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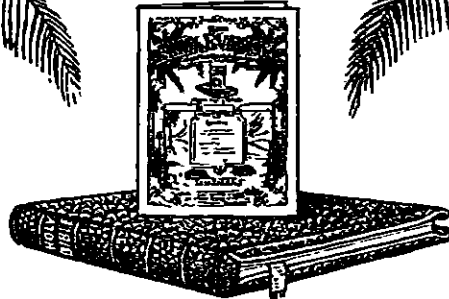
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# THE ELIM EVANGEL

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AND THEY CAME TO ELIM, WHERE WERE TWELVE WELLS OF WATER, AND THREESCORE AND TEN PALM TREES. — Ex. xv. 27.

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Coming King

# A Foursquare Easter!

## FOUR FOURSQUARE EASTER CONVENTIONS

in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales

**LONDON.** Elim Tabernacle, Park Crescent, Clapham  
Elim Tabernacle, Stanley Road, Croydon  
Elim Tabernacle, Central Park Road, East Ham  
Elim Tabernacle, Fowler Road, Islington  
Royal Albert Hall (see next column)

Speakers include Pastor R Mercer, Evangelists P. H. Hulbert, R. E. Darragh, J. McWhirter, Alex. Marks, and Miss Blodwen Terrell

**GLASGOW.** City Temple (opposite King's Theatre).  
Speakers include Principal P. G. Parker, Pastor and Mrs S. Gorman.

**BELFAST.** Elim Tabernacle, Ravenhill Road. Speakers include Pastor J. Smith, Evangelist W. H. McWhinnie, and others

**CARDIFF.** Cory Hall. Speakers include Pastors W. G. Hill, W. Barton and A. Longley

The London Convention will be from Good Friday, 18th April, for eight days. Those desiring accommodation should write to the Superintendent, Elim Woodlands, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4, stating exactly what they require, with particulars as to length of their proposed stay. Cheap railway tickets will be obtainable from all stations in Great Britain and from certain ports in Ireland and on the Continent.

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Easter Monday (April 21), 1930

at the

**ROYAL ALBERT HALL**

LONDON

Principal **GEORGE JEFFREYS**

(Founder and Leader of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance)

will officiate at

**THREE GREAT GATHERINGS**

Morning at 11 o'clock.

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After ministry of the Word, the sick will be anointed with oil and prayed for, and requests for prayer dealt with  
—James v. 14.

Afternoon at 3 o'clock

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**

After ministry of the Word thousands of saints will celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. All born-again Christians can participate  
—1 Corinthians xi. 26.

Evening at 6.30 o'clock

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE:**

When converts will be immersed in water according to the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
—Matthew xxviii. 19.

## Pray for these Great Easter Gatherings!

### Principal **GEORGE JEFFREYS** at **KILSYTH**

Eight Days' Special Meetings at Elim Tabernacle, commencing February 23rd. Sundays 3 & 6.30. Week-nights 7.30 (except Saturday), Wednesday afternoon 3. Watch for Birmingham announcement

### WATCH THESE DATES:

**BERMONDSEY.** March 9. Elim Church, corner of Grange Road and Upper Grange Road. Visit of London Crusader Choir, accompanied by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton

**COLCHESTER.** Commencing March 9. Foresters' Hall, Winnock Road. Revival and Healing Campaign by Evangelist Phil H. Hulbert

**FOREST HILL.** March 23. Foresters' Hall, Raglan Street, Visit of London Crusader Choir

**GRETNA.** Commencing Feb 11. Elim Foursquare Gospel Church (late Congregational Church), off Loanwath Road. Campaign by Evangelists Kelly and Byatt

**HAMMERSMITH.** March 20. Broadway Congregational Church, Brook Green Road. Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

**KING'S CROSS, London.** Feb 28. Welsh Tabernacle, Pentonville Road, great Elim Crusader Rally, 7.30

**LEIGH-ON-SEA.** Feb 25—April 1. Six Tuesdays at 7.30. Elm Hall, Glendale Gardens. Principal P. G. Parker

**PORTADOWN, Co. Armagh.** Commencing Feb 9. Elim Hall, Portadown. Campaign by Pastor Hilliard (Lurgan).

**ROCHESTER.** Commencing March 2. Elim Tabernacle, Star Hill. Campaign by Pastor Len Jones

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# The Elim Evangel

## AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

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## The Evolution Story

By Rev. G. A. GRISWOOD

**A**PPROXIMATELY eighty million years ago there happened upon this lifeless, godless planet a remarkable little chap called Bacterium. Where he came from nobody knows. How he came nobody knows. Why he came nobody knows. *Chance!* He was hardly noticeable and could play hide and seek in a needle's eye. This did not discourage him for he had a great future before him.

### BACTERIUM.

One day as he drifted along in the swampy, slimy ages of the dim and dismal past he happened into the pool of "spontaneous generation" and without any appropriation of "external forces" suddenly acquired the knowledge that he had within himself "resident forces." Upon receiving this information Bacterium, the original cell immediately got the big head and generated. Very soon (one million years) this tiny fellow, more wonderful than the sun, had ten thousand other cells like himself, all of which could take cover in an ordinary thimble.

### PROTOPLASM.

Meanwhile the earth had undergone tremendous changes and was now fit to live upon. Bacterium changed his name to Protoplasm, sought new environment, tried out new bodies, tasted various foods and tested out safety devices in his desperate struggle for life.

### JELLY FISH

One unknown day Protoplasm made an epochal stride forward. He suddenly assumed the proportion of a jelly fish, though rather elongated. Days of struggle ensued in which Jelly Fish waged a heroic fight for existence, culminating in his being able to discern right from left and head from tail. In this condition he wiggled, turned, flopped and struggled, he went around in circles. Nevertheless, he progressed. "The survival of the fittest" was on, and Jelly Fish had determined to make good. So on he floundered until four little legs began to sprout. This made Jelly Fish feel good, for he was now equipped to take short journeys and investigate the wonderful planet upon which he found himself.

### FISH.

With his four little wart-like legs, a poorly shaped head, and newly developed tail. Jelly Fish paddled

around; took sun baths, exercised his new muscles, opened his eyes, drank in the oxygen; felt the blood in his veins and eagerly awaited further developments. Eons rolled over his head, and now another change. Jelly Fish decided to drop the first part of his name and become "Fish." He now began to grow scales, fins, gills, jaw and a gristle-like skeleton to which he attached a tiny brain, for Fish was about to do some tall thinking for himself. With this new apparatus to hand Fish acquired great speed and could dart here and there at will. Food came easy and the upward struggle was not so bad, with millions of years before him.

As Fish was cruising along one day the sky grew black, the wind blew, the sea was choppy, the elements were disturbed. Fish became frightened and struck out for shore, a long and hazardous trip. Fortunately, he was overcome by the storm for he awoke next morning beneath a blazing sun, high and dry on earth's great shore. Heaving a sigh he regained consciousness, but found himself in a terrible predicament. He must develop lung power and a new way of locomotion. Fish had lots of backbone, so quickly adjusted himself to his new surroundings. He had not lost the art of wriggling, so he wriggled around using his fins to assist him. Through continual use of his fins they turned into claws and strength came with the using of them.

### AMPHIBIAN.

Fish now became Amphibian and was so delighted with his dual nature that he croaked for joy, thus striking the first vocal chord this world ever heard.

Amphibian was not surprised to hear the answering call of his soul mate, for many others had evolved with him. Amphibian loved to roam. He loved the sun. Years passed by. He developed large muscles. His claws grew strong with constant use. His brain was big, so was his heart. His blood was warm. He breathed. Therefore he discarded the name of Amphibian for Reptile.

### REPTILE.

At this particular time in the world's history war broke out. The camp became divided. Some of the Reptiles were forced to seek the tree tops. Being forced to remain there, their scales softened and became feathers. Eventually they evolved into birds and seldom visited the ground. The remainder from

which man was ultimately to spring continued on the ground, perfected an incubator system for his eggs built inside his body for convenience and transportation. Later milk developed and he changed his name to Mammal. He tried different sets of teeth, bodies and various ways of locomotion. His attempts at flying were unsuccessful. He failed where his more fortunate brethren succeeded. The best he could do was to reach the tree tops.

#### PRIMATE.

Brain power increased; life in the tree tops became monotonous, so he climbed down and changed his name to Primate. Through squatting around on the ground the remaining part of his disused tail

#### CAVEMAN.

As Caveman reclined in his cave one day he heard a frightful noise at the entrance to his home. Seizing his trusty stone hatchet, he hurried forward there to find a wild boar about to fall upon one of his offspring. Without hesitation Caveman fell upon the intruder, burying his blunt instrument deep in Wild Boar's head. This was a new and thrilling experience, and Caveman now possessed the art of securing his daily food. The skins he used to clothe himself and family.

