

# Theology on the Web.org.uk

*Making Biblical Scholarship Accessible*

This document was supplied for free educational purposes. Unless it is in the public domain, it may not be sold for profit or hosted on a webserver without the permission of the copyright holder.

If you find it of help to you and would like to support the ministry of Theology on the Web, please consider using the links below:



Buy me a coffee

<https://www.buymeacoffee.com/theology>



PATREON

<https://patreon.com/theologyontheweb>

[PayPal](#)

<https://paypal.me/robbradshaw>

---

A table of contents for *Elim Evangel* can be found here:

[https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles\\_elim-evangel-01.php](https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles_elim-evangel-01.php)

REGISTERED AT THE G.P.O.  
AS A NEWSPAPER.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE 10/-  
PER ANNUM, POST FREE.

# The Elim Evangel

AND  
FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

HEB. XIII. 8.

Vol. XII., No. 49

DECEMBER 4, 1931

Twopence

## Revival Fires in Yorkshire

THE FOURSQUARE REVIVAL THAT BROKE OUT IN YORKSHIRE SOME THREE MONTHS AGO, WHEN PRINCIPAL GEORGE JEFFREYS AND REVIVAL PARTY CAME TO SHEFFIELD, IS SPREADING LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE. THE PRINCIPAL HAS CARRIED THE TORCH FROM TOWN TO TOWN, AND AT EACH PLACE THERE IS A BURNING BUSH THAT IS NOT BEING CONSUMED. SHEFFIELD, GLOSSOP, HUDDERSFIELD, HALIFAX, BARNSELY—EVERYWHERE THERE ARE CROWDED GATHERINGS. HUNDREDS OF CONVERTS ARE TURNING TO CHRIST IN ONE DAY. MIRACLES OF HEALING ARE GIVEN IN ANSWER TO PRAYER, AND MIRACULOUS SIGNS ARE CONFIRMING THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL MESSAGE. UNBOUNDED ENTHUSIASM PREVAILS ALL AROUND; PEOPLE DRAWN FROM ALL STATIONS OF LIFE ARE ENTERING WHOLE-HEARTEDLY INTO THE REVIVAL. THE SERVICES ARE HELD IN CHURCHES, THEATRES, AND PUBLIC HALLS, AND FOURSQUARE GOSPEL HYMNS AND CHORUSES ARE SUNG BY FULL-THROATED CONGREGATIONS IN THE VICE-LIKE GRIP OF THE GLORIOUS REVIVAL. CONVICTION OF THE OLD-FASHIONED TYPE IS RESTING UPON THE DISTRICT, AND THERE IS GREAT REJOICING ON THE PART OF SAINTS WHO HAVE PRAYED, AS THEY SEE THE OBJECTS OF THEIR PRAYERS ENTER THE KINGDOM. READERS, PRAY ON THAT THE PRINCIPAL SHALL BE FURTHER LED OF GOD, AND FOR THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF THE REVIVAL CENTRES.

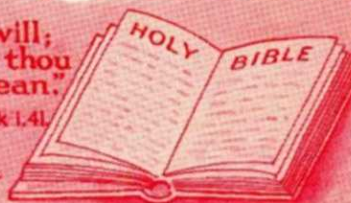
"I am come that they might have life."

John X. 10.

"I will come again."

John XIV. 3.

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



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

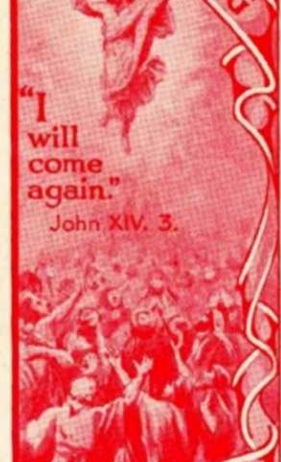
SAVIOUR



HEALER



COMING KING



BAPTISER





# The Elim Evangel

AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

Official Organ of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance.

Founder & Leader: Principal George Jeffreys.

General Headquarters: 20, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4

Secretary-General: Pastor E. J. Phillips. Editor: Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

Vol. XII. December 4, 1931 No. 49

## CONTENTS.

A Big Forward Step	...	...	479
A Dying Officer's Message	...	...	771
The Model Christian	...	...	772
Music: When He is Come to You	...	...	774
Bible Study Helps	...	...	774
Family Altar	...	...	775
Editorial	...	...	776
"Will a Man Rob God?"	...	...	777
Faith	...	...	778
Opening of New Elim Tabernacle	...	...	779
God is Enough	...	...	780
Children's Bible Educator	...	...	781
Campaign and Convention Blessings	...	...	781
Sunday School Lesson	...	...	783
Concise Comments and Interesting Items	...	...	784
The All-Embracing Truth	...	...	784

**Terms.**—10/- for one year or 5/- for 6 months, post free to any address. American and Canadian subscribers may send 2 dollar bills for 10 months.

**Quantities.**—A dozen or more of each issue may be obtained at 2/- per dozen, post free, monthly payments.

**Remittances** should be addressed to the Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham, London, S.W.4, and cheques made payable to Elim Publishing Co., Ltd.

**Manuscripts.**—Articles submitted for publication should be typed or written on one side of the paper only and addressed to the Editor, 20, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

**Printed and published** every Friday by the Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham, S.W.4.

**Telephone Nos.** Publishing Dept.: Macaulay 2981. Headquarters and Editorial Offices: Brixton 2227. Elim Woodlands: Brixton 2668.

**Telegrams:** Publishing Dept.: "Vicpress, Clapcom-London." Headquarters and Editorial Offices: "Four-square, Brixstret-London."

## ELIM CRUSADER CONVENTIONS LONDON

**CLAPHAM** Tabernacle, Park Crescent, Wednesday, Dec 2 at 7.45 p.m., for South and Western area Crusader branches

**CROYDON** Tabernacle, Stanley Road, Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7.45 p.m., for Southern area Crusader branches.

**ISLINGTON** Tabernacle, Fowler Road, Wednesday, Dec. 16. at 7.45 p.m., for Northern area Crusader branches.

Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON (National Crusader Secretary) will convene these meetings.

**A GREAT FINAL RALLY ON JANUARY 8  
AT KENSINGTON TEMPLE**

conducted by

Principal **GEORGE JEFFREYS** and the Revival Party

Prepare by prayer for these special services. These meetings are open for all to attend

## ELIM HOLIDAY HOMES.

Spend your Christmas holidays at the Elim Holiday Homes:

ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4

BRIGHTON: 45, Sussex Square.

GLOSSOP: "Bethrapha," Spire Hollin, Glossop, Derbyshire.

All applications should be addressed to the Superintendents as soon as possible. Christmas holiday return tickets are available from all stations. Enquire at your local booking office.

# Principal George Jeffreys and Party

## REVIVAL & HEALING

CAMPAIGNS:

### BELFAST

November 29 to December 10.

### LURGAN

December 12 to December 20.

## CHRISTMAS CONVENTIONS

**BELFAST.** December 25—27. Annual North of Ireland Convention in the Elim Tabernacle, Ravenhill Road. Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and Sunday (27th), at 11.30, 3.30, and 7. (Boxing Day at 3.30, Baptismal Service). Speakers include: Principal George Jeffreys and the Revival Party, and Pastor J. Smith.

**LONDON.** December 25—27. Simultaneously at Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill, and Elim Tabernacle, Central Park Road, East Ham. Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Boxing Day at 11, 3 and 6.30. Sunday at 11, 3 (Kensington only), and 6.30. The speakers include: Pastors E. C. W. Boulton, W. G. Channon, W. G. Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Bell.

**BIRMINGHAM.** December 25-27. Further particulars later.

**BRADFORD.** Dec. 24—Jan. 1. Further particulars later.

## NEW YEAR CONVENTION

**GLASGOW.** January 1—3. City Temple (corner of Bath and Elmbank Streets), Friday at 11, 3 and 6.30. Saturday, 3 and 6.30. Sunday, 11, 3, and 6.30. Speakers include: Principal George Jeffreys and the Revival Party, and Pastor J. Smith.

## WATCH THESE DATES

**ARMAGH.** Nov. 29—Dec. 10. Elim Hall. Campaign by Evangelist F. J. Stlemming.

**BALLYMENA.** Nov. 29—Dec. 10. Elim Hall. Campaign by Pastor W. L. Kemp.

**BIRMINGHAM.** Commencing Nov. 22. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street. Campaign by Pastor and Mrs. C. J. E. Kingston.

**BULWELL, Nottingham.** Dec. 1—20. Co-operative Hall, Commercial Road, Campaign by Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Channon. Week-nights, 7.30.

**CHELMSFORD.** December 2. Elim Tabernacle, Mildmay Road. Special Elim Convention at 3 and 6.45 p.m. Special speakers.

**ELIM WOODLANDS** will be open to Elim friends on December 26th from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Music, singing, fellowship and meeting. Tea and supper. Inclusive charge 4/-. With tea only, 2/-; with supper only, 2/6.

**ISLINGTON.** Dec. 13. Elim Tabernacle, Fowler Road (Cross Street). Visit of London Crusader Choir for Special Christmas Service.

**KENSINGTON.** Fridays at 7.30. Special gathering in the Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill Gate (one minute from Notting Hill Gate Underground Station. 52 bus from Victoria).

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

**YEOVIL.** Nov. 22—Dec. 14. Elim Hall, Southville. Revival and Healing Campaign by Pastor T. Tetchner.

This space is reserved for local announcements

# The Elim Evangel

AND FOURSQUARE REVIVALIST

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



respondence School, Elim Crusader Movement, Elim Foursquare Cadets, Elim Foursquare Foreign Missions, and the Foursquare Gospel Testimony. It stands uncompromisingly for the whole Bible as the inspired Word of God, and contends for THE FAITH against all modern thought, Higher Criticism, and New Theology. It condemns extravagances and fanaticism in every shape and form. It promulgates the old-time Gospel in sobriety, faithfulness, urgency and old-time power.

Vol. XII., No. 49

DECEMBER 4, 1931

Fridays, Twopence

## A Big Forward Step

In the Elim Bible College Correspondence School



**W**E are constantly seeking to make the Elim Bible College Correspondence School more effective. We prayerfully look to the Lord to lead us on to higher heights of usefulness.

We believe that we have now taken a forward step which will please all our students and lead to greater accuracy and efficiency.

**WE HAVE NOW PUBLISHED MODEL ANSWERS TO ALL THE STUDIES.** The Handbook and Inset Studies have been carefully considered and a complete series of Model Answers prepared.

Of course these Model Answers are not for everybody. They are issued on condition that students keep them strictly to themselves. We want to emphasise this greatly. These Model Answers should not be handed round. Those who do so break the conditions upon which the Answers are issued.

Neither are these Answers issued before the student answers the Questions. But with every set of answers returned to the student a set of Model Answers is attached. The student therefore receives not only the benefit of his or her own work, but the extra help of carefully comparing his or her own answers with those which are considered to be "model" ones.

This forward step necessitates a slight rise in price—but so slight that it will be scarcely noticeable. We are also at this time making all our charges uniform. Previously students could please themselves whether they had Inset Studies and case. But now Inset Studies and case will be included with the Handbooks.

