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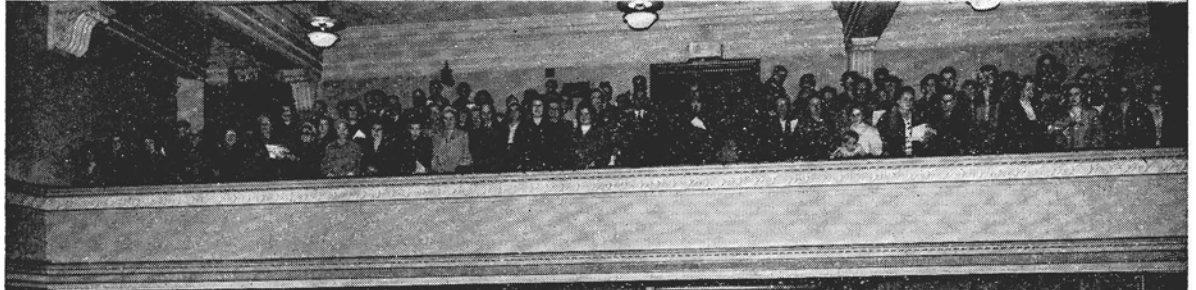
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A terse, pungent report from

NORWICH

SIGNS AND WONDERS IN THE NAME OF JESUS . . . CAPACITY CROWDS

Reported by ONLOOKER

NINE days—and the Stuart Hall in Norwich has become too small for the congregation seeking to support Rev. Ken Matthew and his team of workers. This is the Lord's doing—it is indeed marvellous. On the tenth day of the campaign a queue of more than 200 people lined up waiting for the doors to open three-quarters of an hour before the service time. The evangelist commenced the meeting just as soon as the hall was filled. In the last meeting (prior to sending this report) some failed to get a seat, even the party gave up their platform chairs. The revivalist was on his feet from 7.20 until 10 p.m. (the meetings do not end ever before that time).

It takes anything from one to one and a half hours to pray for the sick. There have been some tremendous healings. A crippled man was lifted on to the platform and hobbled across to the centre for prayer. He was instantly delivered; he walked, then he wept, then he laughed and walked some more. His son carried his sticks. There were two women at the same meeting, and they also walked in the Name of Jesus. I saw a woman receive her sight when God took away the cataracts from her eyes. She cried out. I never did know how that blind man reacted when Jesus healed him—but now I know. I shall never forget that woman shouting "Oh! I can see!"

The "psychology" critics have also received a setback. You can't use that method with infants. A boy aged four had a paralysed leg and foot as a result of polio; the evangelist prayed for him—the boy is walking, the leg is quite well.

One night in the meeting the preacher asked for those who had been healed to say so. A woman at the rear of the hall stood to say she had been deaf for years, very deaf in both ears. "I can hear the birds singing in the mornings, and I can hear a clock ticking" she told us. A man who had removed a steel belt from his injured back told how he had been instantly healed. "It clicked into position," he said.

Nobody attempts to be emotional, but it is only someone really *hard boiled* who can see a child of

thirteen get her sight without feeling a lump in his throat. She was a pretty little girl as she stood before the preacher. "I am blind in one eye, completely blind." "How long have you been like that?" "From birth." "Then in the Name of Jesus receive your sight." That's what is happening all the time. She had her sight right away; there, before us all. She saw with two eyes for the first time. There was another like her, came the same night, she must have been about twenty; she also had been blind from birth, in one eye. It happened again. There are now three in this congregation who claim to have received sight this way. The other blind-from-birth case is a middle-aged woman; she is telling every person about being able to see everything clearly.

I have not referred to the deaf people; they are literally too many to mention. It does not seem to matter whether they have been deaf six years or seventy, the Lord is healing them.

The Norwich people are about the most attentive audience I have been in. They just sit and drink it all in. Whether it is Rev. Ken Matthew delivering one of his forthright Gospel messages, Rev. Eldin Corsie playing devotional hymns before the meeting, or Rev. Richard Lighton conducting the choruses, they are really enjoying it all. I cannot imagine that any of them would have said that they would ever come to sit for three hours in a religious meeting, but here they are and, what is more, they are responding, no doubt about that; these people are hungry for God. Total decisions number 650.

BLIND, AND THEN . . .

