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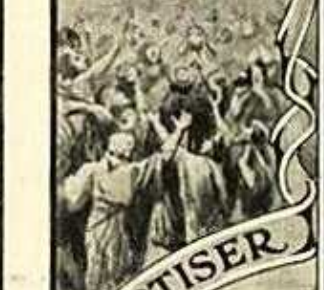
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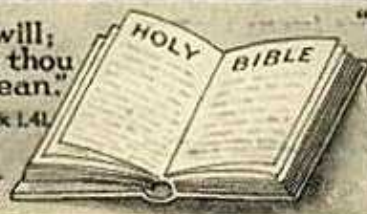
John XIV. 3.



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



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



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BALLYMENA During February Elm Hall, Castle Street, Campaign by Pastor and Mrs R Iweed

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CLAPHAM. Jan 13—Feb 17 Elm Tabernacle, Park Crescent Six Tuesdays, at 7 30 Bible School lectures by Principal P G Parker

HORNSEY. Jan 14—Feb 18 Zion Tabernacle, Duncombe Road Six Wednesdays at 7 30 p m Bible School lectures by Principal P G Parker

HORNSEY Feb 15 Zion Tabernacle, Duncombe Road, at 6 30 Visit of London Crusader Choir

KENSINGTON, London. Every Sunday during January at 3 and 6 30 in the Kensington Town Hall Pastor P N Corry (Dean of Elm Bible College)

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES Jan 15—Feb 19 Elm Tabernacle (late St James' Hall), St James' Road Six Thursdays at 7 30 Bible School lectures by Principal P G Parker

LONDON. Every Saturday at 8 p m Foursquare Gospel open-air meeting at Marble Arch, Hyde Park

LONDON Every Friday night at 7 30 Welsh Tabernacle, Pentonville Road, King's Cross Foursquare Gospel Rally

MERTHYR Feb 7-12 Jerusalem Chapel, Court Street, Gospel mission conducted by Pastor Wm Davies

SOUTHAMPTON Commencing Jan 18 in the Llim Tabernacle, Park Road, Freemantle, Campaign by Mr J Tetchner

THORNTON HEATH. Still in Progress Moffatt Road United Methodist Church Campaign by Pastor Le Tissier and Evangelist C Johnson Sundays 3 and 6 30 Week-nights (except Sats) 7 30, also Wednesdays at 3 p m

ELIM HOLIDAY HOMES.—All who have stayed at the above during the last three years are invited to attend the Reunion on Saturday, January 31st. at 3.30—9 p m. Tickets 1/- at the door

BALLYMENA.

Principal GEORGE JEFFREYS & Revival Party
REVIVAL & DIVINE HEALING CAMPAIGN
in the Town Hall, Ballymena

Monday, January 26th, to Sunday, February 1st

Modernism: Self-confessed & Self-exposed

THE orthodox fundamentalists, who stand for the Bible and Christianity, have all the time contended that Evolution and Modernism mean, and lead to, a base surrender of everything sacred in the Christian religion.

This opinion has been sneered at by the clerical infidel Modernists, as nothing but orthodox bigotry. These declare that they are simply advocating an improved form of Christianity, in harmony with modern science and thought. They whimper when we tell them that they are nothing but old-time infidels enthroned in university chairs and Christian pulpits.

AS PRETENDED CHRISTIANS

while, in fact, they are dynamiting the very foundations of Christianity, and undermining the world's best civilization.

Rev. Dr. A. Wakefield Slaten, of New York, makes an open avowal of what his and all Modernism is leading to, and "what our grandchildren will believe. We quote his own words, to let the innocent and beguiled people know the abyss into which this Modernism is directly leading.

He declares that "*the old-time Christian religion is dying*" He boldly tells us what will take its place. He says:

"The whole incubus of supernaturalism will have been lifted from the minds of our grandchildren."

This means that there is *no God*.

"The reason for right action will no longer be found in the hope of *heaven* or fear of *hell*."

This is a practical denial of both.

"Worship as the expression of dependence upon adoration of the Deity will have disappeared."

Our grandchildren will stand in reverent wonder before

NATURE'S MIGHTY PROCESSES,

but there will be no doxologies to a fictitious person supposed to control them."

In other words, our poor grandchildren will not worship God, for there is none, but they will worship Nature, like the ancient Pagan fire-worshippers!

"Truth, and goodness, and beauty, loyalty, courage, honour and industry, all we know as the virtues, will be sought and found, incarcerated in actual human beings, not in a god in the sky, or a demigod on earth."

That is, not in God nor in Christ will virtues be found.

"The light of science will flood even the dark recesses of human personality. Understanding nature and human nature more perfectly, our grandchildren will enjoy a great simplification of life. From the conflicts and confusions we suffer, from the mixing in our minds of religious and scientific teachings, they shall be free."

"The duties will have vanished from human thought, and our grandchildren will have ceased to pray to them. They will have ceased to teach their children dark prayers, predicated upon the supernatural and the fear of death."

So, without God or Christ, or any supernatural universe or being, hope of heaven or fear of hell, adoration or prayer, or religion of any kind except a "wonder of nature's mighty processes"—that is what our grandchildren are to be!

"We are living in the last stage in the history of a great religion," this sapient disbeliever goes on to say. "It is

FALLING INTO DECAY

and gradually is giving place to a new and vigorous successor. We are sitting by the death-bed of the old Christianity. The noisy clamour of controversy we hear is the death-rattle of the ancient faith. The Christianity of our fathers is passing away. Something else will take its place.

Then this honest Modernist, who does not, like most of them, lie about what he is trying to bring about, gives us the new "confession of faith."

"Our grandchildren, instead of trying to coerce teachers to make the Bible authority, instead of regarding conscientious college students as atheists, and perhaps causing them mistakenly to regard themselves as such. I believe they will have re-stated religious terms to harmonize with modern thought."

As if anyone with these views could be more of an atheist than he already is, over and over denying the existence of a personal God!

"Specifically, they will believe in a self-existing and self-creating universe."

Profound thought! A universe, before it exists, proceeds to create itself! Yes, "from nothing we came, and to whatever is our station, to nothing we owe an immense obligation!"

"They will believe in the spontaneous and natural origin of life."

This is the old infidel creed of Huxley. He was

LASHED BY FELLOW SCIENTISTS

till he was compelled to admit: "The fact is, at the present moment there is not a shadow of trustworthy direct evidence that abiogenesis does now take place, or ever has taken place within the period during which the existence of life on the globe is recorded."

The theory was that "fire-mist started itself to action by its own latent forces, and evolved worlds and stars and set them in the harmony of the heavens, just as if directed by an omniscient mind. Then the dead matter originated life in the many forms of vegetable life and animal life that swim in the water, fly in the air and roam in the forest. And in the process of evolution this fire-mist mounts to the grade of man and invests itself with the higher powers or personality. Now it legislates in the wisdom of Moses, sings in the psalmody of David, reasons in the philosophy of Plato, frames the heavens in this science of Newton, preaches in the power of Paul, and crowns all human life and achievement with the divine life of the Christ." Yes, everything we know—Plato, Shakespeare, Raphael, Christ—are all potential in the fires of the sun! The infinite foolery of such theory is immeasurable.

Yet great Dr Slaten says this is going to be one of the

ARTICLES OF FAITH

in the religion of our grandchildren, and he is glad of it "What fools these mortals be!" "The fool has said in his heart, There is no God" Can even a fool believe it?

They believe "in evolution—that human life is an outgrowth of precedent animal life"

"In determination, or the mechanistic conception of human nature, that is, the acts of a human being are predetermined by his heredity, environment, and his own experiences"

This is pagan fatalism repeated again in our day "That religion is one phase of a *biological urge inherent in all life*, that it is a method by which human beings have attempted to relate themselves advantageously to their environment"

Now jackals and baboons have life and our grandchildren may discover in them "a biological urge" to invent a new religion. Indeed, from some of the magazine articles we read, we very much fear the "urge" is on them to do it now.

"That all religions have in them elements of truth, and are worthy of our attention, investigation and respect"

This is the old Unitarian trick of degrading Christianity, by praising all other religions as on a level with it. Indeed, Christianity is the only one that has the

DEATH-RATTLE IN ITS THROAT.

"That Christianity, the figure of Jesus, and the Bible itself are all creations of the religious impulse"

That is, God had nothing to do with the Bible—there is no personal God

"The literary form of the Bible is such as to make it worthy of study, and its ethical ideals are in some cases acceptable"

So he admits that the holy men of old who wrote the Bible did once in a while stagger on to some decent morals!

"That Jesus was a man, born as other men, and that we possess few, if any uncoloured facts concerning him. His greatness may be erroneously over-estimated"

This railing at our Lord is the essence of Modernism

"That all symbols, including creeds, are imperfect attempts to represent some reality of religious experience, and are worthy of our respect"

But Unitarianism and Modernism are vociferous with sneers at creeds

"That a full, serviceable, moral life may be lived apart from any belief in the existence of divine beings" This

COUNTS GOD OUT,

as wholly unessential to a noble life

"That morality or ethics is the outcome of social experience, and the argument for right-doing is consideration for social well-being"

That is, morals did not come from God or Christ or divinely implanted institutions, but evolved, some Modernists tell us, from dogs and wolves!

"That the great hope of humanity is in the ultimate setting up of an ideal social condition"

Salvation from sin by faith in an infinite Saviour, "who is able to save to the uttermost, is not mentioned. Of course not. All that is ruled out by Modernism. "Our one hope" is the human "setting up of an ideal social condition" Russia thinks the same. She is vigorously setting up a human ideal. "Down with God!" "Down with the churches!" "Down with religion!" "Up with social liberty!" "Down with moral restraint!"

