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A Motto for the New Year

By Pastor W. G. CHANNON (City Temple, Nottingham)

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward—Exodus xiv. 15



ANOTHER year has rolled on into eternity. The sands of time are slowly but surely sinking. We are apt to think with sorrow of the days which are gone. But should this be the attitude of the Christian? Some few years ago when leaving an assembly in which I had received many blessings I felt sad at heart as I anticipated a new sphere of service—leaving my old congregation for fresh faces and to encounter new difficulties, but God in His great goodness gave me this very stimulating word—"Go forward." Whenever confronted with some new experience, or at the beginning of a new year, the old message spurs me on "Go forward." The best is yet to be! Will you, dear reader, take these words as your New Year's motto? We will consider some of the lessons which this story teaches.

God's saints of all ages Read the Acts of the Apostles

Must I be carried to the skies
On flow'ry beds of ease,
Whilst others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas?

Moreover, such experiences for many reasons are blessings in disguise. A few verses from the parable of the sower (Matt xiii 20, 21) tell us that it is tribulation and persecution which discover the shams of the Christian faith and those who are true. Our perplexities discover whether or not we have the root of the matter in us. So when our perplexities cause us to despair and wonder if it really is worth while serving God, we will call to mind the fact that the greatest saints have had their seasons of spiritual nightmare, yet afterwards they have "blessed the Hand that guided and the Heart that planned."

What we should do at such seasons of perplexity

It is evident from the narrative that Moses as the leader of God's people became somewhat anxious concerning the new situation. It is also equally evident that God rebuked such a spirit of anxiety. "Wherefore criest thou go forward." The solution to their difficulty and ours is not to be found in a restless spirit of anxiety but simply by marching on. To retreat was impossible—the enemy were pursuing. Side escape could not be attempted. So once again we learn that in the Christian experience there can be

NO STANDING STILL

We either advance or we go back. You have doubtless heard the story of the little boy who one night fell out of bed. When asked the next morning what caused the mishap his simple and truthful reply was, "I fell out because I stopped too near where I got in." Is this not the reason why there are so many backsliders? They "got in" all right, but they "stopped too near where they got in." If only we realised we must ever "go forward" there would be no such people as backsliders. We must "go for-

We shall not be immune from our seasons of perplexity

These people—ancient Israel—were a wonderful type of God's new creation of which you and I form a part. They had been miraculously delivered from Egypt's bondage but they soon discovered that new problems awaited them. Thus it is with us. God has "translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son," but we are not through with our perplexities. Far from it. Pharaoh and his host pursued the Israelites. Satan and his demons ever seek an opportunity to waylay the child of God. In fleeing from their foe the Israelites arrive at the Red Sea. What shall they do? Behind them their enemies, before them the deep waters. We all know something of such experiences, and

WITHOUT WISHING TO BE PESSIMISTIC

we shall find that 1934 will prove itself no exception to the rule. Such experiences have been the lot of

ward" in our prayer life—Bible study—personal holiness—service, and in fact in everything which concerns our Christian life. As the days go by we should become stronger in all virtues. This is why the tests are allowed. We tend to think that they are sent to thrust us backwards, when in reality they are sent to be stepping stones to heaven. When we bring ourselves into a tight corner through following the way of our own wicked hearts, we can only get out by retracing our steps. When, however, God leads us into a tight corner—He does sometimes—we get out not by retracing our steps but by obeying His command, "Go forward".

How shall we go forward?

It is one thing to know God's will but another thing to know how to do it. We all desire that 1934 shall see us going forward, but "how can these things be? If you will read Jeremiah vii 21-24 you will discover that on one occasion God had to tell His people Israel that they went backward and not forward. Why? Because they "walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart".

THE LESSON IS OBVIOUS.

If we would "go forward" we must refuse our own counsel. Our greatest enemy to our advancement is just ourself. How we do try to reason things out, Our own reasonings kept many of us from the Saviour for a considerable time. Surely we could do something to procure our salvation! Were we not good enough? And so on. Now that we have come to the Saviour I fear that those same vain reasonings keep many of us from going on to know Him in a fuller sense. We are too full of questions why this and why that? "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah lv 8, 9). How happy the soul who has resolved during this new year to say, whatever perplexities may come—God knows best! If you would "go forward" "lean not to your own understanding."

Now look at Philippians iii. 13, 14. Paul here decides that in order to "go forward" one must forget the past. How true! We certainly are not unmindful of God's goodness. He has blessed us in the past, but is He merely the God of yesterday? It seems that all too many talk about yesterday and miss the golden moments of to-day. Do not brood over the past. Thank God for it, and look for brighter days. It matters not whether the reader be young or old—the best is yet to be.

God always makes the way.

Can you visualise the scene of our story? To "go forward"

SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE.

They will drown. Foolish heart, God will not let His people drown. The step is taken. What has happened? The waters have receded. God did not take them over their difficulty, nor did He allow them to go under. He took them through. God always makes a way for those who will obey Him, for those who do

not seek to run away from their trials but who determine to go through. A miracle took place. Our God is a God of the marvellous. Has He not performed like miracles for us all? Is He not capable of doing so again? Yes! It seemed that the Israelites were almost overtaken. Were they once again to go into Egyptian bondage? We must remember that God is never too late and never too soon. He is always just in time. The obstacles of 1934 may at times seem formidable, but He who says "Go forward" will also make the way.

By going forward perplexities vanish

When Israel stood still all they saw was their difficulty. How different when they went forward! Time unravels all mysteries. "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter" (John xii. 7). When they were through they understood. It was worth it all. All Israel was saved. The deliverance was complete. Supposing they had tried to encounter the difficulty in their own way. They would surely have been overtaken. There is only one way to meet our problems—a divine way. We must not stand still and murmur but go through and praise! Those same waters

SWALLOWED UP THEIR ENEMY.

Their perplexity disappeared in a very literal sense. It is worthy of note that when they reached the other side they sang a song of praise. Thank God for the songs of the other side. When we are through we look back and sing. "Nevertheless afterward." What a song we shall sing some day, perhaps very soon, when we consider the dark waters through which He has safely led us. Let us face 1934 with unswerving faith. We will "go forward" come what may, ever remembering, "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov iv 18).