"I can see a lady in the balcony"

By Rev. L. Reeves

(Caerphilly)

IT has been my joy and privilege to attend the Norwich campaign conducted by Rev. Ken Matthew and Party for just two evenings. Where to begin

and where to end is my dilemma! Perhaps to begin at the beginning would be advisable. My first contact with the folk of Norwich in their eagerness to hear more of God's Word was to see them queuing outside the Stuart Hall fifty minutes before the commencement of the service. Song leader R. Lighton soon had the vast congregation singing with joyous fervour, aided by their most accomplished pianist Eldin Corsie. In an atmosphere of keen expectancy Mr. Matthew began his Gospel message. Lucidly and plainly the precious word of God was unfolded. The concentration and hush of the great congregation was most impressive. It was with great joy that one noted that this great evangelist put first things first. Quietly and definitely Mr. Matthew emphasised their condition, then with rising spiritual fervour presented a loving Saviour.

One great feature of this campaign is the readiness of the people to get saved. Nearly 100 souls were registered on the two nights of my attendance. *No dragging appeal*. Only the earnest entreaty of a man of God for sinners to get saved, and immediately hands shot up all over the building. Up to the present moment something like 650 souls have been saved.

Many outstanding miracles have been performed. A young girl of fourteen was instantly healed of a blind eye. A young woman brought a doctor's certificate to say she was healed of a fracture of the spine. It was *impossible to keep count* of the number of deaf people who were gloriously delivered. Another young woman in her twenties was healed of a blind eye and recognised a friend in the balcony!

What a wave of joy swept through the congregation as healing after healing took place. Quite often an outburst of spontaneous clapping broke out. One could not condemn this, as it was the overwhelming feelings of a grateful multitude for all that God was doing.

Certainly a great work for God is being established in Norwich, and while we realise it is all of Him, we do extend warm and grateful thanks to our sincere and hard-working evangelists for responding so sacrificially to His call.

COVER PICTURE. Platform and sectional views of the Norwich Campaign congregations. Platform personalities from left to right: J. C. N. Eaton (Lowestoft), Anglican vicar (Norwich), L. Reeves (Caerphilly), Ken Matthew (the evangelist), Eldin Corsie (Revival Party pianist), Vic Ramsey (Elim Pentecostal Churches), Mrs. Ramsey.

CUT-OUT PICTURES. Ken Matthew (left) and Richard Light (right), Revival Party song leader.

It Takes Courage—

- To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.
- To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.
- To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.
- To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your Christian ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.
- To be talked about and yet remain when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.
- To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others do it.
- To dress according to your income, and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.
- To live always according to your convictions.

—Selected.

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“CEYLON IS ONLY FOR BUDDHISTS . . .”

THIS is the cry of 100,000 saffron robed men (the dress of the Buddhist monk), according to today's newspaper, who are in league to oust the British "imperialist" from the island which has for its title "Pearl of the Indian Ocean." The Buddhist heirarchy, from its headquarters at the Temple of the Sacred Tooth in Kandy, has been swift to dissociate itself from these rabid nationalists. Violence in any form is foreign to the tenets and philosophy of the Buddhist faith. Nevertheless they are powerless against these fanatics.

What is the cause of this anger? This is their screaming answer: ". . . unless and until we liquidate you we will not be able to stop the spread of Christianity in Ceylon. . . . We mean what we say and we do it. If you do not quit Ceylon by December 31st you will be liquidated just as the Tamils were."

These are ominous words. Do not be tempted to pass them aside with merely a sigh. Russia, China, the many Balkan countries, Poland, Spain, many of the Arab countries and certain South American states bring down mailed fists on British missionaries under the guise of nationalism. This country, from which foreign missions have been pioneered by saintly men and women of large vision, must gird up its loins again; time is fast running out.

What is to be our answer to the challenge from the east? A highly compressed, super-charged drive to Christianise, not westernise, the fields now open to us; they are "white unto harvest."

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One of today's "Letters to the Editor" in the same newspaper reads: "Until I started reading your correspondence column I was unaware there were so many people with grudges." Where do these people breed? They are like mosquitoes who wallow

in their repugnant hatcheries of filth and slime and then make off for their innocent victim, into whom they inject their poison.

God give us a healthy vision. "Without a vision the people perish" the Proverbs warn. The word "perish" can be translated "unruly." How true! The inactive are the unruly, the grumblers, the grudge-carriers.

We have been commissioned by our Master for a large and noble task where there is room for all. Into the fray, comrades, into the fray!

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If someone somewhere has not said today, "Things are not what they used to be" this day should go down in history as the only day when this has not been said! The older we grow the more we think of the past. But why should it invariably be a change for the worse?

"There is not the same Holy Ghost anointing on the church services" is the opinion of another. Why? Has God changed? Is He tired of us? No doubt He has reason to be—but He does not tire, neither does He change. The fault must lie with us. One of the soundest pieces of advice to a young Christian surely is this: keep your freshness in your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Where is the blessedness I knew

When first I saw the Lord?

Where is that soul-refreshing view

Of Jesus and His word?

It is remarkable how all things fit into place when we are truly *right* with the Lord.

