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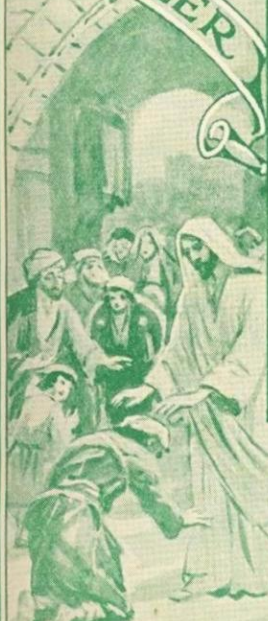
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"I am come that they might have life."

John X. 10.

HEALER



"God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

—II. Cor. iv. 6

COMING KING



"I will come again."

John XIV. 3.



BAPTISER

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



"I will send Him (the Comforter) unto you."
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Diamond Cutting Diamond

An Address to Christian Workers

By HARRY J STEIL

And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels, and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not—Mal 3:17, 18

I WRITE, not so much to exhort my brothers and sisters about their future service, but to bring to them, by God's help, a little injunction as to their personal development, and their personal contact with God through the period of service that lies ahead until Jesus comes.

Why does God compare us to jewels? Because

JEWELS ARE PRECIOUS

when one is considering temporal and tangible things. "And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels." When we want to speak highly of someone, we say, "He is a jewel." God says that about us, "They shall be My jewels." You remember that the foundations of the New Jerusalem are to be composed of jewels, and are everlasting. Perhaps the most durable of mineral substances are jewels. When rocks and metals, concrete, marble and steel have corroded and rotted away, jewels can still endure. In the mechanism of a watch that is guaranteed to last a lifetime, you will find that where the greatest load has to be carried the bearings are set with jewels. Why? Because they will endure the friction better than any high-tempered metal possibly could. If we stand the heat, the friction, and constant wear, if we endure, go through, stand the testings, carry the load, and keep on testifying for the glory of God, He calls us jewels.

I looked up the meaning of the word *jewels*, and I found in an article about diamonds that they are of many colours, and are considered to be the most precious of all jewels. So let us believe we are God's diamonds. They are of all colours, and found everywhere—America, South America, South Africa, Asia, Australia. Isn't that true of God's children? Found everywhere—all kinds, all sizes, all colours. Diamonds are found in the heart of the earth, usually in

blue clay, and this reminds me how God brought us out of the miry clay. We are His diamonds, His jewels.

In being treated, diamonds go through four stages. First, the separation stage, second, the cutting stage, third, the polishing stage, and fourth, the setting stage. These are also the four stages of our Christian experience. First, our separation from sin and unto God, then the cutting stage, in which He trims us up for the polishing. When He is done with the cutting, He pours in the

OIL OF GLADNESS.

He is doing all this in order that eventually He may put us in our eternal setting. We have, neither in the home nor foreign mission fields, a continuing abiding place, but we are looking for that day to come when there is an eternal setting for each one of us.

In the first stage—the separation unto God from the world and sin—we heard the voice of God saying He would be a Father unto us, and that we should be His sons and daughters. We were separated. Now, brothers and sisters who are going out into the work of God, there is indeed for us a separation within a separation, that other saints know nothing about. We shall find it out more and more as we go forth in our Christian ministry. We shall find that many things which were allowable, perhaps, before we dedicated ourselves to the ministry of Jesus Christ, we can do no longer. We shall find that many habits which are not at all forbidden by Scripture, many associations that we formerly had, must be given up. There is a Divine isolation, a separation that God puts upon the missionary, minister, and Christian worker, that only they know. Separated! as Enoch, who walked with God. We shall find as we go on in our service for the Lord that we can't be as

familiar as we used to be with our own friends, with our old associates. We shall find that there is necessary a certain added reserve—a certain separation unto God that we must keep now as workers. God will teach us to become more intimate with Him, and perhaps less intimate with others.

The second stage that these precious stones go through is the cutting process. When the diamonds are mined from the clay, they look like an ordinary pebble—nothing beautiful about them—just a dirty, oily, ordinary-looking pebble, and yet underneath that rough exterior there lies a pure gem. It is now "a diamond in the rough." Such were some of us until we were washed. I suppose many of us can look back to the time when we first came to Bible school, and can remember

THAT ROUGH EXTERIOR

we had. Maybe we still had the clay from the corn-fields, maybe we still had the oil and soot from the factory on us. Similarly on the spiritual side, there was a great deal to our exterior that God had to cut away, and, thank God, He is still going to cut. The cutting and pruning processes do not end with graduation. The heavenly Father trims and prunes the living vine that it may bring forth more fruit.

On the exterior of that rough diamond there is a lot of substance which must be cut away. It is a sacrifice of material, but cutting it away increases the value of the gem, and, in a similar way, brethren, God strips us. All of us as saints have felt that stripping process, but once again I want to say there is even a more extreme stripping that God will do for you and me. We shall find that God will strip us of a good deal we might consider essential. He will strip us of a good many of our own ideas, of our own acquirements.

We shall find that the more of self God can take away from us, the simpler He can make us—the more humble. He will cut here and He will trim off there, but when He gets through He will have the true gem in His Master-hand; and that diamond will be able to reflect back to His heart the glory of Jesus Christ falling upon our hearts and lives. The Lord will continually be stripping us. I expect He will strip me more in the years to come than He has at any time in the past, that I may be ready when Jesus comes. You will understand I am not talking about our character as ministers, but about a personal development which will make us jewels. If we will be concerned about the Christian development in ourselves, God will see to it that we bring others to glory with us.

The diamond worker is called a lapidary, and his method is as follows: he takes two diamonds in the rough, and after melting an alloy, imbeds them in it in separate holders. Only the portions to be ground off are left exposed, and, firmly gripping the holders as handles, the lapidary rubs the diamonds against each other until a facet is produced. Then the alloy is melted, and the stone is reset in the holder for

GRINDING ANOTHER SURFACE.

This process must be repeated many times for each stone. A diamond is so hard that nothing but an-

other diamond will cut it. Now, you remember the expression you have heard—"Diamond cut diamond"—and you know what it means, for you have had the experience—"saint cut saint," "room-mate cut room-mate." I know what it is to be longsuffering, and I sympathise with those who had to put up with me at Bible school; but it was good experience. To live with the natives is also good experience for service on the mission field. Brethren, the Lord permits us to be trimmed and cut by using one precious saint to come in contact with the other. And the cutting process goes on, and will not end until Jesus calls us. Many a time I have found myself in a certain environment ministering to certain people, having to work with certain individuals, and how it has rubbed me. I have said, "Oh, my Father, I never can have the victory unless You get me out of this place." But I found that "he who fights and runs away will live to" find that very battle another day. There is a certain something in my character that needs cutting away, and God has to hold me in that rubbing process a long time perhaps. But if I say, "Yes, Lord, I am willing," He will get through quickly.

When the lapidary is satisfied that both these diamonds are cut away sufficiently on those two surfaces, he throws the whole thing into the fire to melt the alloy and release the diamonds, but this will not injure the diamond. "When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Like the Hebrew children who, in the furnace, had their hands burned away, the true diamond lies unharmed in the fire, for the lapidary regulates the temperature.

He finds other corners on the diamonds that need cutting, and puts them again in their respective holders, and again the rubbing process goes on. Thus the diamond worker, by stripping off the outside material, finally has a pure gem without any flaw—perfect, priceless, a delight to the eye. Just so in our ministry God will permit the cutting process to go on, maybe by friends from whom we least expect it, that the true glory of Jesus may shine forth from our heart.

After God cuts us, He wants to put the polish and shine of His glory upon us. If there is one thing that God has been especially talking to my heart about, it is the emphasis the Apostle Peter places on

THE MINISTRY OF SUFFERING

There is a process that diamonds may be put through to ascertain which are genuine. Someone might hand you two stones—one genuine and of great value, the other of paste and purchaseable for a few pence. But to you they might seem of equal worth, or the false one might even shine more brightly than the true gem. To test them, drop them both into a deep vessel of water, and, as they lie there in the deep water, the cheap stone loses all its shine, while the genuine still retains its lustrous gleam. We shall find it proved in our experience as we go along that God will permit the waters to come right over head. God will permit us to go through deep water, through overwhelming trials. We shall find that the common proverb, "Troubles never come singly," is

true. Perhaps it will be trouble and testing in the home, trouble and testing in the assembly, trouble and testing among the flock, and possibly it will all come together, until it seems a bigger load than one consecrated preacher can be asked to carry. And we may say, "Perhaps God hasn't called me into the work after all." But God is taking us through deep waters, for it is in those deep waters that He will be able to test our character. Shall we still have a real note of victory—a real "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord"? Will our expression still have the gleam and shine of glory?