Be of Good Cheer

I love to sit by the fire awhile,
And traverse the roads back many a mile,
The rugged paths that my feet have trod,
And meadows sweet where I walked with God

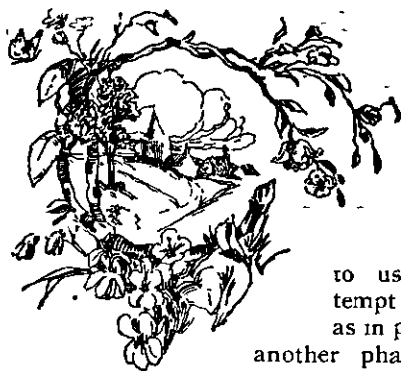
Up difficult hills, down valleys steep
The Shepherd has guided my weary feet,
Sorrow and joy have each had their part
Love conquers all with Christ in the heart

The past years show us that hitherto
The Lord has led us our journey through,
And step by step of the coming year
What He has done, He will do, so--
BE OF GOOD CHEER

—F Andrew

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A Noble Resolution

By Rev. H. W. GREENWAY (Ehm Tabernacle, Worthing)

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord — Joshua xxiv. 15.

A NEW Year! But what does that mean to us? Just another attempt to remodel our lives as in previous years? Just another phantom leaf turned in an imaginary book? Or have we grown weary of this apparently futile annual custom?

The question arises as to whether this yearly making of fresh vows is really worth while. Do not the Scriptures teach that it is better not to vow than to vow and break faith with God? I think it depends entirely upon the kind of promise we make. It certainly is waste of time to make commitments which we are not able to fulfil, but where our lives can be improved by a redeemable pledge, then surely we should make such a covenant!

Our text is a declaration of purpose of the greatest importance.

Joshua was growing old, and, realising that he was soon to reach the end of life's journey, he called the people together to Shechem. There he made before them

THE CHALLENGING ORATION

recorded in Joshua xxiii and xxiv, and after warning them of the fatal consequences of their present attitude toward the gods of the nations, he made this statement, revealing a most noble determination. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The people followed in his steps, and they too said, "The Lord our God will we serve."

These people arrived at a splendid decision that day, and we could do no better than follow their good example, and determine to serve the Lord faithfully during the coming year. It was a good resolution because it was objective and not subjective. It is always safer to live for others, for the most miserable creatures on earth are the folk who live only for self. They keep what they have of this world's goods lest others should experience more joy than they. They conserve their talent for personal aggrandisement, and all their attention is lavished upon themselves. The secret of a joyful life is always to live outside our own small domain.

Be not selfish in thy greed,
Pass it on!
Look upon thy brother's need
Pass it on!
Live for self, you live in vain,
Live for Christ, you live again,
Live for Him, with Him you reign—
Pass it on!

Again, it was a good resolution because it came from the lips of a man whose experience was matured by long years of service. Joshua, now an old man, realised the subtle claims which would be brought

forward by the votaries of other gods—suggestive reasonings, calculated to destroy their faith in Jehovah, and so he takes his stand, with the years of experience to add weight to his words, and proclaims before old and young, experienced and inexperienced, his wholehearted intention to serve the Lord. It was the sincerest form of testimony he could give to the satisfaction he had enjoyed in his past work. We could solicit the word of another venerable warrior to confirm the sensibility of Joshua's stand. The aged Paul writes from the dungeon in Rome to the saints at Philippi, and this is his message, "I press toward the mark." When others might have urged retirement, he was still pressing on. Surely a grand witness to his appreciation of the service of Christ.

"But, you say, 'I already serve Christ!'" It is very easy to make this statement, but harder to substantiate it in practice. Many think an ordinary church routine is Christian service. But we need to stop and ask ourselves the question in all seriousness: "Do I really serve Christ?"

Let us consider one or two things about this service, and measure up to the standard of God's Word, and we shall see whether our work has fallen short of the divine requirements.

In the first place it meant for these people a putting away of strange gods. And Joshua said unto the people, "now therefore put away the strange gods which are among you." He also warned them against

THE FOLLY OF MIXED MARRIAGES.

They were to be a separate people. That is God's first requirement of the man who would serve Him—separation! We are expected to put away those things which detract from wholehearted allegiance. Paul couched the same thought in direct words, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing." The Lord wants every inch of the man in us consecrated to His service. How many Christians have allowed themselves to be side-tracked by their love for the idols of this modern world? It is useless to try to enumerate a list of those sins which stumble the believer. It remains for each one to examine himself, and "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset."

Then we must remember that the Lord's work is the most important business of life. Important, because we serve the highest authority—the Creator of the universe. Important, because the field of labour has the widest scope—the whole world. Important, because it meets a vital need—the redemption of mankind. Spurgeon quotes the eminent Mr. Richard Knill as saying, "If there were only one unconverted soul left in the world, and he were residing in the wilds of Siberia, and if, in the purposes of God, it was ordained that he could not be converted

except by all the millions of Christians then living on the face of the earth, all

GOING TO HIM ONE BY ONE

to plead with him, it would be worth while for the Church to send all its members one by one to plead with that soul, that it might be turned to God." Skilled men to-day are devoting all their energies in the alleviation of pain, and the amelioration of disinherited humanity. Philanthropists are working hard to introduce that universal spirit of goodwill so urgently needed in the world to-day. Societies everywhere are straining every power to palliate the ills of the down-trodden classes. And the Church of God seems to stand mute and still amid the needy multitude, and is either becoming absorbed among the social reformers, or losing its identity in the world's giddy round of pleasure. What is the use of social service, if the soul remains untouched? and how long is the Church of God to treat the great work of soul-saving as of third-rate importance when it is her chief task? Let us get down to bed-rock facts. We are dealing with men who face an eternal judgment for sin, and whose doom is so terrible that God sent His Son to suffer an ignominious death in order to save them from their peril. It is a great work, and cannot be undertaken lightly, neither can we pursue it if we are disinterested and careless about the eternal danger of the unsaved. The Church needs the infusion of an individual enthusiasm during the coming year. Are you going to be the one to

INSPIRE YOUR FELLOWS

by an example of passionate zeal in the service of Christ?

Now if we are real going to serve the Lord, it will mean putting first things first. It is a human characteristic to put the cart before the horse, particularly in spiritual things. We want to run before we can walk, or fly before we have wings. The service of Christ is progressive, and if we would do great exploits we must first learn to become proficient in small duties. The household occupation, so irksome to many Christians, may be the service Christ wants us to perform. Ordinary things, which we disdainfully dub as common, everyday, mundane, are steps in His service. If we fail to observe the importance of elementary tasks, how can we expect to perform the greater deeds?

There is one institution of the home which might be mentioned here—one of the first things. I refer to the family altar. The importance of this simple godly service cannot be over-estimated in these days of moral abandonment, and parents owe it to their children, to see that the morning and evening prayer is maintained at all costs. Many prodigal sons might have been kept from waywardness, and their sisters from a life of shame, had the parents been faithful in this respect. In his autobiography, John G. Paton pays glowing tribute to the hallowing influence of this household rite. He says, "And so began in his seventeenth year that blessed custom of family prayer, morning and evening, which my father practised probably without one single omission till he lay

on his deathbed, seventy-seven years of age. . . no hurry for market, no rush to business, no arrival of friends or guests, no trouble or sorrow, no joy or excitement ever prevented at least our kneeling around the family altar." He also tells how the worst woman in that village was saved through hearing his father pray upon these occasions. Perhaps things have gone wrong in the home! There is not the harmony you once enjoyed! Has this altar become neglected?