"That this life is the only opportunity we shall have for service and enjoyment, for death is natural and marks the end of personal, conscious existence"

This is the old atheistic aphorism, "Death ends all, and there is nothing beyond but annihilation"

"With the growth of knowledge theology becomes less and less necessary. Our grandchildren will think of God, not as distant but merely invisible, present everywhere as the controlling life and intelligence of the universe. They will

IDENTIFY GOD WITH NATURE

and thus escape the perplexing problems which arise from the supposition and superstition that God is a person like ourselves"

This is the old heathen philosophy of Pantheism, "Everything is God. There is no god other than the combined forces composing the universe" It existed centuries before Christ came to the world. It is only another form of atheism. "There is no personality of God, no divine majesty for the soul's reverence, no love for the inspiration of its own adoring love, no Providence over us, no heart of sympathy with us, no hand to help us, no Father in heaven" There can be no helpfulness in the idea of a being so utterly blank of all that the soul craves. Yet this heathenism is the self-confessed goal of Modernism!

The picture is complete. No supernaturalism, no God, no Christ, no inspired, authoritative Bible, no God-given morals, no adoration, no hell, no future existence. Nothing but the heathenish worship of nature, and extinction at the last heart beat!

And this is great, boasting, blatant Modernism, heralded as the new religion by such a blare of university trumpets!

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One of England's Smallest Churches

(See picture on front cover)

Sussex contains many historic and romantic remains. Not least among its charms are those of the picturesque country churches in which it abounds. The little church of Lullington, claimed by some to be the smallest church in England, is certainly an almost irresistible attraction to the tourist. The interior of the building is only sixteen feet square, affording but scanty accommodation for a congregation, yet doubtless adequate for the demands of the tiny parish which, we understand, possesses a total population of fifty. From the churchyard one can command a splendid view of the little township of Alfriston, described by one writer as "a perfect picture of rural antiquity". The timbered tower of Lullington Church, nestling among the surrounding trees, possesses a great fascination for the photographer, and furnishes an excellent example of old English architecture.

Principal George Jeffreys' Birmingham Campaign

Two Remarkable Healings



MRS EVELYN E. TRIGG.

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Mrs. Trigg healed of deafness and enlarged heart, and also a fibrous growth in the chest. Mrs. Butler healed of rheumatoid arthritis after suffering great pain

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MRS. E. BUTLER.

Concise Comments & Interesting Items

In Ballymena district recently several cars collided, and others skidded on the slippery roads, crashing into hedges. Samuel Mitchell, of Larne, had a very narrow escape when a heavy motor lorry which he was driving crashed through a hedge at Ballymarlow, near Ballymena.

The lorry was carrying six tons of coal. It struck a rut in the road, skidded, and, despite the efforts of the driver, crashed through the hedge, falling on its side in the field.

The driver, who had to smash the glass of his cab to crawl out, escaped with a shaking, and only slight damage was done to the lorry.

The vehicle came to rest under a tree bearing a six-foot notice board on which is printed, "Prepare to meet thy God"

It is of special interest to the Elm family to know that the field belongs to a member of the Ballymena assembly, and the notice was written a number of years ago by Pastor Tweed of Carlisle.

Drink at weddings is rarely known among Christian people, but some have no very strong views on this matter. The following, taken from the "Christian Herald" should strengthen our opposition to such a practice.

The Rev. Vera M. Findlay, of Partick Congregational Church, Glasgow, speaking at a temperance rally at Lockerbie, some days ago, said she was not going to speak on behalf of temperance but on behalf of total abstinence. Oftentimes at weddings people were offered a glass of wine or a glass of champagne. Was it not possible to have a happy wedding without the use of such things, which, in so many instances, worked havoc and disaster with married

life? Was it possible for them to start out on married life in this way without misgiving of what such indulgence might lead to? Married life was all the happier without wine or champagne. The speaker went on to declare that temperance meetings were not sufficient to combat the evil. Temperance posters on the walls were excellent, but they desired living posters everywhere throughout the land—men and women pledged to destroy the evil. Surely they were poor creatures indeed, if they needed wine to make them happy. With total abstinence the world would be a sweeter and a happier place for all concerned. For the women and the children it would be indeed a world greatly changed if strong drink were to be abolished."

"The Revival we Need," is the title of an address by an American preacher. We heartily agree with the subject matter. Here is an extract.

We need a Holy Spirit revival that Christians may know a living Christ, and that the "world may be convicted of sin, of righteousness and of judgment."

Our leaders are planning the work of a paralysed Church. They hope to accomplish by legislation and programmes what only the Holy Spirit can do. Morals cannot be legislated into observance, and planned programmes produce no power. "Power belongeth unto God" (Psalm lxxii 11), "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts i 8). But the Church is powerless to-day. We need a Holy Spirit revival.

Such a revival is the will of God for us to-day. It is God's command, "Be

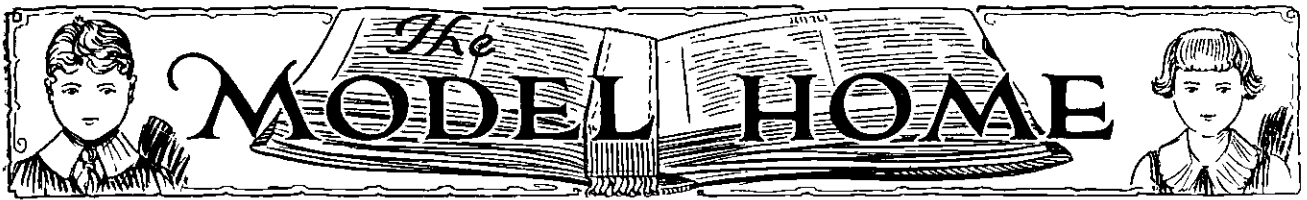
filled with the Spirit" (Eph v 18). With each member of the Body so filled, first century Christian lives will be lived and Early Rain conversions repeated—sinners will cry, "What shall we do to be saved?"

The Heart of India Mission Band magazine gives a few lines which should make us think. So many of us do not do anything because we cannot do much. But these lines should make us value our small opportunities.

"I here's a little bit of work
Meant for you, just you,
And if you should try to shirk,
It is true, too true,
That the world will be the longer
Growing happier and stronger,
Just because your bit of work
You failed to do."

The Belgian Gospel Mission report for the past year is very encouraging. Here is an informing item.

"The fruitfulness of the past year's work has far surpassed that of any of the preceding years, and we have great occasion to thank God for many conversions and for the opening of new stations. One of our workers said the other day that there is a new spirit in Belgium which is very marked—a rising tide, we may call it, in favour of the Gospel. A new atmosphere has been created by the wholesale distribution of Scriptures which we have undertaken throughout this centenary year. Never in the history of the country has such a distribution been made. During 1930 we have distributed over 1,000,000 Bibles and Scripture portions, and more than 500,000 booklets, tracts, etc."



Talk No. II.—The Husband

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

THE word *husband* means *house-band*. Here at once we obtain an exalted conception of the position of the husband. He is the one who *holds* and *binds* the home together.

One writer helpfully says

"Did you ever hear the word *husband* explained? It means literally 'the band of the house,' the support of it, the person who keeps it together, as a band keeps together a sheaf of corn. There are many married men, who are not husbands because they are not

THE BAND OF THE HOUSE

Truly, in many cases, the wife is the husband. For oftentimes it is she who, by her prudence, thrift, and economy, keeps the house together. The married man who, by his dissolute habits, strips his house of all comfort is not a husband. In a legal sense he is, but in no other, for he is not a *house-band*—instead of keeping things together he scatters them among the pawnbrokers."

We will remember then that the husband is the band of the house. He is the strongest force in binding the home together. Have you ever noticed the disaster that comes through broken bands? The band breaks—and the sheaves of corn fall into disorder. The band comes off the wheel—and the spokes are scattered. The string breaks—and the bunch of roses falls apart. The wire snaps—and the mechanical toy is spoiled. The webbing is cut—and the upholstery is tattered.

When the real *house-band* fails, the wife may make brave efforts to supply his place, but she can never fully succeed.

Let there be any mistake in understanding the present writer's views, let it be at once said that in his judgment the ideal position can be summarised thus: The husband is the head of the house, but the wife is the heart of the home.

Many years ago I first heard that statement, and the more I think about it the more I feel it exactly summarises

THE SCRIPTURAL POSITION

Why not learn it off by heart? Let us repeat it together. The husband is the head of the house, but the wife is the heart of the home.

Now for a very practical statement

The husband must be respected by his wife

This may sound a low level of expression. Why not substitute the word *love*?—the husband must be loved by his wife. It is certainly true that a wife should love her husband. But in these days it is necessary to point out that true love can only be built upon true respect. There may be a passionate

animal love which is not governed by respect, but there can be no true and pure love without respect.

How is a husband to gain and hold the respect of his wife?

(a) *He must be clean in his talk when at home*

(b) *He must be clean in his talk when away from home*

It is not sufficient for a wife to know that her husband tells

NO VULGAR JOKE

in the home. If he is to retain her respect he must tell nothing unclean and laugh at nothing unclean when away from home.