Now, the old diamond worker, after he has finished with the cutting, takes the diamond in one hand and a file in the other hand, and, putting the diamond close to his ear, he scrapes the file across the diamond. He knows just how much pressure to put upon it, and, as the diamond is harder than the file, it can stand the ordeal. As he draws the file across the diamond he listens and the sound tells him how pure it is. I am not talking about its value according to size, but according to its purity. Often in our experience God will draw the file of affliction and the file of testing and the file of suffering and the file of persecution across our lives, and the sound that will issue from our soul (not from our lips, but from our soul)—the response we give back to God—will indicate to Him how pure our Christian character is. You will remember Paul's ministry. Thinking that God had called him to preach before kings,

PRINCES AND POTENTATES,

he had hardly commenced before he was thrown into gaol. Did he say, "Perhaps God hasn't called me after all to preach. Here I am in gaol, when I ought to be occupying a cathedral, preaching the Gospel to thousands"? No, he turned his call into a gaol service, and we read that at midnight, with bleeding back and numbed limbs, Paul and Silas were singing praises unto God. What was God doing to that great apostle? He was drawing the file of affliction across him and listening for the response. What response did he get? Praises in gaol! Paul went through many years of testing; he was in famines often, in persecution often; on three occasions he had his back stripped and flogged. We see him again in the Roman dungeon, so poor that he writes to Timothy, who was coming, "My son, on your way here, will you bring me my overcoat?" He was so poor that he had to write home for a coat that was worn and old, because he had not the money to get another. But, writing from that very gaol, what did he say to the Philippians? "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." God, for the last time, was drawing the file across that priceless faith, and was listening for the sound. What sound did He get? He heard Paul saying, "Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say, Rejoice." So God wrote in His book of remembrance, "Paul still remains a priceless jewel. I shall bring him home to his eternal reward."

Now, after the lapidary separates the gem, cuts the gem, polishes the gem, why does he draw the file across it? To determine the true purity, and then

give it its proper setting. If the gem has flaws in it, he is not going to give it a precious setting, but if he has a gem that is pure without a flaw, it doesn't matter about the size of the stone. So long as it is pure, he will give to that gem the most beautiful, permanent, and priceless setting that he possibly can. Proving this, Jesus has said, "I have gone to prepare a place for you." He is preparing us for our eternal setting up there, according to our service for Him down here. It is not whether we convert three thousand souls or three souls, but whether we permit Him to separate us, cut us, and polish us, so that when He draws the file across our lives He will perceive that we are rare jewels. If, when He takes us through the deep waters (and He will do it), He can still see the gleam of glory as in everything we give thanks, He can write down in His book of life that we are pure, that we are true, and that we have

A GLEAM OF GLORY

within us which will enable Him one day to make us part of His crown of jewels. He has an eternal setting for us, although here we have no continual abiding place. When you and I get to heaven, God will look us over not for our medals, but for our scars. In you and me God will look for the marks of suffering, the marks of the Cross, and the water-marks of the deep waters, and He will give us our eternal reward accordingly. We shall all be in the same heaven, but we shall be rewarded every one according to our works, according to our faithfulness.

Now, in conclusion, when will the end of the process come? "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I make up My jewels." We are told in the Old Testament that whenever they had weddings, not only the bride, but the bridegroom, would adorn himself with all the jewellery he could find. Then the wedding took place. Soon we are going to the marriage of the Lord, the Supper of the Bridegroom, but He will not adorn us with jewels. You and I are called to be His jewels. He has paid the price, and we are going to be His jewels. We are going to be to the praise of His glory. Brother, in that day He is not going to delight in us primarily because we converted a thousand souls or three, He is going to delight in us because we have been true to the Cross, and because we have suffered with Him, suffered the cutting, suffered the separation, suffered the filing, suffered the going through the deep waters. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him."

Paul—and this is what I want to leave as a parting injunction to such brothers and sisters as are commencing their life's work—Paul said, in writing to Christians, that in our consecration and service for God there is a constant necessity to which we must subject ourselves. He says,

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore, so run, not as uncertainly, so fight I, not as one that beateth the air, but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Even apostles then, not less than humbler Christians, had to exercise watchfulness. It is possible to win three thousand souls by preaching to others, and yet be a castaway, as Paul mentioned the possibility of his being "Not cast out of heaven, but, through lack of a personal perfection, not receiving the highest reward that the Lord is wanting to give. My brother, my sister, the Lord is more concerned about your personal development in your entire ministry than about how many souls you are going to win. I know it from experience. He is going to be more concerned about the development of our souls, than about how many churches we have built, or how many missionaries we have sent to the field, or whether we went ourselves. We can preach to

others, and yet be in danger of being castaways ourselves, unless we keep in close contact with Him, prepared to meet Him at any time. "They shall be Mine in the day when I make up My jewels."

May I say, as in the beginning, that if we will allow the Spirit of Christ to perfect our Christian character day by day, fruit will be bound to follow, souls will be bound to be saved, a work for Jesus will be bound to be done, and we will receive His "Well done!" not because of the work we have accomplished, but because of His workings in us. So I pray God that He may sanctify us all, and that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Pentecostal Evangel*.

The Model Christian

Talk No. IX.

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

"THE fruit of the Spirit is *faith*" (Gal. v. 22). In order to get the full force of this statement we must contrast it with the previous statement—"The works of the flesh are *strife*" (Gal. v. 19, 20). Strife speaks of strain, struggle, restlessness. But faith speaks of quiet, calm, restfulness. As one beautifully says

I am at rest—my centre I have found,
The circle's edge I have been circling round

FAITH IN THE TRIUNE GOD

is the centre of every precious thing

But what is faith?

Faith is the life depending absolutely upon God. Moody used to tell a story clearly illustrating faith.

"The father and mother of a little girl died. The orphan child was taken into another home. The first night she asked her new friends if she could pray, as she used to do. 'Yes,' they said. So she knelt down and prayed as her mother had taught her, and then added a little prayer of her own. 'O God,' she said, 'make these people as kind to me as father and mother were.' Then she paused—hesitated for a moment, and then added, '*Of course He will*'."

That was faith. Faith is to trust God with the certain conviction that He will be unto us all that we need.

Think of *Noah*. In his time men had turned their backs on God. The world was given over to wickedness. Pleadings were in vain. Only Noah and a few of his relatives remained righteous. It was revealed to Noah that within 120 years God intended to destroy men from off the face of the earth. Noah was commanded to build a huge ark, so that he might pass through the flooded earth in safety. He set to work. He got a body of carpenters together, and soon the huge skeleton of this grotesque building appeared. Can you not imagine how the people laughed at him? What was this spidery, boney thing he was building? Why was he employing all these

men? Why this expenditure of money? No doubt Noah was the laughing stock of the district and yet, despite the ridicule, he

PERSISTED IN BUILDING

Why? Because he believed God. God had told him to build, and so he built. That is faith.

Take *Abraham*. Abraham was living down in Ur. Happy enough! Abundant supplies! Plenty of friends! But God said to him, "Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto a land which I will shew thee." Then, despite the home attractions, he left, not knowing whither he went. But he went because God had told him to go. He knew God could not fail. So he went out after a city and country that he had never seen. That is faith.

Take *Moses*. God commanded Moses to go to Pharaoh and ask for the release of the Israelites. From every human standpoint an unreasonable and impossible thing. He was to ask a great autocratic king to set free hundreds of thousands of slaves. Pharaoh was a man of angry temper. Yet Moses dared to face him. Why? Simply because God had told him to do it—and he depended on God. That is faith.

Then again the Israelites were a huge multitude of irresponsible people. Hundreds of thousands were led by Moses into a practically waterless, treeless, foodless wilderness. From a natural standpoint it was an absurd thing to do. He was apparently leaving them to death. Yet he did it. Why? Because God had told him to do it—and he believed God. That is faith.

Take *Paul*. He was being conveyed by ship to Rome. Nearing an island called Claudia a heavy storm arose. The small boat drawn in the wake of the large boat was nearly lost through the

VIOLENCE OF THE STORM

The ship groaned and creaked. The sailors were forced to bind heavy cables round the ship to hold

it together Then all unnecessary articles were thrown overboard in order to lighten the ship But still the storm raged They even threw overboard the tacklings of the ship Then followed a dreadful time of storm and suspense Not for many days was a glimpse caught of sun or stars. All hope of being saved was lost, except by one That one was Paul the prisoner Then, when the storm was fiercest and the danger greatest, he stood in the midst of his captors and with peaceful face cried, "I exhort you to be of good cheer for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul, thou must be brought before Cæsar and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer, for *I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me*" That is faith Faith is simply the act of believing that things will be even as God has told us

Noah, Abraham, Moses, Paul had a quiet trust in God in the midst of darkness, opposition, and death It is this form of faith we need, and the form of faith Christ gives Let us detail a little

1 Faith sings in the darkness of world-wide confusion

I remember when first of all I spoke along these lines that we were in the midst of

WORLD-WIDE CONFUSION

caused by the great war of 1914-18 To-day, instead of military confusion we are in the midst of industrial and financial confusion Many are being very hardly hit Missionary societies are finding themselves faced with tremendous problems England going off the gold standard has reduced the value of the £ in other countries so much that twenty shillings is perhaps only worth twelve But faith does not fret Faith knows that in some way or other the Lord will provide Faith knows that we are moving forward to a world that knows no confusion—a world in which Christ will control every detail The zeal of man is failing to bring prosperity But faith knows that the zeal of God will do it Notice the closing sentence of the following scripture (Isaiah ix 7) "Of the increase of His [Christ's] government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this"

Faith knows that God's zeal will accomplish that which man's zeal has failed to effect We know—

The days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song,
Which now the angels sing

Faith sees through the darkness into the light Faith does not look down and weep, it looks up and praises Faith always lives in the sunlight which forces its way through the clouds

2 Faith sings in the darkness of individual life

I know that this touches a responsive note in every heart We all know something of darkness There come moments in all our lives when we do not know what to do nor where to turn.