The story is told in the Bible of how one prophet brought a whole nation back from its apostasy, to proclaim Jehovah as the only true God. But the first thing Elijah did in the great work of reconstruction was to rebuild the altar of the Lord which was broken down. That is where Israel's backsliding commenced—neglected worship. It may be so with us. Rebuild the altar of the home if it is broken down, put first things first, and its sphere of influence will widen throughout each day, for no man can leave the presence of God without radiating the glory of the inner sanctuary.

Christ's service will also mean activity, a going forward, a rising plane of life. There is no room for idlers in the fight, for we war against a vigilant foe, and only by carrying the battle into the enemy's camp can we expect to gain victories for Christ. The Scotsman put it very tersely to his regiment when he said, "Lads, there they are. If ye dinna kill them they will kill you."

IN THE SPIRITUAL FIGHT

we change the old adage and say, "Aggression is the better part of valour." If the way is blocked in one direction, we must try another, remembering always that we must keep going on. When I first learned to ride a cycle I soon made the discovery that if I would keep up I must keep going on. If I disobeyed this simple law of motion I immediately came to grief. Constant activity in the service of the Lord is a safe defence against the danger of falling.

If we would know the adventure and joy of this wonderful service—not merely the reader's knowledge, but an experimental proof, we must enlist under the banner of Jesus Christ our Lord, consecrating our all to Him. Make the covenant to-day, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

But perhaps as you read this page you are aware of a terrible fact in your life—unforgiven sin. You have tried to do good deeds and follow the ethical teachings of Christ, and yet there is the solemn consciousness that you have never experienced the new birth. You have never as a fallen sinner been to Christ to ask His forgiveness. Jesus said,

"NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS"

It is impossible to become proficient in Christian work while still in bondage to Satan. There must first be a renunciation of the old allegiance, and an acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour. Give your whole life to Christ, and say at the beginning of this New Year "As for me . . . I will serve the Lord."

On the Threshold

By Rev. R. E. DARRAGH (of Principal Jeffreys' Revival Party)



STANDING upon the threshold of 1934 we long to peep into its days to see what they hold for us. If we only knew what lay ahead! If only the future could be unveiled we could make plans and so arrange things that our plans could be carried out. —But—this cannot be 1934 belongs to the unknown future and must be left in the Master's hand. We are about to travel along a pathway which we have never traversed before, a way that we know not of. Mountains will have to be met with which will have to be brought low. Dark valleys will have to be exalted and lit up—lit up by the Sun of Righteousness. Crooked places

will have to be made straight and rough places plain. As we pass each milestone there can be no retracing of our steps. Every mile of the road will have gone

into the past never to be walked again. Opportunities of loving happy service for the Master will have been given us. Souls will have crossed our pathway to whom we will have been made a blessing. The widows and the fatherless will have been visited and helped. The sick will have been faithfully ministered to. We will have been privileged to bear burdens and in this way will have fulfilled the law of Christ. Many prayers will have gone up to the throne and the answers will have come down in abundance. If we have acknowledged Him our path will have been directed and our steps will have been ordered by the Lord. If we have delighted ourselves in Him He will have given us the desire of our hearts. If we have walked in His ways and turned not to the right hand nor to the left we shall have prospered every step of the way. He has promised to go with us, for He has said, "Lo, I am with you always," every day and hour, every moment of the year, silently planning for us and providing His very best which shall be for our eternal good and His own glory.

We take the first step in faith and pass into 1934 knowing that He who hath helped us hitherto will help us all the journey through. Ringing in our ears are these encouraging words, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee: yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Its Worth to You

ALADY in Bristol, deeply impressed with the importance of the Bible Society, determined to make personal application on its behalf to an elderly gentleman of her acquaintance who possessed great wealth, but never contributed to objects of this nature. Her friends told her that it would be in vain, but this did not shake her resolution. She called and presented the case, exhibiting all the documents calculated to promote her object.

THEY PRODUCED NO IMPRESSION

She then reasoned with him, but without effect. At length she asked him the question "Have you a Bible, sir?"

"Yes."

"What would induce you to part with it?"

"I would not part with it for any consideration."

"Sir," said she, "there are thousands in this land who are destitute of that which you profess to prize so highly. A trifling portion of your property would supply a fellow-creature with the Book which you would not part with on any consideration."

This appeal produced the desired effect. The gentleman, however, concealed his feelings, and simply asked with an air of indifference "What do you think I ought to give?"

Supposing that he was balancing between a small

sum and an absolute refusal, she replied "We receive any sum, sir, however small."

He then went over to his bureau, took a bag of sovereigns, and began very deliberately to count them upon the table—one, two, three, four, and so on. After he had proceeded some time in this way, the lady, presuming he had forgotten the subject on which she came, and was engaged in his other business, ventured to interrupt him with the remark that her time was precious, and that if he did not intend to give, she begged to be informed, that she might solicit elsewhere.

"Have patience for a few minutes," he replied, and proceeded until he had counted

SEVENTY-THREE SOVEREIGNS

"There, madam," said he, "there is one sovereign for every year I have lived, take that for the Bible Society."

Reader, What has the Foursquare Gospel meant to you? Remember there are millions in this land who are destitute of that which you prize so highly. A trifling portion of your share of this world's goods would help us to give your fellow-creature that which you would not part with on any consideration. (See pages 8 and 9)

REVIVAL NEWS OF THE WORLD

Spreading the gospel through the daily press has been successfully carried on in Japan. Two newspapers in that land have reached a daily circulation of two million each. There are about 300 daily papers in Japan and many of them reach a high circulation. The Japanese press has been recognising the value of religious articles, and one paper has an editor exclusively set apart for this work. The Japan News Agency, representing the Christian forces in Japan, has set out to provide Christian material for the daily papers. Through these articles over 150,000 people have written for more information concerning Christianity.

In China a remarkable revival has taken place in connection with the ministry of Mr W. H. Nowack. The blessing has even reached the children in a Christian Orphanage in Miyang. Mr Nowack writes: "As I entered the classroom where they had gathered, I found about a dozen or more under the most awful conviction I had ever witnessed upon a company of children of their ages. Some were standing, pounding the walls, others were in a sitting posture, beating their desks, several were prostrate on their knees, while one little chap was in such agony of soul that he kept rolling around on the floor."

"Never in my life have I had such a vision of the depths of iniquity to which the human heart is subject as I had during these meetings, and Pastor Liu's characteristic and oft-repeated phrase, 'Your heart is a bagful of sin—pour it out so that Jesus can get inside,' will not easily be forgotten. At the close of one meeting, there were as many as fifty on their knees at the same time, most of them weeping and confessing their sins."