During the next ten thousand years, Caveman made many changes. He developed speech; made clothes; ploughed the land; practised art, made implements

## Principal George Jeffreys at Glasgow Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

THE LAST FEW DAYS OF PRINCIPAL GEORGE JEFFREYS' REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT THE CITY TEMPLE, GLASGOW, WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO WERE PRIVILEGED TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF THE GREAT OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH CROWNED THE REVIVALISTS' EFFORTS: OVER SIXTY RECEIVED ACCORDING TO ACTS TWO, VERSE FOUR. VERY FEW LEFT THE CROWDED TEMPLE ON THE LAST NIGHT WHEN THE COMMUNION SERVICE WAS ANNOUNCED, AND THERE WERE TOUCHING SCENES. OVER FOUR HUNDRED CONVERTS HAVE FOUND NEW LIFE IN CHRIST. AT THIS CLOSING SERVICE HUNDREDS TESTIFIED TO HEALING OF ALL KINDS OF DISEASES. SOME TIME BEFORE THE MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED TO COMMENCE THE PLACE WAS PACKED: AISLES AND STEPS AND EVERY CONCEIVABLE SPACE WERE OCCUPIED, AND CROWDS TURNED AWAY. THE GREAT BODY OF MEN ON THE RAISED PLATFORM WAS AN INSPIRING SIGHT. THE SONG SERVICE RAISED THE SPIRITS OF THE VAST CONGREGATION TO PEAKS OF JOY AND WORSHIPFUL PRAISE. EVERYTHING SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON BY THE TIDAL WAVE REVIVAL POWER.

wore off. His arms became short. His legs long. He straightened up his back which had weathered so many storms; balanced his head, thrust out his chin and changed his name to Ape.

#### APE.

Ape was brainy. Jungle life was distasteful. The coconuts lost their flavour. Ape realised that progress was being retarded, so he told his tale of woe to one of the fair sex whose sympathy he had gained. They finally decided to leave the jungle for ever. Monkeyland could not understand the move, so remained, screeching fond farewells.

Ape and his wife struck out for the caves to propagate a new order of beings. His brain was improving, so was his sense of pride on account of his brilliant achievements. Ape and his wife talked things over and concluded in a change of name to Caveman.

of war, discarded the word Cave, and became Man, multiplied and spread over the face of the earth, leaving the rest of creation far behind.

#### SUPER-INTELLECTUALS.

Rapid progress followed in which the fit survived and the weak perished. On moved the race, until to-day we have a generation of highly developed super-intellects who can tell us all about our origin.

Reads like a fairy tale, doesn't it? *And that's all it is.* But the sad part about it is that this kind of nonsense is put forth in the name of scientific truth, taught from the text books of tax-supported schools; propagated on the silver screen; broadcasted over the wireless; and headlined across our great dailies and best magazines.

To-day we ride the heavens, plough the mysterious deep, pierce the frozen north, penetrate the darkest jungle, delve into the bowels of the earth, and con-

quer the desert in man-made machines. Everything yields before the overcoming hand of man. No wonder our learned professors are elated over their wonderful ascent from the slime pits of oblivion, to the crested heights of modern learning.

#### NO CREATOR.

Evolution claims that life upon this planet started in one original cell, evolving into three million known and complicated forms of life, as we find them to-day, without the creative act of a personal God. This cell received life through the accidental clashing of invisible atoms assuming a spontaneous origin, all things evolved in continuous progressive change according to fixed law by means of resident forces, the universe testifying to these facts, eliminating God as Creator.

The early progenitors of man were covered with hair, both sexes having beards, pointed ears capable of movement, and their bodies were provided with a tail. At an early period the progenitors of man must have been aquatic in their habits, a thorough denial of the Genesis account. They further state that animal life on this continent developed no higher than the South American monkey. The Old World current developed into anthropoid ape and then, by a colossal accident, into man. Man, who rules the world to-day, sprang from the lower animals, which sprang from Amphibian. These in turn from fishes, and they in turn from segmented worms. the exact reverse to the Biblical narrative.

Evolution moreover declares that life from its commencement upon this planet is a struggle for existence, in which the strong survive and the weak perish, and that they ought to be helped to perish. A pure case of Might is Right, and diametrically opposed to the teaching of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and His substitutionary death upon the Cross of Calvary, for the weakest of mankind.

#### TRANSMUTATION.

They tell us there has been transmutation of species throughout the long generations. The race has carried itself on successfully and progressively by the law of natural selection. That the different species who were normal and healthy sought and mated with those physically fit and capable of normal reproduction. The weak misfits and undesirables perished, contradictory to God's inevitable decree of "bring forth after their kind"

#### MISSING LINKS.

The evolutionists claim to have produced the "missing link." From a few fragments of bone that one could hide in the palm of his hand, they have constructed the "link," a base piece of fraud, now on public exhibition in this and other countries. The remarkable thing about it is that the "missing link" is still missing, and there is no link.

The human embryo, they tell us, is the same as that of a pig, calf, rabbit, and dog, and that at a certain stage our tail is still visible. This of course is proof positive that we descended from the monkey.

The age of the earth, according to them, varied from one hundred million years to eighty thousand years, each one of course taking as many years as his particular theory requires.

#### A MILLION GUESSES.

These are a few of the one million guesses strung together by misinformed men whose imaginary theory of the origin of life is being taught as if it were the authoritative voice of true science. Pagan in theory, it finds its roots deeply imbedded in the darkness of Greek materialism. Its devotees are largely atheists, agnostics and Bible rejectors. It is essentially opposed to Christianity, which it defines as sentimental slop, a whining, whimpering organisation always howling about the fall of man, sin, atonement, heaven and hell.

Evolution is the greatest farce ever foisted upon an unsuspecting public. The most frightful insult ever handed to an all-wise Creator since the creation of man. It is unscientific, unscriptural and anti-christian whether it be naturalistic, atheistic, theistic or so-called Christian. It is the strangest phenomenon humanity has to contend with to-day. It is a tremendous chain of circumstantial evidence supported by vague analogies and figures of speech. It remains to-day an erroneous doctrine, unproved and without a shadow of scientific evidence. Notwithstanding this, more than three out of four of our educators in leading universities teach this beastly doctrine. These, of course, deny the existence of God, Christ, angels and future life.

## Healed at the Age of 75½

### At Principal George Jeffreys' Cardiff Campaign

I WAS a great sufferer for years. For fourteen months I was helpless and had to be wheeled about in a long spinal carriage. My daughter wheeled me to the Revival and Healing Campaign in the Cory Hall, Cardiff, when Principal George Jeffreys prayed for me. I came out of the carriage and walked. I do praise the Lord for what He has done for me—(Mrs) E. GRIFFITHS (Penarth).



Mrs E GRIFFITHS

Mrs. Griffiths sends the above photograph and says: "I am still healed, and am sending you my photograph as a testimony to the healing power of God. I was anointed and prayed for on 3rd October, and healed. To God be all the glory."

# The Secret of Divine Healing

By Dr. A. B. SIMPSON

## WHAT IT IS NOT.

- 1 It is not healing by remedies
- 2 It is not imaginary healing.
- 3 It is not the exercise of will power
- 4 It is not the power of magnetism
- 5 It is not mind cure or metaphysics.
- 6 It is not spiritualism.
7. It is not faith cure or prayer cure
8. It is not immunity from death but strength for life
9. It is not presumption and insubordination to God's will

## WHAT IT IS.

- 1 It is the direct supernatural power of God exercised upon the body
- 2 It is in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and founded on them.
- 3 It is founded on Christ's sacrifice and work of redemption
4. It is through the resurrection life of Jesus Christ.
5. It is through the personal indwelling of Christ in our body.
6. It is through the Holy Spirit
7. It is through the personal faith of the sufferer united with the faith of others.
8. It is submission to the Divine will requiring our repentance for any sin or disobedience, and our consecration to God
9. It is for the service and glory of God.
- 10 It is a fact of Church history from the apostolic age to our own, and confirmed by innumerable testimonies in our own day
11. It is a sign of the Lord's approaching advent
- 12 It is a testimony to the Word of God and the truth of Christianity in this age of unbelief.

## WHAT IT DOES.

What the children of God need is not merely a lot of teaching, but the living bread. The best wheat is not good food. It needs to be ground and baked before it can be digested and assimilated so as to nourish the system. The purest and the highest truth cannot sanctify or satisfy a living soul. How truly the Master said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." It does not say from the fingers of God, but from the mouth of God. God wrote the old law with His finger on tables of stone, but that was not living bread. He breathes the New Testament message from His mouth with a kiss of love and a breath of quickening power. It is as we abide in Him, lying upon His bosom and drinking in His very life that we are nourished, quickened, comforted and healed.

This is the secret of Divine healing. It is not believing a doctrine; it is not performing a ceremony; it is not wringing a petition from the heavens by the logic of faith and the force of your will; but it is the inbreathing of the life of God; it is the living touch which none can understand except those whose senses are exercised to know the realities of the world un-

seen. Often, therefore, a very little truth with a great deal of rumination, reflection and communion will bring us much more help and blessing than a great amount of elaborate instruction. "He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me."

It is our business not to save people but

## TO LEAD THEM TO JESUS CHRIST

as their Saviour, and so it is not our business to heal people, but to lead them to Jesus Christ as their Healer. When they believe on Him, we can assure them of salvation; and when they believe in Him and walk according to His Word, we can assure them of His physical help and healing too. Paul perceiving that his hearer at Lystra "had faith to be healed," bade him rise and take his healing (Acts xiv 7-10). It is still true, as ever, "according to thy faith be it done unto thee."

Divine healing is not the most important truth in the Gospel, but it is a truth that God has shewn to us, and we cannot evade it or be ashamed of it without losing self-respect and God's approval. Let us never shirk it or compromise it in order to be popular. Even those who do not agree with us will respect us most if they see that we really mean the faith that we profess. Holding it in its subordinate place, let us hold it fearlessly, and confess it manfully wherever it is proper to do so.