One day when travelling on a tramcar I had a painful shock. Sitting in front of me were two men. One was a well-known Christian leader in a town where once I had been a pastor. I had been to that man's home, and enjoyed much hospitality. He gave liberally to the church to which he belonged, he held many offices in Christian work, and generally speaking was a respected church leader. I noticed that he and his friend were laughing much. It was a strange kind of laughter—the kind I had learned through painful experience to associate with that which was not pure. Again my old-time friend began to speak. I could not help but overhear. He told a story that made me gasp with amazement. It was silly—it was worse, it was unclean. If it had been told in a public house by a moral leper, one would not have been surprised. But to be told by this man!—well, words cannot express the shame I felt. In a moment a man whom I had highly respected fell with a crash from a pinnacle of honour to

A PIT OF SHAME.

But if he lost my respect, what about his wife's? Supposing she had heard? Home-life would have lost its sunshine for her.

(c) *He must be clean in his private habits*

One who smokes and spits is not pleasant anywhere. In a home where there is a clean, sensible, and sensitive little wife he is utterly out of place. Cleanliness is not next to godliness, it is a part of it. There are quite a number of other habits which are not clean, yet one hesitates to mention them in an article like this. Let us observe other people, and if we see any habit in them that we do not like, let us take care not to reproduce it in our own homes. Dirty habits are easily avoided by a little thought and effort. Hands frequently are soiled by honest toil—there can be no rebuke, only praise, under such circumstances. But we can easily distinguish between honest toil and slovenly habits.

(d) *He must be controlled in his use of the physical relationship of marriage*

[This part of the subject will be dealt with at length when these articles appear in book form at the conclusion of the series.—ED]

(e) *He should have no secrets from his wife*

We have heard a wife confess that she did not know her husband's income! He had

NEVER TOLD HER

what he earned, but gave her a weekly allowance Poor wife! Poor, misguided husband who did not sufficiently trust his wife to tell her what he earned!

Other husbands have secret friends, and secret club associates They are mysteriously late in arriving home at night, and never give the reason why No wonder the wife begins to think that she has not the first place in the affections of her husband

(f) *He should be appreciative*

I don't mean that he should be untruthful He cannot say the cooking is grand when the meat is half-done, and there is no salt in the potatoes, and too much ginger in the pudding But for those who have eyes to see and a heart to appreciate, there will be many little things that can receive an approving word The husband who is really grateful is in the best position really to grumble if the occasion arises Grumbling is not good if it can be avoided—but occasionally it helps a too easily satisfied wife to be more vigilant and thorough

(g) *He should exhibit the fruit of the Spirit of Christ*

The fruit of the Spirit is named in Galatians v 22, 23 "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness,

goodness, faith, meekness, temperance Here we get to the heart of

A HUSBAND'S SUCCESS.

There are so many things a husband should do; but these things vary and multiply under various circumstances Yet if he is filled with the Spirit of Christ, he will have the grace within him to meet rightly every emergency as it arises. The best husband can only be a Christian husband If he is not a Christian husband then he will fail in many ways But if he is Christ's, then he will be about his Saviour's business He will see to it that the Bible is the centre of the home, that united home prayer is a daily practice, that every week the Lord has one-tenth of the income, and even more, that Sunday finds him and his wife in the house of God, that during the week as much time as possible is given to

THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH,

that the music of the home is honouring to God, that there is no Sunday paper, that the little home works like clockwork—and many other things

If he does these things, then he will obtain and maintain the respect of his wife Respect will prove to be the solid rock foundation of love and he will have the joy of knowing that the words of Scripture are being fulfilled in his experience "Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular, so love his wife even as himself, and the wife see that she reverence her husband" (Eph v' 33), and again, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Eph, v, 25-28)

Christmas at Elim Woodlands

By J. SIMMONDS (Southend-on-Sea)

WE, that is, my wife and I, were privileged to be among the happy party that spent Christmas at "Elim Woodlands," and a never-to-be-forgotten time it was Joy and gladness pervaded the whole atmosphere If this place ever adopted a motto, it ought to be "In love serving one another; in honour preferring one another" If the world could but have glanced in at us and seen us, they would have been compelled to say, "How these Christians love one another" One listened in vain to hear a single grumble or complaint—it was all praise! And the spirit of praise and the spirit of grumbling cannot dwell together under the same roof The morning devotions after breakfast as we sat around the tables—how shall I describe them Pen fails here One can only say that to be present was to be in the very antechamber of heaven

"His praise shall be continually on my lips," says the Psalmist, and of a truth this was so here—the place literally rang with God's praises It would be impossible to speak of the loving service shewn by all here, from Miss Barbour, the Superintendent, down to the latest help in the kitchen. Truly here do the leaders make themselves to be "the servants of all"

How one did during their stay realise the truth of Solomon's words "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend" We returned to our own Tabernacle greatly helped and uplifted by the gracious fellowship, and hope to be made channels of blessing to others less fortunate than ourselves

What it is

By S. M. HAUGHTON

A sailor was heard explaining the nature of Faith to a shipmate "Mark you, it isn't breaking off swearing and the like, it isn't reading the Bible, nor praying, nor being good It is none of these; for even if they should answer for the time to come, there is still the *old score*, and how are you to get over that? It is not anything you have done or can do, it is taking hold of what *Jesus did for you*"

It is forsaking your sins, and expecting the pardon and salvation of your soul, because Christ let the "waves and billows go over" Him on Calvary. This is believing, and believing is nothing else

O Safe to the Rock

(HIDING IN THEE)

W O CUSHING.

IRA D SANKEY

1 O safe to the Rock that is high - er than I, My
2 In the calm of the noon-tide in sor - row's lone hour, In
3 How oft in the con - flict, when pressed by the foe, I have

soul in its con - flicts and sor - row would fly, So sin - ful, so
times when tempta - tion cast so'er me its power, In the tem - pests of
fled to my Refuge, and breath'd out my woe! How of - ten, when

wea - ry, Thine, Thine would I be, Thou blest Rock of A - ges, I'm
life, on its wide, heaving sea, Thou blest Rock of A - ges I'm
tri - als like sea - but - lows roll, Have I hid - den in Thee, O Thou

REFRAIN

hid - ing in Thee.
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Rock of my soul! } Hid - ing in Thee hid - ing in

Thee, Thou blest Rock of A - ges, I'm hid - ing in Thee

By permission From Sankey's Sacred Song and Solos.

Next week's Chorus - "Joy in my Soul"

Bible Study Helps

SOME SECRETS.

The Secret of Fruit-Bearing is Abiding.

"I am the Vine, ye are the branches he that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit for without Me ye can do nothing" (John xv 5)

The Secret of Abiding is Obedience.

"If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John xv 10)

The Secret of Obedience is Love.

He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him" (John xiv 21)

The Secret of Love is His Love to Us.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John iv 9, 10)

CHRIST, THE PRE-EMINENT ONE

(Colossians i. 18)

1 In Creation

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers all things were created by Him, and for Him and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist" (Col i 15-17)

2 In Redemption.

In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins And, having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven" (Col i 14, 20)

3 In the Church

"And He is the Head of the Body, the Church who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence" (Col i 18)

4. In Our Walk.

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Col i 10, 11)

Royal Albert Hall: Three Great Meetings on Easter Monday.
Full particulars next week.

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions

Sunday, February 1st. Luke v 1-16

"The people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God" (verse 1)

Here was hunger to hear the Word of God. No need for eloquent language, no need for striking illustrations. The people were hungry for the Word of God. So should we be. Do not be anxious to hear eloquence. Do not be eager to hear great preachers. Do not struggle to press into meetings where ear-tickling preachers are holding forth. No, be anxious to hear the Word of God. The message may be told forth with stammering lips. It may be spoken by those who have had little education. But as long as it is the Word of God you hear, then the blessing of God will follow. And the preacher who preaches the Word of God, then press forward to hear it. To quote poets, and scholars, scientists and philosophers, will not satisfy a regenerated heart. God has made our hearts, and the work of God can only be satisfied by hearing the Word of God.

Monday, February 2nd. Luke v 17-26

We have seen strange things to-day (verse 26)

When the supernatural enters into the realm of the natural then strange things are seen. When Satan works in the realm of the natural unearthly things are seen. There can be no doubt that amazing things occur in spiritist seances. Spiritism is not all trickery. It is terribly and wickedly real. But when God works in the realm of the natural, there are also strange things that occur. But they are strange things whose strangeness bows the heart in worship to the Lord Jesus Christ. The manifestations of the Devil do not lead to the worship of Christ. Christ and His blood are hated by the Devil. But when God works, when He saves, when He heals, when He baptises in the Holy Ghost, when He gives gifts, then the Lord Jesus Christ is uplifted and the blood of Christ is made prominent. We want the "strange things" that cause men and women to glorify God.

Tuesday, February 3rd. Luke v 27-39

"They that are whole need not a physician" (verse 31)

A whole man has never continuously walked this earth—excepting in one case. That "whole" man was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He was "whole" in every detail. In body, soul, and spirit the Lord Jesus was perfectly whole. But His was not a selfish "wholeness." That which He enjoyed He desired all to enjoy. He wished all to be made whole. It is right that a Physician should be whole. An unhealthy doctor does not attract us. We judge even in the natural, that the one to be

Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

trusted to make and keep us healthy must be healthy himself. Well, the Lord Jesus was perfectly healthy, perfectly whole, in body, soul, and spirit, and He invites us to trust Him. He is the physician we need. We want to be whole. Therefore we will trust in Him. He does not live in a remote place. Where'er we seek Him, He is found. Our Physician is always on the spot.

Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Luke vi 1-16

"He knew their thoughts" (verse 8)

It is doubtful whether the Devil knows our thoughts. He can largely guess our thoughts. He sees by our actions, and judges by our words what our thoughts are—but he does not know them in the same way that the Lord does. The Devil also fires his thoughts into our minds, and he can soon see whether we have accepted them or not. But the Lord knows our thoughts. There may be no outward actions, there may be no expressed words, but He knows every thought that lodges in our hearts. More than that He seeks to saturate us with His own thoughts. The Devil guesses and judges when we have accepted his thoughts. But the Lord does not have to guess and judge—He knows when we have accepted His thoughts. He has the perfect X-ray of the human heart. Let us ever remember that the Lord knows our thoughts, and, by His grace, keep them pure and beautiful, even as we seek to keep our actions and words.

Thursday, February 5th. Luke vi 17-35

"Blessed are ye when men shall separate you from their company" (verse 22)

A Christian who boldly stands up for Christ is not sought for as a companion by worldly people. A frank witness for Christ is not wanted by the unsaved. The world does not mind a Christian if he says nothing and does nothing that makes them uncomfortable. But if our witness is crystal clear, if we positively assert our belief in righteousness, and positively denounce unrighteousness, then the unsaved will separate us from their company. But they cannot separate us from the Lord. In fact, the more we are separated from the world, the more we enjoy the company of the Lord. Blessed and happy are we, when we are separated from worldly fellowship. The trouble with so many Christian people is that they are continually hindered by their unsaved friends. They try in measure to maintain the social life of their earlier days. They may maintain their social life, but in so doing they mar their spiritual life.

Friday, February 6th. Luke vi 36-49

"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye?" (verse 41)

We easily magnify the faults of others

But we should see the big things in others. Look at their great love, their great sacrifice, their great ministry—then we shall not be much occupied with their minor shortcomings. The Lord, however, does not say that we shall overlook the small faults in others, anymore than others are to overlook the small faults in us. No, but first of all we are to be occupied with the big blemishes in our own lives, and then only are we in a position to deal with the small blemishes of others.

Saturday, February 7th. Luke vii 1-17

"God hath visited His people" (verse 16)

As it was, as it has been since then, and as it is now—God hath visited His people. In the early days God frequently visited His people with miraculous outpourings. Throughout the centuries He has also done the same. But, sad to say, visitations from God have also been times for visitations from the enemy. The tares have got so mixed with the wheat that God's visitations have largely ceased. God is again visiting His people in our days. Many have experienced since the year 1900 marvellous outpourings of the Spirit. But the revival of God's work has been concurrent with a revival of the Devil's work. Truly God has visited His people but the enemy is quickly sowing tares. Let us watch and pray that we may preserve the purity of God's visitation. Whatever you do, keep away from the spiritist seance and so-called Christian Science gatherings.

Bible Educator

A prize every month for the best answers.

All children under fifteen years of age may compete. Write the solution on a postcard put your name and address on same side, and address the card to Puzzle Editor, Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham, S.W. 4

TABERNACLE SYLLABLES. Below are the names of ten objects in the Tabernacle which Moses built in the wilderness, divided into syllables and mixed up. A syllable may be used more than once if necessary. Some of the names have more than one word each. Can you write out the list? You will find them all in the 40th chapter of Exodus.

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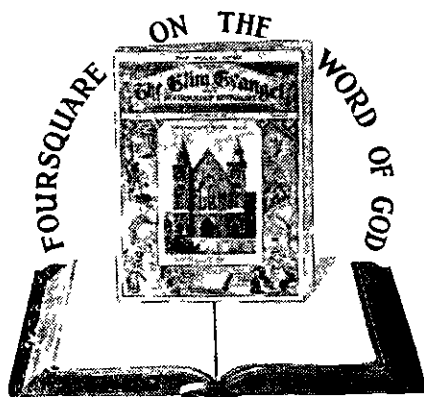
Solutions should arrive first post Monday, February 2nd

Answer to January 16th Puzzle:

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BEGINNER
REDLICKER
FINISHER
BARNABAS
ACCEPTED
APOLLYON
BAPTISER

First twelve with correct solutions:

A Green, Joan Hill, Grace Jones, Linda Brookes, Stella Cliff, Mary Noble, Amy Gale, G. Heshing, F. Coates, M. Howard, Harry Cobb, Eric Nunn



EDITORIAL

The Zigzag Path.

LIFE'S pathway is frequently mysterious to us. We hope for a plain way, and lo, the path is far from plain. We move hither and thither. We wonder why? But read through this poem, and let the blessing of the suggestive symbolism come home.

We climbed the height by the zigzag path
And wondered why—until
We understood it was made zigzag
To break the force of the hill

A road straight up would prove too steep
For the traveller's feet to tread,
The thought was kind in its wise design
Of a zigzag path instead

It is often so in our daily life,
We fail to understand
That the twisting way our feet must tread
By love alone was planned

Then murmur not at the winding way,
It is our Father's will
To lead us home by the zigzag path,
To break the force of the hill

Hating Sin.

THERE is only one thing to do with sin—*hate it*. Hate it in your own life. Hate it in the life of others. The following selected illustration should encourage us.

"When the Emperor of Constantinople arrested Chrysostom, and thought of trying to make him recant, the great preacher slowly shook his head. The Emperor said to his attendants, 'Put him in prison.' 'No,' said one of them, 'he will be glad to go, for he delights in the presence of his God in quiet.'" "Well, then, let

us execute him, said the Emperor. 'He will be glad to die,' said the attendant, 'for he wants to go to heaven—I heard him say so the other day. There is only one thing that can give Chrysostom pain, and that is, to make him sin, he said he was afraid of nothing but sin. *If you can make him sin, you will make him unhappy.*' Oh, that God would make us like Chrysostom, *rather die than sin!*"

The Cry of the Heart.

WE are pleased to give a beautiful passage to our readers written by the Rev. George Matheson. How intimately it expresses the hunger of many a heart!

"My heart needs Thee, O Lord, my heart needs Thee! No part of my being needs Thee like my heart. All else within me can be filled by Thy gifts. My hunger can be satisfied by daily bread. My thirst can be allayed by earthly waters. My cold can be removed by household fires. My weariness can be relieved by outward rest. But no outward thing can make my heart pure. The calmest day will not calm my passions. The fairest scene will not beautify my soul. The richest music will not make

harmony within. The breezes can cleanse the air, but no breeze can cleanse a spirit. This world has not provided for my heart. It has provided for my eye, it has provided for my ear, it has provided for my touch, it has provided for my taste, it has provided for my sense of beauty, but it has not provided for my heart. Provide Thou for my heart, O Lord. It is the only unwinged bird in all creation—give it wings, O Lord. Earth has failed to give it wings, its very power of loving has often drawn it in the mire. Be Thou the strength of my heart. Be Thou its fortress in temptation, its shield in remorse, its covert in the storm, its star in the night, its voice in the solitude. Guide it in its gloom, help it in its heat, direct it in its doubt, calm it in its conflict, fan it in its faintness, prompt it in its perplexity, lead it through its labyrinths, raise it from its ruins. I cannot rule this heart of mine, keep it under the shadow of Thine own wings."

Don't pray for tasks equal to your strength, pray for strength equal to your tasks.

MISQUOTED SCRIPTURE

No. V.—Matthew xi 28

"COME unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Truly this is one of the blessed invitations of the Saviour, "Come unto Me." But are these the actual words of Scripture? A glance at your New Testament will soon shew that this popular rendering of Matthew xi 28 is actually a misquotation, for instead of "all ye that are weary and heavy laden," we read "all ye that labour and are heavy laden," following on with the second invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me."

How the Lord must have seen the numbers, down through the ages, who by *labouring* would seek to enter into the Kingdom, as though such priceless wealth of bliss could be earned by our labour. So He offers His yoke, which is easy, His burden, which is light. The illustration is from the weak oxen labouring under the heavy yoke in the task of ploughing the land, and Christ takes our heavy yoke upon His shoulders, giving us in return His light-easy yoke.

In quoting this precious promise we should remember that it is an offer of *rest to the labourer* and not rest to the weary.

Our Lord as Prophet, Priest and King

By Pastor P. LE TISSIER

OUR Lord possesses a number of names and titles descriptive of His various dispensational offices. He is called in the Scriptures, a Prophet, a Priest, and a King. This is brought out clear as sunlight in the Epistle to the Hebrews, in the ninth chapters, verses 24-28, thus

He hath appeared (verse 26)—as a Prophet

He now appears (verse 24)—as a Priest

He shall appear (verse 28)—as a King

He was a Prophet on earth, He is now a Priest in heaven, and is

COMING BACK TO REIGN

as King. If we reverse the Divine order of the names and offices of Christ, much misunderstanding will be the result. The Scriptures will be sadly distorted and the Church will lose much that God has intended to be her heritage in the present era of grace.

Although there is no plain reference in the New Testament narrative of our Lord's life where He offered Himself as a King to Israel, yet I find that the same inspired records furnish me with a superabundance of references to the establishment of a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of all them that believe. Surely our Lord during His midnight interview with such a high dignitary as Nicodemus would have intimated that His advent into the world was of national interest to those whom this "master in Israel" represented, had that then been His intention. On the other hand our Lord marvelled that the proud Pharisee knew nothing of the new birth—"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Most Bible students agree that there is some prophetic significance in the grouping of the seven kingdom parables. Of these we shall not speak now, but we are also settled in our conviction that there is the same stamp of inspiration in the groupings of

THE PASSOVERS IN THE FOURTH GOSPEL

Christ attended three Passover feasts and on each successive occasion appeared in some official role, as follows.