It is significant that the revival is not reported in a so-called Pentecostal paper, but in the "Moody Monthly." The sense of God's presence in these meetings was overpowering. The report says:

"Each one seemed entirely unconscious of all the rest, all being equally occupied with their own sins, which in the floodlight of God's unspeakable holiness, seemed more than they could bear. They had all been unable to eat their supper that night, and several had not slept the night before. All efforts to quiet them seemed absolutely futile, and all that we could do just then was to leave them with the Lord who was thus dealing with them. Later, when they became more quiet, and it was possible to speak to them, they began to pour out their little hearts in confession and, oh, such a catalogue of sin! As we kept quoting 1 John 1:9 and similar passages, assuring them of the Lord's forgiveness, they finally stopped crying, and began to praise the Lord instead, and the wonderful sense of His presence that filled the room at that time I shall never forget. It was a real foretaste of heaven indeed. Since then they have been rejoicing in His forgiveness, testifying to the joy of their new-found salvation, and witnessing for Christ to others."

The first Pentecostal assembly in Nyasaland, Africa, has just been established. The report says:

"We commenced the Sunday services with a baptismal service at the river, and eighty-three converts followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. It was truly a wonderful sight to witness. There were people everywhere falling under the power of the Spirit. We had, indeed, to get a number of boys to help some out on to the river bank. We then proceeded to the church for indoor service, when the election of workers and elders took place and an assembly—the first Pentecostal one in Nyasaland—was properly established."

In Kikuyu, Zanzibar, a great cathedral has been built by the Church of Scotland Mission. It is known as the "Church of the Torch." When it was opened nearly 3,000 people were crammed into it. "The church resounded to well-known hymn tunes, sung and enjoyed by Africans in their own language. It is interesting to learn that the collection plate, in addition to money, contained offerings of eggs and maize cobs. Many people brought goats and sheep as contributions to their church."

The history behind this new Zanzibar Church is as follows:

"The African Christian community in Kikuyu has been steadily growing, particularly in the Church of Scotland Mission of which Dr. John W. Arthur, for many years a member of the Legislative Council, is the head. In twenty years the number of Africans connected with this mission has reached over 7,000. For the last seven years worship has been conducted during the dry season in an open-air shed rudely constructed of rough tree trunks supported on stumps, known as 'The Church in the Wood.' This was capable of accommodating 2,500. One Christmas Day no fewer than 3,614 were present in and around it. The Kikuyu Christians felt that the time had come for more adequate and permanent provision for such large congregations. On their own initiative they offered their own gifts and labour. The title 'The Church of the Torch in Darkness' was their own choice. Boys and girls helped in excavating the site and in the construction. One old woman carried stones from the quarry."

In Poland, amidst all her political difficulties, a true revival obtains. One interesting story is as follows:

"Some nine years ago a young lawyer of Harodenka, deeply dissatisfied with the dead formality of his Church, took the bold step of attending the services of a Lutheran Church in another part of the country. It was the reading of a Bible which led this man to take such a step. Soon he gathered around him a number who were seeking the truth, and thus the first congregation of the new movement arose. Here was no mere flash in the pan, but a real fire, a fire kindled by the Holy Spirit. The movement spread

rapidly to neighbouring villages and towns. Not only were individuals drawn in, but whole congregations of the Uniat Church (Roman Catholic with Slav liturgy), in a number of cases led by their priest, went over to the new movement. It is of interest that the start of this movement was spontaneous, no mission had taken place in the neighbourhood, and there was no Evangelical Church or work of any kind in the district. We see once again how God sometimes uses His Word to light in a single heart a fire which is to spread far and wide. New congregations are springing up and from time to time whole congregations, either with or without their priest, have left the Uniat Church for the deeper and simpler worship of God they crave. It is a good sign that the demand for the Bible steadily increases each year. In 1924 the British and Foreign Bible Society reported the circulation of only 490 copies of the Ukrainian Holy Scriptures in Poland, while in 1932, 3,549 copies are shown as circulated."

Dr. French Oliver has been working in various missionary centres in China. "He has seen hundreds of conversions, four or five being Buddhist priests."

Another missionary in Poland, Stanislaw Niedzwiecki, writes that he has been working in Poland for eight years, and during that period 1,015 souls have decided for the Lord, and they are members of various assemblies to-day.



LIFE'S BOOK

Life's book is quickly filling.

Another year is flown,

A record of our service

Is on its pages shown

Our victories and failures,

The moments spent in prayer,

The chances we've neglected

All plainly written there

Our years are quickly flying,

They are as passing showers,

And meanwhile in life's garden

Are growing weeds and flowers.

Our every act is building

A structure false or true;

Oh, let us then be faithful

In all we say and do

The pages we are turning,

The record that we write,

Is forecast of the future,

Eternal day or night

Let us our chances value,

By using every one,

And when snail come the reckoning,

We'll hear our Lord's "Well done!"

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions . Meditations by PERCY G PARKER

Sunday, January 7th. I Chronicles x 1-14

"So Saul died and all his house died together" (verse 6)

"I died with Saul" So each member of Saul's house was able to say, as, from the other side, they reviewed their action on this side. But there was no satisfaction to them. It did not bring them eternal life and it did not maintain them in this present life. But there are words, somewhat similar, yet immeasurably higher which mean a tremendous lot to us. "I died with Christ," or "I am crucified with Christ." On the Cross our blessed Lord died for sin. Sin was nailed to the Cross. Sin suffered the extreme penalty. It was crucified in the Person of Christ, who, in His infinite love and pity, became sin for us. Now, "we are crucified with Christ." We have died for sin and died to sin. Sin cannot reign over us because it was slain at Calvary. Do not let sin that was crucified have a resurrection. Faith forces sin to remain in a state of death. Let us really believe that we as sinners were crucified with Christ, then we shall also discover that we as saints are risen with Christ.

Monday, January 8th. I Chronicles xi 1-14

"And they anointed David King over Israel" (verse 3)

The one that had been long rejected was now crowned. The crowning day came for King David. It will come for the Lord Jesus Christ. Now the heavenly David is only crowned by the few. We belong to the few. He has removed our distress, He has paid our debt, He has destroyed our discontent. By the Holy Spirit He is turning us into mighty men. We shall reign with Him in His future kingdom. Some day He will be crowned by many—finally He will be crowned by all. The crown of eternity belongs to Christ. All peoples who have not been cast down to hell will at last cry, "Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all." Jesus will reign above the sun and beneath the sun. Heaven will crown Him, earth will crown Him. Let us be true to the Lord in His rejection. If we are rejected with Him then we shall reign with Him. Earth has tried practically every form of ruler. It has yet to try Antichrist. But the feet of a prodigal earth will at last run back to Calvary and put the crown of the future upon the Victim who suffered there.