J.H.D.

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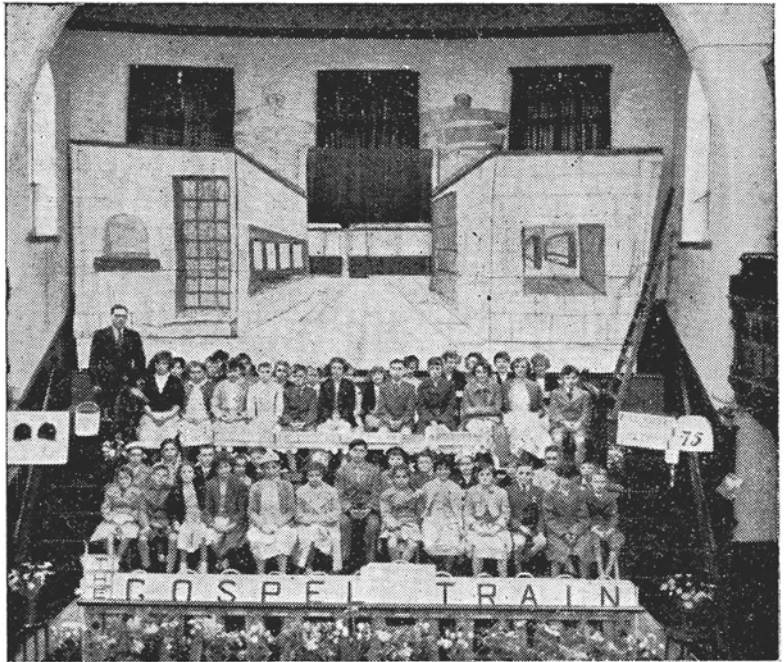
Sunday

School

RECENTLY the York Sunday school presented the song service entitled "The Gospel Train." It was a great success. A good congregation gathered, the best for many years, and the ministry of the children was very much appreciated.

In this way the challenge of the Gospel was put forward clearly and simply, and when Pastor Woodhead made his appeal for decisions one fine young man gave his heart and life to Christ. At the end of the service Mrs. Woodhead presented certificates to the children who entered for the scripture examination.

Our branch Sunday school at Acomb held a ser-



vice for the presenting of certificates to the children who had entered for the scripture examination. On this occasion five souls were saved through the ministry of Pastor Woodhead.

A. LAWRENCE.

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HERE in Essex, the vicar of Woodham Ferrers organised a week's fair to obtain £1,000 to restore the roof of the church. Programmes included beauty contests, champagne suppers and midnight suppers in the meadow. The vicar intended to land in a helicopter with a beautiful blonde, but he was unable to hire—the helicopter. Prizes to be given included whisky and gin. If the vicar and his congregation were sincere Christians any proposal to collect money by such means would be more likely to “raise the roof” than restore it.

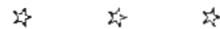


A bus strike can prove a very inconvenient thing, and in London we have found it so in recent days. It was heartening to see how the members of our churches made such great efforts to attend the services. At testimony time, two of our sisters related their experiences, one thanking God that she had been able to get a lift by car each time she ventured forth to get to church, as she finds much walking a difficulty. The other sister, also a poor walker, and rather shy to look for “a lift,” thanked God that He had enabled her to walk better than for many years, and thus get to every meeting. One found the Lord able to supply the means of transport, the other found He supplied the means of grace, and both were equally thankful.



I have noticed with interest and pleasure the frequency with which one meets people wearing the Scripture Union badge, a testimony to the practice of daily Bible reading. It is reported that the mem-

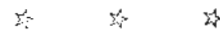
bership of the S.U. increased by 120,000 during the years 1954 and 1955. That is an amazing growth, and as one of the great majority who read the Bible but do not wear a badge I rejoice to think that such increasing numbers of people in this land are honouring the precious Word of God.



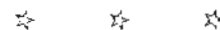
If I were the author of the following I would be called a killjoy by many. The writer is Leslie Malory, a professional critic in show business. He writes: “Britain today is dominated by show business and its acolytes in a measure which no civilisation in history has ever experienced. The entertainer is the god of our age. Achievement in any other realm is subordinated to the ability to make funny faces on television or to bellow inane ballads in an echo-chamber. From Vivien Leigh to Tommy Steele we are using entertainers to build a mad breakwater against the realities of living our lives in Europe 1958.”



I was privileged to be a visiting speaker at our Elin church in Letchworth, the first garden city of England, where I found the Elin building worthy of its lovely surroundings. Planned before the first world war, Letchworth has been a town boasting the absence of a public-house, but now a drinking saloon is to be built. Many an Eden has been attempted by man, but eventually thorns and thistles appear. The garden will only be restored when we dwell in the city where “there shall be no more curse.”