Divine healing is not giving up medicines, or fighting physicians, or against remedies. It is not even believing in prayer or the prayer of faith, or in the men and women who teach Divine healing. It is not even believing the doctrine to be true. But it is really receiving the personal life of Christ to be in us as the supernatural strength of our body and the supply of our physical life. It is a living fact and

## NOT A MERE THEORY OR DOCTRINE.

Divine healing in its deepest and truest experience is likewise a life of ceaseless dependence in trying places on the Power beyond yourself—a source of strength that only allows you enough for a moment at a time. The popular idea is that it is some extraordinary influx of miraculous strength and love that lifts us above trial and disease for a lifetime, and equips us in a moment for all the way. This is not the apostle's experience. "We which live," he said, "are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." Constantly his natural flesh is failing him. Ceaselessly the Divine life of Christ was flowing into him. Grace for grace and moment by moment he lived on the life of his Lord.

This was Jeremiah's promise. "Thy life will I give to thee for a prey in all places whither I have sent thee." It was something constantly wrung from the jaws of destruction. What a thrilling figure! 'A life for a prey'! That is the sort of life that God has given to many of us. Not a life assured by self-constituted strength, but a life that hangs upon our Lord's life for every breath, and yet that never fails because He ever lives.

# Foreign Ambassadors

By J. D. SAUNDERS

**I**N II. Corinthians v. 20, we read these words. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

In studying the Word of God in relation to God's people we find that we are designated by a number of titles, such as believers, Christians, brethren, saints, and Jesus called His disciples friends but I think that the title that is most expressive of our position in regard to the world is this one of "ambassadors." In view of this fact it would be well to try and find out just what an ambassador is and what his duties consist of. The first thing I see here is that

## AN AMBASSADOR IS A REPRESENTATIVE

—the British Ambassador at Washington is a representative of Great Britain there, and is the mouthpiece of the King of England to the United States. He is clothed with special powers in view of his special duties, and is looked upon by the people of the United States as a person who voices the sentiments of the country he represents. So here in this sin-cursed world we are the representatives of Jesus our King, we are His mouthpiece, to us has been given His message to the people of this land. If this thought could grip us what a difference it would make in our lives. The world is reading us, and what we shew them gives them the right to conclude that the things they see in our lives are the expression of God's life in us. They are watching us continually, as they did our Master. They criticised Him; they will us. They scoffed at Him; they will us. But in spite of all this if we are true ambassadors of Christ we can be like the village blacksmith, who "looked the whole world in the face and feared not any man."

## AN AMBASSADOR IS A FOREIGNER.

The Chinese Ambassador in London is a foreigner, and a blind man can tell he is a foreigner by his speech. So we, as ambassadors for Jesus, should be the same, for as Paul said, "Our citizenship is in heaven." Men ought to know we are foreigners by our speech. In Judges, chapter xii, we read that the Ephraimites were betrayed by their inability to say "Shibboleth." They could not say it aright, they said "Sibboleth" and the Gileadites detected them by that test. Also when Peter was being tested in Pilate's hall, one of the men said to him, "Galilean, thy speech betrayeth thee," and though we speak the language of earth, through it there should run a foreign accent, the language of heaven.

## AN AMBASSADOR IS IN TOUCH

with his country. He cannot give himself over to the pleasures of this world. He must be continually in touch with his country, for he never knows what may happen at any moment. To enable him so to keep in touch, he has a direct line of communication with headquarters in his own country. Well, thank God, so have we. God has provided us through

prayer, a direct line of communication with our headquarters in heaven. The Devil will try with all his power to break this line. He will let me read the Bible, study and preach the Word, but he will invent excuses to keep me out of communion with God, and the masterstroke of the Devil's work in a Christian's life is to drive a wedge between his soul and God to keep it out of touch and so break communion. Prayer is undoubtedly the most effectual force and power in a Christian's life.

In Isaiah vi 2, we read that the seraphim each had six wings. "With twain he covered his face and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly." There we see a wonderful lesson; two-thirds of them covered, and only one-third in use. Or to bring it closer home to our hearts, two-thirds devotional, and only one-third service.

## A PRESENT AMBASSADOR SIGNIFIES PEACE.

As long as he remains in the country, it signifies that there is peace between his country, and the one he is in. So too as long as the ambassadors of Christ are here, we can preach peace between God and man. The moment an ambassador is called to his own country, it is a sign that something serious is about to happen, that war is about to be declared. There is a day coming, I believe very soon, when the ambassadors of Jesus Christ will be called to their own country—called Home—and it will be a serious day indeed for the earth-dwellers, for war will then be declared, war with all its dreadful and pitiful consequences, a war in which there will be no doubt as to the final issue, for the armies of our God led by our great Captain will march relentlessly and triumphantly on, breaking down all opposition, until the whole earth shall proclaim the sovereignty of God's Son, and the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. Until then may we be faithful ambassadors for Him, and may we be very mindful of our "high and holy calling," keeping ourselves in the love of God, unspotted by the world.

## Royal Albert Hall Demonstration

Easter Monday, 21st April, 1930

### ORCHESTRA

Will all instrumentalists who have previously played in the orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall in connection with the Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance Demonstrations, together with any new friends who would like to assist in this way, kindly communicate as early as possible with the Musical Director, Elm Woodlands, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4, who will be pleased to forward particulars and form to be filled in by all instrumentalists. Kindly send stamped addressed envelope.



# How God Baptised a Methodist Preacher in the Holy Ghost

By Pastor J. NARVER GORTNER

I WAS a member of the North Nebraska Conference. My wife had been a semi-invalid for several years. She had had operation after operation, and had been in the hospital several times. Though under the care of numerous physicians, no doctor could do her any good. We decided to go to California, thinking that the change of climate might help. She got better for a little while, and then went down to the very gates of death. Hours and days passed by, and we expected that almost any moment her spirit would take its departure to the other world.

Somebody said, "There are some people over here who believe in God."

## THE PRAYER OF FAITH

was offered; God laid His healing hand upon my precious wife, and she was marvellously healed. For fourteen months she had lived almost exclusively on raw eggs and malted milk. When the Lord healed her she began to eat beef-steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, and everything she wanted. And she has been doing that ever since, and we have not had a doctor in our home, nor a medicine chest.

Among the dear ones who came to see us while my wife was lying at the point of death, was a sister who left a little tract. This sister had received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Somebody else left a copy of *Word and Work*. I subscribed for it, and for *Triumphs of Faith*. I read one evening *The Baptism of the Holy Ghost*, and just before going to bed, I knelt down and said, "Lord, I would like to have this blessed baptism."

That night I had a dream. I was looking off toward the west and saw a chain of mountains; I could just see the outline of them. It was dark. Morning seemed to dawn. The sun rose, and the rays of the sun fell upon that chain of mountains. The mountains remained just as dark as they had been before the sun rose; but there were

## TWO LITTLE FOOTHILLS

that shone like gold. I said, "What can that mean?" And the Lord seemed to say, "Those two little foothills represent two people baptised in the Holy Ghost and fire. The rays of the Sun of Righteousness are falling upon the big mountains just as they are falling upon those little foothills, but the mountains are not receiving and reflecting the rays." When I awoke I was sitting up in the middle of the bed, looking off toward the west.

I fell asleep again, and found myself in a large room. The room was about half-filled with rubbish, and I seemed to realise it was my duty to clean the rubbish out; so I was throwing it out through the doors and windows, getting rid of it as quickly as possible. Again I woke, and said, "What can that mean?" And the Lord said to me, "Your heart is half-filled with rubbish, which will encumber My work. If you want the Spirit of God to come in and take full possession, you must get rid of the rubbish."

Several years passed by, and I continued to preach the Gospel of the grace of God, and to read such Pentecostal literature as came into my hands. I was the President of the Coast Side Camp Meeting Association, and in the fall of 1914 we had a camp meeting at Arroyo Grande. I was very tired at the close, and I said to my wife, "I'm going to pack my grip and go to Cazadero, and attend a few of the meetings of the Pentecostal Camp Meeting in progress there. I am going to see what these Pentecostal people are preaching and doing anyhow." I arrived there on Tuesday of the last week of the camp meeting. I think I should be willing to walk a hundred miles in order to be at another camp meeting like that one. Some time ago I learned that Brother Adolph Peterson of Chicago received his Baptism at that camp meeting, on the very same day on which I received. It was a marvellous meeting. It seemed that the billows of Divine power swept back and forth over the assembly like the billows of the mighty ocean.

A short time after I had arrived on the grounds, one of the official members of a large Methodist church in Oakland, knowing that I was a Methodist preacher, called me aside and said, "Do you approve of that? Do you set your sanction on that?" pointing to some things that he did not approve of and that I was not quite sure were in the Spirit. I said, "I am not going to tell you." He said, "Why not?" I said, "I know the Lord, and when I came to this camp ground I recognised

## THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD

in this place. And if there are some things I am not ready to put my sanction upon, I am not going to criticise or find fault. God is putting up with things that may not be in accordance with His purpose and plan; and He is saving sinners, and baptising believers in the Holy Ghost, and so I am going to assume the attitude of the man who said that when he ate fish, he always laid the bones to one side. He did not try to eat the bones; he ate the meat."

Wednesday and Thursday passed by. Friday morning two sisters got into conversation about the Methodist preacher on the camp ground. There was only canvas between them and me. They did not know I was listening; and I could not help but hear. One said to the other, "Have you met that Methodist preacher on the camp grounds?" "Yes." "Well, what do you think of him?" "Well, he is quite nice, but he won't receive the Baptism." "What makes you think so?" "Why, he has too many ideas in his head." But thank God it is possible for God to get past the ideas in a Methodist preacher's head and get down into his heart and fill him with the Holy Ghost.