(1) *The First Passover Christ the Prophet* (John 11:13). When but a child of twelve summers Christ had proved Himself to be a prophet mighty in word. It was in the Temple that He sat with the learned doctors hearing and asking them questions. Observe the beauty and accuracy of Scripture—"Hearing and asking." He was neither teaching nor being taught—as a child He was too young and tender in years to teach, while as the Father of eternity He was too old to be taught. In the prophetic Psalms we read, He hath more understanding than the ancients. He is wiser than His teachers."

On the occasion referred to in John 11:13, our Lord proved Himself to be a Prophet mighty in deed. His pure and immaculate nature revolts against the outrage and desecration of

HIS FATHER'S HOUSE.

Its sacred precincts they had defiled, the street bazaar had been brought in, and the place where prayer was wont to be made had been converted into a trade mart. Producing a whip of small cords,

Jesus made short work of them, set them all to confusion, and drove them out of the Temple. They could not punish Him for His devotion. He had violated no law. But they could lie in wait, and seek to frame an accusation against Him that would bring Him before the tribunal.

Already the shadow of the Cross was falling athwart His pathway, for when asked for a sign, Jesus said (John 11:19) "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Undoubtedly He referred to His death and glorious resurrection. Christ knew His mission. He had come to die on a Cross, the Just for the unjust. No millennium could be established upon a Cross-less peace.

(2) *The Second Passover Christ the Priest* (John 6:4). Observe how the Divine order is maintained. Had the Christ come to establish a literal kingdom and to seek a throne, then this was His golden opportunity. Immediately after the spectacular miracle of the multiplication of the loaves the enthusiastic populace would have taken Him by force and made Him a king. But He would not accept a crown—another represented by

THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE

in Revelation 6 receives a crown from the people. He is the Antichrist, who has not royal blood in his veins, but who by sheer force of personality rises from the ranks of democracy. When the fulness of time shall come, our Lord will wear the kingly crown which is His by right as David's greater Son.

If Christ had then marched to Jerusalem and assumed the throne, it would have been to overthrow the eternal purposes of God. This He could not do. When He perceived their intention, He departed again into a mountain alone. In another Gospel we are told that He withdrew to pray—up in the solitude now, praying, interceding, watching—on the mountain top communing with the Father. Although out of sight and not with His disciples, He knows when the winds and the waves are contrary. When the crisis is greatest and the danger most desperate, He will come back as He did to the household at Bethany.

Observe, again, that Jesus was acquainted with His mission on earth when He came the first time, for He again gave the "sign of the Cross." Even as a broken loaf, He was to give His flesh for the life of the world.

THE SIN QUESTION

must be for ever settled before the literal kingdom that would never pass away could be established.

(3) *The Third Passover Christ the King* (John 12). This was the third Passover attended by our Lord, and it is quite in order that He should appear in the capacity of a King. He is the Prophet, Priest and King. The Scriptures countenance no other order. In fulfilment of a prophecy in Zech 9:9, Christ is seen in this chapter riding into Jerusalem on an ass's colt. How unlike the picture in Rev 19:11-14.

When Jesus stood in Pilate's Hall, He did not look much like a king. He was not clad in royal

robes, yet even in His humiliation there must have been something majestic and regal about Him which prompted the governor to ask, "Art Thou a king?" Our Lord answered, "My kingdom is not of this world—if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight." Pilate therefore said unto Him, "Art Thou a king then?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

"To this end was I born"—meaning that He was foreordained and destined to be such. He was in a sense

BORN IN THE PURPLE

The incarnation had not robbed Him of His Deity. He was a King travelling through the world incognito on His way to the Cross. His death was not by *force majeure*, for He Himself had said, "I lay down My life, that I may take it again." He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world—prefigured in the types, and foretold in the prophets. He was "that Prophet" that should come to die for the sins of Adam's race. When a number of Greeks came to see Him, He did not present Himself as a King, but as One who was going to be lifted up upon a Cross, the emblem of suffering and shame.

The mystery of the two advents baffled the Old Testament prophets, who failed to discern that the reigning Messiah would first come as the suffering Messiah. In the veiled types and shadows they did not see that the Cross must come before the crown, and the sufferings precede the glory.

The eternal God who dwells in light unapproachable, knowing the end from the beginning, had designed that there should be

A DAY OF GRACE BETWEEN

the first advent and the second advent. Two scriptures will suffice to prove that this was God's eternal plan.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from hence-

forth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isaiah ix 6, 7)

It is the same prophet who, after speaking in such glowing terms of the coming glories of the kingdom, writes the plaintive and touching words of his good report

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed (Isaiah liii 5)

Christ came the first time to save the soul, and comes the second time to redeem the body. Thus we see how the two advents are bound up in one indissoluble union and purpose.

THE CRUCIFIXION

is now an accomplished fact. The Son of God has been nailed to the cruel tree, loving hands have taken down His precious body, and closed the eyes that wept with such yearning over the world. The grave has been robbed of its prey, and the risen, glorified Lord now appears in the glory on our behalf. He is coming back to reign King of kings and Lord of lords. He is coming to put an end to political strife, and to hold the reins of government in His own pierced hands. Earth shall put on her millennial robes, and groaning creation be ushered into the glorious liberty for which it sighs and moans. He is coming to sit enthroned amidst the human affairs of this old world, and to rule in righteousness and equity. He who by virtue of His suffering and death has earned the right to wear the crown is the coming King who shall establish a kingdom that shall never pass away.

It is said on undoubted authority that the late beloved Queen Victoria was taught by her chaplain that Christ was coming to reign on earth. When she saw that it meant that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, she expressed the hope that she should live till He came, that she might herself yield her sceptre to Him, and lay her crown at His pierced feet. May God hasten the day when all nations, languages and peoples shall serve Him, and acknowledge Him to be the Lord.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT

I WAS standing before the window of an art store where a picture of the crucifixion of our Lord was on exhibition. As I gazed I was conscious of the approach of another, and turning, beheld a little lad gazing intently at the picture also. Noticing that this mite of humanity was a sort of street arab, I thought I would speak to him. So I asked, pointing to the picture, "Do you know who it is?"

"Yes," came the quick response, "that's our Saviour," with a mingled look of pity and surprise that I should not know. With an evident desire to enlighten me further, he continued, after a pause, "Them's the soldiers, the Roman soldiers, and," with a long-drawn sigh, "that woman crying there is His mother."

He waited, apparently for me to question him further, then thrust his hands into his pockets, and with

a reverent and subdued voice, added, "They killed Him, mister. Yes, sir, they killed Him!" I looked at the little, ragged fellow, and asked, "Where did you learn this?" He replied, "At the mission Sunday school."

Full of thought regarding the benefits of mission Sunday schools I turned away and resumed my walk, leaving the little lad looking at the picture. I had not walked a block when I heard his childish treble calling "Mister! Say, mister!" I turned. He was running toward me, but paused then up went his small hand as with triumphant sound in his voice he said "I wanted to tell you He rose again!"

His message delivered, he smiled, waved his hand, turned and went his way, feeling, I presumed, that as he had been enlightened, he had done his duty in enlightening another.

Launching out in India

Notes from the Journal of Miss MARION EWENS

OUR beloved sisters, Miss Ewens and Miss Paint, having recently occupied a new and important centre in the Bihar Province, Miss Ewens writes as follows

Let me tell you a little of the work here and the kind of place we are in. It cannot in any way be called a 'jungle'. Monghyr is the second most important town in Bihar, Patna being the first. Monghyr is an old historical town on the banks of the famous



Miss Ewens, Miss Paint and Mr and Mrs Ephraim.

Ganges. Parts of a fort are yet to be seen. Our bungalow is inside this fort.

At our first Sunday service here last week there were five people present beside ourselves. Mr Ephraim preached. An Indian nurse who was present with her baby, both with high fever on them, asked me to pray for them. The next morning Mr Ephraim met her out and she said they were both quite well. This led to our being called to go and pray for a very sick child of one of the Baptist Christians yesterday, and the child is much better to-day. They feared it was dying when we went there. Such opportunities tend to open more and more doors for the message. Praise be to God!

The Hindus celebrated their New Year just recently and we had a splendid view of it all. Both at early dawn and sunset throngs of devotees flocked to the banks of this sacred river to perform their ceremonial bathing and at the same time to offer the firstfruits of their land to the sun. The eldest women of the family were chosen to present the offering, the other members of the family gathering round and sprinkling the sacred water in front of these offerings, which were presented in winnowing fans. They had already fasted two days, and this was the third day of fasting, after which they would keep a feast. It was pathetic to see both men and women measuring their length in the dusty road again and again, and so making their way to the river bank.

Reaching the top of the ghat leading down to the place of bathing and worship, they would not so

much as walk down the steps, but continued measuring their length in this way over the stone steps.

Thus humbling themselves to the very dust, thirsty, hungry, they arrive at the brink of the river. All this is done to obtain merit, and if possible to atone for past sins by washing in their sacred river. What a glorious Gospel we are telling these very people, that Jesus has accumulated all the merit that satisfies God, that there is

A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

drawn from the very body of the Saviour, and that all who plunge beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. If you could have watched the scene as we did, you would be astonished at the abandonment of body and soul to their worship. How much they are willing to suffer, if only they can obtain or attain to a stage of righteousness by works which will ensure the devotee a better existence in the next world. Is it any wonder that they fear death, and are all their lifetime subject to bondage, when they have to look forward to being a dog, rat, cat, lion, or monkey in the next period of their existence? On account of this belief Hindus do not take life, lest unwittingly they kill some departed relative.