At Palermo, the capital of Sicily, men who by day occupied themselves in making images have been arrested because by night they occupied themselves making counterfeit coins. A kind of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence—or was it? The trades of making “sacred” images and “counterfeit” coins may appear to be opposites, but to me they are apposites, since both are counterfeits in the same metal. The law of man forbids counterfeit coins, but the law of God forbids graven images.



When the Wolfenden Committee made known its report on homosexuality, the only dissenting member was a Scottish lawyer, Mr. James Adair. Speaking before the recent Church of Scotland General Assembly (which by a large majority condemned the Wolfenden proposal to legalise homosexuality be-

tween consenting adults), Mr. Adair revealed that in this country there exist clubs for such minded people, and that within five weeks of the Wolfenden report forty-eight applications had been received by such a club in London.

The existence of such practices is a scar on the face of our country, but a proposal to legalise such behaviour is a cancer at the heart of the nation.

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CHILDREN'S STRIP

Conducted by Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

First of all, our answers to last month's competition. Aaron, Abel, Ahab, Asher, Baal, Ben, Caleb, Cain, Cesar, Caiaphas, Cleopas, Cornelius, Dan, Darius, Daniel, Diana, Dorcas, Elisha, Esau, Hagar, Herod, Hosea, Isaac, Israel, Paul, Rahab, Rachel, Reuben, Rhoda, Saul, and there are thirty! Easy really isn't it? (I wonder how many grown-ups have been puzzling this one out!)

I will let you know the prize winners at the end of the month. Next week I will have another competition for you, and this time you will have to send in your answers right away. (I gave you lots of time last month because I was on holiday.)

Now, here is the free gift I promised, after our story.

In *Pilgrim's Progress* there are many wonderful parts, and one of them is about Mr. Interpreter. We had a story about him last time we gave something away. Well, here is another.

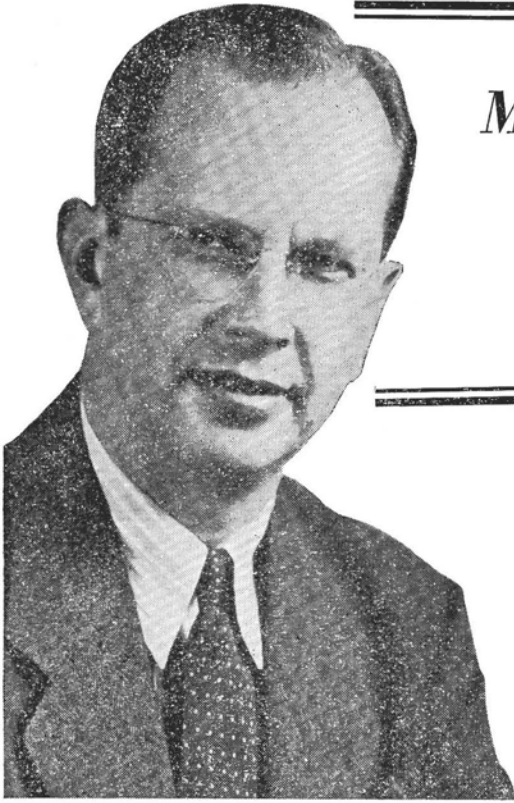
Mr. Interpreter took Christian to see a wall. In front of the wall there was a fire burning. Now as Christian watched he saw someone come along with a bucket of water and try to put the fire out, but it burned all the more. Again the man brought a bucket of water, but still he couldn't put the fire out. Christian was very puzzled, until Mr. Interpreter took him to the back of the wall—then he began to smile. Behind the wall was a man with some oil, which he kept putting on the fire to keep it burning. No wonder it couldn't be put out!

Then Mr. Interpreter told Christian that the fire was a Christian, the man with the water was the Devil, and the man with the oil was the Lord Jesus. No matter how much the Devil tries to stop us being Christians, Jesus is able to give us grace to live up to our name.

Here is our free offer. I have fifteen copies only of a tract telling this story, with a picture on the front. Send me a stamped addressed envelope for your copy, NOW.

Cheerio until next week, and God bless you.

BERNARD.



My Message and Instruction to Soul Winners

"He that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30).

THE best fruit is hand picked. *You do not harvest by shaking the tree and you do not market the windfalls.* There is more to soul winning than organised fervour, shrill publicity and an atmosphere of showmanship.

A conscientious doctor must deal with each patient separately and so must a conscientious soul winner. The diagnosis is swift in some cases and slow in others—we are to be workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed." *Can a doctor of souls expect to be less personal or patient than a doctor of bodies?* Lives today are fantastically complicated by sin. They need more than slogans and formulas. *They need personal help more than professional artistry.* Believer-friend, you are called to be a soul winner and I want to talk to you about that responsibility and privilege in this message.