### THE REVISED CHARGES

3 months' course of study	3.0 (inclusive)
(including case when first joining)	
6 months' course of study	6 0
12 "	12 0
Whole course for 49 months	£2 8 0

Every student who answers the Optional Questions will thus have each month

- (1) One Handbook
- (2) One Inset Study
- (3) One set of Model Answers

For present students the new rate does not commence until they renew their subscription.

Special plans are being arranged so that students will have their answers with Model Answers returned within one month. If this is not done, kindly write and let us know.

*Special notice* Some of our regular students will be wishing that they had the Model Answers to Questions which they have already answered. Their desire can be met. Students can receive back numbers of Model Answers at the rate of 1d for each Handbook. Thus if you have answered questions in eleven Handbooks you can have the Model Answers sent to you on receipt of 11d and so forth. When applying, please

### QUOTE YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER

For those who are not familiar with the Elim Correspondence School we give the following particulars, and also a page of testimonials. We suggest to you that you prayerfully consider your own attitude to the School. If you feel that the Lord would have you join, then write immediately to the Secretary, Elim Bible College Correspondence School, Elim Woodlands, Clapham Park, London, S W 4.

## Elim Bible College Correspondence School

**PRELIMINARY** The perfect inspiration and complete authority of the Bible, as given originally by God to men, is absolutely accepted. The so-called Higher Criticism is altogether repudiated.

We desire every student to feel that on joining the School he or she enters into a prayerful and devotional atmosphere. Each student is earnestly requested to remember in repeated prayer all others who are connected with this Bible service.

While conscious of much help from God in preparing these studies, we do not claim that they are perfect. Experience proves that others who have been aware of great Divine assistance in the preparation of their works of ministry, have yet set forth views which, further study has proved, require modifying or correcting. The only fully inspired Book is the Bible. The probability is that God does not give perfect inspiration to any other writing in order that the pre-eminence of the Scriptures may always be safeguarded. At most these studies are only helps to the study of the Word of God.

### THE STUDIES

The series of Studies consists of forty-nine Bible Handbooks, each containing a number of studies, with extra studies inset.

The Bible Handbooks are prepared by Principal Percy G. Parker of the Christian Workers' Bible Correspondence School, and the insets by Principal George Jeffreys and Pastors Boulton, Corry, Hathaway, Henderson, Smith and Tweed.

The Handbooks including insets are sent out monthly by post.

Questions are given at the end of most of the studies. These are optional, but we advise all students to answer them. Prayerful and personal attention is given to the correcting of all answers.

### THE MONTHLY HANDBOOK AND INSET

consists of

(1) *An Alliterative Bible Book Study* There is one of these studies for every book in the Bible. Each study gives an outline chart on the particular book, and by the use of alliteration is designed to aid the memory.

(2) *A Topical Study* These studies deal with the main topics of the Bible. With each study there is an alliterative outline chart, with selected references. In addition, there is an introduction, also notes, and suitable illustrations. These studies are adapted for Home Bible Readings, Bible Classes, and Sunday School teaching, etc. There are Topical Studies on the following subjects —

1 The Love of God	19 Christ the Prophet
2 " Holiness of God	20 Christ the Priest
3 " Will of God	21 Christ the King
4 " Wisdom of God	22 The Personality of the Holy Spirit
5 " Justice of God	23 " Work of the Holy Spirit
6 " Beauty of God	24 The Filling with the Holy Spirit
7 " All-Presence of God	25 " Angels
8 " All-Knowledge of God	26 " Fallen Angels
9 " All-Power of God	27 " Devil No 1
10 " Unchangeableness of God	28 " Devil No 2
11 " Trinity	29 " Demons
12 " Deity of Christ	30 Condition of Man
13 " Humanity of Christ	31 " Destiny of Saved Man
14 " Incarnation	32 " Destiny of Unserved Man—Heaven
15 " Death of Christ	33 " Atonement
16 " Resurrection of Christ	34 Llection
17 " Second Coming of Christ 1st Stage	
18 " Second Coming of Christ 2nd Stage	

35 Death.	42 The Inspiration of the Bible No 1
36 The Resurrections	43 " Inspiration of the Bible No 2
37 " Important Judgments	44 " Inspiration of the Bible No 3
38 " Church No 1	45 " Antichrist
39 " Church No 2	
40 " Lord's Supper	
41 Baptism	

(3) *An Alliterative Study on the Life of Christ* This study covers the main facts in our Lord's life, gives an outline chart on each study, and by the use of alliteration is designed to aid the memory.

(4) *A Summarised Chart* Each of these consists of a large alliterative and acrostical chart, with explanatory notes on the reverse side. There are about thirty charts in all, and they deal with such subjects as Methods of Bible Study, the Second Coming of Christ, the Four Gospels, the Tabernacle, the Canon of the Scriptures, the Miracles, the Parables, Successful Christian Living, etc.

(5) *An Etim Talk* These talks are specially for the heart.

(6) *Words that every preacher should know* This is self-explanatory. A prayerful endeavour has been made to group together the simplest and most effective words, so that the preacher and teacher may be able to express himself or herself with fluency and accuracy.

(7) *Studies in Revelation* Studies on the book of Revelation are included in later Handbooks.

(8) *Miscellaneous Studies*, including "Romans," "Studies on the Church," "The Life of Faith," "Fulfilled Prophecy," "The Fruit of the Spirit," "Soul Winning," and "The Foursquare Gospel," prepared by Ministers of the Elim Alliance, are inset.

### A SELECTION OF TESTIMONIALS.

#### From Africa

"I have been a student of the Elim Bible Correspondence College for a year, and it has been such a help to me. My sermons have not only improved with knowledge, but I have received such boundless spiritual help that I find I am able to preach the Word of truth with much more power and authority than before.

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you that, for the price, I consider your Correspondence Course and *Evangel* amongst the very best that Pentecostal people have produced. If it brings such blessings to others as it has brought to me, you will surely find your efforts amply repaid in results. Since I have become a reader of the *Evangel* and a student of the Correspondence College I have been entrusted with greater responsibilities and a larger field in the Lord's service."

#### From Brixton

"I am sorry that for a time I had to give up my studies, but I must renew them now I have the opportunity. I simply cannot do without them—they are such a source of blessing and help. I find I look forward more to those monthly Handbooks than I realised. I shall always advise others to take up the Correspondence Course if they possibly can and if they have a real desire to study the Word earnestly and systematically."

*From Nottingham.*

"I just want to take this opportunity to write to you and tell you what wonderful help these lessons are to me, and they are so simply worked out that even a child of ten could do them. I must specially mention how wonderfully every little detail in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness has been joined together, and I have had much blessing from that part of this last Handbook. Not only now but at other times I have been drawn nearer to my Saviour."

*From Milford.*

"I find the Course very instructive, and it is proving a great blessing to my soul, although I haven't been able to send away papers for correction. We are just starting some meetings for young people in our church and each in turn has to speak, and I am finding the Handbooks extremely helpful, and only this afternoon have praised God for the very subject I want found in one of them."

*From London.*

"I feel that I must write and say how very helpful the Correspondence School has been to me. I look forward each month for the Handbooks, and I can say no holiday is perfect without the Bible and Handbook. It is good to study when away from daily occupation."

*From Leeds.*

"Will you kindly accept my thanks for the great benefit the studies have been to me—and others."

*All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, Elm Bible College Correspondence School, Elm Woodlands Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S W 4*

## A DYING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

A YOUNG officer, who was well known as having led a careless, worldly life, was lying at the point of death in a hospital, when he was visited by a trooper of his regiment. After speaking words of sympathy, Taylor received from the dying man, as he received from hundreds of others, mementoes and messages for loved ones at home.

"Promise me, Taylor, that when you get back to England, you will call and see my mother, and tell her all about me."

**"YOUR MOTHER, SIR?"**

and the look of sorrow and regret on the dying face made him say gently "May I tell your mother that you died trusting in Christ, sir?"

"No, no," was the answer given bitterly "She is a good woman and a Christian. It will break her heart, I know, but no, it is not true of me?" and he turned his face away.

That was the beginning. But Christ will receive you now, just as you are. Why not come to Him?"

"Taylor," was the bitter answer, "I have lived only for myself, and have given God no thought all my life. How could I be so mean as to turn to Him and ask Him to help me now when I am dying? No! it's too late. I couldn't come now, it would be so mean."

"Wait a minute, sir. Look at it this way. Look

God has been pleased to bless them to me, making my ministry more powerful and effective."

*From Eastbourne.*

"These studies have proved a great source of blessing in opening up God's Word more clearly, and in building up my spiritual life."

*From Two Friends.*

"My friend and I would like to say how much we did and still do enjoy the Bible studies. They have been a great help to us both, and for myself I would like to add that they have met and satisfied a need that I felt in my life for many years. We study together and think of others who are studying in the same way. Trusting the Lord will bless the work abundantly."

*From Salisbury.*

"Praise God for the joy and comfort the studies brought me whilst miles away from any assembly. I am one who has studied much and passed examinations, but never have I received such blessing till I became an E B C C S student."

*From Hull.*

"I really must take this opportunity to write and tell you how I appreciate the studies. They are a wonderful help. The study of God's precious Word stimulates one's faith wonderfully, thereby being an incentive to prayer."

at it from Christ's side. After all He has done for you—and He died for you—give Him the chance of reaping your soul. Don't cause Him still

### MORE DISAPPOINTMENT!

Give Him at least the chance of saving you now, late though it is."

The dying man's eyes opened in astonishment. This was a new way of looking at it—that Christ would be disappointed if he held back, and that he would be wounding Him still further—that was a new thought.

"Leave me, Taylor, and come again this evening. I must be alone; I must think."

And that evening, when the trooper went, there was no need to ask whether or not the officer had decided. The light in the dying man's eyes told the tale. He had not disappointed Christ. The lost sheep had let the Shepherd find him "to the uttermost."

"Tell my mother her prayers have been heard," he whispered.

### WHEN BACK IN ENGLAND,

Taylor did tell that mother, and found as he expected, a saint of God, whose prayers had followed her boy and had been answered for her. You who read this may have a praying mother. Send her the good news that you have taken Christ as your Saviour.

# The Model Christian

## Talk No. VII.

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

**O**UR seventh talk together is on "Gentleness" "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . gentleness" (Gal v 22)

I wish to say with all the emphasis I can command that a Christian, a real Christian, cannot help being gentle. As surely as the diamond placed in the sunlight will sparkle, as surely as the child looking in at the toy shop window will smile, as surely as the clear-watered pool will

### REFLECT THE SKY

above it, so surely will the Christian, who is not in a state of backsliding, reveal the gentleness of Christ.

But someone may say, "Why cannot a Christian help being gentle? Why should he not be rough and cruel like many others?"

It is this question we propose to answer in this talk—"Why cannot a Christian help being gentle?"