A sister came to me and said, "Are you seeking the Baptism?" I said, rather hesitatingly, "No." "I was going to invite you over to Sister Mont-

gomery's cottage yonder to attend a waiting meeting to-morrow morning," she said, "but if you are not seeking we don't want you to come. There is no room for mere onlookers." I just looked at her and did not say anything. Presently another sister came to me and said, "Sister Montgomery has extended to you a special invitation to come to the waiting meeting at her cottage to-morrow morning." I said, "I will be there."

I went the next morning. And all the forenoon, with a number of others, I tarried before the Lord. Three received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost before the waiting meeting came to a close. While I was conscious of the Spirit's presence and blessing, I was not baptised in the Spirit. I attended the services under the big redwoods that afternoon and evening, and it was about twelve o'clock when I went to my tent and committed myself to God, and retired for the night. I slept as sweetly as a babe until broad daylight. As I woke I was reminded of a passage of Scripture that I had not thought of in many a long day, "Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him." I said, "Lord, the angels of God have met me in this place." God surprised me then and there. He opened the windows of heaven and

**THE GLORY OF GOD CAME DOWN**

and flooded the tent, and my body was convulsed by the power of the Spirit of God, and I was filled with the Holy Ghost. And almost before I realised what was taking place, I was speaking in another tongue as the Spirit gave me utterance

Among the words I spoke were these, *Loco jaka*. I should have forgotten those words had it not been for the fact that the Devil (who is likely to be on hand at a time like that) said to me, "The interpretation is, 'It is all a fake'" I said, "I know it is not all a fake. Why this is as real as sunlight. It is as true as God." I said, "I will tell the people what the Lord has done for me." The Devil said, "You had better go a little slow." I opened the Word of God, and the first passage my eyes lighted on was, "I will declare what He hath done for my soul." The Devil said, "That is very remarkable, but you just happened to see that passage. Listen to me—if you testify here among these Pentecostal people that you have been baptised in

the Holy Ghost, you will have to testify to your Methodist congregation when you get home, and it may be that the Methodists will not receive your testimony. You may be put out of the synagogue." Again I opened the Word of God, and the first passage my eyes lighted on was that in which we are told. "Many of the chief rulers believed on Him, but

**BECAUSE OF THE PHARISEES**

they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue, for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." I said, "That settles it, Lord, I will tell these people that I have been baptised in the Holy Ghost." And so I did.

On the afternoon of that marvellous day, the last Sunday of that wonderful camp meeting, I went to Brother Smith Wigglesworth and said, "I have had spinal trouble for several years and have been a great sufferer. The Lord has baptised me in the Holy Ghost, I believe He is able to heal me." He anointed me with oil, laid hands on my head, and prayed for me; and I walked away. And the Devil said, "You are in exactly the same condition physically that you were in before you were prayed for." About half an hour afterwards, however, I became conscious of a mysterious power that seemed to be working in my spine. The Lord seemed to be massaging it. And that continued for hours. A few mornings later, when I got up to a room in a hotel in the city of San Francisco, I tried to find a sore spot somewhere on my back, but I could not find one anywhere. The Lord had made me over physically. I went home walking on air. The first man I met at the station was a superannuated Methodist preacher. I told him what the Lord had done for me. He looked at me in utter amazement and disgust, and said, "I hope it will last." Praise God, it has lasted! When the Spirit of God comes, He comes to abide for ever.

**WHERE BLESSINGS COME FROM.**

An aged pair, known for their contentment, affection and happy Christian lives, were asked, as they spoke of many joys that had been their portion, "Have you, then, had no clouds in your sky?" "Why yes! Where else could all the blessed showers come from?"






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enemy, and the public repartee in which these two powers have just indulged is but a harbinger of that mutual enmity which Ezekiel and other prophets long ago foresaw as arising between the great world powers which will ultimately be found marching against Christ in His appearing (Ezekiel xxxviii 21, and compare the type, II Chronicles xx. 23, with context). Meanwhile let prayer continue to ascend for the Christians of Russia, for their heroic pastors and evangelists, and for those blind instruments of Satan's hate, their persecutors.

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## Distribute the Word.

OUR ATTENTION was recently arrested by a striking picture. The picture shewed a wide open door. Passing by it was the Lord Jesus Christ. His hands were outstretched toward people in the house who would be looking out through the door. Underneath the picture were written the words, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by—what wilt thou?" The picture is full of suggestiveness. Only a few moments and the Master would be past the door. But in those brief moments eternal possibilities were offered. "What wilt thou?" Is it eternal life? The Master will give it. Is it the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? The Master will give it. Is it special guidance—special deliverance from a tight corner? The Master will give it. God shall supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. What wilt thou? He is passing by to-day. Let every home—every individual call upon Him. His hands are full. Let us be filled out of His fulness.

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## Passing By.

WE CANNOT ESTIMATE the value of tract and Bible distribution. Much is scattered and the growth from the scattered seed is unknown. Occasionally the result of such scattering does come to our ears, and we are again stirred up to active effort. Here is a stimulating incident told by the well-known evangelist, Gipsy Smith.

"In France, near Rouen, during the War, I went across to a Y.M.C.A. but one afternoon I had been over the same ground before when there was no one on it, but on this particular day an encampment had sprung up in connection with the Indian contingent. The Hindu priest, or the man who had charge of the priests, when he saw me on what was deemed to be sacred ground angrily called me a dog, and said I ought to be shot. I smiled at him and followed him into his tent, and left on a table a copy of John's Gospel. I had forgotten all about this until the other day, when it was all brought back by a friend who told me how that Hindu read the Gospel, and was impressed, and bought a Bible and read that, and after a time was converted. After the War, I learned, he went to England, and to one of our universities. Then he went to the Johns Hopkins University in America. He started preaching. Then a minister who was helping in one of my missions told me this. He said, 'I lost my faith when I was at a university in Boston. A chum and I ran away. We got to Salt Lake City. There we came into contact with this former Hindu priest. I went to hear him preach, I heard his story. I was brought back to Christ, and became the pastor of a church. So I thank God, Gipsy, that you left that Gospel in the tent that day!'"

## The Pot and the Kettle

THE PERSECUTION visited upon Christianity in Russia has now been extended to Judaism, large numbers of rabbis, as well as influential Jewish laymen, having just been imprisoned to await trial upon the charge of attempted counter-revolution, a term which the Soviets are pleased to fasten upon all attempts to teach any part of the Bible, or to give popular instruction about God and His worship, and for which the death sentence can be inflicted.

We do not, however, view the intervention of the Pope in the Russian crisis as helpful to the situation, nor the association therewith of the condemnation of the persecution uttered by our own Archbishop of Canterbury. The Pope, representing as he does a dynasty of Pontiffs whose savage enormities committed against the true evangel of Christ and its adherents during centuries of time—representing also a Church which gives every evidence of a readiness to renew its anti-Protestant crusade with all the old weapons of bloodshed and hate whenever it shall have opportunity—is obviously not the person to condemn any persecution of Christians; and the Soviet rejoinder to his utterance promptly pointed out the weakness of his moral position, as it was bound to do. Atheistic communism is the avowed enemy of our Lord and His Christ, but Rome is a plausible and camouflaged

# From the Natural to the Spiritual

## A Short Study of God

By Pastor LEN. J. JONES

*Being an address given at Elim Tabernacle, Bermondsey*

**M**OST people believe in God, or a Supreme Being. Science acknowledges a first Cause bringing about a first effect. That Power that brought things into existence and continues to uphold and regulate them with such faithfulness and precision we call God. The one who endeavours to persuade himself and the world otherwise, the Bible describes as a fool.

To believe this is something, but you have not covered a great deal of ground if you have only gone that far. "Thou believest that there is one God, thou doest well the devils also believe and tremble." If you want to go further, the Bible is the Book to take you further.

By the things around us day by day our natural reasoning tells us there is some One behind all.

### YOUR NATURAL REASONING

will take you a certain distance. By considering the sun, the moon, the stars, the earth standing on "nothing," the sea coming so far and no further, the rain in due season, and summer and winter with such regularity, we come to know God as One who is strong; but not only so. Because of the regularity and continuity, it tells us too that this strong and great One is also a faithful One.

That is about as far as we can get with our natural reasoning.

We find that the Scriptures start right from this very point. We find, too, that not only do they reveal God, but that they reveal Him progressively, taking us step by step, from class to class, grade to grade, as if we were in school, and so indeed we are.

When a boy starts school he is put into the infant class and works on through school. Let us start, too, in the infant class of the Word of God in our study of God.

A wonderful way used by the Holy Spirit to teach us this study is through the names of God. Words and names are vehicles in which thoughts are carried—words and names convey to others our thoughts. The word *he* tells you something; it explains that the one referred to is masculine. But it does not explain so much as the word *man*, and the word *man* does not tell you as much as the word *father*. These words are progressing and tell their own story, so there are

### NAMES OF GOD

in the Bible that tell their own story.

A number of names of God are used in the Bible. Their dissimilarity is in some cases distinguished by the English printing, as with God, LORD God, Lord God or LORD. There are three primary names and seven principal compound names for God. These words are progressive.

The first primary word is in Genesis i 1, the first

verse of the Bible. "In the beginning God created the heaven(s) and the earth." The word is *Elohim*, meaning *El*—strength or the strong One, and *alah*, to swear, to bind oneself by an oath, so implying faithfulness.

The second primary word used is in Genesis ii 4. ". . . In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens." Dr. C. I. Scofield says that the primary meaning of this word is, "The self-existing One who reveals Himself."