The simplest way to embarrass an ordinary congregation is just to ask two simple questions:

- (1) *When did you last lead someone to Christ?*
- (2) *When did you last try?*

The overwhelming majority are not even trying. Most of us just go on hoping that our lives somehow are exercising a silent influence upon the community.

We are tongue-tied. We are willing to pay someone else to tell the story for us.

The task is not easy—but it is grand. There is no joy like leading a soul to Christ. Everywhere people are in the condition of the parents who came to Christ saying, ". . . Lord, I believe; *help thou mine unbelief.*" People are bound. They live behind an iron curtain of question marks. They have not really believed anything since they were little children. It is smart to be cynical. *People live with their guard up.* They expect to be taken. The skilful personal worker needs to know how to "doctor" such souls. Otherwise people can pass through a decision line and come away without any real experience of conversion. It is like the devout drunk who had been to a certain mission seven times and thanked God that he had been converted every time.

If only a psychiatrist can lead a soul from darkness to light, then not many folk are going to get saved, for there are not nearly enough psychiatrists to go around. No, my friend, the plain statement of the Master is this: ". . . Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." That is what He said, friend! Your minister needs your help if your church is going to be an evangelistic church.

You have a personal testimony. What are you doing with it? The obligation to say a good word for Jesus is laid on all Christians. *To know Christ and not pass on the glad news is criminal negligence.* Do you really *know* something? Then tell it. Give your witness for Christ. He is on trial before this world.

"But," you say, "how can I go about it and not offend people?" I suggest these simple rules.

First, LIVE IT.

You cannot talk what you do not live. Live it and people will be attracted toward you. They will sense that you have the answer for their need.

Second, DO NOT TRY TO BE A DO-GOODER—SIMPLY LOVE PEOPLE.

People do not want to be stalked by someone intent on marking up another good deed. A Christian can be radiant with a heaven-sent compassion—an earnestness that simply reaches out after mankind.

Third, LEARN TO MEET PEOPLE.

Jesus was heaven's artist at this. He never knew a stranger. Do a kindness toward someone. A kindness will open the door nine times out of ten. Sometimes ask for a favour. Jesus did. He asked the woman at the well for a drink of water. It usually makes people feel good to be asked to help. I do not know why, but it does. When Jesus met Zacchæus He did not give him a lecture on the sin of covetousness. *He boldly asked Himself to lunch.*

Fourth, DISCOVER THE PERSON'S REAL NEED.

An army chaplain put it this way to his men. He would take his watch and say: "Imagine that you have a dying man here. He has two minutes of consciousness before he passes away. Let me hear what you would say in two minutes." Get to the point, friend! Do not beat about the bush. Do not be diverted by disguises. *Your neighbour is troubled by personal sin.* His soul is festering. Behind all his make-believe there is agony and torment. You can help him. You must help him. Get on with it.

later on when they become children of God. Missionaries learn the language of the natives to whom they go. Soul winners must learn to speak in a tongue understood by common people.

Sixth, SPEAK ABOUT CHRIST—NOT ABOUT YOURSELF.

We can get proud about ourselves. I can say, "I was that. I am this. I used to do that. Now I do this." *I can get so much "I", into my testimony that spiritual pride will offend the person to whom I am witnessing.* The rule of the great Baptist still holds: "He must increase, but I must decrease." *Lift Him up and He will draw all men.* Christ is the attraction. Here is the rule: Seven words of Him for every word about yourself. Lift Him up.

Seventh, EVADE CONTROVERSY.

Arguments do not make converts. The sinner will gladly find refuge behind the argument, "What church shall I attend?" rather than face the Ten Commandments. Point out over and over again that the sin problem must be dealt with first. Solving some theological conundrum will not take stealing or lying or hatred out of the human heart. *The sinner will know what to do when he gets right with God.*

Eighth, BRING THEM TO A DECISION.

Decision is not conversion. Decision is an act of the human will. It is a wonderful step. God cannot

By C. M. WARD

Mr. Ward was guest speaker at the great Easter Monday meetings in the Royal Albert Hall, 1956. We publish this article in connection with our year of evangelism—*Each one—Reach one.*

Zacchæus was in trouble. Uninvited, he babbled about his sin. All his worry and sleepless nights and guilt boiled up in him and he had to tell his Friend who had invited Himself home with him for lunch the things he had kept hidden from the world. You will be surprised how many people are ready to talk. *They simply need someone in whom they can have confidence.*

Fifth, SPEAK NATURALLY.