Tuesday, January 9th. I Chronicles xi 15-25

"And David longed" (verse 17)

There was no water like Bethlehem's water to David. He wanted a drink from

the old home well. When it was obtained it was too priceless to touch. So he gave it to God. Waste! Oh, no! Nothing given to God is wasted. David's act was one of supreme worship and trust. The splash of that poured-out water was heard in heaven. He gave to God that which he needed, believing that God would supply all his need. No wonder we read, "For at that time, day by day, there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God. David longed for water—but he longed to please the Lord more. He denied himself physical pleasures in order to show just how much he loved and trusted the Lord. Sufficient to say, "God never deserted David." He never does desert a man with such a character!

Wednesday, January 10th. I Chronicles xii 1-11, 15-22

"Helpers of the war" (verse 1)

War is ghastly! Whether it is war in the Old Testament or war in our own time. War is not in the primary will of God, it is permitted only to meet the chaotic circumstances that have arisen in the world. We tremble and shrink from the next war. It will be ghastlier than ever. Such wars are outside the direct activities of the Church. But we are engaged in a warfare. It is as ghastly in the spiritual realm as physical warfare is in the natural realm. Man belongs to both realms. Man is not only body, he is spirit. Just as the body can be wounded and broken so the spirit can be wounded, abused, and crippled. The powers of darkness are attacking the forces of our King David. In this warfare we have our place. Our weapons are not of shot and steel. They are spiritual. Faith, prayer, preaching, and witnessing are the aggressive weapons of our warfare. We are helpers in this war. There is no discharge from this warfare. There will be no cessation from it until the Devil is cast into the bottomless pit.

Thursday, January 11th. I Chronicles xii 23-40

"They were not of double heart" (verse 33)

The soldiers of Zebulun were dependable. They were not moody. Their faithfulness did not depend upon the weather. They were ideal companions in battle. Because they were not of double heart they were not of doubtful purpose. Of such character should the soldiers of Christ be. Whole-hearted enthusiasm should constantly characterise us. Revivals amongst God's people are good, but it would be better if we needed them not, because we are always living in a revived state. Whole-hearted Christians are al-

ways fighting for their King. The battle for righteousness is always being pressed. A whole-hearted Christian may not be good-looking, he may not be a good scholar, but he is always a good fighter.

Friday, January 12th. I Chronicles xiii 1-14

"And David was afraid of God that day" (verse 12)

There was no need for David to be afraid of God. He was himself responsible for the whole trouble. He had performed a sacred action in a wrong way. Let us learn that enthusiasm does not justify disobedience. David and Israel played before God with all their might. There was plenty of enthusiasm and plenty of singing, but that did not balance disobedience. It would never have done for God to have justified disobedience especially just before the Temple was erected. God is loving—and holy. Merciful—and just. Longsuffering—and firm. Forgiving—and severe. Obey God and there is no need to fear. Disobey God and we need to fear. Many revival movements flicker out because they lose the favour of God by unscriptural practices.

Saturday, January 13th. I Chronicles xiv 8-17

"David inquired again" (verse 14)

That word "again" is most important. David was placed in an identical position with the previous one. Then he had inquired of God and received instructions. Now with a similar position it would seem that a similar action was justified. But David was not rushed into premature action—he inquired again. Probably to his surprise, he received different instructions. Let us learn that we need present guidance for present actions. It may seem that past guidance and experience is sufficient for the present situation. But, no, we must get fresh guidance for the fresh situation. It may be that God's plan for to-day's difficulty is quite different from His plan for yesterday's. There were no mulberry trees in the plan yesterday, but perhaps they are distinctly in the plan for to-day.

A heavenly-called minister only wants to live to preach the Gospel. An earthly-called minister only wants to preach the Gospel to live.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

(I. Corinthians x. 13)

God will never fail us,
He will not forsake
His eternal covenant
He will never break
Resting on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year.