1 *A Christian is gentle because he discovers a new worth and beauty in nature*

One day when Professor Huxley was wandering on the highlands of Scotland he stopped to examine a common moss-cup with his pocket lens. A Highland shepherd stood by, evidently much interested. Presently Mr Huxley asked him if he would like to see the flower under the lens. He eagerly assented. Taking the glass he looked intently at the flower. As he looked his eyes dilated with wonder. How wondrously beautiful the magnified flower appeared! Presently he said, "Can this be a moss cup?" "Yes," was the reply, "it is." The shepherd was silent for a little while longer, and then he said with a sigh, "Oh, sir, I wish you had never shewn it me." "Why?" asked the professor in surprise. "Because," replied the good-hearted man, "I tread upon thousands of them every day."

He had discovered a new beauty in God's creation, and that discovery made him gentle.

It is a fact, witnessed to by many, that nature—God's handiwork—is transformed and beautified

### WHEN A MAN IS CONVERTED.

The sky seems bluer, the grass seems greener, the flowers seem sweeter than ever before. Nature speaks to the Christian man of a Father's love. Some things he sees are useful but not beautiful, others are useful and beautiful, still others are beautiful but not useful, but they all speak to the reverent heart of a heavenly Father's creative love and wisdom.

In my own life there was a time when the beautiful countryside and the twinkling stars had no message for me. I well remember how I used to say I would always like to dwell in the town. But now I love the seascape and the landscape, I love the vast measureless expanses of the heavens. There is a new glow and tenderness in my life when I see a flower or gaze at a star. The reason is not far to seek—the more I have loved God, the more I have loved

His creation. The loving child rejoices in its father's garden, and would not spoil it under any circumstances. If a flower is touched it is touched with gentleness and care.

To the Christian the world is the Father's garden, and everything within that garden is treated with gentleness and care. This is one reason why the Christian cannot help being gentle.

2 *The Christian discovers a new worth in man*

Whenever you discover a thing to be valuable you immediately treat that thing with gentleness.

In 1859 Dr Tischendorf discovered some monks upon Mount Sinai treating

### SOME ANCIENT WRITINGS

without any care whatever. In fact the monks were using them to light their fires. But Dr Tischendorf discovered that some of these writings were one of the most ancient copies of the Bible in existence. Immediately the attitude toward these writings entirely changed. Previously the monks in their ignorance had thrown them about anywhere and everywhere—treating them as rubbish. But when their real value was discovered they were treated with extreme care and gentleness. Now they are protected to the utmost.

So when one discovers the worth of men one deals gently with them.

Some people look at man at his market value. Is he a good worker? If so keep him, if not turn him adrift. The world is full of people who treat men worse than dogs. They do not smile if they live, they do not weep if they die. Utterly indifferent to their claims, they will let them alone if they keep out of their way, and trample them down if they oppose.

The Christian sees in men untold possibilities. The man of the world sees a thief dying upon a cross, and goes his way. The Christian sees in that thief one who may dwell in Paradise with Christ. The man of the world sees a blind beggar by the wayside, and passes by. The Christian sees in that blind beggar one who may be a son of God. The man of the world sees an outcast woman, and passes by. The Christian sees one who may be changed into the image of Jesus—perfectly pure, perfectly holy.

Years ago some children of Britain were carried

### AS SLAVES TO ROME.

Good old Pope Gregory saw them and said, "Who are these?" The captor said, "Angles" (as the people of Britain were then called). The Pope replied, "Not Angles, but angels," and had them set free and taught about Christ.

Bring the true Christian into contact with the slaves of sin—criminals, outcasts, drunkards, bring him into contact with well-dressed sinners—as much slaves to sin as those dressed in rags; bring him in contact

with the depraved and superstitious heathen—slaves to idolatry and lust, and he will see in them slaves who, by the power of Christ, on the ground of the Cross of Christ, can be liberated, and become, not angels, but sons of the living God and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven

The latent possibilities in sinful man call forth the utmost gentleness from redeemed man

### 3 *The Christian discovers a new beauty in man*

Just as the discovery of a new worth induces gentleness, so does the discovery of a new beauty do the same

What beauties do we discover?

(a) We discover the beauty of a *smile* What can be sweeter to behold than a truly happy smile! Truly the ugliest face can be transformed thereby What is sweeter than the smile of an aged mother and father! What is sweeter than the smile of the innocent child and the glad-hearted parent!

(b) We discover the beauty of a *happy, spontaneous song* How gladdening to hear the workman

#### SINGING AT HIS WORK,

or the mother humming happily to herself as she makes the beds or gets the tea

(c) We discover the beauty of a *restful heart* I know someone who has such a quiet, restful spirit that whenever I see her the quietness of her own life flows into mine Nothing can make one happier than to live amongst men and women of contented spirits

What is the result? We determine never to speak a word and never to do an action that will drive away the smile, stifle the song, or disturb the heart We will speak gently, act gently, look gently, think gently in order that we may never spoil the beauties of other lives

If only employers would act like this what a change would take place? If only they would hate to look upon strained and careworn faces, and hear grumbling and discontented words, and see overworked and underpaid men and women, what a transformation would result

Oh for real Christian employees I know a boy in Christ who for many years had been careless about the words he had spoken to others—careless whether they pleased or displeased But one day he drew nearer to the Lord Jesus, and from that day he promised God that he would never deliberately speak an unnecessary word or do an unnecessary action that would hurt or

#### GRIEVE ANOTHER'S LIFE

There is one more reason we will mention here that compels gentleness in a Christian

### 4 *A Christian is gentle because he discovers a new power in gentleness*

The Christian discovers that gentleness is one of the surest ways of winning others to Jesus Christ His heart is ablaze to bring others to Christ, therefore he gladly seizes upon the magnet of gentleness The gentleness of our Lord was one of the chief secrets of His influence over others When Peter

backslid, he was won back by the gentleness of Christ That outcast woman was also won back to righteousness by the gentleness of Jesus The same was true of the dying thief, and many more We cannot drive men to Christ but we can draw them The potter does not thump and pound the clay that he wishes to mould into the delicate and beautiful vase No, he uses gentleness It is the same in moulding a life for Jesus Christ

An American minister says that one day when his father was a boy he went to his mother, and said, "I wish to go to such and such a place" (the place being of a questionable character) "I have never been to such a place before, but I should like to go just once"

The mother said "No you cannot go" The boy became obstinate, and said in a wilful spirit, "Yes, I will go." Now that mother might have used her authority and said, "You shall not go, I forbid it" But her lad was getting on in years, and

#### UNBENDING AUTHORITY

might have done harm So she said, "Very well, go, and all the time you are gone I will pray for you" The boy came back at two o'clock in the morning He saw a light in his mother's room—looked through a chink in the blind, and saw his mother kneeling in prayer, with her face buried in her hands He crept round to the door and heard her saying, "Oh, God, watch over my boy to-night, and don't let him sin" The boy stole into the room and knelt down by his mother's side—and that night was converted Afterwards he became a great preacher of the Gospel What did it? The mother's prayers combined with the mother's gentleness If she had been harsh and overbearing, that boy would perhaps have been driven further from Christ—but the mother's gentleness was used to his salvation

"Thy gentleness hath made me great," said the Psalmist as he spoke to God So our gentleness may help to make others great Almost the first prayer we uttered was a prayer concerning gentleness "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild" In earlier days the "Gentle Jesus" became our Pattern It is tragic when we get away from that Pattern If we have done so, then let us get back again Let us once more pray that the gentleness of Christ may fill our whole being Don't think it is weak and cowardly to be gentle No one can be truly great who is not truly gentle God's people should be in the highest sense

#### GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEWOMEN.

Speak gently—it is better far  
To rule by love than fear,  
Speak gently—let not harsh words mar  
The good we might do here

Speak gently to the little child  
Its love be sure to gain,  
Teach it in accents soft and mild,  
It may not long remain

Speak gently to the young—for they  
Will have enough to bear,  
Pass through this world as best they may,  
'Tis full of anxious care.



Speak gently to the aged one,  
Grieve not the care-worn heart,  
The sands of life are nearly run,—  
Let such in peace depart

Speak gently, kindly to the poor,  
Let no harsh tone be heard,  
They have enough they must endure,  
Without an unkind word

Speak gently to the erring—know  
They may have toil'd in vain,  
Perchance unkindness made them so,—  
Oh, win them back again

Speak gently—'tis a little thing  
Dropped in the heart's deep well,—  
The good, the joy that it may bring,  
Eternity will re'll—D Bates

## When He is Come to You

Mrs C. H. M.

MRS C H MORRIS.

1 Have you the Pen - te - cost full - y re - ceived, Ye who on  
2 'When He is come, 'still the prom - ise is true, Not to some  
3 When back to Pen - te - cost God's peo - ple go, Old - time sal -  
4 Souls will be lost if this grace we re - fuse, God's call to

Je - sus the Lord have be - lieved? Has He, the Com - fort - er  
o - ther heart, but 'un - to you', He will re - prove this lost  
va - tion in ri - vers shall flow, Old - time con - vic - tion on  
ho - li - ness dare to a - buse, Will you be true to the

promised, come in, Prov - ing, em - pow'ring and reigning with - in?  
world of its sin, Sal - va - tion's work shall in pow - er be - gin  
sin - ners shall rest, With old - time pow - er His church shall be blest  
trust He has giv'n, Win - ning lost souls for the king - dom of heav'n?

### CHORUS.

'When He is come to you' to you 'When He is come to you,  
'When He is come to you, 'When He is come to you,

Souls will be won, and re - vi - vals be - gun 'When He is come to you'

## Bible Study Helps

### SPIRITUAL DISTANCES

#### I. While Unforgiven, we are—

1 Near to sin "My sin is ever before me" (Psalm li 3)

2 Far from God "The Lord is far from the wicked" (Prov xi 29) "They that are far from thee shall perish" (Psalm lxxiii 27)

#### II. When Forgiven, we are—

1 Far from our sins "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm ciii 12)

2 Near to God "Now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph ii 13) "Hide not Thy face far from me, put not Thy servant away in anger, Thou hast been my help, leave me not, neither forsake Me, O God of my salvation" (Psalm xxxvii 9)

### CHRIST AND THE TONGUE.

**The Unruly Member** of the wicked (rejecters of Christ's precious blood)

Treacherous Psalm lxxviii 9

Offensive Psalm lxxviii 36

Naughty Proverbs xvii 4

Grievous Psalm iii 2

Untameable James iii 8

Evil Psalm i 19, Psalm cxi 3

**The Ruled Member** of the good (redeemed by Christ's precious blood)

Tamed Proverbs xv 4

Operative Proverbs xi 2

New Mark xvi 17

Good Proverbs x 20

Useful Proverbs xxv 15

Efficient Proverbs xvi 1, Matt x 20

**The Words of Jesus:** "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt xii 36-37)  
—E F M

### THE WAY OF SALVATION.

(John x. 9)

1 A simple way—"I am the door"

2 A safe way—"By Me"

3 A sufficient way—"If any man enter"

4 A sure way—"He shall be saved"

Order your extra copies of the Special Christmas Double Number now

# FAMILY ALTAR



## The Scripture Union Daily Portions

**Sunday, Dec 6th** Daniel ii 14-24

"The light dwelleth with Him" (verse 22)

The light dwelleth with God. Therefore in His light we can see light. Perfect light is only found in God. In man there is darkness and dawn. Dawn consists of the mingling of light and darkness. Rays of light with remaining darkness describes the condition of dawn. Such are most men. Some things they know and say are good, but other things are not. Man may help us partially. God helps us perfectly. The dawn advice we get from men frequently muddles us. But the daylight advice we get from God sends us forward in a safe path. We need light—light upon our daily problems. To whom shall we go? We will go to God. Light dwelleth with Him. Daniel obtained God's light by asking for it—we do the same.