IF WE USE OUR REASON

it is just like striking a match in a pitch-dark and gusty night The match of reason does not help us. The boy leaving school is anxious to get the right situation, but no opening appears The same with the girl Shall she go into service, a factory, a shop, an office, or what? Opportunities of friendship come to young men and women But shall they take them? They want to make a right choice, but how shall they decide? The father has apparent opportunities of improving his position, but he is not quite sure. The mother is perplexed about home needs, Work is scarce, boots and clothes need replenishing, but there is hardly enough to buy food, let alone clothes! At other times she is perplexed about her children They are growing up and beginning to feel their own individuality They are moving in dangerous company What shall she do?

BUSINESS PERPLEXITIES

surround us Difficult problems arise—problems affecting finance and conscience. Taxes are almost unbearable We have disappointments and losses of all kinds We are in danger of discontent and worry. We are threatened with a heavy heart, a drawn face, an aching head But it is just at this point that faith gives us the victory Faith in the power and goodness of God enables us to preserve a light heart, a strainless face, and a clear head The Christian is able to endure as seeing Him who is invisible

There is an old saying that giving does not impoverish God, and withholding does not enrich Him. Therefore we are able to come boldly unto the throne of grace We know that God never makes a mistake We know that He can turn the mountain into a valley, that He can bring forth water out of the rock, and that He can give manna in the wilderness. What we cannot understand now we know that we shall understand in the great hereafter We can sing with

COURAGE AND CALM:

Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, some time, we'll understand

We'll know why clouds instead of sun
Were over many a cherished plan
Why song has ceased, when scarce begun—
'Tis there, some time, we'll understand

Why what we long for most of all,
Eludes so oft our eager hand,
Why hopes are crushed and castles fall—
Up there, some time, we'll understand

God knows the way, He holds the key,
He guides us with unerring hand,
Some time with tearless eyes we'll see—
Yes, there up there, we'll understand

Then trust in God through all thy days,
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand,
Though dark thy way, still sing and praise—
Some time, some time, we'll understand

3 Faith sings in the midst of physical weakness

Many who believe in Divine physical healing are bright enough while they are healthy But

WHEN SICKNESS COMES

and healing does not follow, faith gets crushed. Some even believe that weakness of body must of necessity be the result of sin But faith knows that God may have hidden purposes in sickness of which we and others know nothing Faith knows that God can heal at any moment Faith knows that when Christ ransomed us He ransomed spirit, soul, and body But faith also knows that while forgiveness is administered immediately, Divine healing is administered in a different way Sometimes such healing is administered immediately and with miraculous witness But at other times it is administered partially and gradually Yea, sometimes it is withheld until we see Him face to face But whatever one's experience along these lines, faith does not fail Deliverance cometh or the power to bear is the constant thought Faith never questions the wisdom of God Faith does all that God asks Faith will unhesitatingly be anointed with oil in the Name of the Lord, but if faith does not feel an immediate flash of health, it will still love, trust, and adore

A little boy was returning from a visit one dark night. Little could be seen ahead The mother led her boy by the hand, while he trustingly walked by her side He had only

JUST BEGUN TO LEARN

the Bible, and he believed and trusted everything he heard After walking for some time in the darkness, he suddenly cried out, "Mother, I'm not afraid" "Why, what makes you feel so?" was the reply "Because, mother, God keeps hold of the other hand."

That is not only a beautiful story but it is wonderfully true to life We are led by one hand through reason As long as reason proves a safe guide God allows us to be led by reason In fact reason is a God-given gift—only we have got so used to it that we call it a natural gift It is good to remember that it is our Creator's gift But when reason is unsafe, when reason is not aware of unseen circumstances, when reason is baffled, then we always discover that God has another and even a higher gift—the gift of spiritual inspiration When reason is not sufficient, inspiration is sufficient

But faith knows that God has always some means of leading us safely forward. If it is not one method then God has another God works in many ways and through many voices But faith knows that in some way or other He always works all things together for good to them that love Him

Concise Comments & Interesting Items

Rev. Lionel B Fletcher, the well-known evangelist has published an outline of his life, entitled, "Vital Moments" Among other things he says, "The greatest moment I have ever lived since my conversion was when I suddenly realised that the mighty gift of the Holy Ghost was not only for the men of New Testament days, but was available for men to-day"

It happened at the Petersham Conference There he was told by the saintly Archdeacon Tress how his own life had been transformed by the Pentecostal discovery He urged his hearers to be filled with the Spirit Lionel Fletcher yielded He says, "Every blessing I have received since, every soul won, and every Church revived in my ministry, is the result of that night"

Bishop Taylor Smith tells a beautiful incident in a recent issue of the "Christian Herald" He had been speaking in Exeter Hall He told the story of a little girl who claimed to remember the preacher's text Her name was Edith Her mother was doubtful about Edith's claim to remember, "Oh yes, I do," said the child, "because my name was in it" The mother still doubted But the little one responded, "The text was, 'This Man receiveth sinners, and Edith (eateth) with them'" A few weeks afterwards the Bishop was in the north of England when a railway inspector came up to him and said, "I

was present in Exeter Hall the other day, when you told that story about the little girl I told my little girl that story, and it led to her conversion!"

Two hundred fresh workers for China within two years was a movement launched by the China Inland Mission in 1929 It seemed an impossibility But God was in the decision and the impossible has been realised The 200 have sailed for China This is only another proof that "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies"

These beautiful thoughts were in the Christmas postbag of the Rev Samuel Chadwick

HIS PRAYER WAS ANSWERED

He asked strength that he might achieve,

He was given weakness that he might obey,

He asked health that he might do great things,

He was given infirmity that he might do better things,

He asked riches that he might be happy,

He was given poverty that he might be wise

He received nothing that he asked for, But was given all he hoped for,

And so his prayer was answered

The best way A Hindu woman was converted, chiefly by hearing the Word of God read She suffered very much persecution from her husband One day a missionary asked her, "When your husband is angry and persecutes you, what do you do?" She replied "Well, sir, I cook his food better, when he complains, I sweep the floor cleaner, and when he speaks unkindly, I answer him mildly I try, sir, to shew him that when I became a Christian, I became a better wife and a better mother"

The consequence of this was that, while the husband could withstand all the preaching of the missionary, he could not stand the practical preaching of his wife, and gave his heart to God with her

Faithful and consistent lives are the best Christian evidences

THE GOSPEL OF WORK.

(John v 10-18).

God had had no Sabbath cessation from working His salvation plans since the Creation, for the entrance of sin interrupted God's Sabbath rest. God the Son, one with God the Father, is working not in rivalry with but in unity of interest with the Father And as God is working through the Son, so Christ will work through us, His blood-bought sons, and any works we do apart from co-operation with him are dead works and do not count

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions

Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

Sunday, Jan. 24th. Psalm cii: 17-28

"He weakened my strength in the way" (verse 23)

There are few who are not conscious at times that their strength is being weakened. Whenever we are aware of this we are faced with a great test. What is the purpose of God in allowing us to be thus weakened? Is our service for Him coming to an end? Are we beginning to fall sick of the sickness whereof we shall die? Or are we being physically afflicted because we have been side-tracking spiritually? Is God warning us that physical vigour is dependent upon spiritual vigour? Or is it the Enemy who is weakening us? At such times we must definitely refuse the Devil's will and power, we must put no confidence in ourselves, but we must put every confidence in the Lord. If death is approaching, faith will enable us to enter the eternal Harbour on the flood-tide. If our suffering is for purposes of discipline, faith will quickly realise it and repent. If it is from the Devil, faith will resist him, and go forth for the Lord with strength renewed from above—not depleted from below.

Monday, Jan 25th. Amos iii 1-11

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (verse 3)

The godly and godless cannot walk together in fellowship. If a man really loves the Lord he cannot find true happiness in those who do not love Him. We shall either reject bad company, or bad company will force us to reject the will of God. Those who want to live their lives unto God cannot walk with those who wish to live their lives unto the world. Those who want to pray and preach and live godly in Christ Jesus will find no pleasure in those who wish to dance, play cards, attend theatres, gamble, horse race, dog race, play billiards, drink, and a hundred and one other things that appeal to those who are simply living their lives under the sun. A man whose eyes only reach out to the horizon of time cannot hold heart fellowship with one who looks out upon an horizonless eternity.

Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Amos v 1-15

"Seek ye Me, and ye shall live" (verse 4)

Again and again this thought rings out in this chapter. Seek not Bethel. Seek the Lord and ye shall live. Seek Him that maketh the seven stars. Seek good and not evil, that ye may live. Israel was in danger of seeking idols. "Seek not idols," said God, "seek Me." Seek not money, seek not position, seek not popularity, seek not big mansions, seek not big titles, seek the Lord. Of what value is it if in seeking

idols we ourselves become idolised? The crowds may applaud us, but what if the angels are silent? The man who has sought the idols of this world and perhaps got them, will only be as a cringing insect and a wriggling worm when God sets up His judgment. Mother! Seek God. Father! Seek God. Children! Seek God. Only thus will you find the life that wins.

Wednesday, Jan 27th. Amos ix 1-15

"I saw the Lord standing upon the altar" (verse 1)

It would seem that the altar that spoke of mercy was empty. Instead of the people bringing their offerings to the Lord they were using them for themselves. The place of mercy was neglected. God therefore used it to declare His judgment. The altar of the Cross is either filled for us by a Christ who gathered unto Himself judgment in order that He might give unto us mercy, or it is filled for us by judgment. If we reject the Cross of Christ, even the Cross becomes a throne of judgment. The Cross is either life or death to us. Accept the Cross and God gives life. Reject the Cross and God gives death. Calvary accepted is a fountain of grace. Calvary rejected is a Sinai of judgment. Never neglect the Cross. Every mercy you enjoy flows from a Cross that was filled.

Thursday, Jan 28th. John i 1-14

"There was a man sent from God" (verse 6)

Mary was a mother sent from God. Zacharias was a father sent from God. Philip had daughters sent from God. Daniel was a ruler sent from God. Moses was a deliverer sent from God. Naaman was healed through a maid sent from God. John the Baptist was one of the mightiest men ever sent by God. He was the forerunner of the Mightiest. He was the announcer of the Son of Man who was sent from God. Wesley was a man sent from God. Mary Slessor was a woman sent from God! Are you sent from God? You hesitate, but, listen! If you are prepared to be sent by God He will send you. God is looking out for men and women who are so completely yielded to His will that He can send them. God has a place to send you. Have you got a heart ready to be sent?

Friday, Jan 29th. John i 15-28

"He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me" (verse 27)

Readiness to sink out of sight is naturally difficult to those who have been prominent. Most men are not ready to get out of sight until they are knocked there. Yet John was so filled with the

Spirit of God that he found joy in the fact that One was coming after him who was to be preferred before him. John was great in his scathing prophetic denunciations of sin, but he was greatest when he found childlike joy in introducing Christ—and then stepping into the background. Introduce Christ to men and then leave them facing Him. John had a right to a place in the royal court of heaven. He knew how to introduce men and women to the King—and then gladly left them with Him.

Saturday, January 30th. John i 29-42

"What seek ye?" (verse 38)

It was rather a strange question to ask. The two were taken by surprise. In their reply they did not fully reveal their purpose. Actually they were seeking the Messiah. But when faced with the reason for their quest they meekly replied, "Rabbi, where dwellest Thou?" Frequently the words of our mouths do not reveal the depths of our hearts. There is a hidden hunger which our lips fail to express. Yet the Lord listens to the heart more than He listens to the lips. He knows the unframed words of our deepest soul. He is ready to give an answer to these. Finally these two disciples were not so occupied with the place where He lived. They were full of abounding gratitude as they cried, "We have found the Messiah." Man answers the lips, God answers the heart.

INSPIRED WORKMEN.

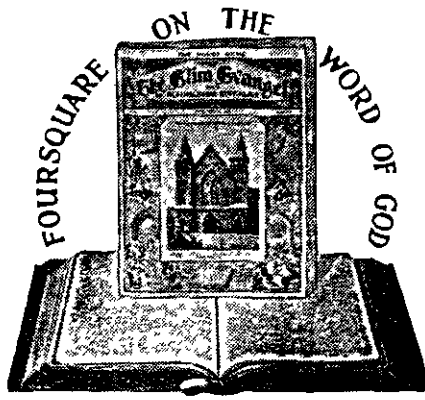
(Exodus xxxi. 1-11)

There is a watchmaker in a city who gets help from the Holy Spirit for his daily tasks in order to give all his spare time to giving out the Gospel. There is also a jeweller who has precious stones cut for gem lovers, in order that he may give of his time and money to the Lord's work as God blesses his business. There is a Christian engineer on a great railway who has completely evangelised his run for a hundred miles on either side of his track, by his preaching and distribution of tracts. Pray for God to raise up more workmen of this type whose secular craftsmanship is under the special direction of the Holy Spirit for God's glory.

IF YOU ARE IN EARNEST.

Are you looking for some opportunity of doing good? If you are, take to heart these words of William Burleigh's: "There never was a day that did not bring its own opportunity for doing good that never could have been done before, and never can be again."

These are true words. You can prove them if you will. It is often true that those who talk most about wanting to do good "if they could," have no perception of the opportunities given them every day of their lives. The real worker in Christ's kingdom does not wait for opportunities, he creates them. If you are in earnest you will never be idle for lack of opportunity.



EDITORIAL

Trial.

WE were recently shewn over a weaving mill. During the course of conversation we were told that upon a sheep there are eight qualities of wool. But the best quality was that which was most exposed to the weather. Trial, rightly endured, strengthens. We are therefore to greet trials with joy, knowing that the quality of our life is strengthened thereby.

A young man is recently reported as saying, "Many of us find things too easy nowadays. We want to find things hard. Give us something tough to do. Civilisation is too upholstered. We want to suffer in order to know what life is."

These words were spoken from a secular standpoint, but there is a great deal of truth in them from the spiritual viewpoint. James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations [trials], knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Harmony with Christ.

WHILE looking over the same weaving mill we were shewn a clock, and told that it governed all the other clocks in the works. The large clock had a prominent position in the main office. It was electrically connected with every other clock in the large works. Every smaller clock kept perfect time with the larger one. Christ

is in heaven. In figure He is our Clock. Our lives are connected with Him, not electrically, but spiritually. It is a real connection, as definite as an electrical connection. There is, however, one difference: our human wills can interfere with the connection. But if we will moment by moment to be regulated by the Lord from heaven, then it will be so. Every clock in the mill reminded of the clock in the office. So every one of us should remind the world of Christ in heaven.

God did it Himself.

ANNIE was in charge of a workroom in a school of trade. Annie had received forgiveness of sins, and her heart was full of the joy of salvation. She was quite different to the young girls in her charge. One of these girls was a sensitive soul, and as she was reading a "blood and thunder" novel she was conscious of Annie's eyes fixed upon her with a great sadness. When her conversation was frivolous those great eyes made her conscious somehow of a desire to be different, till at last she grew conscious of the great fact that Annie was praying for her soul.

One day Annie gave her a book to read called *Monica's Choice*, and it set her wondering whether she could be changed, heart and life, by the same loving Saviour whom the book said Monica had received.

Gradually the conflict increased in her soul till one night she knelt by her bedside seeking salvation. When her sister came along and interrupted her in her soul anguish, she sprang up from her knees and dashed down to the end of the garden. There alone with God she opened her heart to Jesus Christ, and her soul passed from death unto life. Her violent temper was broken, her choice of books was changed, at home and in business all could see a new creation in another's soul, though perhaps no one but God knew it had come about through Annie's prayers, for the young convert's own testimony is, "God did it Himself."

Viewing the wrong side.

The late Dr George F. Pentecost told about one of his parishioners who had lost her husband and only son within a week. Following this calamity, she suffered a complete collapse of faith. She doubted God's love. Dr Pentecost visited her frequently for several weeks, trying to help her out of her gloom and sorrow. One day he found her doing some fancy-work, and in the course of the conversation she dropped the embroidery in her lap. The doctor, pointing to it, said, "I am surprised that a woman of your intelligence should be working with a foolish thing like that." I never saw such a jumble of yarns and colours there is no pattern, no plan. It is perfectly absurd."

The lady was highly indignant. In her amazement she even forgot her sorrow. Turning the work over quickly she replied, "I am surprised at you, Dr Pentecost. You are looking at the wrong side. Isn't there a pattern now? Isn't there a blend of colours?"

"Yes," he answered, "there is. But, my dear sister, you are looking at the wrong side of God's work and it is all darkness and confusion to you. On His side there is perfect harmony. He has a plan and a purpose, and He is working them out."

And it does just this

A commercial traveller, who was also a Gideon, and who made a practice of reading his pocket Bible while on his railway trips, was asked by an unbelieving fellow traveller why he spent so much time reading a book which everybody criticised so much these days. "My main object," replied the Gideon drummer, "is not to criticise the Bible, but to let it criticise me."

There is money enough in the hands of the professed people of God to sow every acre of the earth with the seed of salvation truth.