Your neighbour does not understand theological terms or religious phrases. *Do not wrap the message in technicalities.* They will learn the proper terms

do His part until man has taken this step. Conversion is what God does. It is the miracle He performs through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. *The new birth awaits the moment of personal invitation.* "If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him. . . ." The sinner must ask for help. There is no other way. The latch is on his side of the door. Decision is that grand moment. Postpone it and nothing can happen. Do not be a salesman with a fine presentation of your product and never produce the contract to be signed. So many times a person is won to the point that he is willing or almost willing—but the direct question is not put. "Hope

deferred maketh the heart sick ; but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life." So many times the mood passes, and old, perhaps evil, associations rally and woo the sinner away. The chance may never come again. Opportunity is God-given. Do not gamble with it. *Press for a decision.* "Ye have not because ye ask not." I know that people would be in heaven today if I had had the courage to have asked them to decide for Christ. *I hesitated and I was never given another chance.*

Every day I live I endeavour to ask God for men and men for God. *My fear is my worst enemy.* So many people confided to me later that they were waiting to be asked. How many lost souls in eternity will say, "No Christian ever asked me."

Ninth, TEACH THEM TO LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE.

There is truth in the word, "Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." So many personal workers acquaint the seeker only with himself or herself. That is a major mistake. Your business is to lead that soul to God. Let that soul hear for the first time the voice of God speaking to him in reassurance and comfort—and you have built strength, otherwise that soul is no stronger than the arm of flesh upon which is it leaning. You say, "Brother Ward, how can I teach the soul I wish to lead to Christ to listen to God's voice?" How? *By teaching that person two or three primary verses of scripture.* Tie the seeker to God's Word. Let your friend know before you leave him that God has spoken these words to him. These Divine words carry a guaranteed promise. Here is an example: ". . . He that heareth My word, and believeth on him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life." That is a big statement. It covers a lot of ground. *But who said it?* Jesus Christ says it. If those were simply my words they would be wonderful but purely sentimental and wishful thinking. They might be poetical, but at the same time they would be quite powerless. *But they are His words.* Therein lies the difference.

In leading a soul to Christ I must teach that man or woman at once that there is a difference between knowing *about* God and *knowing* God Himself. You know Him through His Word. Without this they will miss their way. The Devil will deceive them before breakfast. He will lie to them so cleverly that they will apologise to their worldly associates before the day is over for making fools of themselves at the evangelistic service the night before.

Always remember it, personal worker, *your word is not enough.* Teach the one you are dealing with to listen to God's voice. That is where Christian strength begins. When you think of all the matted problems of people's lives and the festering disquietude within and then remember that for every one of them there is a cure in Christ, there comes a longing to get them to Him.

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave ;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore ;
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more."

Those words are just as true today as the day Fanny Crosby wrote them. *People need help.* The sin-stained and inferior, the proud and the resentful, the sex-obsessed and sex-perverted, the prayerless and chronically selfish, the divorced and those planning divorces, the lonely, the unbelieving, the disillusioned and the delinquent, *sick souls every one of them, and they all need help.*

Would not you like to see one soul made whole again? Would not you like to stand by and say, "That person was sick, broken and lost, but now he is whole again. I am glad it was in my power to lead him to Christ"? Would not you like that thrill? Then let me tell you, Christian friend, this is not a preacher's monopoly. You can do it too. God will help any man who wants to do it. God will send His Spirit upon you for such service. The Master waits to say the same words to you as He once said to Peter, ". . . Fear not ; from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

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Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

GROWING OLD

MOST women do not like to admit their age, and though at times they may feel 100 years old I guess they like to keep as young-looking as possible. Isn't that true now? But you know age is surely creeping on—every moment of every day—even though you may be the youngest reader of this column.

The vital question is "How are you growing old?" That is the real heart of the matter.

"I do want to grow old gracefully" is the desire of some women of my acquaintance. Recently a *man* said to me, "I want to be saved from becoming a cantankerous old man."

I *must* gossip! When I was a girl I very much respected and admired two women. Neither was

known to the other. One was ambitious and intellectual. She created in me longings to be the same! To me now she is a complete disappointment. Her conversation is always about herself and her ailments, real or imaginary. She has grown into a fretful, self-centred old lady. The other woman I loved; she was so sweet and gracious, but now in old age she too is a sad disappointment because *she* always must be considered, and if things do not go according to her liking and pleasure she "blows up."

There are a number of old people I know who are gracious and lovely. Christian experience has refined and mellowed them. They are as ripe fruit ready to be plucked by the Master.

This poem has been sent by a few readers.

"They say that I am growing old,
I've heard them tell it times untold
In language plain and bold;
But I am not growing old.
This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honourable, they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

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So You're Too Busy!