The third primary word is in Genesis xv 2. "And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt Thou give me?" It is considered that this Hebrew word is *Adon* or *Adonai*, meaning Master, telling us not only the attitude toward man, but what should be man's attitude toward Him.

We are making progress in our study. God is the strong and faithful One, who always was, who reveals Himself to mankind, and asks of mankind their service. It is wonderful how these words have been put in the Bible, so beautifully in order and so progressive.

Let us go further from class to class with our text book, the Bible, and our Teacher, the Spirit of God. Many sermons have been preached and much has been written on the

### SEVEN PRINCIPAL NAMES

of Jehovah. In this article we will merely mention the Hebrew word for each, with its meaning, and a place in the Scriptures showing its message, not only as to the attributes of God, but also the progressive revelation of those attributes.

1. JEHOVAH-JIREH—"The Lord will provide" (Genesis xxii 13, 14)
2. JEHOVAH-RAPHA—"The Lord that healeth" (Exodus xv 26)
3. JEHOVAH-NISSI—"The Lord our banner" (Exodus xvii. 8-15)
4. JEHOVAH-SHALOM—"The Lord our peace" (Judges vi 24).
5. JEHOVAH-RA-AH—"The Lord my shepherd" (Psalm xxiii).
6. JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU—"The Lord our righteousness" (Jeremiah xxiii 6)
7. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH—"The Lord is present" (Ezekiel xlvi 35)

These words tell us clearly Jehovah's relationship to man. He is One who will provide, One who heals the body, One who protects, One who gives peace, a Shepherd, One who provides righteousness, and One who is always present.

There are also many expressions telling us what He is, and what He does. We are told of His plurality in Genesis i 26. "And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness." We can find also in such passages as Genesis xviii 23-33

information regarding God's personality: not that He is force or energy, but a Personality, and One who responds to prayer. His holiness (Lev. xi. 44), His hatred and judgment of sin (Deut. xxxii. 35-42), and His righteous redemption of sinners (Genesis iii. 21; Exodus xii. 12, 13) are made clear in different passages of the Bible. It will be remembered that salvation by Jehovah apart from sacrifice is unknown in Scripture.

#### OTHER PASSAGES,

tell us of the security there is in Him. David tells us in Psalm xviii. 1, 2, that the Lord is his Strength in whom he trusts, his Rock, his Fortress, his Deliverer, his Buckler, the Horn of his salvation, and his high Tower. As the natural objects so named do service in the world around us, so does the Lord for David. Many are the expressions used in the Old Testament, to which so far our study has been confined, setting forth what God is to His people.

This study is continued in the New Testament. The New Testament revelation is not independent of the Old Testament, but springs forth from it to complete the whole revelation of God. The Old Testament message is continued in the New. Christ continued the expression of the Lord as Shepherd. It may not be very exalting to be called sheep, but the expression has been used advisedly—we are sheep, and the Lord is our Shepherd.

If any animal needs the help of man it is a sheep. Many people have tried to lose dogs or cats, and the animals are waiting for them at the gate when they get home. But it is not hard to lose a sheep.

#### THE LORD CALLS US SHEEP.

In the flock they have a little sense, but a sheep lost is the most confounded of all animals, not knowing what to do until assistance comes. Christians, too, need each other—they can get along together in the flock, but they are helpless when on their own, however strong they may feel. Even in the flock the sheep has its difficulties, but these are not to be compared with the difficulties of the lost sheep on the mountain side. So will Christians receive their butts and digs from the other sheep in the flock, sometimes being trampled upon; but these difficulties are not

to be compared with those of the lost sheep. Imagine how the lost sheep would welcome some of those digs again when on the mountain side, just to be back in the flock. Remember the Lord calls us sheep—sheep we are, and sheep need a shepherd.

There are many other phases of this progressive revelation in the New Testament, but we will close with one, and surely this is the greatest. As the arch needs a keystone, surely this is the keystone of progressive revelation—*God loves*.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John iii 16)

God is love! I feel it in the air around me,  
God is love! I see it in the heaven above me,  
God is love! all nature doth agree  
But the greatest proof of His love to me  
Is Calvary

#### THE DISPENSATIONS,

too, help to bring out this thought of progressive revelation. The human race seems to have passed through various stages of growth and revelation, in much the same way as a child passes from stage to stage. It is remarkable the resemblance there is between the two. When we come into the world we are innocent, corresponding to the first dispensation in the garden of Eden—the dispensation of innocence. After a period of time in innocence, we step out of that at our first consciousness of wrongdoing, comparing with the second dispensation of conscience. The next step is when we are in subjection to our parents, which is surely after and not before conscience—this would compare with the third dispensation of human government. And so we grow and seem to live out in our lives not only innocence, conscience, human government, but also promise, law, grace and kingship. Law would no doubt correspond to the time when we are first convicted of sin with the realisation that we are not right with God, and would be the schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. But when we come to Christ then we are under grace, until the other, the manifested kingdom, which is still future, both as regards the dispensations as well as man's realised blessedness, shall gloriously arrive.

## Book Review

An "After That" Experience, by Rev. W. K. Towner, D.D. (price 2d.)

This booklet is most useful for widespread distribution. Mr. Towner was, and continued to be, a Baptist minister of a large church in San Jose, U.S.A. He tells how this church as a whole and he himself in particular received a tremendous revolutionising, Pentecostal experience. From a human baptism of effort he passed into a Divine baptism of power. The Day of Pentecost was, in measure, repeated in him and his church. After this miraculous experience Mr. Towner said, "I would rather preach this message *with this power* on an ash barrel in a blind alley against a brick wall than to stand in the greatest pulpits in America without it." His church

became vibrant with spiritual life and success. He was able to say a few years after the revival, "We have baptised upwards of 1,700 candidates during the last three years, and our church has grown from a membership of about 300 to nearly 1,200."

Principal George Jeffreys writes a brief foreword in which he speaks of Rev. W. K. Towner as "a saintly scholar and a scholarly saint."

A second edition of this booklet has just been issued. It is obtainable from the Elm Book Saloon, 7, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.4 (Price 2d., by post 2½d. 1/10 per doz., by post 2/- 12/- per 100, by post 12/9).

# That Extra Mile

By Pastor O. R. PALMER

*"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain"*—Matthew v. 41.

**T**HE Sermon on the Mount has its setting in the Law, but it has most profound teaching for those of us who are under grace. It tells how Christ came, not to destroy the Law, but to fill it full. It speaks of the righteous requirements of the Law upon God's people in their relations to God and to their fellow men. It goes far beyond and deeper than any outward observance—the words of Jesus, "But I say unto you," shew how God sees the thoughts and desires of the heart, which may or may not be expressed in outward manifestations. If the heart is evil and corrupt, no matter what the religious observances may be, it will only be a "form of godliness," while utterly lacking, and perhaps, denying, "the power thereof."

## A NEW WAY

In this setting of Law and its demands, and the spiritual X-ray words of the One to whom all things are "naked and open," we have teaching which is new and startling. It is a way made possible by the Cross of Calvary and to be made real by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

This is not evolutionary; it is revolutionary.

The natural man, the man under Law, is a stranger to it, for he knows not where such wisdom is found. "The depth saith, It is not in me, and the sea saith, It is not with me" (Job xxviii. 12-18).

There must be a new way, a new life, a new source of supply, pure and incorruptible. Where "sin reigned," with its corruption and decay, its utter inability, its need of Law, we reign by one, Christ Jesus. Where the Law compels, grace impels and we rejoice in our new-found liberty, blessing and power.

It is the King's highway, boulders removed, well kept, blood sprinkled, but alas, how little known or travelled!

## THE FIRST MILE

The world is full of respectable, law-abiding Christians on the first lap of the journey. They do what they think is their duty to do, and there they halt. Who would expect more of them than their duty? They have never tried the last mile with its rich rewards.

Men and women are compelled by precedent—what others do or did. They gave so much or served in such a manner. It would seem mean to do less, but there they stop. They do not think of giving or doing more, but they miss the last mile.

People are slaves to public opinion—what people say or think. If people approve, they thrive, if people disapprove, they perish. They give and do to be seen of men and verily "have their reward," but they know nothing of the last mile.

We stand vigorously for our rights; we want all that is coming to us, and are moved with indignation if any one questions or tramples upon these rights.

We forget the injunction to have "the mind of Christ," who relinquished His rights, that He might prove to us the wisdom and power of the Cross.

If we are not busy about our own rights, we champion

## THE CAUSE OF OTHERS.

We fume, fret, talk and "war," and make no progress in spiritual life because we never get beyond the first mile. The Holy Spirit says "Ye fight and war, yet ye have not—ye ask and receive not." If prayer is to be real, testimony strong, fellowship with the Lord precious, we must get beyond the first lap of the journey, and try the second mile.

The Law holds dominion over a man so long as he liveth, but if the man is dead, the Law is silenced (Rom. vii 1-4). Death is a liberator. Our Lord knew that deliverance came through death. Therefore He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, that He might liberate (Luke iv. 18) those who had been long under the bondage of corruption and dominion of death. He well knew how death would liberate His disciples if they became identified with Him at Calvary (Rom. vi 6). There is no power in the first mile in which we are compelled to go; the liberty is in the second mile which we undertake voluntarily.

## OUR EXAMPLE.

Jesus said, "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John x. 28).

The disciple has the choice, but if he is to have the new life, he must first lay down the old. If he chooses to find his life in the old realm with its corruption, its limitations, its bondage, he can do so, but if he desires to "reckon" himself as dying with Jesus at Calvary, and in the place of the "natural" life, begin to draw upon the new life—the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus—the Holy Spirit will liberate and begin to make real the marvellous, but almost untried and undeveloped powers of the new creation. We surrender the old; we receive in its place that which is from God.