**Monday, Dec. 7th** Daniel ii 25-35

"I have found a man of the captives of Judah" (verse 25)

Daniel belonged to a captive people, but there was knowledge with him that did not belong to his captors. Physical position does not govern spiritual knowledge. Circumstances do not necessarily decide enlightenment. David was the youngest of his brethren, yet he was the chosen of God. Joseph was cast into a pit and a prison, yet God was with him. John was banished to the isle of Patmos, yet he knew more about heaven than anyone. Bunyan was kept in jail for fifteen years, yet he enjoyed God's blessing in a manner denied to his gaolers. God is known better in many a cottage than in many a mansion. The servant girl who sleeps in the attic may know far more about Christ than the mistress who sleeps in the best room. To be a man of God is far better than being a man of wealth. A slave who knows God is richer than a Nebuchadnezzar who does not know Him.

**Tuesday, Dec. 8th.** Daniel ii 36-49

"The God of heaven (shall) set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (verse 44)

The kingdoms of the world will cease, but the kingdom of God shall endure for ever. No earthly man has yet been found capable of governing all men. Men have established vast kingdoms, but other men have opposed them, and ultimately the overthrow has taken place. But God has got His heavenly Man. He alone is able to govern all men. Satan is trying to find a man. His man will be Antichrist. But Antichrist will tragically fail. He will be acclaimed a success for a time. Men will announce that the solution of world affairs has been found. But Antichrist's rule will crash

## Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

As all other rule has crashed. The rule of the future belongs to the Man of Calvary. The Christ of the Cross sways the future. When we crown Christ with many crowns, we put our crowns upon the one Head that will never lose them.

**Wednesday, Dec 9th** Daniel iii 1-12

"They serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (verse 12)

A golden image is attractive. The people of Babylon were quite willing to worship it, but the people of God—Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego—were not willing. If you don't follow the crowd they will not like it. The voice of the people should be sufficient for us—so people say. But golden images and popular opinion don't attract those who have seen Christ and heard His voice. A golden image exalts man. But it is man that has exalted man. We prefer to worship the Man whom God has exalted. Don't be afraid to displease the crowd. Your manager may expect you as his typist to attend the fancy-dress ball he has arranged. If you belonged to the Babylon of this world you might. But remember although you are in Babylon you are not of it.

**Thursday, Dec 10th** Daniel iii 13-23

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace" (verse 17)

Naturally it is more pleasant to bow down before a golden image than to be cast into a fiery furnace. But if we bow down before a golden image there is no one like unto the Son of Man who stands with us. But if we are ready for the fiery furnace for conscience' sake, then we shall find alongside One who is indeed the Son of Man. Modern fiery furnaces are different to those of Daniel's day. The office, the shop, the school, and even the home can become a fiery furnace to those who, not counting the cost, insist upon doing God's will. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego got to know more about God in the fiery furnace than out of it. So shall we. Character is made by fire, not by gold.

**Friday, Dec. 11th** Daniel iii 24-30

"Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came forth of the midst of the fire" (verse 26)

God never leaves His children in the fire. There is always a time when they come forth. When they come forth they are loosed from the fetters that bind them. Many a man of God is fettered before he passes into the fire. He is bound with the fetters of self-confidence and worldly ambition. But the fire burns the fetters. We never realise just how

much we are fettered until we are cast into the fire. But when fetter after fetter is burnt through and falls from us, then we realise how much self had entered into our life. We don't like the fire, but fire burns the ropes, separates the dross from the gold, and melts the iron. The discipline of faith is always followed by the rest of faith.

**Saturday, Dec. 12th.** Daniel iv 1-18

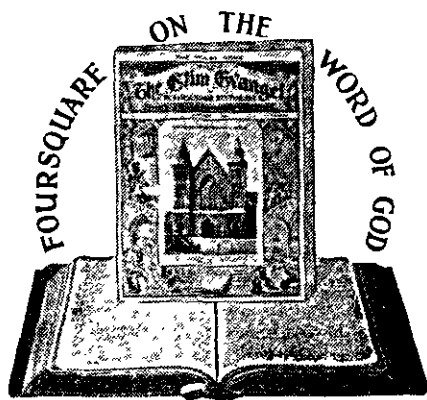
"I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house. I saw a dream which made me afraid" (verses 4 and 5)

When people are at rest they never know how soon they may see something that will make them afraid. Rest can be summarily disturbed. We go to sleep in peace, but the post next morning may bring us letters that make us afraid. Red faith saves us from the fear of the future. Fear and faith cannot live together. The faith of God never fears. Faith can smile at every emergency because it knows that God always makes the wrath of men to praise Him and the remainder of wrath He restrains. Faith in God is faith in the One who is never taken by surprise. God always foresees and fore-prepares. Men who have no faith in God are always seeing things that make them afraid. But those who trust in God will only fear when He fears—and that is never.

## Spiritual Sleep.

A dear old deacon in a former church always went to sleep within ten minutes. If I could keep him awake fifteen minutes I felt my sermon was a success. He comforted me by saying that he could understand me just as well asleep as he could awake, and his wife confirmed it, for she said that even when he seemed to be sound asleep he was taking in the sermon. The difficulty with him was that he was so tremendously active during the week—up at six o'clock, at his office all day, late at work, and all the time was worrying and working, so that when he became quiet and comfortable on Sunday he naturally went to sleep. But I never heard of him going to sleep in his office or when striking a bargain in real estate! He never went to sleep when doing something. Inactivity is a sign and cause of sleep.

If you will make up your mind to be doing something as well as receiving, doing all the time, you are not apt to become drowsy, you will keep wide awake spiritually.  
—A. C. Dixon



## EDITORIAL

### Christmas Gifts.

We have arrived at the gift season. We have started to think of our circle of friends and the presents we shall send to them. We suggest that the human gift should remind the recipient of the Divine Gift. Our gift can be of such a character that it will constrain men to think of the Lord Jesus Christ and His wonderful power. For this reason we do not hesitate to call attention to the publications of our own Elm Publishing Co. We are delighted that a yearly increase in these publications is taking place. The Publishing Co. is run for the glory of God. It is run in order that the Kingdom of God shall be extended. The publications are designed to make men and women think of Jesus Christ. Then why not give books as Christmas gifts? Do you wish someone to know about the Elm work and its extension? Then give them the book, *George Jeffreys—a Ministry of the Miraculous*. Do you want an absolutely recent publication? Then give them Pastor Boulton's new book entitled, *Love's Miracles*. We could give an extended list, but space forbids. Our Publishing Co. will, however, be very pleased to send you a catalogue of their publications, if you will write to them at Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London S W 4.

### Storms and Tests.

RECENTLY a great storm raged along the south coast of England.

The wind and waves were far above normal—even a stormy normal. We saw some of the wreckage of the storm. Many hundreds of pounds damage was done to the sea fronts, bungalows and summer huts. Bungalows and huts were smashed and overturned. We saw one which had been blown completely over, leaving the furniture that had once been within exposed to the weather. Houses built near to the sea front had their front gardens spoiled by the shingle that was washed into them. We were, however, specially interested in noticing that large numbers of summer huts withstood the storms while their near neighbours' were severely damaged. We noticed that the huts which had foundations withstood the storm, those that were without were greatly spoiled. It simply reminded us again that in our lives at any time totally unexpected storms may arise. If we are to weather the storm then our foundation must be sure. It will be well for us as we close this year and approach another, to test our foundations. Are our foundations firmly fixed in Christ, the living Word, and the Bible, the written Word? If so we need not fear the storms that lie ahead. We shall be tested, we know. But we shall triumph! The Rock of Ages and the Book of Ages are both foundations that will weather every storm of 1932 and after.

### How to Increase your Gifts without cost to Yourself

ALL those who make gifts to the work of the Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance, and who are Income Tax payers, will be pleased to know that on regular gifts it is possible for us to increase the amount by a sum equal to the Income Tax that has been paid on the gift. This should be of interest to a large number of our readers, as under the recent Finance Act so many more are now liable to pay Income Tax. At the present rate of Income Tax, it is possible for us to add 6/8 to every £1 given under this scheme. Those who are interested should write to the Secretary, 20, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S W 4.

### Fearing the Shadows.

Somewhere one has read of the child whom Nurse had frightened with the shadows of the garden, an unforgivable folly, though she was seeking to keep the child within bounds, and therefore from the dangers which lay beyond the borders of the garden. But it was a sinful business none the less, for after a time the little girl became obsessed with fear concerning all that lay beyond the hedges of her own garden plot. In reality, beyond these borders were flowers and fruits rich beyond compare and freely accessible to her, had she sought them. One day her elder brother took the nurse's place and sought to entice the child to run through the hedge into the neighbouring garden. She cried out, in the grip of a mortal fear. She could not believe that the nurse's stories were only idle stories, that there was nothing to fear through the shadows. Then the brother asked her if she would believe that there was no danger if he went through the hedge and came back? It was not difficult, then, for the child to take his hand and walk boldly through what had been a house of terror, into the sunlight of a glorious garden beyond.

So Jesus, our Elder Brother as well as our Lord, tempted in all respects as we are, faced for us the terrors of death, tested for us its bitterness, and came back from the shadows to tell us that the grave could become simply our nearest way home, our pathway into a large life.

Do not yield to discouragement no matter how sorely pressed or beset you may be in circumstances. A discouraged soul is helpless. He can neither resist the wiles of the enemy himself, while in this state, nor can he prevail in prayer for others.

Flee from every symptom of this deadly foe as you would flee from a viper. And be not slow in turning your back on it, unless you want to bite the dust in bitter defeat.

*The Cross is the source of spiritual health.*

# “Will a Man rob God?”

By Mrs. W. G. CHANNON

*Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings—Malachi iii 8*

**A**S we meditate upon this verse of scripture we no longer wonder at the strange title of the entire prophecy, “The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi” Surely such a message would weigh heavily upon the messenger of Jehovah, but if He would be true to God and to the people who were depriving themselves of God’s best, he must faithfully transfer the burden to the people

*The question is asked by God* “Will a man rob God?” Many might evade such a question or excuse themselves by boldly affirming, I have never



Mrs W G Channon

stolen from God, and how is it possible to take anything from Him by force? It might help us when we realise that the original rendering of the word rob is “defraud” We thus see how it is possible to defraud God of what is His by right. If this question had been addressed to the unsaved we would readily agree, knowing so well that each day the sinner lives apart from God he is defrauding Him of time, talents and love, but God was dealing with a people whom He had restored, and upon whom He had lavished

His lovingkindness. This startling, heart-searching question was wrung from the heart of God and addressed to priest and people. It was the need of the hour. God knew all else was useless, hence the burning question. Is there not a great need in the professing church to-day for messengers who will so live in communion with their God that they too will know the burden of His great heart of love, and thus lovingly lead the people to see where they have failed?