Says Ken Anderson*

RECENTLY I received a letter from a Christian woman who believes she has what it takes to produce good fiction. The only hitch is, she has so many irons in the Lord's fires that she cannot keep up a normal quota of correspondence, let alone find time for the quiet and meditation necessary for the production of readable literature.

Her case pretty well typifies the average consecrated Christian, who, quick to rise and meet a challenge for service, often finds, in his zeal to do much, that he is himself pitifully shorthanded on all points.

True, top-speed living springs from the very grain of America. A successful business man, according to the general criterion, holds a telephone to each ear while he dictates a letter and a telegram and gives a pep talk to a half-dozen salesmen in for a briefing.

With commendable sincerity, the energetic Christian asks why he, in the Lord's work, should be any less diligent.

Actually, time is ours as a sacred trust, "Redeem the time" and "Let us work while it is yet day" are sobering commissions from the Lord. Just as sobering, though, is the fact that rushing hit-or-miss through a jam-packed schedule may render one's service almost as ineffectual as it would be if he sat around doing nothing.

If you suffer from the malady of too much activity, here are a few hints for effecting a solution.

In replying to the young lady with literary aspirations, I asked her whether she thought it more important to do a type of Christian service others could just as effectively perform or to centre her attention on the one talent she felt she possessed, a talent not as widely distributed as some abilities.

Maybe that is your problem. You teach a Sunday school class and sing in the choir and serve on the young people's programme committee and help sponsor the girls' or boys' club, in addition to holding down a six-day-a-week job, keeping abreast with a stamp collection hobby, listening to eight favourite radio programmes, and taking a correspondence course in something or other.

Try cutting down a bit. And remember, God honours those who honour Him. I have yet to meet the young person who did some sacrificing of his time for the Lord and had life sour on him.

Recently, for instance, I met a chap who was president of the senior class in a high school of almost 2,000 and a cheer leader for all football and basketball games. An out-and-outer for the Lord, he set a school precedent by refusing to take part in any activity which conflicted with his spiritual programme. On one occasion this meant missing the city championship football game. You should have seen the glow in his eye, though, when he related the opportunities for witnessing resulting directly from his consecrated decision.

It was Thoreau who said, "Let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand." Think it over. It might be just the therapeutic for your difficulty.

A great violinist was once asked the secret of his skill, to which he replied, "Planned neglect," explaining that he purposely planned to neglect everything else until he had given the time necessary to the perfection of his art.

A friend of mine, who holds a highly responsible job for a Chicago firm, carefully budgets each year's activity, taking care to give major emphasis to the Lord's work. He is superintendent of a thriving Sunday school with an enrolment of over 500. He

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serves on the church's planning committee. And that is all. The jobs he holds, though, he fills to a T.

On the other hand, it may be that circumstances demand you to fill a large programme. Even by cutting down here and there you are swamped. You need to learn the knack of salvaging time.

Leonardo da Vinci, whose notes deserve almost as much significance as his paintings, wrote, "Time stays long enough for those who use it."

John Erskine wrote many of his books in small margins of time—here a sentence, there a paragraph, somewhere else a page. Arnold Gingrich, formerly editor of *Coronet*, wrote a 115,000-word novel without losing a day from a full-time job; every night he went into hibernation with his typewriter until the job was done. Emily Post keeps up with her correspondence by carrying a pen, paper and postage in her bag, and writes to her friends during odd moments.

I know many Christians who carry a pocket Testa-

ment so that they can feed on the Word during their spare time. The whole idea of the Navigator system for Scripture memory is to make use of in-between moments.

In your prayer and planning, seek to channel your talent into the work best suited for you. If you cannot carry a tune, be big enough to step out of the choir and humble enough to help sort the Sunday school papers or do some similar job which must be done.

Remember always that a full life is a rich life, while an overcrowded life makes the individual miserable and often numbs the effectiveness of everything he does.

Millionaires and paupers, kings and serfs, all have but twenty-four hours a day in which to live. Nothing you invest for God means more in the full measure of eternity than the investment of your time. Invest it wisely.

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Scripture Union Portions. Notes by H. L. Dawson
 (Minister of Elim Church, Andover)

Sunday, July 6th. 2 Kings 23 : 21-30.

The 25th verse is a wonderful tribute to the godly character of Josiah, although he had no real encouragement from the people, who acted only as morons. He entered fully into the task of reformation with "all his heart, all his soul, all his might." What an example for you and me in our work for Christ. Often we are found a little half-hearted in our witness. Solomon said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." There is no excuse for half-heartedness in the service of Jesus. Notice too the pathetic end to this young king in verse 29. His one mistake was to trust his own judgment and it cost him his life, and this was the beginning of the end for Judah.