Our bungalow consists of four rooms, one of these we keep for meetings only. At present we only have two meetings a week, Sundays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. At one Wednesday meeting a young man was saved. He is a

MEMBER OF A CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

and has had some education at the Dublin University Mission in Hazaribagh, but had not received the new birth. As his name is now blessedly recorded in the heavenly register, I do not mind anything else. The Lord will lead him on.

Will you please join us in prayer for one Mr Aziz (a name which means *Beloved*). So you can call him Mr Beloved! His wife is a Christian and was once a member of a Christian church. On account of this unequal marriage the Christians looked down upon her, and she discontinued going to church. This all happened some years ago. Strange as it may seem, the Lord brought our workers in touch with this very family. Mr Beloved has not yet been to the meetings, but he allowed us to hold a meeting in his house.

He is very fearful of his fellow Mahometans. I spoke in Hindi on the story of Nicodemus, explaining 'Ye must be born again.' We feel he is convicted of the truth, and we must pray he will be convicted of his need of a Saviour.

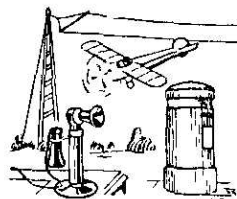
The following information I received from an American veteran missionary in India, but now on furlough in America. Certainly these seventy millions of so-called "untouchables" would stand by the British Raj any day, and are a factor to be reckoned upon in the present situation in India.

He expresses thankfulness for some articles concerning "The Real Hinduism," which have appeared in one

of the largest dailies in America, sent from their India correspondent I quote from one article

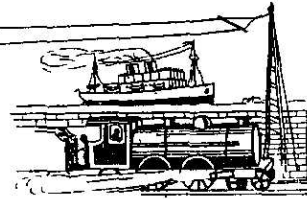
"The President of a conference of 'outcasts' (those lower than the lowest caste of Hindus) speaks for 70,000,000 of 'untouchables' which he represents Apostrophising the caste members of Hinduism, he says 'We outcasts are treated worse than beasts You may touch your horse, your dog may lick your hand, you may let your cat eat your food, rats may run about your room, and you are not polluted But one of us may not touch you, or look at you, or walk past you on the main street Our very shadow brings pollution Not only are you polluted, but your god is also He wasn't polluted when He created us—

but you believe that if one of us goes into a temple now, and looks at your idol god, that god has to have a bath immediately He has to be sprinkled with sacred cowdung, mixed with cow urine, to purify him And one of us may not come nearer to you than sixty-four feet, lest he defile you high castes This is untouchability We realise that if the British were to leave India, we would be the first ones to suffer, and therefore we as a body condemn the civil disobedience campaign'" This writer adds that as soon as such poor outcasts become Christian, they are freed from all these caste restrictions The "untouchable" is no longer such, but a brother beloved Hallelujah!—M B EWENS



FOURSQUARE NEWS

from FAR AND NEAR



NEW YEAR CONVENTION

Glasgow (Pastor S Gorman) The Lord has continued to shower His blessings upon the assembly at the City Temple, still under the supervision of Pastor and Mrs S Gorman The congregation has been noticeably increasing every Sunday evening during the Pastor's series of addresses on the Great Tribulation and the Millennial Reign of Christ Souls have been saved and the saints received much blessing and enlightenment on God's Word during these services

During the New Year's Convention, the speakers were Pastor P N Corry and Pastor R Tweed, while the Con-

vention sent God richly blessed the Word as it went forth through His servants under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and the saints came away uplifted and prepared in spirit to "do great things for God and expect great things from God" in 1931

On Friday evening, Pastor Corry was the speaker, and gave a convincing and heart-searching address on II Cor xiii 5, at which the saints were to examine themselves, know themselves, and prove themselves, whether they were in the faith or not God did wonderfully bless His Word and open it up to His people After this meeting a Divine healing service was held, and many went out to be anointed with oil in the Name of the Lord and prayed for On Saturday afternoon Pastor Tweed gave a convincing and inspiring message on Divine healing accompanied by his own personal testimony of God's healing power Many were wonderfully blessed at this service On Sunday evening, the last meeting of the Convention, Pastor Tweed spoke on Luke ii 11, and when the appeal went forth, three souls surrendered to the claims of the Man of Calvary

"Jesus never fails" was the favourite chorus all through the Convention, and how true it has been proved during these four days when the Word of God went forth in no uncertain voice, and Glasgow did indeed flourish by the preaching of His Word and the praising of His Name

TROPHIES OF GRACE IN BELFAST.

Belfast, Saunders Street The Lord continues to bless in this centre in the Newtownards Road district The glorious Foursquare Gospel is proving to be the power of God unto salvation, precious souls having surrendered their hearts and lives to Jesus at almost every Gospel meeting Many of the saints have had an upper-room experience, being filled with the Spirit, and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance The Lord has been manifesting Himself as the Great Physician, and many

have proved Him as the Unchanging One, while a company of redeemed sinners are rejoicing in the fact that this same Jesus which is taken up into heaven shall so come again in like manner to claim His own Pastor Mercer presided at the first fellowship meeting, when about eighty were enrolled as members The first distribution of prizes in connection with the Sunday school was held recently, and was a rich time of blessing The school has increased from thirty-two scholars to about 130 in the first year, and quite a number of the scholars have passed from death unto life during the year

SPECIAL OPENING SERVICES

Colchester (Mr J C K Eaton) A new Elm Hall was opened by Pastor George Kingston at Colchester on Sunday, January 4th Three services were held, each being well attended, and there was much blessing experienced The new hall is situated in Osborne Street, Colchester, Evangelist J C K Eaton being in charge Souls are being saved at this assembly, ten have been baptised in the Holy Spirit since November, 1930, and the tide is yet rising, still greater blessing being expected

BLESSINGS ABOUNDING

Abertyswg, Wales Much spiritual blessing was received in this corner of God's vineyard, by the visit of Pastor and Mrs W L Bell, of Pontardulais Our sister delivered a message from Acts x, which will live long in the memories of the saints Mr Bell's ministry in song was also greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the saints, whose prayers ascend that their future ministry may be mighty to the bringing down of the strongholds of Satan To God be all the glory

PROGRESS AT WOOD GREEN

Wood Green The saints assembling at Brook Hall Brook Road, Mayes Road, have thoroughly appreciated the ministry



The City Temple, Glasgow

vener was Pastor S Gorman On the first day of the Convention, at which many of the Greenock saints were pre-

of the local preachers and students during the past year, helping the church to hold on in such a difficult place. The Sunday school has fifty children, the untiring work of a year by devoted teachers. A summer excursion was arranged for scholars and teachers to Hadley Wood, where tea was provided, also games and gifts—Bibles and toys. Then again on December 27th, the children gathered in the hall for a further time of rejoicing, including more prizegiving. Of course every child was there, with some mothers and a happy party of the assembly, for who can withstand the joy of making and seeing others happy.

On December 21st, Mr Jacobs led the Crusaders' first Sunday evening service, and they delighted the congregation with testimonies, singing and addresses.

We have prayer meetings on Saturdays at 7.30, and on Sundays at 6—many thus waiting on God to pour out His Holy Spirit on the neighbourhood. This week the walls have been adorned with red twill banners six feet long, with large white letters reading, "He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" and again "Said I not unto thee that if thou wouldest believe thou shouldst see the glory of God"—and the hall looks bright and worshipful as never before. Mr Hopper and Mr Powell have given of their ministry and have encouraged the saints to believe in God. Prayer has been answered for sick ones—A M

GREAT CONVENTION AT LEIGH-ON-SEA.

Leigh-on-Sea. The fourth monthly Convention of the East Essex Elm churches was held here recently when the following ministers were present: Pastor and Mrs George Kingston, Pastor and Mrs C J E Kingston, Pastor and Mrs John Woodhead, Pastors Eaton, Hurrell, Mason and Nunn, Messrs Joslin, Wood, Copey, Brozel, and Miss E Hyde Hart.

The attendances were of record character, a hundred extra chairs having to be obtained. All seating accommodation was taken and some were compelled to stand. The Word ministered in the afternoon by Mr E Wood, and Miss E Hyde, was a great blessing to all present. A very profitable time of prayer was spent between services, by all the ministers. Pastors Mason and Nunn gave very inspiring messages in the evening service. The Word went forth in great power, sometimes tears of joy were seen in the congregation and then again the volumes of praise rang through the hall. Solos were very ably rendered by Mr Eric Wood, the Gospel singer.

The singing during the Convention was very ably accompanied by the Elm orchestra from Leigh.

The monthly conventions in Essex are a great blessing. Each time they increase in blessing power and numbers. The only worry is to find halls to accommodate the people. This is a blessed worry. Hallelujah!

CONVERTS AT GOSPEL SERVICES.

Hull (Pastor H A Court) Before the first five minutes of 1931 had elapsed and whilst Foursquare folk were still

bowed in silent prayer, a sinner signified he would start the new year in newness of life by taking Jesus as his Saviour. While one was thus giving himself to God, others were renewing allegiance to the Master, that they might be His in a deeper sense, and that the text used for the night's exhortation

On Thursday, January 8th, the closing night of the Convention, Pastor Jewitt again preached a very stirring and instructive address on Faith, which he described as "The missing link," his text being taken from Matt xxi 17-22. When we get back to the old Bible truths then the old blessings will come.



Elm Hall, Hull

"Anointed with fresh oil," might become their experience. Christmas morning witnessed another special meeting. Pastor Court gave a short talk on "God's Gifts" and the message was intensely moving to all, each entering more deeply into the realisation of the greatest gift of all God's Son. Pastor Court's ministry is being made a blessing to all the saints here. His messages, logical and eloquent, compel close and careful attention, inevitably benefiting every hearer greatly. Earnest prayer is being made for souls, and of late some have been saved at every Gospel service without exception.