*The answer is given by God* “Yet ye have defrauded Me” This question could not be avoided, and we find that God Himself gives the answer to His own question, fearing that the people might excuse themselves and thus heap sin upon sin. How well we remember a time when God could charge us with lawlessness—we dare not, could not deny it—when we were guilty of the sin of rejecting His Son, and we could not defend ourselves. The answer He gave was in the form of a charge—“Ye have defrauded Me” But what can we as the children of God say to this charge when it comes from the One who knows the very secrets of our hearts?

*The charge came as a surprise* “But ye say, Wherein have we defrauded Thee?” These people were ignorant of this grievous offence. They were shocked when the charge was delivered. Would we

be very surprised if the heavenly Accountant were to send us in a statement which revealed all we had ignorantly held back from God? Many are unconscious of this wrong. Surely it is the responsibility of

## EVERY FAITHFUL MINISTER

to enlighten God’s people concerning this matter, yet how few do so. I am reminded of the story of a certain stately-looking brother who was to be seen each Lord’s Day morning making his way into his usual pew in the little chapel. Sitting well back in a comfortable position it was his custom as the usher came his way to drop twopence on the plate. With a contented smile he would say, “Oh well, that’s another week’s rent for heaven.” It sounds amusing, yet is it not the sad attitude which so many adopt in their manner of giving to God?

*The charge is explained by God—*“In tithes” Nothing is left undone by God. He never accuses of some failure and then leaves the accused one to grope blindly to find a way out. We have it before us clearly that the failure of this people was the withholding of the tithe. As we read back in the Law we see how many promises God made to His people, all of which were conditional. On Mount Sinai God commanded Moses concerning the tithe which was to be holy unto Himself

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s, it is holy unto the Lord (Lev xxvii 30)

Tithing was not so much a challenge to generosity as it was to faith. It was a test of faith which proved the promises of God, and which revealed the heart of the people. They had used this holy thing for themselves and so defrauded and dishonoured God. Whenever tithing is mentioned there are some who endeavour to evade their responsibility with these words, “Was not tithing a command given for those under the Law only?” No! tithing was

## NOT CREATED BY THE LAW,

but recognised by it. We read (Genesis xiv 20) of the patriarch Abraham giving tithes to Melchisedek. Rather we would say, If a tenth were due under the Law, how much more should we give in this blessed day of grace? Others sometimes say, “I cannot afford to tithe.” Shall we put it another way, and say you cannot afford not to tithe? Can you afford to forfeit all the promises which God gives to all those who thus honour Him? (Prov iii 9, 10) If we are in debt, the way out is to pay God first, and He will not cause us to be put to shame. Some time ago a young man was in debt. He was almost distracted, and threatened with disaster. In his distress he turned to the Word of God and upon opening it he read Malachi iii 8, and saw at once the reason for his condition. Making a great effort he gave to



God, and in a short time his debts were paid, and he was a prosperous business man. Others are heard to say, "All I have is His." Is this slipshod, hit-or-miss way glorifying to God? All in general and nothing in particular. One wonders what would happen if a similar phrase were used to the grocer or any other tradesman who came for the payment of his bill at the close of the week. It is therefore evident that God is put off with words which we would be ashamed to address to man. A God of order has clearly shewn us a methodical way of giving to Him (1 Cor xvi 1, 2).

*The charge more fully explained* "In tithes and offerings." Not only in tithing did this

### PEOPLE DEFRAUD GOD,

but in offerings also. What! Did they not give to the offerings? Yes, but they gave only that which they could do without. This offering mentioned by God was the "heave offering," and was used in connection with the erection of the Tabernacle (Exodus xxv 2, xxxv 24). It was their freewill offering, and they gave to God the sick, the lame and the blind. An outward show void of sacrifice, prompted only by a sense of duty. A rigid form which was insulting to a God of love. Would He accept such? No! It grieved Him, and tied His hands, so that the people gradually departed from Him. Already the shops are displaying their Christmas stock. Many are planning to give presents to friends, and we know the better the gift we give, so the greater the joy we have in presenting it. What about our gifts to God? Is He not our best Friend? Has He not bestowed the "greater love" upon us in giving His best? If we

thought of the sacrifice made by God when He freely gave His only Son, would not our hearts condemn us, in that we hold back part of the price? What shall we say to these things, and what shall we do?

*The remedy is given by God* "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." If we willingly and gladly bring all the tithes into the treasury of heaven, great will be the interest given by our heavenly Father, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Look at the reward meat in the house of God to feed the starving souls of others. A present proof of God's power and blessing. "Prove Me now." He will

### OPEN THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

now, and pour out the blessing. An overflowing blessing which will reach further than our finite minds can estimate. Cities, towns, villages, and heathen lands are crying out for something to lighten their darkness, and satisfy their hungry, yearning souls. Only One can do this, He whom we know as Jesus Christ our Saviour, Healer, Baptist, and Coming King. There is a part for every child of God to play in this great work. Let us all realise how much depends upon us. If we defraud God, we rob the needy, we shut the windows of heaven, and more than this, grieve His great heart of eternal love.

Saviour, Thy dying love Thou gavest me,  
Nor should I ought withhold, my Lord, from Thee,  
In love my soul would bow,  
My heart fulfil its vow,  
Some offering bring Thee now,  
Something for Thee

## Faith

**I**F I were rich in faith I could no more be poor, for faith is God's gold key that opens every door, no towering mountain, though it fill the space around, can block the Christian's path when simple faith is found.

Faith does not rest its gaze on what the worldling sees, faith looks at things unseen, and always counts on these. Faith does not weep because the mountain standeth there, faith knows that God can make it vanish in the air.

Faith knows our heavenly Father never travels late, faith always sings and smiles, and settles down to wait. Faith knows the perfect moment will at last arrive, when God will prove to all that He is still alive.

Faith grows within the shade, and blossoms in the dark, faith does not need the morning sunshine like the lark. Faith sings within the clouds, it does not fear the night, faith knows that when God's time arrives it will be light.

Faith praises God, although it does not understand, faith trusts in God, although it cannot feel His hand. Faith knows that God is there, observ-

ing every act, faith does not doubt, but trusts the great eternal Fact.

Faith may be very sick, but faith cannot be sad, faith may be strangely weak, but even then is glad. Faith knows that sickness, weakness, all will fly away when God puts down His finger on our mortal clay.

Faith can be brave when all around are full of fear, faith knows that Friends, not enemies, are the most near. Faith surely knows the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are nearer than the persecuting, godless host.

Faith knows that faith like this is not obtained from earth, faith knows such trust must have a true and heavenly birth. Such faith is not by soulsh effort self-attained, faith comes from God—from Him the gift must be obtained.

Give us this living faith, we cry to Thee, dear Lord, no gold of earth can such a priceless gift afford. I will no longer seek to purchase it from Thee, I simply ask, for Christ's dear sake, "Lord, give it unto me."—P G P.

# Opening of New Elim Tabernacle

## and "Bethrapha" Healing Home

*On Saturday, November 7th, Principal George Jeffreys officiated at the opening (under the auspices of the Elim Alliance) of the late Pastor Richard Howton's Church and Healing Home in Glossop. Both the church building and "Bethrapha" were besieged by enthusiastic crowds. Alderman Dearden of Rochdale, Pastor Algernon Coffin, the Revival Party, and Ministers of the Elim Alliance were present at the opening services. A week's Convention followed, when Pastors Jewitt (Leeds), Barton (Bradford), Kitching (Sheffield), Hilliard (Southport), Fielding (London), and Mrs George Kingston (Leigh-on-Sea) ministered. Throughout the week there were packed congregations in the grip of Holy Ghost revival. The following report of the opening of "Bethrapha" is by Miss Alice Watkins.*

**N**OVEMBER 7th—the appointed day for the opening of the new Elm House of Healing. Mist and fog lie over hill and dale in the northern counties, but at Glossop, ere the visitors arrive, the weather clears, and the setting sun lightens up the heavy clouds with a deep fringe of glory, and gladdening beams fall aslant the western windows of "Bethrapha," happy reminder of the rays of

### THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

which, we trust, will again shine into this home of prayer and peace.

The portals are flung open as Principal Jeffreys and the Revival Party draw up, with other cars, in a little procession, and very soon a large crowd of distant and neighbouring friends are pressing in filling the reception rooms, hall and staircase, and all receiving a gracious welcome from Miss Barbour, Mrs Howton, and Pastor and Mrs Coffin. How the place has been transformed through the labours of Miss Barbour and her devoted band of workers, and of Mr Renshaw, one-time Police Inspector of Glossop, brother of Mrs. Howton, who has always stood by her and has now been assisting the Principal and Miss Barbour most indefatigably and sympathetically. How hard they have all worked to get the house in order in such an amazingly short time, and how home-like and comfortable it has become. What loving thoughts can be traced behind the preparation in every room to make each individual guest happy and cosy! What a cheerful household we find ourselves among!

Downstairs all is stir and bustle, and visitors are still coming in. Here and there we come across members of Pastor Howton's flock, and there are many who have been added to the Church by the preaching of the blessed truths of the Gospel during the recent campaign of Principal Jeffreys. Here comes along our

### YOUNG FRIEND

who used to be carried daily into the pew under the pulpit awaiting the touch of the Lord upon those poor crippled legs. Now she is walking, with assistance, through the hall and into the dining room to greet our Principal. On the stairs stands a little girl who, from birth, had had a paralysed hand. "Shake hands, darling, with Mrs Jones, and shew her what Jesus has done for you", and our sister from Wales receives quite an impressive squeeze.

Happy-faced people gather around the tea tables, relay after relay is ministered to, and later are all packed together for the little service, not to dedicate the house to the Lord, for that had been done twenty-seven years ago, by the late Rev R Howton, but for its re-opening in the faith that the Lord will once more abundantly bless His work therein.

Choruses are sung, Pastor Coffin offers prayer and praise, Alderman Dearden voices his gratitude to God in a little speech, Mrs Howton tells us a little more about her beloved husband's life and ministry, which the Lord so signally blessed in former years, and of her own joy and contentment in all that the Lord has been doing recently, and will do in the future.

Now the Principal is asking us all to follow him in the reading of that priceless gem, Psalm xc1, and under the illumination of the Holy Spirit, it seems richer than ever. "I never saw so much in it before," says one lover of the Word, and others express similar thoughts. It is a time of joy and uplift, and of real

### FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

At the close of the meeting a telegram is read. It comes from an assemblage of dear ones at Elm Woodlands, the College at Clapham, and its message is one of greetings with the promise of Haggai ii 9. "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts: and in this place I will give peace."

An answering telegram is sent. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Truly this is the prevailing song in our hearts to-day.