*What I kept, I lost,
What I spent, I had,
What I gave, I have — Persian proverb*

Irish Revival Scenes

Ulster Temple Besieged. Signs and Wonders Confirm the Word

P RINCIPAL George Jeffreys, fresh from mighty triumphs in Yorkshire, arrived in Northern Ireland for his last two campaigns in a year of glorious revival. He had left the Revival Party to carry on in the Yorkshire area, and though alone he immediately launched out into the deep of an "Acts of the Apostles" revival in the Ulster Temple. This spacious and beautiful sanctuary, which is a standing witness to the solidity of the Elim work, soon became too small to hold the crowds. Since his last campaign at the commencement of the same year, it had been

ing equipment for service were endued with Pentecostal power. Spiritual tides rolled over the vast breaking-of-bread and baptismal services, and the air was electric as a result of the operation of the miraculous gifts. The Word of God, the sword of the Spirit, was wielded with remarkable skill and caused astounding results. To write an account of the doings of the Lord in this glorious revival would mean writing another "Acts of the Apostles."

From Belfast the Principal moved on to Lurgan, this time to commence operations in a large wooden



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THE ULSTER TEMPLE.

[“Northern Whig and Belfast Post”

In this enlarged and renovated building thousands during the last few weeks have been held in the grip of an "Acts of the Apostles" revival. In Belfast the first Elim Church was founded by Principal George Jeffreys in the year 1915. There are now five centres in the city. No better testimony to the solidity of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Movement could be given than that which is demonstrated in these great gatherings after seventeen years' duration.

enlarged and renovated, yet there was not room to contain the eager multitudes. The large auditorium, minor halls, aisles, pulpit steps, and every other available spot, even the entrancing baptismal font in the gable end of the Temple behind the pulpit, was crowded with enthusiastic Foursquare Gospellers, and still it overflowed. Only those privileged to be present can possibly understand what a scene was presented day after day. Thousands held in the grip of local revival joined in the praises of God. Souls bent under the word of conviction wept their way to the Saviour, bodies that had been crippled and diseased were healed by the power of God, and believers seek-

hall previously used by the Y.M.C.A., but now an Elim Tabernacle. There again the same Lord was at work confirming the spoken word, and breaking in upon the crowded audiences in Pentecostal fashion and with true Biblical results. Soon after the first meeting a part of the side wall had to be taken down, so that an adjoining hall at the side could be used to accommodate the crowds that flocked to the services.

The Belfast Convention was now due, and the Principal again returned to the scene of his former triumphs to convene the services. It is impossible to describe the scenes of these three full Convention

days. Pastor Joseph Smith, James McWhirter, and Leslie Kemp, with the Principal, ministered to the hungry crowds, and what a feast it was. Their God-given messages were indeed food for the soul, nothing but the "finest of the wheat" can describe the means of spiritual sustenance that was provided. Miraculous gifts again were in evidence, souls were saved, bodies healed, saints baptised in water and in the Spirit. The last testimony meeting will ever be

remembered, for its impression upon the minds of all is surely indelible. Hundreds of people drawn from every station in life pressed forward to the front to testify to their miraculous healing. One can easily understand why strong men wept at the sight, and why stubborn hearts gave way.

Elim, with the largest annual Christian Convention in the country, still maintains its name for permanency and solidity in Erin's Isle.

Revival in Glasgow City Temple

A Glorious Convention.

SCENES of revival fervour and enthusiasm characterised the New Year Convention meetings held in the City Temple, Glasgow. From the commencement to the close the saints were fed upon the finest of the wheat, for God had indeed prepared with a lavish hand. Principal George Jeffreys and his Revival Party received a warm and loving welcome from the Scottish saints, who despite the inclement weather gathered in large numbers to the services. The singing, always bright and inspirational, led by Mr Darragh, paved the way for the powerful spiritual messages delivered by those appointed to minister. The beautiful Temple resounded with the praises of God's people as they sang the favourite Convention

By Pastor P. LE TISSIER.

chorus, "He's the same to-day as yesterday, my great unchanging Friend." A feature of the Convention was the afternoon Divine healing services conducted by the God-honoured founder of the Elim work. Each afternoon the Principal discoursed upon the much-discussed theme of Divine healing, his trenchant and illuminating exposition dissolving many doubts, and stimulating faith in the hearts of those who came to the Great Physician seeking bodily healing. The crowded closing service ended with the singing of the Shepherd Psalm, and it was a long time before the Temple could be cleared of enthusiastic Foursquare Gospellers who had partaken in a crowning three days Convention.

Waves of Glory in Scotland's Industrial Capital

By Evangelist CHARLES JOHNSON

"COME and commence 1932 in the House of God." This, the invitation that went out from the City Temple to the citizens of Glasgow and its surrounding districts, was accepted by warm-hearted Scottish crowds of enthusiastic Foursquare Gospellers. What a glorious commencement to the new year was the watch-night service. Just as the old year with all its victories passed out and the dawn of another year broke upon us with its prospects of greater achievements for the extension of God's Kingdom, our beloved Principal George Jeffreys, who had received a royal welcome, reminded us of the precious promise God hath given, as we joined with him in singing the chorus, "I will guide thee with Mine eye." The people of God left the Temple with the revival fire still burning in their hearts, from the campaign conducted by the Principal and his Revival Party. They soon returned to the first meeting of the "three days' Convention."

The first day of the new year was a day when the floodgates of heaven were opened and showers of blessing were poured upon us. As the meetings went on, the tide of blessing rose higher and higher. It was not as a series of meetings, but each service was just a continuation of the previous one, and the power and presence of God was manifested in a marvellous manner. The first message of the Convention was delivered by Pastor Joseph Smith, a true and well-known friend of the Glasgow saints.

Our hearts were stirred as he reminded us that the fire which fell on this dear old land of the martyrs was again falling. "It is not sufficient," he continued, "for us to be always talking about the good

old days of the past, but it is our privilege to enjoy the Foursquare Gospel fire that is burning now."

It was with anticipation that God would do great things for us that we gathered together for a great Divine healing meeting in the afternoon. As we listened eagerly to the Principal's message, which was in the power of the Holy Spirit, our faith was increased in "a mighty God" who is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever. The night meeting was crowded with members of the ever-increasing Foursquare family who had come from Greenock, Kilsyth, Paisley, and Carlisle, with still more from other parts. So the meetings went on, and the testimony of all who attended was that each one increased in blessing. At the crowded closing meeting of the Convention, Pastor Percy Le Tissier passed on

A STIRRING MESSAGE

on the Old Testament text, "Give me this mountain," afterwards followed by our leader, who laid special emphasis on the essential character of the new birth. But imagine the joy that filled the hearts of the believers as, in response to the earnest appeal from the Principal, fifteen names were enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life. Fifty-four candidates were then totally immersed in the waters of baptism, in accordance with the Word of God, and nearly forty more decided to follow their Lord in the same way at the next opportunity. The Convention closed with the singing of the 23rd Psalm at the expressed desire of the Principal, and what a grand finale. We face the coming year, whether it shall mean for us the return of our Lord and King or not, knowing that the Shepherd of David is our Shepherd.

In Disguise

By S. A. HUMES

WHO was that stranger in the pew before us this morning? She appeared so peculiar

"She was a lady of high rank, but in disguise because she has many enemies"

"She didn't seem like a person of high culture, or used to fashionable society."

"No, yet she is the richest woman that belongs to St Paul's Church"

"You surprise me I wondered why she was in

BROTHER WILSON'S PEW,

but supposed they only tolerated her rather than refuse her a seat"

"Brother Wilson feels honoured by her company, and is one of the few who know how immensely rich she is"

"But why does she try to keep it a secret, or dress so far below her means?"

"Wasn't she dressed as becomes the worship of God?"

"Yes, but so plain"

"Did you see her pearl?"

"No, was it on her breast, or in a ring?"

"She wears it on her heart, and is never without it"

"If it valuable, is she not in danger of her life?"

"Yes, she has many enemies who try to get it, and she has been offered paste jewellery and pure gold enough to buy a city, but she will not part with it"

"Does her wealth consist in this one jewel?"

"Yes, and it is more conspicuous because of her plainness She glories in it."

"But what is her rank; is she a princess, or a duchess, or a President's daughter?"

"She is a court lady, and from her conversation is heir to a crown, but she is not of this nation or country, and I have not learned the name of her domain, but as a surety for what she claims, she wears this one pearl to distinguish her Wherever she goes there are a few of her countrymen who know this signet or seal, and delight to do her honour Brother Wilson is one who will vouch for all she says"

"What is between her and the crown?"

"The death of the old man, but she has crucified him and he must soon die"

"She is cruel then?"

