the whole establishment with complete ease, and set the standard for a perfectly harmonious community. No emergency proved too great; and domestic problems (if there were any) seemed to vanish. The fine family spirit and cheerful co-operation of the workers deserves very special mention. In the opinion of many this was the biggest contribution to the happiness and success of the holiday. It would be quite inadequate to at-

tempt to describe the happy atmosphere of the entire household.

Pastor D. B. Gray, who was able to spend the week-ends at Seager House, arranged the services in the house. Talks from Mr. Gray and Mr. White were refreshing and helpful. The morning readings over the breakfast table also have sweet memories.

Mr. Douglas Craig (Crusader Commissioner), a real old friend of campers, favoured us with two visits and two of his lovely little heart-to-heart talks.

Quite a large party was refreshed by a visit to the Worthing Campaign. Others took advantage of the visits which were organised to the Boys' Camp in the Isle of Wight.

Thanks are due to Mr. Cyril Lyndon who so capably organised the games and acted as general advisor and organiser.

We are indeed grateful to God that such a time of refreshing was granted us, in order to help us face whatever the future may hold.

An Old Gentleman Found Peace

By Dr. H. A. IRONSDALE

MANY years ago I was holding a series of evangelistic meetings in a little country schoolhouse some miles out of Santa Cruz, California. One day I was driving with a kindly old gentleman who was attending the services nightly, but who was far from being sure of his personal salvation. As we drove along a beautiful winding road, literally embowered with great trees, I put the definite question to him, "Have you peace with God?" He drew rein at once, stopped the horse, and exclaimed, "Now, that's what I brought you here for. I won't go another foot until I know I am saved, or else it is hopeless to seek to be sure of it."

"How do you expect to find out?" I inquired.

"Well, that is what puzzles me. I want a definite witness, something that I cannot be mistaken about."

"Just what would you consider definite, some inward emotional stirring?"

"I can hardly say, only most folks tell us they felt some powerful change when they got religion. I have been seeking that for years, but it has always eluded me"

"Getting religion is one thing; trusting Christ may be quite another. But now suppose you were seeking salvation, and suddenly there came to you a very happy feeling, would you be sure then that you were saved?"

"Well, I think I would."

"Then suppose you went through life resting on that experience, and at last you came down to the hour of death. Imagine Satan telling you that you were lost and would soon be beyond hope of mercy, what would you say to him? Would you tell him that you knew all was well, because you had such a happy emotional experience years before? What if he should declare that it was he who gave you that happy feeling, in order to deceive you, could you prove it was not?"

"No," he answered thoughtfully, "I couldn't. I see that a happy feeling is not enough."

"What would be enough?"

"If I could get some definite word in a vision, or a message from an angel, then I could be sure."

"But suppose you had a vision of a glorious angel, and he told you you had your sins forgiven, would that really be enough to rest on?"

"I think it would. One ought to be certain if an angel said it was all right."

"But if you were dying and Satan was there to disturb you, and told you that you were lost after all, what could you say?"

"Why, I'd tell him an angel told me I was saved."

"But if he said, 'I was that angel. I transformed myself into an angel of light to deceive you. And now you are where I wanted you—you will be lost for ever.' What then could you say?"

He pondered a moment or two, and then replied, "I see, you are right; the word of an angel won't do."

"But now," I said, "God has given something better than happy feelings, something more dependable than the voice of an angel. He has given His Son to die for your sins, and He has testified in His own unalterable Word that if you trust in Him all your sins are gone. Listen to this: 'To him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.' These are the words of God spoken through His apostle Peter, as recorded in Acts x. 43."

"Then here in I. John v. 13 which says, 'These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.' Are these words addressed to you? Do you believe on the Name of the Son of God?"

"I do sir, I do indeed! I know He is the Son of God, and I know He died for me."

"Then see what He tells you, 'Ye may know that ye have eternal life.' Is not this enough to rest upon? It is a letter from heaven directed expressly to you. How can you refuse to accept what God has told you? Can you not believe Him? Is He not more to be depended on than an angel, or than aroused emotions? Can you not take Him at His word and rest upon it for the forgiveness of your sins?"

"Now suppose that as you are dying Satan comes to you and insists that you are lost, but you reply, 'No, Satan, you cannot terrify me now. I rest on the Word of the living God and He tells me I have eternal life, and also the remission of my sins.' Can you not do this now? Will you not bow your head and tell God you will be saved on His terms by coming to Him as a repentant sinner and trusting His word concerning His blessed Son?"

The old man dropped his eyes, and I saw that he was deeply stirred. His lips were moving in prayer. Suddenly he looked up and, touching the horse lightly with his whip, exclaimed, "Giddap! It's all clear now. This is what I've wanted for years."

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Butler : Perrett.—On September 23rd, at the Elim Church, Graham Street, Birmingham, by Pastor S. Gorman; Frank Butler to Florence May Perrett; both Elim Crusaders.

Carré : Harvey.—On September 28th, at Elim Church, Vazon, by Pastor A. Jackson; William Carré to Hilda May Harvey.

Copsey : Hillman.—On September 23rd, at Elim Church, Leigh-on-Sea, by Pastor J. A. Wright; Stanley James Copsey to Annis Hillman; both members of the London Crusader Choir.

Osman : Purchase.—On September 14th, at Elim Tabernacle, Swansea, by Pastor W. J. Hilliard; John Osman to Beatrice May Purchase; both Elim Crusaders.

WITH CHRIST.

Batiste.—On September 23rd, Tom Batiste aged 84 years, of Elim Church, Vazon. Funeral conducted by Pastor A. Jackson.

Chatfield.—On September 14th, Mrs. Chatfield, aged 67 years, faithful member of Elim Tabernacle, Brighton. Funeral conducted by Pastor T. W. Thomas.

Farr.—On September 26th, Elizabeth Farr, of Newtownards, aged 8 months. Funeral conducted by Pastor L. D. T. Kelly.

LePage.—On September 1st, Amos LePage, of Cobo, aged 54 years. Funeral conducted by Pastor A. Jackson.

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