## THE SECOND MILE VOLUNTARY.

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself." This does not mean what we sometimes call self-denial. It is a vital and utter denial of self. We go with Him twain, voluntarily. In the old life, self sits on the throne, and sin and death reign. Satan has access to the "natural" life, and causes any amount of trouble.

In the new life "he that is dead is free." "If we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him." If we suffer (endure), which means to stay under or

behind (which the old man always objects to), "we shall also reign with Him."

Self must be dethroned by ourself That is, each one must consent to it; the second mile is voluntary. We are to be at the death and the burial of the natural man Then the reign in life begins. Satan no longer holds dominion, nor has access to the inner life As he is dethroned by us, we begin in the Spirit and in the victory of Calvary to conquer him

"Ye shall receive power" (*dunamis*) It is a miracle in itself, and the ministry is miraculous Do we wonder that the disciples were told to "tarry" until the Holy Spirit came? He brings the believer into the new realm of life and overcoming in Christ—into a new sphere of authority over all the power of the enemy who ruled in the old Adamic life

In the light of this and its joy and power, we are enabled to take the Cross voluntarily, to endure hardships without complaint, to suffer loss without fighting for our rights. The going of the second mile leads to the joy which no man takes from us, and the asking and receiving whatsoever we will from the Father's hand (John xvi. 22-24)

## Concise Comments and Interesting Items

"Humanism" is the name given to a new religion which is being popularised in America A minister speaks of it as follows

"A new 'denomination' called Humanism was launched recently, with headquarters in New York City Thus the humanist is trying to dignify his infidelity by operating it as a religion

"The new denomination was launched by a man who was once a Baptist preacher Later he became identified with the Unitarians and finally became a Universalist Neither the Unitarians nor Universalists were liberal enough for him, so he started something of his own He says 'Humanism unambiguously agrees in rejecting the supernatural' This is the great dividing line between them and all other religions of to-day"

"Humanism is not new It is the same he that brought about the collapse of Eden The purpose of Humanism is to rule the transcendent God out of our thinking, and to destroy faith in everything supernatural This was the suggestion, if not the words, of the serpent when he tempted Eve 'You don't need a God The God idea is out-worn What you must have is a new conception of God The latest scholarship demands a new God idea' Be your own god Yield to temptation and ye shall be as gods' Did you ever hear anybody talk that way in the twentieth century?"

The well-known Paul Rader who used to be pastor of the Moody Church has been touring in China, seeking to bring help to missionary and native His utterances are full of power Here is a striking extract from an article of his on "Modernism in China"

"This is an hour for bringing to the Chinese, who are lovers of their country, a message of real salvation from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ, and the message of victory over sin through the power of Jesus Christ, and the message of the fulness of the Holy Spirit by which to do God's work with God's own supernatural power This is an hour in China when no missionary, who does not know the power of prevailing prayer, the power of a holy life, the power of the Holy Ghost, should leave his homeland The powers of darkness and the forces of dissolution, the delusions of mixed teaching, are too great for anything but the power from on high

"I have seen the Holy Ghost work in these last few months as I have never seen Him work in my life Oh, I trust that the Christians in the homeland will continue to increase in their intercession, for I feel it come like waves as I face these great audiences of heathen darkness We have sinned against God in not believing the words of Jesus when He said, 'When He the Spirit, is come, He will convict the world of sin' How

Our enemies are confounded by our voluntarily going the second mile They compelled us to go one mile, and we defeated them on the second They never saw things after this fashion. People will wonder why we do not contend for our rights, seek "the uppermost seats in the synagogues," but they do not know the law of liberty and understand what we are getting out of that second mile. Satan has free access to the first mile, but as his province is to exalt himself, to assert his claims, the second mile is a barren place for his working

There will be little inclination to differ with our fellow Christians We shall be so delighted with the second mile that we shall encourage our fellow Christians to try it and to walk with us

It is the way of liberty, testimony, power, of constant fellowship with our once crucified, but now risen and enthroned Lord It is the reigning life, not merely life reigning but we are "reigning in life, by One, Christ Jesus"

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain"

silly to be discussing all the doctrines of Christianity with students who have never been convinced of sin! It is like trying to cure a man of cancer by giving him a medical college course in surgery"

A young broadcast operator performed a heroic act during the broadcasting of the king's speech at the opening of the Naval Conference Preachers will be able to apply this in a helpful way

Harold Vivian, an employee of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, discovered the wire had broken which energised the wireless "link-up" This meant that fifty-nine American radio stations would have lost the king's speech He examined the break and found that it would take at least twenty minutes to repair Meanwhile the king would be making his speech. This young man without a moment's hesitation grasped the ends of the broken wire, one in either hand, and allowed the current to pass through him Shocks of 250 volts shook him, but he held on until the repairs were made He was then sent home—but report says that he was not seriously hurt.

There is another King whose voice should be heard in every part of the earth Do we know any broken connections? Then let us be able to say, "I am the connection"

Sir Charles Marston is spending a fortune to prove the accuracy of the Bible A daily paper gives us this interesting information

"The remains of the famous Walls of Jericho are still being excavated by an expedition financed by Sir Charles Marston, a member of the House of Lords of the Church Assembly

"The expedition, which is in charge of Professor Garstang, has already laid bare sections of the stone ramparts which enclosed Jericho during the Bronze Age

"Sir Charles Marston said to-day 'I am delighted at Professor Garstang's success All along I have felt certain that the conclusions of the German excavators before the war were in need of revision The Germans said, 'The Bible is wrong' I say that the Bible is right, and I am confident that the more we dig in the Holy Land the more will the trustworthiness of the Biblical narratives be established So sure am I of this that I have spent a fortune in fighting the Bible's battle. Two years ago Professor Garstang examined Jericho and Ai for me His conclusions were that Jericho was destroyed by fire about B.C. 1,400 This would prove the accuracy of the Biblical date for the Exodus He is now in Jericho to verify his dates from pottery fragments His forthcoming volume on Joshua and the Judges will astonish the world It will also confound the higher critics'"

# Effective Evangelism & Crowded Churches

## Baptisms at Swansea and Clapham—Faithful Ministries

### BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

**Clapham** (Pastor J J Morgan) On Thursday, 30th January, a crowded congregation assembled to witness the baptism of nineteen candidates. A spirit of hearty concord prevailed, and everyone entered into the service with Holy Ghost liberty.



Pastor J. J. Morgan.

Before the testimonies of those desirous of being immersed were given, Pastor Len Jones ministered the Gospel in song, accompanying on his guitar.

One of the candidates, in testifying, said he was brought to a decision for Christ only a fortnight previously, under Pastor Morgan's ministry. Mr Jones gave a clear, straightforward exposition of water baptism, dealing clearly with the significance of the ordinance, and our reasons for observing it. While speaking on the latter point he said Christ had commanded it, the apostles carried it out, the early Church obeyed it, thousands of people all over the world still

believed in it, and a happy throng at Clapham were certainly observing it that very night!

Pastor Morgan officiated in the baptismal waters, and gave a promise to each believer being immersed. After the last candidate had been immersed Mr Morgan appealed for any who were willing to obey the Lord similarly at the next opportunity. Sixteen hands were raised in response, surely a healthy indication of life and growth in the assembly!

### FIFTY-FIVE BELIEVERS IMMersed.

**Swansea** (Pastor W Barton) Since the advent of the Foursquare Gospel to Swansea, the work has shewn signs of sure and steady progress.

During the short time since its inauguration, the Foursquare truth has already been variedly proclaimed and presented here. It was gloriously introduced by a Welshman, Principal George Jeffreys, who was followed by an Irishman, Pastor J Smith, supported by a visit of an Englishman, Principal P G Parker, and is now being successfully carried on by a Scotsman, Pastor William Barton.

During the campaign multitudes were saved and healed, and the majority are still standing as living witnesses of the reality of the work. During Pastor Smith's temporary ministry here the work was placed on a working basis, souls were saved and bodies were healed. The short visit of Principal Parker also proved very profitable, as he preached and proved from the Scriptures the various aspects of the Foursquare Gospel. Many souls were saved and restored, bodies were touched, and the saints edified in the truth, founded and established upon the Word of God.

A very happy sequel of Principal Jeffreys' campaign was a remarkable and impressive baptismal service recently conducted by Pastor Barton, at Bethesda Welsh Baptist Chapel, which was kindly lent for the occasion, when fifty-five candidates were immersed in water.

Long before the service was to commence the beautiful and spacious building, which accommodated between 1,100 and 1,200, was packed, and as they heartily sang the Foursquare choruses, it was evident that a real revival spirit prevailed.

Previous to immersing the candidates, Pastor Barton gave a plain, practical and profitable address on the true meaning and mode of the believer's baptism as revealed in the New Testament. Special emphasis was placed upon the fact that the candidates were not baptised to be saved, but baptised because they were saved—water baptism was an outward sign of an inward work, and an essential token of loyal obedience to the great command and commission of our Lord.

After an impressive address, the candidates were given an opportunity of testifying of their personal experiences of salvation. The testimonies were brief and to the point, some expressing their gratefulness for the coming of the Foursquare Gospel to the town, others declaring how they had come into touch with Jesus the Healer, and all testifying that they had come into personal and vital touch with Jesus the Saviour.

A very original note was struck when one of the young converts of the campaign declared "Thank God I am saved, God knows it, I know it and now you all know it!"