Thought for today: Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Monday, July 7th. 2 Kings 24 : 1-16.

In today's reading we have a vivid picture of the folly of sin. Sin enslaves, ruins and pauperises both nations and individuals. To persist in evil is to run into trouble. There is a warning here to the Christian: we need to ask ourselves the question, "Am I persisting in doing something which I know is wrong?" And if we are in any way guilty we must forsake that which makes us guilty and seek cleansing, or it will ruin our spirituality and wreck our lives.

Thought for today: Keep me from evil.

Tuesday, July 8th. 2 Kings 24 : 17-20 and 25 : 1-12.

Because Judah had failed to keep the covenants and obey God's word, we now see the wrath of God poured out in judgment on their sin. In chapter 25 there are four words that stand out as signposts to show us the coin in which sin pays its slaves: famine (v. 3), flight (v. 4), fetters (v. 5) and fire (v. 9). Oh, the awful judgments of sin; let each of us examine our lives and see if our own sin problem has been dealt with, or if we are heaping up judgment against ourselves by continuance in sin. We cannot run away from the consequence of our sin at the day of judgment, but we can flee to Christ at Calvary in this day of mercy.

Thought for today: Now is the day of salvation.

Wednesday, July 9th. Matthew 1 : 1-25.

Matthew opens his Gospel with the words, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ," and the writer's purpose is unfolded to us in these words. He wants to show the reader that Jesus Christ is indeed the promised Messiah. How encouraging it is to you and me to know that the promises of God fail not. He keeps His word. Though the centuries have rolled by since the promise was made, we see that God never forgot His word, and so it is written, "In the fulness of time God sent forth His Son made of a woman, made under the law." And if God kept His word and sent Jesus to be our Saviour, will He not also keep His word concerning the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus?

Thought for today: "These things are written that ye might believe."

Thursday, July 10th. Matthew 2 : 1-12.

The visit of the wise men reveals the purpose of God for Jesus Christ, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Jesus is a king and, as we know, the Jews rejected Him, but what about each of us, have we rejected Him or have we crowned Him king in our lives? Happy are we if Jesus is our king. Men pay homage to kings. The wise men have shown us the way to honour Jesus; we do so by the gifts of our worship. We may not have much to offer of this world's goods, but we can give Him all our heart.

Thought for today: How wise are we?

Friday, July 11th. Matthew 2 : 13-23.

In today's reading we see three Old Testament prophecies being fulfilled in the life of Jesus, and as one reads the Gospels it is interesting and enlightening to note the repetition of such phrases as we see here—"that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophets" (v. 23). What a wonderful book the Bible is; its value is emphasised by the fulfilment of its prophecies, but not all its prophecies concerning Jesus are fulfilled, and for the Christian the promise of His Second Coming is surely the most thrilling.

Thought for today: Jesus is coming again.

Saturday, July 12th. Matthew 3 : 1-17.

Today we are introduced to John the Baptist. He was (1) a preacher and (2) peculiar, but above all he was (3) a pointer to Jesus. Are we following his example and pointing men to Jesus? I believe too that it would be doing John an injustice if we were not to notice his humility—he knew his place: "He that cometh after me is mightier than I." How easy it is for us to become proud at our achievements in Christian service; it is good to remember that without Christ we are nothing.

Thought for today: Only clay in the potter's hands.

Women's Column (continued)

Why should I care if Time's old plough
 Has left its furrows on my brow?
 What though my tongue refuse to talk?
 What though I falter in my walk?
 I still can tread the narrow way,
 I still can watch, and praise, and pray.
 My hearing may not be as keen
 As in the past it may have been;
 Still I can hear my Saviour say,
 In whispers soft, 'This is the way.'

The outward man, do what I can
 To lengthen out his life's short span,
 Shall perish and return to dust
 As everything in Nature must.
 The inward man, the Scriptures say,
 Is growing stronger every day;
 Then how can I be growing old,
 When safe within my Saviour's fold?

Ere long my soul shall fly away
 And leave this tenement of clay;
 This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
 To seize the everlasting prize.

I'll meet you on the streets of gold,
 And prove that I'm not growing old."

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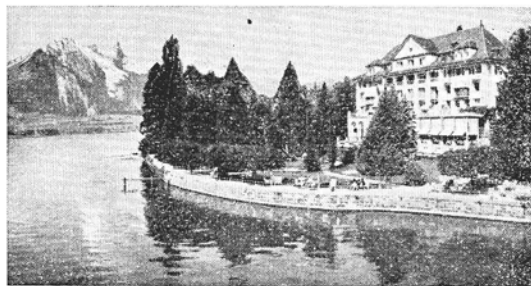
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