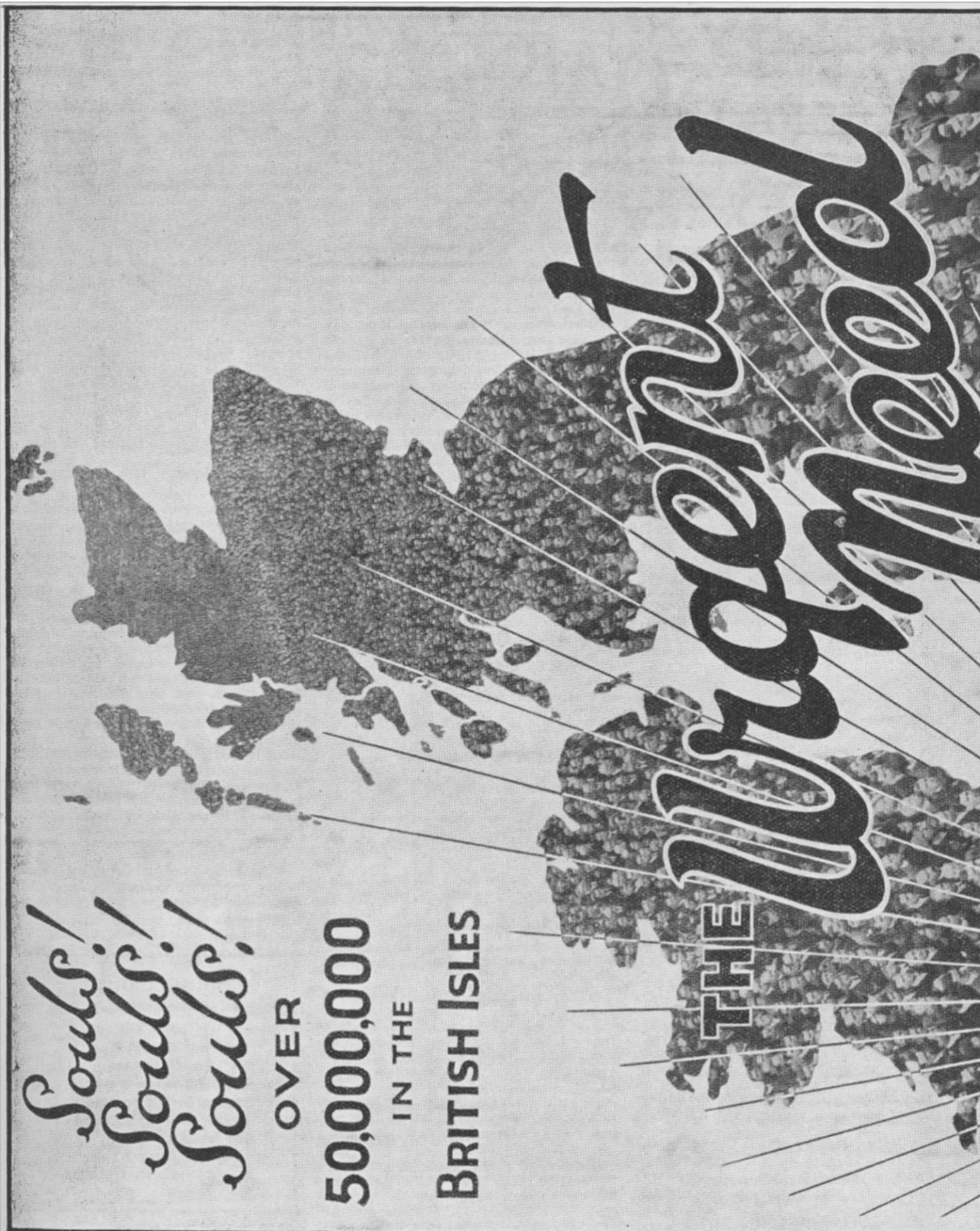
—F R Havergal

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FOR 1934



JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TO-DAY & FOREVER.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

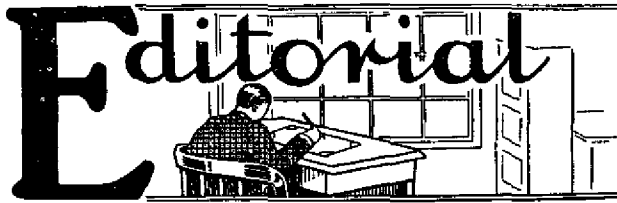
THE Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance can rightly be termed the great revival movement of the day, and is, under the blessing of God, a great force evangelising the British Isles with a Foursquare message solidly established on the Word of God. We are ever beset with requests from hundreds of cities and towns pleading for the establishment of an Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, but our resources are so limited that progress is hindered. In these days there is exceeding depression and darkness in spiritual and material circles. Millions are unemployed, homes darkened with earthly cares, sorrow and sin are rampant, and tens of thousands are without Christ. There is only one hope, one way, and one solution to meet the crisis—it is the gospel of Jesus Christ presented in its fulness and in its entirety. We appeal, therefore, and ask for your immediate prayerful consideration to join us in firing this message with greater intensity, greater zeal, and greater speed throughout the land ere the King returns. Will you give a love gift as unto the Lord for this noble purpose? No gift is too small, and none too large. In making this special appeal for a great forward movement in 1934 in these Islands, we are not forgetting nor neglecting the needy mission fields. These spheres of labour are ever in our minds, and in proportion to our progress in this land, so joyful are we in increasing our missionary enterprise.

To the Secretary-General,
 Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance,
 20, Clarence Road,
 Clapham Park,
 London, S W 4

THE URGENT NEED FOR 1934

I am joining you in prayer for this great effort to win souls for Christ, and send herewith my love-offering to God on this behalf

WILL YOU HELP BY SENDING YOUR GIFT TO-DAY?



Cross Here.

WE are crossing from 1933 to 1934. At a seaside resort we recently noticed several signs telling us just where to cross the busy roads. The roads were very dangerous to pedestrians. Abrupt turnings frequently hid the approaching traffic from view. The authorities had therefore, very wisely, arranged safe crossing places. Not only was there a clear sign but the crossing place on the road was painted with a yellow strip. It paid to cross just where the controlling authorities showed. Those who neglected the advice of the controlling powers were in danger of serious accident or death.

The Bible also tells us how to cross the roads of life. We are shown the safe path. There is one such sign in Proverbs, chapter three, verse six. It says "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." That is a safe way of crossing from one year to another. "Cross here" say the Scriptures. "In all thy ways"—not some of thy ways—"acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." If we are wise we shall yield to the advice of the Great Ruling Authority and cross every road during 1934 according to His instructions printed in the Scriptures of Truth.

"The Evangel," 1934.

WE trust readers will like the changes in the general appearance of the pages of this Special New Year Number. Our aim this year is to make the *Evangel* more interesting and spiritually helpful than ever, and to increase still further the influence of its ministry and message. Will you help us by recommending the paper to your friends?

The Evolutionary Bridge.

THE second article of this splendid series by P. N. Corry appears on page 11 of the present issue of the *Evangel*. No one who loves the Word of God and stands foursquare upon its teaching against the attacks of Modernism and Atheism that abound to-day, should miss reading these articles. They infuse life into you, make you feel the very victory of Christ thrill your being, they tear to shreds the fabrication of lies upon which the evolutionary theory is built, they will give the youth and maid in their day school material upon which to rest their confidence when the modern nonsense called "science" or "biology" would undermine their faith in the facts stated in God's Word.

Read them yourself, pass them on to your friends, advise every youthful Christian—yes, every non-Christian too—to read them. It will be to their eternal gain. Watch the bridge being demolished.

The Greatest Book of All.

THE following appeared recently in the columns of the *Daily Express*, one of our great national dailies, regarding a special edition of the Bible, marketed by their Book Department at a special price.

"GREATEST BOOK OF ALL

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS

Of what character is your library?
What is featured there?
Drama? Romance? Biography? Philosophy?
Religion? Travel?

No matter what—no matter how comprehensive—without one book it will always be an impoverished library!

What is the book?

The Bible?

The Bible is the hub of all reading.

There is in it everything of human emotion, human endeavour, human aspiration.

A few copies remain of the splendid Bible published by the *Daily Express*, a notable, beautiful production.

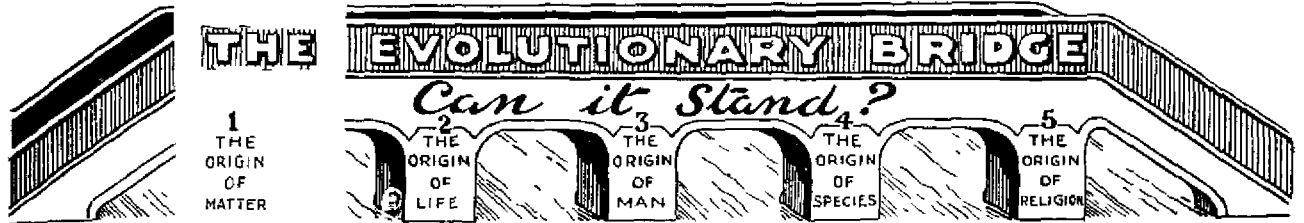
Give the Bible as a Christmas gift!

While war talk, crises, political and economic chaos are occupying the minds of so many to-day, it is refreshing to find a great newspaper featuring the Word of God in its news columns. Praise God, the Bible is attracting the attention of the masses, and is still the greatest Book of all.