"No, she only delights in holy, upright living, and to this end is labouring to bring her body under She has

NAILED HERSELF TO THE CROSS,

resolved to remain there till the King shall say, 'It is enough come up higher'"

"Thank you, Aunt Lucy, I see her wealth now, that she is rich in faith I wish I had the resolution to wear the one great pearl"

"Won't you sell all and buy it? No other ornament would become you so well"

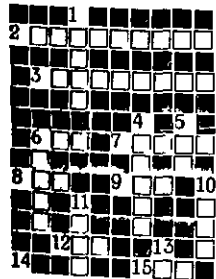
"I know there is something sublime in being a true Christian, but oh! the dying on the cross, the crucifying of the flesh"

"After the cross the crown After death the judgment"

Children's Bible Educator

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

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Clues Across

- 2 The right state of mind in God's service (Acts xi 29)
- 3 What the believer's "flesh" should be (Gal v 24)
- 6 Describes those whom God wills not to perish (II Pet iii 9)
- 7 Offered to an idol (I Cor viii 7)
- 8 "Not"
- 9 Objective pronoun referring to Christ 12 "For"
- 14 First personal pronoun
- 15 The person to whom the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is offered (Acts ii 39)

Clues Down

- 1 The Name above every name (Phil ii 9, 10)
- 4 The supreme Sufferer (I Peter iii 18)
- 5 "And"

- 6 Position of the lambs with the wolves (Luke x 3)
- 10 What Christ could not do to Himself without causing the world to perish (Luke xxiii 35)
- 11 What we are commanded with respect to the present time (II Tim iii 1) 13 "To"

Solutions should arrive by first post Monday, January 25th.

SOLUTION OF SELECTION PUZZLE, JAN. 8th

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The Thorn in the Flesh

By Rev. A. B. SIMPSON

IT is a happy circumstance that the precise nature of Paul's thorn was left indefinite, for now any one of us can apply it to ourselves, and have the comfort of supposing that it may have been the very thing that is trying us. Whatever it was, one thing is certain, it did not

DISABLE PAUL FOR HIS WORK

If you want to get any comfort out of it for that invalid's chair, the ward in the hospital, or the furlough on sick leave, you will have a hard time, because it is quite certain that Paul was not in any sense disabled by it, for he tells us in the next paragraph that the "signs of an Apostle were wrought in him in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds," and in this very chapter he tells us that this thorn was the occasion of his receiving greater strength and power in Christ than if it were removed, so that he rejoiced in it, gloried in it, and found that when weak, then was he strong

We learn from this an important lesson about prayer. How often should we pray for a thing? Paul prayed three times about this thorn. In fact, he prayed until he got an answer and assurance from God.

Probably this is the best rule about prayer, to pray until we understand the mind of the Lord about it, and get sufficient light, direction and comfort to satisfy our hearts.

There is such a thing as vain repetition, and there is such a thing as supplication and continuance in prayer. The Spirit must guide rightly in each case, but a Heaven-taught heart will pray until it cannot pray any more. As soon as the assurance comes, we should stop praying, and henceforth, everything should be praise.

Sometimes we get that assurance in a moment, and sometimes it is not only asking, but seeking and knocking. All these are supplicational forms of prayer.

The answer that Paul got was not the removal of the thorn, but a substitute much better than if it had been removed—a strength which really enabled him to do more than if the irritant had been extracted.

There are two ways of overcoming a difficulty. One is to have it removed, and the other, to

GET DOUBLE STRENGTH

through it and over it. The enemy may retire from our front, and leave us free, or the commander may send us double reinforcements, and enable us to gain a glorious victory. The rocks and snags may be taken from the bottom of the river on which our ship is running aground, and the channel deepened, or the water may be raised by a flood-tide, and the boat lifted far above the obstacles.

That is what God did for Paul. He deepened the flood and lifted him above his trial, and in all these things He made him more than conqueror.



CHRISTMAS CONVENTIONS

Holy Days with God in Fulness of Blessing



EAST HAM CONVENTION.

Speakers Pastors E. C. W. Boulton, W. G. Hathaway, W. G. Channon, W. G. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Be'l. Convener: Mrs. H. T. D. Stoneham.

Although, even to the average person, Christmas is a time of goodwill, generosity, and general rejoicing, to the born-again believer it means much more than this. Hence at the Convention at the Elim Tabernacle, Central Park Road, held on the three days of holiday the saints gathered to hear more of Him whose human birth had made possible their second and spiritual birth.

Pastor W. G. Hill from Wales was the first speaker of the Convention, bringing with him a message suitable to the day, and on Boxing Day morning Pastor Channon spoke on the subject of Reflections. Pastor Boulton preached in the afternoon and dealt with the blessed truth of the promise of Pentecost, while at the evening service Pastor Hathaway gave the first message, his theme being,

How the Incarnation of our Lord made contact with heaven possible. Following this Pastor Hill gave an inspiring message on the time element in our Lord's birth.

Sunday was a day indeed full of blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Bell from Wales were present in the morning, and before the breaking of the bread, Mrs. Bell spoke. Her text was, "Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." The message was beautiful, and could not but have stirred all present. At the final meeting of the Convention on the Sunday evening Pastor Channon was the first to preach the Gospel, and then Pastor Hill gave the second message. His subject was Restoration, as typified by the Parable of the Good Samaritan—a well-known passage indeed, but a new and wonderful light was shed upon it by the Holy Spirit, as the speaker, in the course of his address, declared that he was 100 per cent Pentecostal. Thank God for such men. A waiting meeting followed this service, and a large number of hungry believers remained to seek God.

One sister went home rejoicing in the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 11:4.

SWANSEA CONVENTION

Speakers: Pastors H. T. D. Stoneham and W. N. Brambleby. Convener: Pastor H. W. Fardell.

A very pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed during the Christmas Convention. The meetings were all very well attended and from the commencement it was felt that the presence of the Lord was in the midst. As the meetings progressed the tide continued to rise higher and higher. At the concluding service the saints sang with real Welsh fervour and enthusiasm that well-known hymn.

All hail the power of Jesus' Name
Let angels prostrate fall

The Convention opened on Christmas night with appropriate messages by the visiting pastors, and again on Boxing Day a very timely address was delivered.

by Pastor Stoneham on the subject of Confidence, which he said was the real and universal need in these distressing and despairing times. Confidence, he declared, was the natural disposition and attitude of a child, how much more should it be the natural attitude of every child of God, whose faith and trust was in the power and might of Jehovah. He was followed by a bright and breezy message by Pastor Brambleby on Samson and Delilah, setting forth in a very practical manner the danger of trifling and sporting with temptation, exhorting both young and old believers to complete separation unto God as a sure protection against evil.

On Sunday morning Pastor Stoneham gave a very encouraging word on the three aspects of the believer's life, Grace, Gratitude, and Glory, which proved a fitting introduction to the observance of the Lord's Supper, which followed. Pastor Stoneham again addressed the afternoon gathering, exhorting the saints to seek and enjoy a full and overflowing Christian experience as taught in the Word of God. His message was followed by a Divine healing service, when the power of God was graciously manifested.

Great expectations were amply rewarded when a great crowd which had come from all parts of the town and neighbouring districts, was present at the concluding meeting of the Convention, on Sunday evening.

After a time of spiritual worship, Pastor Brambleby gave a plain Gospel address on Christ's conversation with the woman of Samaria, as recorded in the 4th chapter of John's Gospel, pointing out that true satisfaction could be found only in Christ Jesus who is the source and fount of supply for man's every need.

He was followed by Pastor Stoneham, upon the theme of Debt, his remarks being based on Romans XIII 8, "Owe no man anything." In tactful manner he dealt with his subject from a literal as well as from a spiritual standpoint. He pointed out that every child of God should make a special endeavour to avoid incurring any debt, proving from the miracle of the multiplying of the widow's oil by Elisha as recorded in II Kings IV, and other practical present-day examples, that God was able and willing to supply all the needs of those that trusted in Him. Then from a spiritual standpoint, he shewed the debt of mankind to God through sin, which had, however, been redeemed and fully paid by Christ on Calvary, to be accepted simply by faith.

With the enthusiastic singing of some bright Welsh choruses including "Calon Iwan," the meetings came to a close with much praise and thanksgiving for the glorious spiritual feast which the Lord had graciously provided.

BIRMINGHAM CONVENTION.

Speakers, Pastors P. H. Hulbert, J. C. Kennedy and W. J. Hilliard. Con-
vener, Pastor R. Tweed.

The blessing of God has been a goodly portion for yet another Christmas, the second in Foursquare experience in Birmingham. For at the great three days' Convention in Graham Street Tabernacle,

God's people celebrated the festive time by feasting upon the written Word, so ably expounded by Pastors Hulbert, Hilliard, and Kennedy.

The messages went forth in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, revealing the wonderful love of God in His precious gift of Jesus to the world. A note of praise and worship to the Man of Calvary was manifest throughout each service, as heaven's rich dainties were received through the ministries of His servants.

Pastor Hulbert related some of the miracles and wonders wrought in the blessed Name of Jesus, whilst ministering with Principal Jeffreys. All hearts filled with joy and love to God, and the tear of gratitude was on many a cheek.