NEW YEAR CONVENTION.

Bradford (Pastor H Kitching) The New Year Convention was recently held for one week at this corner of God's vineyard, and the Lord has truly poured out an abundance of spiritual blessing. On the first day of the year Mrs Saxon Walshaw of Halifax expounded the Word, and her exultant message on "Happiness" was very appropriate for New Year's Day when the Convention opened. If any of the congregation had come to the meeting feeling rather despondent they surely went away rejoicing in the joy of the Lord.

Throughout the Convention the Spirit of God was present in every meeting and many evidences of His power were witnessed, while speaker after speaker who ministered the Word was empowered by Him, the saints enjoying to the full the precious truths expounded.

Pastor Jewitt of Leeds preached on Sunday evening, 4th January, to over five hundred people, and all through a remarkably stirring and convincing address the power of God was manifest, every word sinking deeply into the souls of his hearers. At the close of the evening service, when Pastor Morris gave out the heartfelt appeal, six precious souls were swept into the Kingdom.

There is so much promise, but very little possessed in these days, and triumphant faith is required which the Holy Spirit alone can give. Faith brings the possible into the actual.

Other special speakers during the Convention included Pastor Morris from Knottingley, whose bright and inspiring messages revived the hearts of the congregation, also Evangelist Miles of Leeds, Mrs Salter of the Belgian Congo Mission, and Mr J Cariss, Junior, a Crusader of the Bradford assembly. Special solos and duets were rendered by members of this church, also by two sisters from Leeds, and the messages of song were deeply appreciated.

There have been good attendances at the meetings, and the saints at Bradford have been truly edified by the Spirit-anointed messages which have brought the hidden treasures to light. Progress continues to be made in this live church, and all are looking forward to greater things in the future, and praying that God will continue to pour out the latter Rain in greater measure, as the time is ripe for revival, not only in this city and country, but the whole world over.

Pastor Kitching convened, and by his brightness and earnestness on the platform helped the congregation to praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

CROYDON CONVENTION

Croydon (Pastor J Lees) The Christmas Convention at Croydon proved a time of great blessing, and on Christmas morning Pastor Brambleby gave a message on Joy, a fitting subject for such a joyous season, pointing out that at the birth of John the Baptist there was joy in the hearts of his parents, but that at the birth of Jesus there was joy for all people.

On Boxing Day the Lord's presence was manifest, the saints under the ministry of Pastor T Tetchner being bated

afresh in the love of God, while Pastor Hathaway came with a message, "We have the mind of Christ," capable of making the hearers more like Jesus. In the evening Pastor Boulton led into the "secret places of the Most High," while speaking on "Jesus came to give, and during his discourse asked the striking question, "How could He give when He was poor, and born in a manger." This was ably answered during his inspiring address. Truly God has mightily blessed His saints during a festive season spent at the feet of Jesus.

At the watch-night service God confirmed the ministry of the Word by signs following in the saving of four precious souls. Praise God! What a wonderful start to a new year—old things passing away, and all things becoming new through the precious blood.

Sunday, January 4th, saw the Crusader Choir pay their second visit to the Tabernacle. Quite a number of musical items were very ably rendered by the Crusaders, and the whole service, conducted entirely by the Choir under the leadership of Pastor Boulton and Mr. Douglas B. Gray, proved a great blessing. May God yet more own their ministry.

CONVERTS AT BATH.

Bath (Pastor W. L. Taylor) The church meeting in the Assembly Rooms here is experiencing real times of blessing from the hand of the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The hymn-writer has said, "There shall be showers of blessing, this is the promise of God," and we can lift up our hearts in grateful praise because of the fulfilment of that word. Both week-night and Sunday services are times of real helpful instruction and great blessing.

On a recent Sunday, the services were transferred for the day to a local cinema, and very wonderfully owned of God was the special effort put forth. The mighty power of God was manifested in a marked way in the afternoon Divine healing service. Amongst others, one young sister testified to having been delivered instantly from heart trouble, the doctors a few days afterwards certifying her heart to be perfectly normal. At the evening service the solemnising power of the Holy Spirit rested upon the gathering, and four souls found peace in the finished work of the Lord Jesus. One remarkable feature of the day's service, which was commented on in the press the following day, was the large number of young people in attendance. Such services are no unusual occurrence, for week after week the congregation seems gripped and held by the Word of God as it is fearlessly declared. Hearts rise in thankfulness to God as souls come to know the true source of all true satisfaction—the Lord of life and glory.

A special onward move has been made in the open-air work recently, and now a large open-air service is held every Saturday at a spot near the centre of the city, large crowds gathering to listen to the pure and unadulterated message of a Saviour's love. Beside this gathering there is only one other open-air meeting in the city on Saturday evenings, and God has blessed this ef-

fort in a very special way and used it to the salvation of precious souls.

ANNUAL MEETING

Letchworth (Miss D. Phillips) On January 8th the annual tea was given for the adult members of the assembly, and those who have attended the meetings from time to time (the children's tea being given the previous day). A goodly number came and all enjoyed to the full the wholehearted good cheer of their fellow-workers in Christ Jesus.



Miss D. Phillips.

During the evening reports on all branches of work for the past year were given by the several representatives. God has marvellously blessed the missionary work of this church—and we know He will continue to bless in the future. The work here has two "offsprings"—one a Sunday school at Westbury, Letchworth, and the other at Baldock, where an excellent work is being done, it has meant much toiling and prayer to really keep things going, but praise God, "He has done great things, whereof we are glad", and souls are, by His grace, being brought into His kingdom to learn of His undying love for every one. Miss Phillips pointed out that the "Baldock Baby" is healthy and growing.

Reports too on the foreign mission field were given, and letters received from Mr. and Mrs. Phillips at Nelspuit were read (being sent specially for this meeting). They tell that doors are opening all around them, and there is at present work enough for ten more men evangelists. May God provide for this need, we must remember, "Our knees can carry us further than our feet," and He will answer the call for us as we are faithful in prayer.

Thanks were tendered to all who have given unsparingly of their time and substance in many ways during 1930 by Miss Phillips, following which, on behalf of all present, Mr. Barker rose and gave thanks to the Pastor, whose great love and zeal in the preaching of the Word has meant so much to all.

FIVE CONVERTS AT GREENOCK.

Greenock (Pastor W. Kelly and Evangelist Byatt) Under the leadership of Pastor Kelly and Evangelist Byatt, the saints of Greenock have entered the new year with keen anticipation of good things to come. Looking back on the year that has passed, we feel that God has been exceedingly gracious, and much blessing has been received. All through the year souls have been saved and backsliders restored, very few Sunday evenings passing without someone deciding for Christ.

A good start for 1931 was provided in a well-attended breaking-of-bread service on January 4th, while in the evening Pastor Kelly addressed a full church with a powerful message, which resulted

in five adults deciding for the Master, as well as many children raising the hand in response to the appeal. Pastor Byatt has been giving some very interesting studies on the Temple which were much enjoyed. Much of the success of the meetings is due to a praying people, a number of the brethren gathering every Sunday evening before the meeting to pray.

WORLD CRUSADE AT BARKING

Barking (Pastor W. A. Nolan) The church meeting at Elm Hall, Ripple Road, Barking, takes a very keen and practical interest in the foreign mission field. Two meetings recently have tended to increase zeal in helping to extend the Foursquare Gospel to other lands.

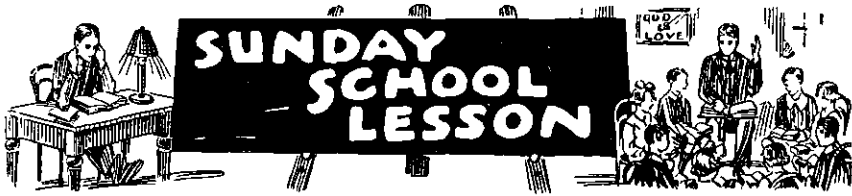
On Tuesday, December 9th, Miss V. Hoskins, the first Elm missionary to Japan, gave her farewell message, telling how God had called her to needy Japan. Although one often cannot trace God's hand in circumstances, they can trust Him, this has proved itself in our sister's experience. The prayers of the saints at Barking will follow Miss Hoskins as she goes forth.

Miss Chung visited Barking in connection with the World Crusade on a recent Thursday. She gave a very encouraging report on the World Crusade boxes effort. The number of box-holders has been doubled within the last nine months. Our sister told some personal experiences of missionary work, and also emphasised the need for each Christian to give his or her best to the Lord. World Crusade boxes were handed in, and at the close several new helpers volunteered to take boxes.

Hearts have been drawn closer to the Saviour as a result of these two meetings.

IT IS NOT EASY

To apologise,
To begin again,
To be unselfish,
To take advice,
To admit error,
To face a sneer,
To be charitable,
To keep on trying,
To be considerate,
To avoid mistakes,
To endure success,
To keep out of the rut,
To think and then act,
To forgive and forget,
To make the best of little,
To subdue an unruly temper,
To maintain a high standard,
To shoulder a deserved blame,
To recognise the silver lining—
But it always pays



By Pastor P N CORRY

Sunday, February 8th, 1931.