Made Clear.

IN the Chancery Division of London on 16th November, a "home-made" will, which the judge said was a "most artistic document exhibiting extraordinary administrative detail," was the subject of fresh litigation. This will has been before various Chancery judges from the year 1913 onwards and there are still many important questions of construction outstanding owing to the document being of such a complex and difficult nature. It seems strange that a will which has caused twenty years of litigation should end with the words "I think that I have now made all things clear." One is tempted to wonder how much of the original estate has been swallowed up in these many years of legal wrangling.

We may well thank God that in the New Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ, His will and covenant is not only sealed unto us by His death (Heb. ix. 15), but He ever lives to be the Mediator of it (Heb. viii. 6). He has not left it to human judgment but is carrying out the clauses of His will to the everlasting benefit of sinners of every condition and clime.



II The Origin of Life

By Pastor P. N. CORRY

IT is a fact that life only comes from life. The cell is the unit of life and life never develops apart from this first unit, so that there exists between living and non-living matter a gulf that science has never been able to budge, a gulf so wide that even the greatest flights of scientific guesswork cannot throw any light on the subject.

The hypothetical theories of past investigators of Darwin's school used to insist that this was not the case, and there are two or three theories by which they account for the origin of life.

The Theory of Abiogenesis, which, in plain English, means the theory of spontaneous generation. This account of the origin of life supposed that non-living matter could be changed into living matter without the introduction of life from another source. Adherents of this school of thought taught that the basis of all life in plants and animals was composed of protoplasm, which in turn was made up of atoms of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, calcium, phosphorus, iron, sodium, potassium and water, and that all these were ready to hand in the crust of the earth. But having all the materials to hand does not answer the question of how did life come into being, yet.

SCIENCE MADE A BIG GUESS

and said "living organisms are chemical products of warm mud and atmospheric gases," and believed that as the crust of the earth cooled, these atoms of carbon, hydrogen, etc., combined to form the first vital force called protoplasm. Some scientists said that this first life rose out of the sea slime, while another said, "Man also is the offspring of some warm and gentle seashore, probably India. A certain mingling of water of blood heat and the atmosphere must have conjoined for his production, and this may have happened only once and at one spot." To-day the view has changed from the equator to the poles, and one says, "I think that life first appeared in a warm puddle on the peak of a lofty polar volcano." No wonder Cardinal Manning said "Is it easier to believe in an Eternal Bathysius than an Eternal Creator? An Eternal Slime than an Eternal Intelligence?"

Although this hypothesis is still taken for granted by many and taught to school children of tender years in the twentieth century, yet it has been as dead as the dodo since 1864. In that year, when lecturing before the Sorbonne, the noted chemist Pasteur (to whom you are indebted for the great blessing of your pasteurised milk, etc.), with his experimental test tubes before him, said, "And therefore, gentlemen, I would point to that liquid and say to you, 'I have taken my drop of water from the immensity of creation, and I have taken it full of the elements fitted for the

development of inferior beings. And I wait, I watch, I question it,

BEGGING IT TO RECOMMEND ME

for the beautiful spectacle of the first creation. But it is dumb—dumb ever since these experiments were begun several years ago, it is dumb because I have kept it from the only thing which man cannot produce—from the *germs* which float in the air, from *life*, for *life* is a germ and a germ is life. Never will the doctrine of spontaneous generation recover from the mortal blow of this simple experiment."

The fact is that life can never begin without a parent, and will never commence in sterile mediums. It is an impossibility, conclusively shown by millions of doctors' surgeries and the whole practice of aseptic surgery, which both prove that living matter can only be produced from living matter. In spite of this known fact, many who teach the theory of spontaneous generation, or as they prefer to call it (perhaps because people do not understand what they mean) abiogenesis, even as late as 1912 says that while it may not happen now, it must have happened at some time in the far distant past and probably only in one spot. But that is not proof, and before this gulf can be bridged they must give us *facts*, not undigested theories that are capable of being proved to be lies, all experience goes to prove that Pasteur is right and they are wrong.

The Second Theory is that seeing that life cannot have evolved from dead matter, it must have come from somewhere else. Lord Kelvin said "Dead matter cannot become living without coming under the influence of matter previously alive. This seems to me to be as sure a teaching of science as the law of gravitation." And then he goes on to propound a theory that life was brought to this planet.

IN THE CRACKS OF METEORIC STONES

that fell upon it when another planet containing life was smashed in a collision. There are many reasons why this theory can be proved to be a wild guess. First, we do not know, but there is good reason to believe that there is no life on the other planets, second, it would be strange if life from those planets fitted in with the special conditions of water, air, light and warmth that are found on our planet; and lastly (and this is the one that counts) this theory does not explain the origin of life but only begs the question by transferring the problem to another planet. It is not an answer at all, and, instead of bringing the matter nearer solution, transplants it to any of the millions of planets that fill the universe. It reminds me of some of the Government files that used to be received at Headquarters during the War, which after passing through many departments were most

easily got rid of by the words "Passed to you," and so they continued to travel until kind oblivion swallowed them up, or a fire or wind-storm saved someone from the fatigue of giving an answer. The scientific mind that would transport the theory of the origin of life to another planet is guilty of that most unscientific practice of shuffling the question to one side, which, to say the least, in such vital matters is criminal!

What we do know is that, as Sir Ambrose Fleming says on page 66 of his book, reviewed in these columns a few weeks ago, "there is at present

AN UNBRIDGED GAP

between living and non-living matter, and declarations that it has been bridged in the past or prognostications that it will be bridged in the future, are devoid of any bases in observed or experimented truths." The chemical substances are still with us, the mud puddles still remain, the sea slime abounds. It has been under observation for hundreds of years, and yet the best brains of scientists that know tell us plainly that life never occurs unless as the progeny of former life. From whence then did it come? I submit that

it is easier to believe in the Creator in whom was life (John 1:4), and at whose word creatures having life (Gen 1:20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 30) were created, than to believe in the wild theories of the evolutionists who talk about mud puddles as the birthplace of life, but who, when brought face to face with hard facts, cannot prove their theories in the smallest measure, neither by experiment nor reason. The gulf widens, for the gap that the scientists have so far been unable to bridge is not only that they cannot account for matter, but also that they cannot explain the origin of life.

ANONYMOUS GIFTS

We acknowledge with gratitude to God the following anonymous gifts

To the Work in General Tonbridge, 5/-, Victoria Docks brother, £1, North Berwick, £2

Revival and Healing Campaigns Birmingham (West Smethwick), 10/-, Glasgow sister, £2

Elim Foreign Missions Hove Crusader (designated), 5/-, Croydon, £1, Barking sister, £2 10s, Carlisle member, £3, Brighton (In His name), 6/-

Birmingham (Sparkbrook) Building Fund Erdington, 1/6
Foursquare Gospel Testimony Dundee, 10/-

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Successful Campaigns bring many Trophies—Many New Members Added

NEW HALL OPENED

Memorable day of blessing.