New beauty was seen in Jesus through the message of Pastor Kennedy, whilst Pastor Hilliard encouraged all to go forward with fresh courage.

evening Bible studies have been times of much inspiration and help, as Pastor Lees has expounded the great truths of Sanctification.

As the assembly met for the last moments of the old year in the house of the Lord, they were rewarded with rich blessing, and in response to the Pastor's appeal to any who were without Christ to begin the new year with Jesus as their Saviour, one woman was saved.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

Addiscombe, Croydon. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke xv 10). Truly there was rejoicing for three souls who passed from darkness into light during the closing moments of the old year. It was a time never to be forgotten. Mr. Slemming gave a heart-searching illustrated address, shew-



Elim Tabernacle, East Ham.

Christmas evening service was well attended, the season speaking of old things passed away and new desires filling the saints to have deeper fellowship with one another and with the Lord Jesus Christ. At the close of this another year in the Elim family it can truly be said that the saints have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

INSPIRING BIBLE STUDIES

Plymouth (Pastor J. Lees) Progress can be reported in every department of the work at Elim Tabernacle, Rendle Street, Plymouth.

The Sunday night Gospel services are times of much rejoicing to the children of God, for on almost every Sunday one or more decide to come over on the Lord's side.

During the Christmas season an evening meeting took the form of a Carol service, Christmas hymns being sung by the congregation, with duets and quartettes by members of the choir. The Crusaders also rendering appropriate anthems.

The weekly prayer meeting is a time of much blessing, the power of God being felt in the midst.

For the last few weeks the Tuesday

ing that the old year held no hope, it being past. The new year also was sealed and without hope to those out of Christ, but for the child of God the future is glorious whatever it brings, because Christ goes through with them. At the closing moments invitation was given to those who would leave the old behind and accept Jesus as their Saviour to raise the hand. Two women and one man responded. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Then one of our Crusaders broadcasted Big Ben, and to those three precious souls a new life and a new year had begun. The saints are rejoicing because they believe the revival has commenced that they have been praying for so long.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS.

West Smethwick (Pastor A. S. Thorne) God is richly blessing His work in this part of His vineyard under the ministry of Pastor Thorne. During the past few weeks twenty-one souls have decided for Christ, and with hearts praising and magnifying our blessed Lord, the saints press forward, anxious to attain higher heights and deeper depths for the glorifying of His precious Name.

The Bible exposition on Thursday evening is a source of inspiration to all, and during the Divine healing service

the power of the Lord is greatly felt. The prayer and praise meeting is a time when the presence of the Lord is near.

On a recent Saturday night the first Sunday school prize distribution was held, when nearly 100 scholars received their reward for attending Sunday school.

In the afternoon Pastor Patterson was present, and 175 children sat down to tea. Then followed a special service for children and parents. The children had worked very hard in learning recitations and dialogues, which were blessed of God, two souls being won for the Lord.

HEALED OF BROKEN ANKLE.

Bradford (Pastor W. Barton) A sister writes "Oh the wonder of it. I only touched the hem of His garment," and all my troubles left me.

"On July 14th I fell and broke my ankle, giving a severe fracture, and having to stay in hospital seven weeks.

"During that time it was set twice, but only shewed slight improvement, and the doctor thought my foot would have to come off.

I returned home, being allowed a month's grace, and with the support of crutches I

managed to get about, but the ankle gave way again, causing great pain.

"A friend took me to the Elim Foursquare Church at Bradford on Sunday, October 11th where I was converted, anointed, and prayed for by Pastor W. Barton. On the Tuesday following I felt the precious Saviour healing me, and the ankle going back into its place. All pain and swelling disappeared. Feeling secure in a Saviour's love I give Him all the praise for loving a sinner like me."—Mary Raynor

MISSIONARY ENTHUSIASM

Southport (Pastor W. J. Hilliard) Every service brings renewed blessing and hope to the believers, and sustained lives are being washed white in the precious blood of Jesus. On Wednesday the meetings are held in a large cafe. The Master is present, and there to bless. In throng the people until the whole building echoes with songs of praise. For it is written, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst."

Recently at one of these meetings Miss Gibson a Liverpool Crusader, sang the Gospel which was most enjoyable. Then the Pastor gave a peep into the foreign fields. It is just wonderful to think that not only here, but all over the world, the glorious Foursquare Gospel banner is being unfurled and all people, whether black, white, yellow or red, are learning of our Lord and Saviour. And we pray God will continue to bless, help and strengthen the messengers who are spreading the glorious news of Jesus the Saviour, His dear Bishop, and soon-coming King.

Studies in The Acts

By P. N. CORRY

Acts II 37-47

During the early days of the present revival which is sweeping thousands into the Kingdom, and proving to all who have a heart open to the Word of God that the gifts of the Spirit are still in operation in the Church, I was one of a company of believers who, having heard of what was happening at Sunderland and elsewhere, were desirous of searching the Scriptures to see if those things were so. We did not go by the name of the Berean band, but our methods were the same (Acts xvii 11, 12). For over two years we met every evening to study the Bible, and much of the knowledge of the grand old Book that has been of such help since, I owe to that grand man of God, Mr. Thomas Myerscough of Preston, who had charge of that class. Someone said to me once that while Percy Corry lives Mr. T. Myerscough will still continue to minister, and I do with all my heart hope that it may be so. We tested Pentecost in every way possible and the passages that are for our study this week were often pondered and prayed over.

Many say that the miraculous gifts were only for the beginning of the Church, and that once the Church was founded and the revelation given to Paul, then their purpose ceased and they were withdrawn. Others maintain that the spiritual gifts were only for a sign to the Jewish nation, and that once their final rejection was made (Acts xxviii) then the gifts ceased. If that is so, then there is something wrong with this vast promise given by Peter on the Day of Pentecost. He gave this people an utterance in the power and inspiration of the Holy Ghost that was bigger than Peter himself. Read his life, study such scriptures as Galatians ii 11-21 and Acts x and xv, and compare them with this promise, and my statement will not seem strange.

"The promise is unto you."

Not to Jews only was the promise given, but to strangers, Cretes, Arabians, proselytes to the Jewish faith (see vv. 10, 11). There was no attempt to limit the promise of the Father to the apostles themselves, nor to the one hundred and twenty (i 14, 15), nor to men only, but it was extended to women as well. The humblest believer was given the like gift as the greatest apostle, the lowliest follower as the chief leader. The unity of the Church, the oneness of the Body, and the greatness of the promise of an experience of the on-coming of the power of the Holy Ghost was for all who heard. The promise was not for the apostolic age only, but

"To your children"

This not only embraced the next generation, for the word "children" not only included that, but future genera-

tions of the same stock. Nor was it to Jews only but to

"All that are afar off."

This term "afar off" was in common use by the Jews to denote people who were not Jews, nor even proselytes. It was a designation given to the Gentiles, and the Ephesian Church being such, Paul used it in writing to them. After pointing out that the Ephesians were Gentiles alien from the covenants of the covenants, and without hope in the world, he says, "You who once were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Moreover, he states that "Christ, having slain the enmity by the Cross, came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to them that were nigh (Eph ii 11-17). Thus the promise of the Father was guaranteed to the Gentiles on the Day of Pentecost, and therefore certainly in the same fulness. But as though to remove all trace of doubt, Peter proceeds to say

"Even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

The uses of the term "as many" in the Word are as broad in their scope and as mighty in their power as those of the great word "whosoever." So that all who have been called by His grace, and saved by His power, rejoicing in their holy calling, may be fully assured that Peter at any rate expected that the experience of Pentecost should be the promise for all who are Christ's. It is not a bit of good trying to avoid the point and to say that the promise of the Spirit did not include the gifts, for obviously what Peter promised to this broadening company of believers was what they themselves received. Later on when brethren in Jerusalem were vexed because he had gone to the Gentiles and eaten with them, he pointed to the manifestation that accompanied the reception of the Word, and said, "God gave them the like gift as He did unto us" (Acts xi 17). The word of Peter was receiving its fulfilment, and so it is to the present day. I know no greater, all-embracing promise than this, it is as wide as the promises proffering salvation to all. The giving of the Law saw three thousand people slain (Exodus xxxii 28), the preaching of grace and truth by the Apostles was witnessed to by three thousand souls being saved and added to the Church.

Before passing on in the study of the Acts notice four hall-marks of apostolic Christianity in verse 42. In doctrine in fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers they were one. Follow out these four things, and see to it that these are manifest, so that the world may know of an apostolic succession functioning not only in the letter but in the Spirit.