A soul-stirring sight was witnessed when the fifty-five candidates, fathers and mothers, young men and young women passed through the waters of baptism amidst enthusiastic singing. At the end of a remarkable service many signified their desire to be baptised in water as soon as another baptismal service can be arranged.

### BLESSING AT BATTERSEA.

**Battersea** (Mr I E Francis) The Lord's blessing has been realised in this corner of the vineyard in a remarkable way during the past few months. The ministry of the Word is greatly appreciated by the saints, and the response to the moving of the Holy Spirit is inevitable. Such freedom! Such love! Such power! Such rejoicing! Why? Because great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst, unto Him has been the gathering of the people. To God be all the glory, who alone doeth all things well.

The Lord is also blessing amongst the boys and girls of the Sunday school, which is an important part of the work here. At the party held on a recent Saturday about eighty-five scholars, which included the Primary Department, enjoyed a good tea, followed by games, recitations and singing.

The distribution of the prizes was followed by a few words of encouragement from Pastor Morgan and Mr Francis. Quite a number of adults were able to come along to the prize distribution, especially the parents and friends of the scholars, who always receive a hearty welcome at the services. We rejoice with the Sunday School Superintendent, and teachers because of the goodness of the Lord.

Let us believe God for floods upon the dry ground at Battersea—He is able and willing. Hallelujah!

### FOURSQUARE RALLY.

**Welsh Tabernacle, King's Cross.** Much blessing has been received, and the saints edified and strengthened by the preaching of the Word, with signs following. Messages of encouragement and helpfulness have been faithfully spoken, according to His mighty Word, during the past month by Pastors Court, Nolan, Morgan and Stoneham, respectively, whilst on the last Friday, January 31st, Miss Kennedy spoke on "A Holy Priesthood to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Opportunities are given for the sick to be prayed for according to James v 14, also for those who seek for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several have received the full blessing at these meetings recently.

This Foursquare Rally is much appreciated by those who attend, while the beautiful building and the worshipful praises of the Lord accompanied by messages in word and song make it attractive and edifying.

### MISSION AT CHESTERFIELD

**New Whittington, Chesterfield.** We praise the dear Lord for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit at New Whittington. Souls have been saved and bodies touched by His Divine power here. Ten adults and six children have accepted Him as their Saviour under the ministry of Pastor R Lewis, while saints have been edified and uplifted. God has wonderfully used His servant in the ministry of the Word. The saints here are looking for still mightier things if the Lord tarries.

### CAMPAIGN AT WATFORD.

**Watford** (Pastor J Kennedy) We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing His saints here, and they are praising God for sending Pastor Len Jones among them. The meetings during the past week have been well attended, and on Thursday Miss Jardine paid a visit and gave testimony to God's healing power. At the close of this service several came out for healing. One sister had lost her voice, but after being prayed for, it returned. Another sister was nearly blind in one eye, but was restored to see clearly. On Sunday the meetings were well attended. The Lord blessed the preaching.



of His Word, and the people had the joy to know of two souls born again, while many were touched by the Divine Physician. One sister was healed of diabetes. Surely there is a sound of abundance of rain.

### PROFITABLE STUDIES.

Hford (Pastor J. Bradley). The Lord is continuing to bless the work in this centre. The Bible studies during the past

few weeks, given by the Pastor on the subject of prayer, viewed from many aspects, have been very instructive and profitable to the saints.

On Sunday evening the subject of "Temptation, its Source, and how to overcome," proved to be a time of the Holy Spirit's illumination upon the Word. The breaking-of-bread services in the mornings are a time of hallowed fellowship while the spiritual gifts in operation prove a means of edification to the saints.

## The Family Altar

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

**Sunday, March 2nd.** Matthew x. 32-42.

"A cup of cold water" (verse 42).

It is not what we do that counts in the sight of God, but the way we do it. Many a one has given away a cup of cold water or even a cashbox of golden sovereigns, but he or she will hear nothing about it in heaven. The gift has simply been prompted by human sympathy, or the wish for human approval, or a desire to save oneself from being worried again. But a cup of cold water given for Christ's sake becomes an investment for God that will be realised in eternity. All that we do should be the outcome of the constraining love of Christ. When we live unto Christ everything will be done better. House duties, office duties, school duties, all duties, will bring satisfaction not only to others, but to God. "Mary, why are you so careful to sweep under the mats, and dust the corners?" Mary's inward heart says, "Because I am a disciple of Christ, and I do my work thoroughly just to please Him." Such giving—the giving of more attention to our daily duties for Christ's sake—will be like that cup of cold water. It will not lose its heavenly reward.

**Monday, March 3rd.** Matthew xi. 1-15

"He that hath ears to hear let him hear" (verse 15)

Our ears are our property. Let them be governed by the heart. Get the heart right with God—then the ears will harmonise with the heart. Steadily fix the heart upon God. Live in the joy of His presence, live in the purity of His holiness, then the ears will be very sensitive. Vulgarity of all descriptions swarms around us. Evil gossip, evil tales and evil words are on the lips of the world surrounding us. An open heart to God will mean closed ears to godlessness. Think purely. Speak purely. Listen purely. Don't be ashamed of ridicule—be ashamed of sin. Don't be afraid of being left alone—the lonelier your earthly life, the more precious will be your unseen spiritual fellowship with God. Let your ears be open windows to God's fresh air. Let them be tightly shut against the vile odours of Satanic suggestion.

**Tuesday, March 4th.** Matthew xi. 16-30

"Wisdom is justified of her children" (verse 19).

The wise appreciate wisdom. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The man who fears God is wise. Fear to clash with the will of God and you are wise. Don't simply wait for the will of God to be brought to you—search it out. Whatever circumstance you have to face, seek to understand God's attitude toward that circumstance—then act with God. The wise are never content with their own wisdom—they ask for God's. God gives wisdom to them that ask for it. What is the black problem that faces you to-day? You have your thoughts how to act. Your thoughts may be right—but they may be wrong. There is One who can bring perfect wisdom to bear upon the problem. Seek His wisdom. In His wisdom you will be wise.

**Wednesday, March 5th.** Matthew xii. 1-21

"In His Name shall the Gentiles trust" (verse 21)

"'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus—just to take Him at His word." Trust rightly placed brings prosperity. Trust misplaced leads to disaster. Find one in whom you can perfectly trust—then trust with utter abandon. Can we find one in whom we can perfectly trust? We have found that One—it is Christ. Happy are they who daily put their trust in Him. In Him are to be found all the riches of wisdom and know-

ledge. He knows all. He is able to deal with all. No man has trusted Him and been confounded. Confusion has only resulted when there has been a limited trust. Let the trust be unlimited. Let confidence in Him be more complete than even a child's trust in its parent. Trust and burdens cannot live together. No trust will leave us with a full burden, partial trust, with a partial burden. Complete trust, with no burden at all.

**Thursday, March 6th.** Matthew xii. 22-37

"Jesus knew their thoughts" (verse 25)

If the thoughts are wrong the whole life will be wrong. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Think purely and you will speak purely. Thoughts can disturb the most peaceful scenes. The harmony of many a prayer meeting has been marred because of hidden thoughts that never crystallise into words. Words are powerful, but thoughts are more powerful. Thoughts can bring strain even when words are without strain. Christ looks at His Church and He hears what she thinks. Man only hears what we say. He hears what we think. "Keep the door of my lips," is a proper prayer. But do we constantly pray, "Keep the house of my thoughts?" Let Christ be the Keeper of our thoughts. He knows them. Let Him keep them. "Dear Lord, as we go forth into the great bustling world, let our thoughts not be as the thoughts of a world that has not God in its thoughts, but let our thoughts be such as become those whose citizenship is in heaven."

**Friday, March 7th.** Matthew xii. 38-50

"Whosoever shall do the will of My Father . . . the same is my brother" (verse 50)

The relationships of heaven are spiritual. The heavenly family is not governed by earthly relationships. Heavenly relationships are stronger and more enduring than earthly relationships. God is the Father of the redeemed. All that are redeemed own Him as Father. All who own Him as Father are closely related to each other. Church ties are closer than than home ties. Happy are we when Church ties are home ties as well—when we are related to our earthly loved ones with a heavenly relationship, because they also belong to the redeemed. How beautiful to know that we are related to all those who do the will of God. We have relatives in all parts of the world. It would be a strange family gathering if we all got together—black, white, red, brown—such a variety! But all this would be forgotten when with one voice we sang,

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

**Saturday, March 8th.** Matthew xiii. 1-17

"Other fell into good ground" (verse 8)

We do not know why our hearts were good ground. We cannot tell why the sown seed has sprung up in us, and not in others. But we know that in some unexplainable way the seed of the Word of God has sprung up in us. God's Word is rooted in us. We are growing for Him. Hallelujah! Grow on—God wants strong growth. Grow on—even if the tares do grow around. Keep the head up toward the sunshine—don't droop the head toward the weeds. The winds may blow—but weather the winds. Sunshine, wind and rain all make for strong growth. Stunted growth does not glorify the Husbandman. Don't grow in spasms. Grow daily. Don't grow simply on Sunday—grow every day of the week. Grow to-day. We shall grow if we keep our heads up toward the sunshine.

# The Pentecostal Power

Mrs C.H.M.