READING - Matt, iv 1-11

THE TEMPTATION AND THE TRIUMPH

MEMORY TEXT. "For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"—Hebrews iv 15-16

TEACHER'S NOTES

The place of baptism We are told definitely of two places where John the Baptist preached and baptised those who came out to hear and to be baptised as the result of his preaching. The first was at Bethabara, which means "House of the Ford" beyond the Jordan (John 1:28), and which is situated about twelve miles south of the sea of Galilee, near to the city of Bethshan, where the valley of Jezreel joins the Jordan valley. When you find this on the map it will surprise you to see how far it is from the traditional site near to the Dead Sea. The second place (John 3:23) was at Aenon, near to Salim, which is again about nine miles farther south than Bethabara. Besides this, Matthew mentions the wilderness of Judaea (Matt 3:1), and this may include the district about Jericho, though there is no reason to suppose that the baptism of our Lord may not have taken place in one of the above-mentioned places of baptism farther north, they certainly possess the advantage of being nearer to Nazareth by a good many miles.

The Wilderness of Judaea. As you stand on the Mount of Olives and look towards the east, you see the vast stretch of the wilderness of Judaea lying at your feet, it is a tract of country about 35 miles long and 15 miles broad. Away to the south lies the Dead Sea with its red sandstone rocks, to the east rise the hills of Moab on the other side of Jordan, and beyond that the wide lands of the desert. This was the land into which the scape-goat was led, in which John the Baptist lived, and where our Lord was tempted. It is a land of waterless valleys, twisted hills, stark splintered rocks, and desolation. Crags and ravines tumble about in wild confusion, while down from the north flows the Jordan, with its deepening valley baking in the sun.

The Temptation Here from the river below, from the crowd, and in the power of the Baptism of the Spirit which He had just received (Matt 3:16 and 3:1),

came our wonderful Saviour to be tempted of the Devil. In all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren and here in the wilderness alone the battle was fought that was to bring triumph to thousands upon thousands of His blood-bought children.

Serpents are horrid things to deal with, especially in Eastern lands, where they are generally poisonous, and before I go near them I like to know that they have been rendered harmless by removing their poison fangs. So with sin. The Lord Jesus by His conquest in temptation has for ever shewn to us the way to triumph, He has removed the poison.

As was shown in the lesson for January 25th, printed in the "Elm Evangel" for January 16th, 1931, temptation always comes to us along three avenues. It is natural nevertheless for every boy and girl or man or woman to imagine that their temptation is unusual and extraordinary yet the Word says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape" (1 Cor x 13). You will notice that I have quoted the Newberry Bible which shows that there is a definite article before the word "way". It is not simply that there is a way out of temptation but The Way, which is the Lord Jesus Himself, and it was to provide that way that He suffered, being tempted, that He might be able to succour them that are tempted (Heb 2:18). He was IN ALL POINTS tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb 4:15), therefore He is now a High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and who is able to deliver us out of temptation (11 Peter 2:9, and 11 Thess 3:3).

I. The Lust of the Flesh (Matt iv 1-4)

Satan always tries to win his battle by casting doubts upon the Word of God. "If thou be the Son of God?" is very like the whisper of the first temptation, "Hath God said?" The Lord Jesus was hungry and famished after His forty days' fast, the temptation to satisfy the cravings of His own body by supernatural means might seem at first legitimate but if He was to face temptation as every man must face it, then He must not free Himself from any hardship by Divine methods—He must overcome that we may overcome. If He had shewn Himself to be above the common physical needs of man, or to have used His Deity to live above the ordinary life of man, He could never have been the common Saviour from a common temptation. His answer "It is written," frustrated the first attack of the enemy, and won the first round of the contest.

II. The Pride of Life (Matt iv 5-7)

It is a common maxim of life in the twentieth century that the one who can "boost" himself (to use a very expressive American word), and do something striking to compel attention to himself, is sure to win. We live in an advertising age, in which the person or the commodity that can push its goods in the most original and striking manner will get on. The wing or pinnacle of the Temple here referred to was about 450 feet above the Kidron Valley, and over a hundred from the courts of the Temple. Satan's temptation put to Christ was that He use the Divine power of God as His Son to impress the Jewish public with His claims. Do something wonderful to impress the throng! Demonstrate what You are! Advertise! And in order to give weight to the temptation, Satan quotes Scripture, but leaves out the most important words in the Scripture he quotes. Compare Psalm xc: 11, 12 with this passage, and see if your class can tell you what vital words were omitted. Was this way of making known His claims to be the Son of God one of God's ways? Is there any short cut to power by way of miracle? Must this mighty weapon ever be used to exalt self? The reply is No, and in the words which the Lord quotes in answer to this temptation there is the sufficient reply to all such temptations, "Thou shalt not test or put to the proof the Lord your God." Faith is the better way—the way of victory.

III. The Lust of the Eyes (Matt iv 8-11)

Looking from this place the Devil brings before the Lord all the mighty empires of the world, with the fair cities of fame and dominion. The way of earthly rule, of despotism, and of the worship of force as a means of bringing in His Kingdom is now brought as a last means to tempt the Lord to do things in the ordinary and the devilish way. Why not follow the track of Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, the Pharaohs or Caesar. To go against this way meant suffering, shame and death, with misunderstanding and rejection by all His compatriots, who looked for a Messiah who would lead them from conquest to conquest, yet He did not choose that way, but the way of worship and service to God rather than service to the god of human forces and as a result His Kingdom is worldwide in the hearts of men who love Him.

Now when we are tempted, we turn to our great High Priest for strength, for no matter through what human channel temptation comes, He has made the way of escape, and because He succours us we also may overcome.

Have you read the new book *The Whole Armour of God*, by the writer of these Sunday School Lessons? See advertisement on Cover III

New Testament Reasons for Speaking with Tongues

BECAUSE Christ mentioned it among the consequences of faith Mark xvi 17, "These signs shall follow them that believe, in My Name they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues"

Because the accompaniment of the Baptism of the Spirit in each outstanding case in Acts was so signalled (Acts ii 4, x 46, xix 6) "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" "For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them,

THE HOLY GHOST CAME

upon them and they spake with other tongues and prophesied"

Because the greatest apostle, the illustrious Paul, spoke with tongues, and that more than anyone else I Cor xiv 18 "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all"

Because the portrait and experience of a New Testament Church is not complete without it

Because it is one of the nine gifts deliberately chosen by Divine wisdom as the full equipment of the Church I Cor xii 10 "To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy to another discerning of spirits, to another divers kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues"

Because when the gift of tongues was in full operation, all the other gifts were manifest I Cor i 5-7 "That in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Because the first members of the finest Church in the New Testament spoke in tongues when filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts xix 6) and the members of that Church were said to be all sealed with the Holy

Spirit in that way Eph i. 13 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spake with tongues and prophesied" "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

Because by the authority of God it is edifying I Cor xiv 4, 5 "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifieth the Church I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied, for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying"

Because it is set in the Church together with the teachers I Cor xii 28 "And God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues"

Because it is by

THE HOLY GHOST'S DECLARATION

a convincing sign to unbelievers I Cor xiv 22 "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not, but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe"

Because it is the point of the overflow of the Spirit Acts ii 4, Eph v 18, 19 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance"

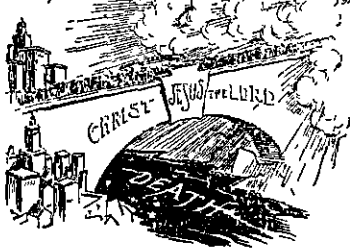
"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"

Because it is accompanied by a larger vision of God Acts x 46 "For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God"

The promise is for us (Acts ii 39)

FEELING THE BRIDGE

Herbert R. MacKenzie



"I'M not going to pray any more, nor ask God again. I have done all I can, and it's no use, I'm bound for hell.

That was on a Thursday. On the Sunday following, a young man came and shared my bed in a friend's house in the country where I was staying for a time, called Rocky Hill Farm. On retiring for the night, my soul in misery, I began to unburden to my

companion the desire of my heart—that I wanted to get saved. He spoke to me in the following way:

"Herbert, if you died now, where would your soul go?"

"To hell," I replied.

"And would you deserve it?" he again asked.

"I surely would, for I see nothing in the Bible but that for me.

He then quoted a verse in the Gospel of John v 24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

I said—"Fred that sounds good, but it doesn't seem for me." At my request he repeated the words, which sounded so sweet but so far away. He reminded me of an important bridge in the city, and asked me

What would you think of a man who, at twelve o'clock on a Saturday (the busiest hour of the week) would put out his foot on that bridge and try to see if it would bear him?"

Wondering at the question, I replied—"To say the least, he would be foolish."

"Well," said Fred, "that's what you are doing. The bridge you are afraid to trust is Christ Jesus the Lord, the traffic which He has borne safely over the River Death include all the saints in heaven, and the traffic now on the Bridge the saints on earth—and you are afraid to trust Him." There was silence for a time, but it was broken by Fred saying "The only passport I have, or anyone has into heaven, is the blood of Jesus."

"Well, Fred," I answered, "if that's enough for you, it's enough for me," and there and then I was saved. "Fred," I shouted, "I'm saved!" Oh, what peace filled my heart at that happy moment. Fred suggested we should rise and thank God (it was about a quarter to two in the morning), which we did. I prayed—"Oh, God, Thou hast said it, therefore it must be true, and Thy Word is enough for me!"

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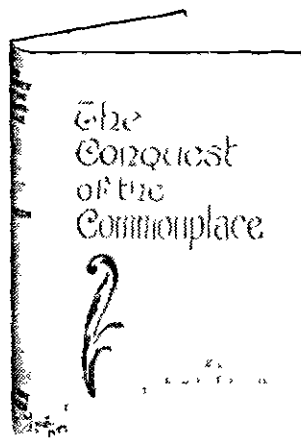
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