ELIM CRUSADER PAGE



MOTTO: GOD'S BEST FOR US — OUR BEST FOR GOD



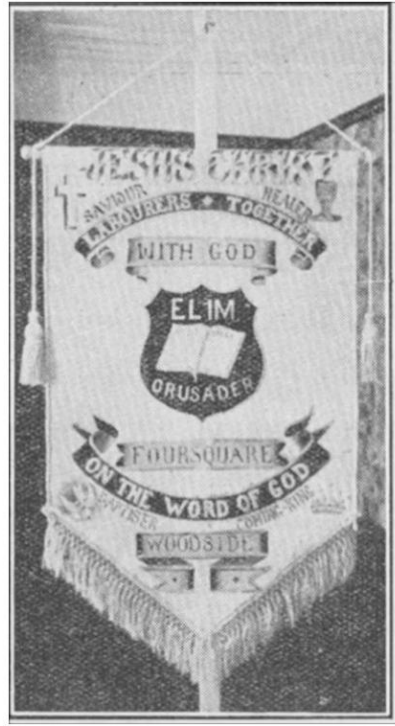
meeting was taken by our Crusaders, three of them gave very stirring messages, one on Peace, another on The Good Shepherd, and another on Jesus, Mighty to Save. The Gospel went forth in mighty power, both in word and in song, and as the Lord's Day came to close we all longed for another great Crusader day—A C

hungry men and women Everywhere, we found a readiness to listen to the Gospel story of salvation. The following day found us on a very bad road, consequently we had to suffer many bumps and knocks. But we had the joy of again giving forth the Word to men and women whose hearts are in great darkness, for they were all worshippers of evil spirits. They live in great fear of these evil spirits and will do anything to appease their wrath. Truly these souls are gripped by the Devil. Will you not pray for their release? We talked with one man who had fever. He listened with great interest, but there was great fear too, as we told him to leave off worshipping evil spirits and serve the true and living God. He said, "If other people in the village become Christians, then I too will follow Jesus." But as others seemed slow to respond, the spirit of fear possessed him and he went away. The fear that hath a torment—how real it is in India!

Hove "Does Jesus Christ satisfy the young?" was the reading at the top of the bills advertising the Crusader Campaign, and anyone was fully aware of the answer after paying a visit to any of the meetings. It was a real inspiration to come to the services conducted by the different bands of Crusaders, yet all with the same testimony that "none but Christ can satisfy." Worthing Preston, Brighton and Eastbourne branches took part in the campaign. The first meeting was taken by the Hove Crusaders, and a real time of spiritual blessing was experienced in the presence of the Lord. On Monday we were favoured with a visit from the members of the Worthing assembly, and God abundantly blessed the meeting. On the Wednesday Crusaders from Eastbourne conducted the service, all their addresses being on The Armour of the Christian Soldier, illustrated by one of the brothers wearing the armour of a Roman warrior. Thursday was a special evening given to the Cadets, who did remarkably well in rendering two dialogues entitled, "Gospel Belis," and "Ten Little Hove Cadets."

The meetings throughout the whole of the week were well attended, and we can praise God for eight precious souls who were saved. We indeed thank God for past blessings, and we are trusting for still greater results in the future.—D E W

Leicester I am glad to report that our Crusader meetings have been richly blessed of late. A week last Sunday the



FROM FOREIGN FIELDS
Preaching in the Villages of India.
By Miss M. Paint

About ten days ago I went to Giridih for a change and rest as I had just recovered from dengue fever. This fever lasts nine days only, but usually leaves its victim very weak. Praise the Lord, He has again proved my Healer, having fully restored me to health. Jehovah Rapha—how sweet to prove Him such! At Giridih I felt so well that I begged Miss Brown to take me on the preaching tour which they were planning. This tour was to last three or four days and we were to go by motor from village to village, preaching the Word of life, and staying where we could for the night. Our start was a very bad one, the engine of the car gave much trouble, and the driver of the car, who happened to be a mechanic, had to stop many times and for long periods to mend it. Finally however, we reached some of the villages, and preached the Word to

About five o'clock, just before sunset, we were invited to stay in a certain village, as the people were anxious to see the magic lantern. Shall I ever forget our arrival in the village! The motor went over ploughed fields and rutty paths, in fact the road was so bad that one of the springs of the car broke, and we found ourselves all leaning over to one side. The whole village came out to have a look at us and with great pride we were shown the guest room. This consisted of one room in a mud hut. The people were exceedingly kind, and gave us straw to sleep on. For the first time in my life I slept on the ground. I was really enjoying it when a rain came on to rain heavily, the roof leaked, the water began to stream down the mud walls, running in pools under us, and also dripping from above. It poured all night and all our bed-clothes got wet. When day dawned we were obliged to return to Giridih. We are all well after our wetting. Praise Him who preserves our going out and our coming in.

RAYS OF REVELATION

Christ's Needs on Earth.

- No home to be born in (Luke 11:7-12)
- No place to lay His head (Matt. viii 19, 20)
- No money to pay His tax (Matt. xvii 24-27)
- No friend to plead for Him (Mark. xiv 49-50)
- No grave to be buried in (Matt. xxvii 57-60)

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Bible Study Helps

THE WAY OF A NATIONAL CALAMITY

I. Providence.

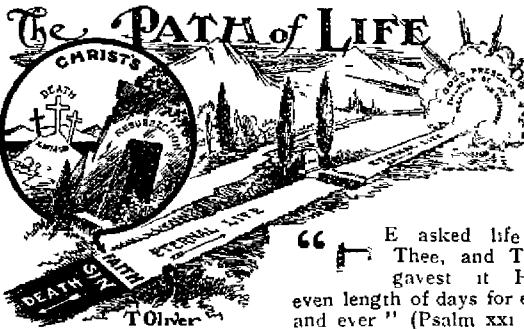
- 1 If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or
- 2 If I command the locust to devour the land, or
- 3 If I send pestilence among My people,

II. Proviso

- If My people, who are called by My Name
- (a) Shall humble themselves,
 - (b) And pray,
 - (c) And seek My face,
 - (d) And turn from their wicked ways,

III. Promise.

- Then I
- (a) Will hear from heaven,
 - (b) And will forgive their sins,
 - (c) And will heal the land



“ He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it Him even length of days for ever and ever ” (Psalm cxi 4)

“ Thou wilt shew me the path of life in Thy presence is fulness of joy, at Thy right hand pleasures for evermore ” (Psalm xvi 11)

“ The gift of God is eternal life through [or, better, in] Christ Jesus our Lord ” (Rom vi 23)

Our friend whose body we have reverently put in the grave, has had a long life, and has thus proved the goodness and mercy of God in a very special way. Long life is considered to be the best wish which one individual of the human race can entertain for another, and yet long life with all its disabilities is not an unmix'd blessing. Hence the words of the Psalmist must mean more than continuance of the present unsatisfying conditions.

Perhaps the greatest peculiarity of Scripture is that whatever may be the primary meaning of a passage, there is a deeper meaning which does not appear on the surface, but which the Holy Spirit of God reveals to the Christian.

In Old Testament times the thought of eternal life could not be distinctly apprehended, let alone distinctly expressed, yet the Psalmist felt that the path of life could not continue indefinitely here. It must end in the presence of God where, at His right hand, there is a Person in whom is resident fulness of joy, i.e., pleasure for evermore. That carries us on to the truth of the New Testament, that eternal life is the gift of God and is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We take this opportunity as a sort of wayside pulpit to display an advertisement of the path of life. To some it may appear incongruous to speak of the path of life in the presence of death and the grave which break life. But it is an incident such as this which brings before us most forcibly the distinction between physical life and eternal life. We have a very slender and uncertain hold on physical life. We are tenants at

the will of Another, viz., the will of God. For any one of us there is only a short step between the present time and the breaking of the earthly path of life. But the path of life which the Scriptures advertise has no break. Our old friend is as much in the Lord's keeping to-day as last week when she was with us. Eternal life is not in the sphere of responsibility, but is stated in Scripture to be in God's Son, and thus not in our keeping.

The entrance to the path of life is set forth in the Gospel which has not changed its terms in spite of the activity of the popular modern theology which, after all is only engaged with sweeping up the broad way—the High Street of the City of Destruction, or, alternatively, the way of Cain which ends in complete eternal undoing.

The path of life the narrow way which leads to life has its beginning in the death and resurrection of Christ, so that it is on resurrection ground, and is thus enjoyed in the realm of the Spirit. That there be few who find the narrow way is no reflection on God's character of fair dealing. All have sinned and come short of His glory, but He justifies freely by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God has set forth as a propitiation through faith in His blood.

But the death of Christ has done more than satisfy the righteous claims of God, there has been such a surplus of glory to God in that death that Christ is at the right hand of God, in the seat of power, as the polar zenith of the dispensation for the Christian. All eternity will be occupied with the declaration of that accrued glory to God.

Thus the Christian's politics, i.e., his abiding interests, are in heaven, from whence we look for the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Ere long, the Lord will come instantaneously with all the attributes of triumph, and for ever will establish the fact of His victory over death and the grave.

Could any message be more comforting than such words of Scripture? The Apostle Paul introduced his exhortation to the Philippians to fulfil his joy, by the provision “if there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies.” The “if” does not indicate uncertainty, but the assurance of experience. Every Christian can testify in measure to the consolation to be found in Christ, and so the aforesaid writer speaks of the “God of all comfort” not as a sloppy sentiment but as a radiant reality known specially in such times of unparalleled stress.

(The Substance of a short address at the grave-side of an aged Christian)

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