Looking back, the chief impression which remains with the writer is of the presence of One who was standing and moving among us during happy hours. He was truly the Master of Ceremonies as ever He was at the marriage in Cana of Galilee.

In the wonderful work of the campaigns we have indeed living pictures of the ploughing up of the fallow ground, the sowing of the precious seed, and the reaping of the glad harvest. But in the opening of "Bethrapha" there was an earnest of the glad harvest home, when we shall have the fulness of His Presence, and rejoice in His deep joy in the ingathering of His family—all one in Him. Hallelujah!

# God is Enough

**T**HE last and greatest lesson the soul has to learn is the fact that God, and God alone, is enough for all its needs. This is the lesson that all His dealings with us are meant to teach, and that is the crowning discovery of our whole Christian life. **GOD IS ENOUGH.**

Most Christians have, I suppose, sung more often than they could count, these words in one of our most familiar hymns—

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
More than all in Thee I rest.

But I doubt if all of us could honestly say that the words have expressed any

## REALITY IN OUR EXPERIENCE.

Christ has not been all we want. We have wanted fervent feeling about Him, or realizations of His presence with us, or an interior revelation of His love, or else we have demanded satisfactory schemes of doctrine, or successful Christian work, or something of one sort or another, beside Himself, that will constitute a personal claim upon Him. Just Christ Himself, Christ alone, without the addition of any of our experiences concerning Him has not been enough for us, in spite of all our singing, and we do not even see how it is possible that He could be enough.

The Psalmist said in those old days, "My soul, wait thou only upon God for my expectation is from Him." But now the Christian says, "My soul, wait thou upon my sound doctrines, for my expectation is from them", or, "My soul, wait thou on my good frames and feelings, or upon my righteous works, or upon my fervent prayers, or upon my earnest striving, for my expectation is from these." To wait upon God only, seems one of the most unsafe things they can do, and to have their expectation from Him alone like

## BUILDING ON THE SAND

They reach out on every side for something to depend on, and, not until everything else fails, will they put their trust in God alone. George Macdonald says "We look upon God as our last and feeblest resource. We only go to Him when we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn that the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired Haven."

No soul can be really at rest until it has given up all dependence on everything else, and has been forced to depend upon the Lord alone. As long as our expectation is from other things, nothing but disappointment awaits us. Frames and feelings may change with our changing circumstances, doctrines and dogmas may be upset, Christian work may come to nought, prayers may seem to lose their fervency, promises may seem to fail, everything we have believed in or depended upon may seem to be swept away, and only God is left—just God!

We say sometimes, "If I could only find a promise to fit my case, I could then be at rest." But promises

may be misunderstood or misapplied, and, at the moment when we are leaning our full weight upon them, they may seem to fail us utterly. But the Promiser, who is behind His promises, and is infinitely more than His promises, can never fail nor change. The little child does not need to have any promises from its mother to make it content, it has its mother herself, and she is enough. Its mother is better than a thousand promises. In our highest ideal of love or friendship, promises do not enter. One party may love to make promises, just as our Lord does, but the other party does not need them, the personality of lover or friend is better than all their promises. And should every promise be wiped out of the Bible we would still have God left, and God would be enough.

I do not mean by this that we are not to have frames and feelings, or experiences, or revelations, or good works, or sound doctrines. We may have all of these, but they must be

## THE RESULT OF SALVATION,

and never the procuring cause, and they can never be depended upon as being any indication of our spiritual condition. They are all things that come and go, and are dependent often upon the state of our health, or the condition of our surroundings, or even sometimes upon the quarter of the wind. Some people, for instance, can never believe God loves them when the wind is in the east. And if we rely upon any of these things in the slightest degree as the groundwork of our confidence or our joy, we are sure to come to grief. What I do mean is that we are to hold ourselves absolutely independent of them all, resting only in the grand, magnificent fact that God is, and that He is our Saviour, with an inner life that prospers just as well and is just as triumphant without these personal experiences or personal doings as it is with them.

It is difficult to explain what I mean. We have so accustomed ourselves to consider the accompaniments of the spiritual life itself, that it is

## HARD TO DETACH OURSELVES

from them. We cannot think that the Lord can be anything to us unless we find in ourselves something to assure us of His love and His care. And when we talk about finding our all in Him, we generally mean that we find it in our feelings or our views about Him. The truth is that what satisfies us is, not the Lord, but our own feelings about the Lord. But we are not conscious of this, and consequently when our feelings fail, we think it is the Lord who has failed, and we are plunged in darkness.

As long as our attention is turned upon ourselves and our own experiences, just so long is it turned away from the Lord. This is plain common sense. We can only see the thing we look at, and while we are looking at ourselves we simply cannot "behold God." It is not that He hides Himself, He is always there in full view of all who look unto Him, but if we are looking in another direction we cannot expect to see Him.

If we want to see God our interior questioning must be, not of ourselves, but about Him How does God feel towards me? Is His love for me warm enough? Has He enough zeal? Does He feel my need deeply enough? Is He sufficiently in earnest? Although these questions may seem irreverent to some, they simply

**EMBODY THE DOUBTS**

and fears of a great many doubting hearts, and they only need to be asked, in order to prove the fact that these doubts and fears are in themselves the

real irreverence We all know what would be the triumphant answers to such questions No doubts could withstand their testimony, and the soul that asks and answers them honestly will be shut up to a profound and absolute conviction that God is and must be enough

Therefore God is enough! God is enough for time, God is enough for eternity God is enough!

Only to sit and think of God,  
 Oh, what a joy it is!  
 To think the thought, to breathe the Name,  
 Earth has no higher bliss

**Children's Bible Educator**

We are giving 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 the same side and address the card to Puzzle Editor, Elim Publishing Co., Ltd, Park Crescent, Clapham Park, S W 4

**WORD SELECTION PUZZLE** From each of the passages of Scripture given below take the word indicated by the number in brackets after it, as for instance, (5th), (32nd), (21st) etc respectively mean that you take the 5th, 32nd, or 21st word in the verse which the number follows, and so on The thirteen words thus collected are the principal words in a wonderful Divine promise (two verses) in the middle of the Epistle to the Romans Write out the two verses, and add the chapter and verse numbers

I Thess iv 9 (5th), I Cor viii 4 (32nd), Matt ii 4 (21st), Luke vi 22 (13th), Eph vi 12 (13th), II Cor iv

10 (15th), II Pet ii 4 (7th), II Tim i 12 (24th), Matt v 21 (10th), Lph iii 18 (18th), Eph vi 12 (11th), Mark xvi 15 (18th), Eph iii 18 (16th)

There are 48 words in the two complete verses Use your concordance if you wish

Solutions should arrive by first post Monday December 7th

**SOLUTION OF MISSIONARY RIDDLE, NOVEMBER 20th**

Answer II Kings v 2-4, Naaman

Correct solutions were received from: Dorothy Baiton, Minnie Bingham, Stella Cliff, Mary Cole, Hazel Greenwood, Dilys Hale Joan Hill, Winifred M Howard, Mary Hurst, David Johnston, Jean Kennedy, Nessie McGrann, Ian McAnally, Reginald Martin, Mae Martin, Mary Noble, Ethel Nunn, Evelyn M Patterson, Melba Pipet, Nellie Rabbage, Tom Ramsey, Kathleen Reeves, Nellie Robinson, J Whiteheart, Grace White, Marjorie Wiltshire, Alfred Yardley

**CAMPAIGN AND CONVENTION BLESSINGS**

Crusaders' Earnest Endeavour—Berean Bible Study—Gracious Healings

**FOURSQUARE BLESSING**

**Bournemouth** (Pastor W Field) "Immanuel!" Truly the saints at Elim Tabernacle, Victoria Place, Springbourne, can exclaim this joyous note for God continues to bless the work here Five years have now rolled away since the opening of the Tabernacle praise God, the early revival spirit is still maintained, and the old-time Gospel is proclaimed in Holy Ghost power God continually sets His seal on the preaching of His Word On two recent Lord's Days a total of five precious souls have professed salvation, while backsliders are being restored to their first love, and a number of



Pastor W Field

God's people have experienced the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Almost every week two Divine healing services are held, and many are proving the truth of the Word in James v 14, and are praising Him God's people too have been much blessed by a series of studies given by the Pastor on The Christian Life These have been very edifying, and the means of drawing many into closer communion and walk with our Master

The Crusaders are doing a great work, and it is inspiring to hear them render the Gospel in song, on Sundays Many who were not able to hear the great Crusader Choir at the Crystal Palace were privileged to hear some of those grand hymns sung by the Crusader band

**CRUSADER CAMPAIGN**

**Leeds** (Pastor T H Jewitt and Evangelist G Miles) Does Christ really satisfy young people?

The answer to this question has been demonstrated in a very definite manner, during a ten days' evangelistic campaign recently conducted by the Crusaders here

Who could have been left in doubt upon the point, who had been privileged to see that platform full of beaming faces, as night after night, by means of song,

testimony, and the preached Word, the glorious Foursquare Gospel was proclaimed?

What scenes of enthusiasm, what evidence of joy, what manifestations of Holy Ghost power, were witnessed, as at meeting after meeting, the numbers swelled of those who surrendered their lives to the loving claims of the uplifted Saviour, until no less than twenty precious souls had passed out of nature's darkness into His most marvellous light

Truly the young people at Leeds have cause to praise and magnify God for His blessing upon their efforts, whilst they are encouraged to press forward to yet greater exploits in the Name of their risen Lord

**ANSWERED PRAYER.**

**Eastbourne** (Pastor S Gorman) The Lord is still blessing abundantly at the Elim Tabernacle, Hartfield Road In these days of world-wide distress the saints praise Him that prayers regarding unemployment and other problems are being wonderfully answered, and, bless the Name of Jesus, souls are still being won for the Kingdom

During Pastor and Mrs Gorman's



absence on holiday, Pastor Kitching had charge of this assembly, his ministry being blessed in the saving of precious souls and the reconsecration of saints to the service of the Master.

Much blessing was experienced from the Word ministered by Pastor Robinson during a brief visit to this his home town.

On a recent Sunday evening, after a powerful discourse by Pastor Gorman, five signified their acceptance of Jesus as Saviour. To Him be the glory.

### BIBLE BLESSINGS

**Hove** (Miss G M Edwards) Praise God for His faithfulness. He is richly blessing the ministry of Miss Edwards, who is in charge at the Elim Tabernacle, Portland Road since Pastor Kitching left to labour in another part of God's vineyard.

Recently a week of prayer was held, to wait upon God for the revival of His work, and truly the Lord has answered our prayers. The Crusaders visited all the houses in the vicinity of the Tabernacle, giving away "Evangelists," and tendering a hearty invitation to the meetings.

Last Sunday after the preaching of the Word one precious soul came out on the Lord's side.

The Thursday Bible readings on the Holy Spirit are proving a great blessing and help to all.

### REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT CHELMSFORD.

The blessing of God has indeed been manifested in Chelmsford during the campaign conducted by Pastor and Mrs J Woodhead (Leigh-on-Sea). The campaign was to last for three weeks, but we are now in the fifth week and the showers are still falling. The meetings held every night have been well attended. At the time of this report twelve souls have been saved, wanderers have returned, and nineteen have been baptised in the Holy Spirit, in the old-fashioned way. The ministry of the Pastor has been greatly appreciated, also the solos ably rendered by Mrs J Woodhead. A greater interest has been created in the Foursquare Gospel in Chelmsford and the saints are yet believing that great things shall be accomplished. On a recent Monday Pastor and Mrs C J E Kingston paid a visit to the campaign. Pastor Kingston gave the Word during the evening service. This was a feast, and one soul surrendered to the claims of Christ at the close. Evangelist E Dunk paid a visit one Wednesday, and gave a Gospel address. Pray that the revival may continue.

### ELIM CONVENTION.

**Leigh-on-Sea** (Pastor J Woodhead) Wonderful times of blessing and feasting on rich spiritual things were experienced at Elim Hall, Glendale Gardens, on the occasion of the Elim Convention recently. Two great services were conducted, Pastor G Kingston being chairman at each service. Evangelist E Dunk (Hockley) gave an inspiring address from I Kings xviii which was followed by a solo and a very encourag-

ing message from Miss Fereday (Great Wakering). Miss Fereday's message was taken from the same chapter as Mr Dunk's, this again shewing that God was speaking with no uncertain sound. Miss Fereday told of the way God was blessing the newly established assembly at Great Wakering. Pastor Woodhead, visiting from the campaign at Chelmsford, gave a short account of the Lord's blessing there.

Refreshments were provided by the Leigh assembly. A ministerial conference followed, attended by the pastors and evangelists of the East Essex Churches at which time was given to prayer, fellowship and business. The evening service will be ever remembered as a time of revival blessing. The first message was very ably delivered by Pastor C J E Kingston, his subject being The Feasts, and truly his message was a feast. Other speakers also addressed the Convention.

Three souls yielded to the claims of Christ, and many testified to being healed after being prayed for. This Convention has proved a blessing in Leigh and district.

### ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

**Hockley, Essex** (Evangelist G Dunk).

The anniversary services were conducted at this assembly on a recent Sunday, and continued on the Monday. The speaker at all the three Sunday services was Pastor G Kingston, whose ministry was a rich blessing to all who attended. Items were rendered during the day by Sunday school and Elim Cadets. The hall was full on the Sunday evening. Mr Lloyd of Hadleigh was the speaker on Monday. God has been blessing this assembly of late, and has honoured the untiring efforts of Evangelist E Dunk. Two souls were saved on a recent Sunday. Meetings have been commenced at Rochford by Evangelist Dunk, and he hopes to see a real Foursquare assembly established in this place soon.

### THE FIRST MILESTONE.

**Ealing** (Pastor J Kelly). The assembly meeting at Cranmer Hall, Cranmer Avenue, is still making excellent progress. Having arrived at the first milestone of their history, the friends celebrated their first anniversary on Tuesday, November 3rd last. Proceedings commenced with a "faith tea," the place being transformed into a pretty tea hall with a number of small tables arranged here and there, the tea being provided by the many friends as gifts of thanksgiving to God, and the whole of the arrangements being carried out willingly by several of our sisters. Over 100 sat down, not forgetting to send some gifts in like kind to the sick and poor, and to Idlesworth Hospital. A memorable reception service followed, Pastor J Kelly presiding.

The Secretary gave a most encouraging report stating that 34 had passed through the waters of baptism while 92 new members had been received into fellowship and still there was more to come. As to the Building Fund, it was stated that they already had a fair sum towards the fund which was still grow-

ing. The Pastor followed with an inspiring address from the text, "And you which He quickened" speaking of the principles for which the Foursquare Gospel stood, he emphasised the point of separation from the world, the line of demarcation being plainly drawn. After heartily singing the hymn, "Blest be the Father that sends," the Pastor gave the right hand of fellowship to 92 members, followed by hearty handshakes with several members of other churches who were present. The Pastor read Miss Bixter's healing testimony and over 20 others stood to testify that they had been healed or had a touch of healing during the year, a beautiful spiritual atmosphere prevailed throughout, and the meeting closed on a triumphant note with hearty praises to God.

### NEURITIS HEALED

**Nottingham** (Pastor W G Channon). A sister writes "It is with joy I send my testimony saying what the Lord has done for me. For two years and five



Mrs. Sneath.

months I suffered with neuritis, which during the latter part of that time further affected my neck from my right arm upwards. I was unable to use my arm even to lift a teapot. After reading of several healings in the "Evangelist," and speaking personally to several who had been healed, a request was sent to Pastor Channon at the City Temple, for prayer. At the close of an evening service in August this year, I was called into the vestry where Pastor Channon laid hands on me and asked God to heal me.

"I thank God that inspiring prayer was answered, and since I was prayed for, I can swing my arm any way, and lift anything. I feel better in every way, and have no sign of neuritis now."—Mrs. Sneath.

### Only Two Choices

Said an old salt to a young apprentice: "Aboard a man o' war, my lad, there's only two choices. One's duty, the other's misery." The same is true in all our relations with God. Jesus put it plainly when He said: "He that is not with Me is against Me."



By Pastor P N CORRY

Sunday, December 13th, 1931

READING: Luke xxiv 13-32

### RISEN INDEED!

**MEMORY TEXT.** "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."—1 Corinthians ii 4, 5

### TEACHER'S NOTES

Although the reading for to-day's lesson is taken from the account of the walk to Emmaus, I think you would be well advised to take the framework of your lesson from the reading of last week, Mark xvi 9-20. There you will find the various appearances of the Lord Jesus on the resurrection morning tabulated so that they form a five-finger exercise, and for young or old this is always a good method to remember important things by, since the points fit quite easily on the four fingers and the thumb of one of our hands. Taking them in the order of Mark xvi; therefore, we get these things. He appeared

#### I To Comfort (read Mark xvi 9-11 and John xx 11-18)

Mary Magdalene was at the sepulchre while it was yet dark (John xx 1) and after bringing the disciples remained there, rooted to the ground. Others might return to their own homes, she could not (John xx 10, 11). Her heart was heavy, and her eyes had no place for anything but that gaping grave and her tears. To her not only had she lost the dearest friend, Deliverer and Protector that any woman could have, but it seemed as though even the dead were not to be allowed to rest in peace. If her Lord was denied the right to live, then at least they might allow His body to be buried in a known grave, and not treated as that of a malefactor. This was her thought as she gazed transfixed at the grave, and comfort was far from her thoughts when the Lord Jesus drew near and was mistaken by her for the gardener. Notice those words, "She turned herself back and saw Jesus standing," because the tense shews that Jesus had been standing there all the time, only she did not see Him because her eyes were upon the open tomb. Then when speaking to Him she turns again to the grave and has her back once more to the living Lord, for when He said, "Mary!" we read again that "she turned herself," and said, "Rabboni." The Lord of all comfort at last withdrew her earth-bound gaze, and we do not read that she turned to the grave again. Comfort, resurrection comfort, streams from the risen Christ, only some of us will turn away to the open tomb. We sorrow, but never forget that it is

not as others that have no hope, because the resurrection of Christ has brought to us the word of comfort (1 Thess iv 13-18)

#### II To Convince (Mark xvi 12, 13, and to-day's lesson)

Follow those two disciples along the dusty road to Emmaus. Their conversation was anything but bright. Despondent and disappointed, they were going home. Their dream seemed ended, their hopes shattered, their three days waiting a waste of time, and when this stranger who seemed to know nothing about the events of this passover, drew them out in conversation—we see how everything seems to point to the fact that these two at least were about to give up. The Lord knew how real was the need and how precarious the situation and He joins Himself to them as they talk and are sad. First He lets them talk (oh, how wise He is in dealing with men!) gets from them their side of the story, and then begins to shew them their mistake. From Moses, Isaiah, and the prophets He shews them that the path marked out in the Scripture of truth for the Christ was suffering and glory. What a Bible talk that must have been in which He shewed them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself. Hearts began to burn, feet to walk quicker, eyes to gleam, and then in a moment of fellowship they knew Him. They were convinced by the Lord through the Word. At once their steps were retraced to the city they had left as they hastened to convey their glorious good news to the others. Are any of us in a like condition? Take a walk, have a talk, and then listen to the Lord through the Old Testament Scriptures, and your feet will return with quickened and firmer tread to the old scenes of defeat and despair, full of conviction and faith.

#### III To Convict (Mark xvi 14 and Luke xxiv 36-41)

Mary's message was received by the disciples with incredulity, and these two newly arrived from Emmaus with stolid unbelief. They would not believe the messengers of the Lord, and so remained locked up with their doubt. Strange, is it not, that the Easter day which we had with songs of hallelujah was spent by them in gloom and deep-seated unbelief? Unbelief always does that. Then upon these doubters the Lord breaks in and upbraids them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him. Can you imagine what it must have seemed like?—the risen Lord to appear for the first time to them and to have to upbraid and to convict of unbelief! Yet I believe should He appear

in our midst now as He did then, this would be the very thing that He would have to do before anything else could take place. Unbelief is so subtle, so easy to be excused, so quick to gather its clouds about our heads. Thank God His resurrection convicts of righteousness, because He has gone to the Father (John xvi 10), therefore we dare to command unbelief to be gone because He lives.

#### IV. To Commission (Mark xvi 15-18)

Now to a convinced and comforted body of believers He can convey His part of campaign. The commission is given which shall take them out of their bolted rooms of cheerless companionship, into the battle front to confront the enemy in His Name. Turn to the Acts, read of their boldness in the face of heavy odds and of their courage before foes immensely powerful and you will not be surprised to see that they place tremendous weight upon the fact that the Lord of life is risen, and that their commission is such that they cannot choose but obey God rather than man.

#### V. To Confirm (Mark xvi 19, 20, Heb ii 2-4)

The risen Lord is still on the Throne, not unconcerned and unmoved by the work of His witnesses upon the earth, but working with them to confirm the Word. Still He loves to prove that He is alive with all power to save, to heal, to baptise and to prove His Word—just the Same, because He is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and for ever.

### Christ the Light

I have in my possession a bottle of rare perfume—Houbigant's. It is the attar of roses, so mightily concentrated in the bottle which has never been opened since it left the factory, that the rich and fragrant odour distils even through the glass, or escapes in spite of the stopper which fits as a part of the glass itself. It is as if, holding it in my hand, I have the heart of the roses as they reveal themselves when the last restraining calyx had loosened its hold, the last reluctant petal had been unfolded to the sweetness of the sunshine, so that the freshness of the air, and the gentle purity of the day had all been caught and pressed into this one bottle and now given to me.

So the message of Christ's person, the evidence that the five senses of the eye-witnesses had taken concerning Him, is concentrated into this one word—light. Christ is God, God is light.