Mrs C H Morris

1. The pow'r that fell at Pen-te-cost, When that up- per room, Up -  
 2 "Ye shall have pow'r (said Je-sus) when The Ho-ly Ghost is come, "low  
 3 The wav'ring shall stead-fast be-come, The weak in faith be strong, With  
 4. Breathe on us now the Ho-ly-Ghost, The young and old in-spire; Let

on the watching, waiting ones, The Ho-ly Ghost had come Remain thev-er-  
 loosen'd tongues shall speak his praise, Your lips no more be dumb, The timid shrinking  
 ho-ly bo'd-ness go-ing forth, Der ouncing sin and wrog, With burning zealeach  
 each re-ceive his Pen-te-cast, And traitsand tongues of fire, Thou wonderfultrans-

CHORUS

more the same, Unchanging still, O praise His name.)  
 ones be brave, To reach a hand the lost to save. The pow'r, the pow'r, the  
 heart a-flame, A whole sal-va-tion to proclaim. The pow'r, the pow'r,  
 forming pow'r, Come now in this ac-cept-ed hour

Pen-te-cos-tal pow'r Is just the same to-day. Is just the same to-day,  
 the same to-day, the same to-day,

The pow'r, the pow'r, the wonderworking pow'r is just the same to-day  
 The pow'r, the pow'r, is just the same

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## Bible Study Helps

"HE IS ABLE."

1. **Able to save.**  
 He is able to save to the uttermost (Heb vii 25). No limit as to the need of sinner or saint!
2. **Able to keep.**  
 He is able to keep you from falling (Jude 24, John x. 9) No limit to His watchful care
3. **Able to succour.**  
 He is able to succour them that are tempted (Heb. ii 18). No limit to His sympathy
4. **Able to strengthen.**  
 God is able to make him stand (Rom xiv 4, see Acts xx. 32, II. Tim iv 17). No limit to His power.
5. **Able to fulfil His promises.**  
 What He had promised He was able also to perform (Rom iv 21, II Tim . 12) No limit to His faithfulness
6. **Able to Compensate.**  
 The Lord is able to give thee much more than this (II Chron xxv 9). No limit to His wealth
7. **Able to deliver.**  
 Our God is able to deliver us . and He will (Daniel iii 17) The Lord knoweth how to deliver (II Peter ii 9) No limit to His resources
8. **Able to restore.**  
 God is able to graff them in again (Rom. xi 23). No limit to His patience
9. **Able to meet every need.**  
 God is able to make all grace abound unto you that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, etc (II Cor ix 8) No limit to His fulness.
10. **Able to exceed our expectations.**  
 He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think (Eph iii 20) No limit to His love
11. **Able to vanquish every foe.**  
 He is able to subdue all things unto Himself (Phil iii 21) No limit to His sovereignty.
12. **Able to do the apparently impossible.**  
 Him . . . that is able to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24) No limit to His blessing answered  
 "Believe ye that I am able?" (Matt ix 28).

Sunday, March 9th, 1930.  
 READING: I. Kings xii. 1-17.

## Sunday School Lesson By Pastor P. N. CORRY

**MEMORY TEXT:** "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Rev. iii. 18).

### WISE AND FOOLISH COUNSEL

#### TEACHER'S NOTES.

We are living in a day when the counsel of men of experience and years is little accounted of, and "the bright young things" seek to have much of their own way and do whatsoever they

wish It is good therefore to have a lesson such as the one chosen for this week to act as a corrective, and to shew that youth and impulsiveness do not always lead to strength or unity, but sometimes to division and loss Some of the outstanding signs of the last days as prophesied by the Apostle Paul are love of self, boasting, pride, disobedience to parents,

ungratefulness, conceit, the loving of pleasure more than God (II Timothy iii 1-7) Youth holding the reins and riding over every desire of the nation led to the undoing of the mighty kingdom of Solomon, and youth, selfish and blinded by pride, is always bound to pierce the ship of character or state upon the rocks if they go ahead against the solid counsel of men of years and character. This reading may well be used to impress on every scholar the need of obedience to his parents and of due deference being paid to those who look at things from a greater distance than a day's march.

#### Decay of Solomon's Glory.

Solomon's reign did not end as gloriously as it commenced, and the eleventh chapter of this book is a sad narrative of failure, backsliding and idol worship. Moreover there were adversaries on the south (Edom, chapter xi 14, 22), and on the north (Syria, chapter xi 23-25) waiting to begin their work, as scavenger vultures hovering over a dying foe, so soon as the kingdom was weak enough. But Solomon was so much occupied with satisfying the domestic claims of his own divided household that he failed to discern the national foes that were preparing to bring his royal house to the dust.

There was another foe however—

**Jeroboam the Ephrathite**, one of the most powerful men in Israel, head of the house of Joseph, a mighty man of valour, and a servant of Solomon's. This man knew his destiny, was sure of his calling as the executioner of God's judgment upon the house of Solomon, and Solomon had sought to kill him (chapter xi 26-40) for years he had been a fugitive living at the court of Shishak, king of Egypt, but now, having heard of the death of the king, he returns at the invitation of the tribes, with the intention of causing trouble, and places himself at the head of the revolt (chapter xii 1-3). Do not be afraid of picturing the scene to your class, make these two men Rehoboam and Jeroboam live in their imagination. There stands the new king, a man forty-one years of age, come to claim submission from all Israel at Shechem, and at once the grumbling and discontent of the tribes is very manifest. They were reaping the burdens that the prophet Samuel had said a king would bring upon them (see I Samuel viii 10-18), the yoke being grievous.

#### Wise Counsel.

These old councillors of the king knew the burdens that the people were carrying, knew the true feeling of the country and had every right to be heard, because they had experience to back up their words. They had not lived during those last years of King Solomon without noting the growing uneasiness of the tribes, and moreover a soft answer turneth away wrath.

Trouble was afoot, led by a man with a grievance, and their counsel was worthy of their years, but Rehoboam rejected it with scorn and listened to the worthless counsel of the younger generation that had grown up with the king. These men were the coming rulers, companions of the king, but they led Rehoboam on to his fall. Make the burden greater, so that your little finger shall be thicker than your father's loins, chastise them with scorpions instead of whips, and add to the weight of the yoke. It was madness to talk to people on the verge of revolt in this manner, but it was just the kind of thing to expect from those whose eyes were blinded by the glint of gold and the lust of power, for these companions were those to whom this new programme of oppression was to be given to carry into effect. Their words won the day, and the answer of the king framed in such language rent the kingdom in twain. "To your tents, O Israel, now see to thine own house, David," was the cry, and Rehoboam, the would-be harsh ruler of Israel, found himself in danger of life, and forced to flee to Jerusalem.

**Worthless Counsel** abounds in these days from the ranks of youth, and many following it have found that in doing so they have lost more than three-quarters of the kingdom, and nearly if not quite all the character and glory that once was theirs. Live for self, for pleasure, for glory, and never mind the sound advice of father or mother—this may seem useful counsel for a time, but it quickly proves itself to be worthless, leading to loss and ruin. On the other hand the Word of God is full of

#### Wise Counsel.

Turn to the faithful sayings of the aged apostle Paul in his last letters, and you will find much wisdom that should be received.

I Timothy i 15 "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Thank God He came for sinners, because then I can be sure that I am the man for whom Christ died (Romans v 6, Mark i 17, Luke xix 10).

I Timothy iv 9 "Godliness is profitable unto all things having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance." Exercising the body is only profitable for a little while, that is in this life only, but godliness is not only of profit now, but for the life to come.

II Timothy ii 11 "It is a faithful saying. For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." Therein lies the secret of victory from sin, self and sourness. May God find us to be such as shall hearken to His counsel, especially to that declared in Revelation in 18, which is the Memory Text for the week.

## An Unusual Telegram



HE was very anxious about his soul's salvation, but could get no peace, comfort or rest although one Sunday he listened attentively to three preachers. He went home to his lodgings very anxious. How could he be saved? He knew his sins were unforgiven and he got little sleep that night.

Monday morning he went to his work in a telegraph office. Shortly after he arrived, there came the signal that his station was called. As the message was received, he wrote down the name of the sender and addressee. Then came the message.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John i 29). "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph i 7).

He dropped his pencil and looked at the telegram. Though designed for a young lady, who was troubled about her soul (and who also got peace of soul through its words), it was God's message to him.

He said afterwards, "The words—Lamb of God—Redemption—Blood—Riches of His Grace—went right into my poor heart, no one in the whole world could have greater joy than I had that Monday morning."

My reader, have you got this peace and joy? May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing (Rom xv 13). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi 31).

Peace is possessed by those who simply hide in Christ alone, and in His Word confide.

They read their pardon, written full and plain

By God Himself, who sees them without stain —W T P. W.

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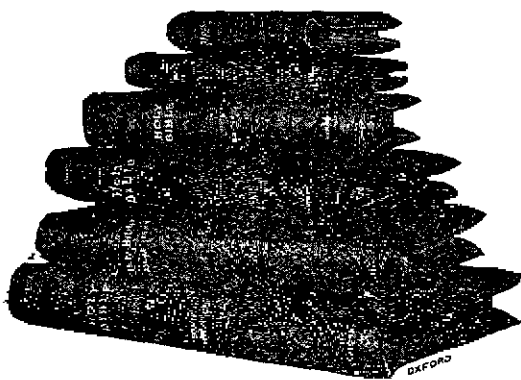
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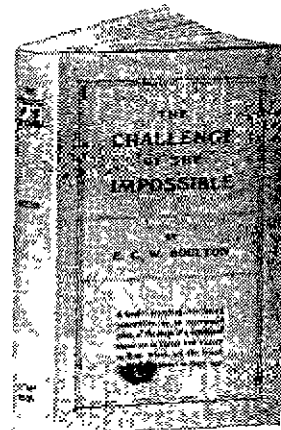
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