# Concise Comments & Interesting Items

**A Blameworthy Day** instead of a Thanksgiving Day is suggested by the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. This is perhaps the most daring and blasphemous thing that that abominable society has done yet. President Hoover, this year as usual, called for a Day of Thanksgiving to God. The Christian attitude to such a day is described in the following words:

"God is the reason for our thanksgiving, for our song, the object of our praise. His love, His grace, His power, His knowledge and wisdom, are infinite and unchangeable. The darkness, danger and disaster that are upon the world are plainly predicted in His infallible Word and as plainly declared are the assurances of His all-sufficient protection and provision for those who trust Him and accept salvation and deliverance freely given in His Son as men's Saviour and Lord."

But this is the A V A A attitude

"That, assuming for the one day the existence of an all-powerful deity, we hereby, in order to make Thanksgiving Day a true day of accounting, proclaim a Blamegiving Day, to be observed on Thanksgiving Day, this year, and each succeeding year, so long as Thanksgiving services are unconstitutionally proclaimed by the President,

"That we will hold a mass meeting in Webers Hall, 119, East Eleventh Street, New York, in the afternoon of November 26th, for the purpose of blaming the deity for widespread and undeserved misery,

"That we invite the unemployed the drought-stricken, the afflicted, and all victims of acts of God—all persons who during the year have suffered through no

fault of their own—to join with us in observing Blamegiving Day in the first service of its kind ever held in the United States, by holding similar meetings, either public or private, in every community throughout the country where a group of intellectually independent persons can be gathered together,

"That we request the various political parties and social welfare movements to participate in this effort to obtain less evil and more good from Divine Providence."

**The wickedness of man** shewn forth in the previous comment is also shewn from Nevada, the richest state in the U.S.A. The Governor of Nevada says "With our divorces, gambling, and business revenues we will put Babylon to shame for wealth and gaiety."

And the Mayor of Reno—one of Nevada's cities—says, "While the rest of the country may be in a state of depression, Reno is booming, and is now a great city in the eyes of the world."

One of the leaders of Reno's night life declares "Nothing in the world can hurt Reno. Gamblers don't care a hoot about depressions."

**Retribution for a lie** does not always immediately follow. But it has followed in Moreni, Roumania. One of the great oil craters there is on fire. It has been in flames for thirty months. Hundreds of thousands of pounds have thus been destroyed. Recently it was thought the fire had been put out, but it has broken out again. This terrible and destructive fire was brought about by a lie. Two engineers were boring two new holes in order to obtain further supplies of oil. They were racing each other. One had

reached about 1,000 yards, the other about 1,400 yards underground. But the one who had only reached 1,000 yards told the other he had reached 2,000. The other therefore set feverishly to work with his drill, judging that he could work it at top speed at least for another 600 yards. But the drill must not be worked at top speed when nearing the oil—otherwise the friction or a spark will set the oil on fire. But owing to the untruth the one drill was worked at top speed. The oil was ignited, and the fire has raged ever since!

**The Bishop of Worcester** makes a plea for churches to be open during the day for meditation and prayer. He says:

"I think that if our country churches were left more open, as churches are in towns, a great many more people would come in and say their prayers. I know that in towns, and it is possibly the same in the country, people who, in crowded houses, cannot find the time and opportunity to say their prayers properly and quietly and reverently, would learn in time to come and say them in our churches, if the churches were only left open."

**News from the Belgian Gospel Mission** is always welcome. This is very interesting and calls for much praise. "Hell-Fire Corner" was the name of a spot on the Menin Road in Belgium, so named by British Tommies because of the terrific shelling it underwent during the worst days of the war. To-day the same region re-echoes to the Gospel of Peace. The Belgian Gospel Mission has opened a station at Courtrai, on the famous Menin Road, not far from Hell-Fire Corner.

## THE ALL-EMBRACING TRUTH

**T**HAT the religion of Jesus Christ and the salvation that He offers to the world, is truth, is witnessed by the fact of the Holy Spirit, His presence with, or dealing, at times, with every man. He comes many times in youth and frequently in adult age, offering pleadingly, insistently, in wooing and beseeching terms, the salvation so freely provided. And still He comes again and again, though He "shall not always strive with man" (Gen. vi. 3). No human soul now living or who has ever lived, who has arrived at the age of making a choice, can truthfully state that the Holy Spirit has not come to him with this Great Invitation:

The truth is thus made evident to the most simple, to the most ignorant. A man does not have to be a student of history, nor an observer of the great world around and above him, in order to be able to accept

and worship God. How is he who doubts going to account for the everywhere Presence—for the knock at his own heart's door? All men have then the proof in personal experience, whether or not they accept it. God the Holy Spirit passes no man by!

This is the day of the Spirit's Dispensation (since Jesus Christ returned to Glory), though He has been here since the creation (Gen. i. 2). And what a wonder past all wonders, that this great Personality is moving mysteriously and unseen in the world everywhere! That He is at the door of every heart (Rev. iii. 20), or abiding therein (1 Cor. vi. 19), or scorned and slighted having done His all has ceased His pleading.

—Herein is all the proof that anyone needs that the religion of Jesus Christ is the great reality—that this that is going on in the world is from God!—R E D C

# Classified Advertisements

## REVISED RATES

30 words (minimum) 2/6 per insertion and 1d. for every additional word. Three consecutive insertions for the price of two. Box numbers 6d. per insertion extra.

All advertisements should be addressed to the Advertisement Manager, Elm Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham, S.W.4.

Advertisements should arrive **MONDAY** mornings for the issue on sale the next day week.

## BOARD-RESIDENCE, ETC.

Holiday Apartments, etc.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Furnished bed-sitting room, indoor sanitation, bath-room, gas fire, ring, own meter; everything for use found; no attendance; quiet locality. Suit lady in business. Mrs. Hawley, 143, St. Paul's Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. B887

**BRIDLINGTON, Yorks.**—Bright, bracing. Board-residence or apartments: very comfortable; restful; good fires. Near sea and station; pleasant select locality. Garage. Mrs. Kemp, "Elsinore," Trinity Road. B881

**BRIGHTON.**—The Elm Guest House gives you a hearty invitation to come and enjoy Christian fellowship and home comforts. The house overlooks sea and downs. 2 minutes' walk from Black Rock. Particulars from Miss McWhirter, 45, Sussex Square, Brighton, or phone Brighton 4023.

**BERNE BAY.**—Comfortable apartments, clean; cooking and attendance, quietly situated. Apply Mrs. Turner, 3, Park Road. B876

**HOVE.**—Board-residence, long or short, comfortable accommodation, homely, select neighbourhood, close to Tabernacle and buses, near sea. Terms moderate. Mrs. Andrews, "Malmains," 37, Marmion Road, Hove, Sussex. B874

**LONDON.**—Superior accommodation, bed and breakfast 6/-; recommended by pastors and the medical profession. Mrs. Robinson, 14, Westbourne Square, Hyde Park, W.2. B882

**LONDON.**—Comfortable bed-sitting room; suit 2 business ladies or gents. Breakfast and Sunday room if desired; gas fire; central buses, trams, tube. Moderate. Mrs. Healey, 20, Lowman Road, Holloway, N. B884

**LONDON.**—Homely board-residence; terms moderate; also bed and breakfast, 6/- per night; 4 minutes from cars, trams or buses to all parts. Mrs. Kelly, 103, Glencleugh Road, Streatham. B888

**LONDON, Streatham, S.W.**—Paying guests received; quiet Christian home; near Tooting Bee Common and trams; clean, good cooking. Single rooms or sharing. Miss Golwin, 11, Pendle Road. B885

**STANLAIN.**—Board-residence, ideal position, 2 minutes from Keats' Green and cliffs, central, quiet, restful house. Highly recommended. Apply Proprietress, "Thornbury," Alexandra Road, Phone 230. B875

**YOUNG** lady living in Leeds, desires Christian companion to share small comfortable home in working class district. 1d. tram from Foursquare Tabernacle. Terms 6/6 per week; board self. Box 194. Elm Evangel Office. B880

## SITUATIONS WANTED.

**WANTED.**—Situation as Cook-General, where another girl is kept; in Christian home, where I can have little dog. Good reference; near assembly. Ada Grahham, 20, Collingham Place, Earls Court Road, London. B883

## FOR SALE.

**CONCERTINA,** Salvation Army Triumph Duet; 40 keys, steel reeds, ebony finish; 16-guinea model, nearly new. Bargain; 13 guineas. Call or write. F. Pyne, 4, West View Cottages, Chadwell Heath Lane, Chadwell Heath, Essex. B886

## PROFESSIONAL.

**HOUSE PURCHASE.**—Surveys and valuations made by Foursquare Surveyor with 25 years' professional experience. Mortgages arranged; sound negotiating advice given; rents collected. Moderate fees to Foursquare clients; provincial work by arrangement. Walter H. Petersen, F.A.L.P.A., 62, Cranbrook Rise, Ilford, Essex. (Telephone Valentine 4374.) B889

## WITH CHRIST.

**WILLIAMS.**—On November 18th, Funeral Service of Beatrice Williams, age 18, Crusader of Elm Tabernacle, Graham Street, Birmingham, conducted by Pastor R. Tweed.

## PUBLICATIONS.

**ANYONE CAN PLAY** hymn tunes without drudgery by obtaining a copy of "The Essentials of Pianoforte Playing" by Janet E. Fuller. Highly recommended by "Musical Opinion." Parts I. and II. now ready, 2/6 net each (by post 2/9); or Part I. and II., post free for 5/-. Victory Press, Park Crescent, Clapham, London, S.W.4.

**Elm Choruses No. 1 and No. 2.** Compiled by W. G. Hathaway. Words and Music. 6d. each net (by post 7d.), or the two post free for 1/2.

**ELIM PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED**

Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4

# THE Whole Armour of God

By P. N. CORRY



"The whole book bristles with stimulating and inspiring thoughts, and is in our opinion equally suitable for the quite young and the quite old."—Colonel C. S. Cooper.

With illustrations and  
artistic paper-wrapped covers

1/6 net (by post 1/8)

**Elim Publishing Co., Ltd.**

Park Crescent, Clapham Park, S.W.4



# 'Windows in Heaven'

By CAROLINE STEER

This is the title of a new Reward Book, which we hope to publish next week. It is the only really "Foursquare" Reward that we know of, and it is written so as to *interest* and *help* the reader. It will no doubt be a blessing to many and should be put into the hands of all our young people. It contains 280 pages and frontispiece, and will be bound in strong cloth boards, with 2-colour dust jacket.

Price **2/6** (by post 3/-) Watch for announcement next week.

ELIM PUBLISHING CO., LTD., Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS

## *Love's Miracles*



by Pastor  
E. C. W. BOULTON

is now ready, and orders should be booked at once for Christmas Presents. This book will no doubt meet with as much appreciation, or even more, than his two previous books.

GILT-STAMPED  
PLUVIUSIN  
COVERS, WITH  
DUST JACKET.

2/6 (by post 2/9)

ELIM PUBLISHING COMPANY, LTD.  
Park Crescent, Clapham Park, S.W.4

## London Friends

will be pleased to know  
that they can now obtain  
our publications at

**HUNTER & LONGHURST**  
LTD.  
9, Paternoster Row, E.C.4

and also  
49, Eden St., Kingston-on-Thames

*This will sometimes  
save you a journey*

ELIM PUBLISHING COMPANY, LTD.  
Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4