There was great rejoicing amongst the few saints of Kington Magna (Somerset) on a recent Saturday when Rev R Knox of Yeovil opened their little hall. A welcome visitor in the midst was Rev W N Brambleby, of Dowlais, who first started cottage meetings a few years ago in this place. Friends from far and near came along to make the day a memorable one for the small company of God's people who are left to carry on such a good work. The prayers of readers are requested for this corner of the vineyard

BRIGHT TESTIMONIES.

Inspiring gospel service.

The Lord is richly blessing the meetings held in the Historic Assembly Rooms, Bath, under the ministry of Evangelist A J K Magee. A recent Sunday gospel service was held in the Assembly Rooms Cinema and was indeed inspiring, two souls deciding for the Saviour.

Bright testimonies are given from time to time, showing that Jesus not only saves but keeps. The numbers attending the services are very encouraging and prayer is continually ascending to the throne of grace that God will still further bless the work here at Bath.

OLD-FASHIONED MEETINGS

Produce old-fashioned results

A short campaign, conducted by Miss A Kennedy, has been held at the Elim Hall South Street, Ashbourne, where much blessing has been experienced.

The meetings have been well attended

and the messages very helpful. Old-fashioned results have followed the preaching of the old-fashioned gospel and the people of God have felt their faith quickened as the Word of God has been faithfully unfolded to them.

The regular meetings are under the supervision of Rev J Naylor, and the Lord is blessing his labours for the Kingdom.

UNITED BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

Fifty candidates immersed.

Praise God for His continued blessing in the assembly at Liverpool. Souls are still being drawn to the Christ who satisfies—during the past month five more decisions have been registered.

The Bible studies given by Rev J R Knight have proved to be times of great spiritual uplift—God satisfying hungry souls with good things. A series of studies on Christian Experience has just been concluded. These studies, based on the Philippian epistle, have been both searching and inspiring.

A recent Tuesday was a red-letter day. Rev W J Hilliard and members of the Southport assembly joined in a united baptismal service. Before a full church upwards of fifty candidates—seventeen from Liverpool—were baptised. Mr Knight and Mr Hilliard both officiated. It was a wonderful service, God's presence being felt to a remarkable degree.

OLD DAYS OF PENTECOST

Banquet from the King's table

A most inspiring meeting was held at the Elim Tabernacle, Clapham, recently, when Pastor J Smith gave the right hand of fellowship to eighteen new members.

The blessing of God continues to mark the services and both in the open air and in the gospel meetings precious souls are being continuously added to the kingdom of God.

On a recent Sunday morning Mr John Leech, K C, treated the congregation to a Bible study which was a veritable banquet of the choicest portions from the King's table and which will live long in the minds of those who were privileged to hear it.

The special Monday night prayer meetings (held fortnightly) by Rev F C W Boulton have been seasons when the old days of Pentecost have again been witnessed in the midst. The singing in the Spirit, when heavenly songs given by the Holy Ghost have enraptured all hearts and the presence and power of God as in holy hush He moved in the midst, has at times lifted the people from the scenes of earth into the very vestibule of heaven.

WONDERFUL PRAYER MEETINGS

Blessed spiritual ties

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Holiness unto the Lord is without doubt the starting point of the people worshipping at the Elim Tabernacle, Fowler Road, Islington, and the charm of this Foursquare Church is that blessed spiritual possession she possesses and enjoys, also the certainty of knowledge that her weapon of defence against the world is the Word of God.

The wonderful prayer meetings are without doubt her strength, and that glorious confidence she has in the wonderful promises of her Lord and Master has resulted in a Church where every-

one fully enjoys that inestimable treasure that excelleth all the riches of earth—God's holy Word. The real Christian fellowship to be found there makes life's day more beautiful. The spiritual uplifts the Pastor, Rev. W. G. Hathaway, is able to give the people is a proof of his constant walk with Him whom he claims to be the fairest amongst ten thousand, and as he lifts up Jesus Christ so he draws the life of his hearers close to Him whom we adore, love and serve, so that Christ is all in all—a worshipper at this church.

BIBLE SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Fifteen new members welcomed

The assembly meeting in the Elm Tabernacle, Paris Street Exeter and under the shepherding care of Rev. W. F. South, experienced a rich time of blessing during the visit of Principal P. G. Parker. The saints were edified and blessed by his message on the Saturday night, the Word being delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Tabernacle was filled to overflowing for the Sunday night gospel service. Previous to a time of worship and praise around the Lord's table, some fifteen brothers and sisters received the right hand of fellowship, it was encouraging to see the work thus prospering under the hand of the Lord. The day concluded with a season of prayer for a number of sick folk.

A week-end of happy fellowship terminated on the Monday by a Bible School lecture, and in response to Mr. Parker's suggestion a large number signified their intention of definitely taking the Holy Spirit as their Teacher. A number of friends from other places of worship joined in this happy evening spent with God's Word. A ready response was made for the special offering for Bible School extension work.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Inspiring addresses enjoyed.

Recently the saints meeting at the Cory Memorial Hall, Cardiff, celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Church by a special visit of Pastor P. N. Corry.

The anniversary services were well attended throughout the day. The Crusaders assisted by giving forth the message in song. Mr. Corry took for his message The Parable of the Great Supper.

The gospel service was followed by the breaking of bread service, where the power of God was wonderfully felt in the midst.

The services were continued on the following Monday evening, when a large company was present, a record for a week-night service. Mr. Corry took as his subject "How the second coming of Christ should affect our lives." Everybody was stirred by the message and inspired to live better lives, and to do more for the Lord. The visit of Pastor Corry will long be remembered. It was with much sorrow and regret that the anniversary services drew to a close. It could be heard all round that the long-looked-for anniversary had gone far too quickly, but had left behind a memory not to be soon forgotten, and a greater desire to go

on with the Lord. Under the ministry of Rev. J. R. Moore, the work continues to make progress.

ANOTHER ELIM CHURCH Successful evangelistic campaign

The Foursquare Gospel in Wales has made yet another advance among the South Wales mountains. Mrs. R. Jones, a member of Dowlais Church, a gifted evangelist who has already a thriving Church under Elm at Abertyswg, held a campaign in Troedrhifwch (Mon). The local Miners' Hall was taken, and God's blessing came upon the meetings from the beginning.

Among twenty-two souls who were saved during the fortnight of the campaign was a prominent Roman Catholic lady who made an income from fortune telling, being equipped with a large glass crystal, cards, books, etc. This lady was in great demand in the district and was a prominent feature at church bazaars, etc. Immediately she was saved she put her books and cards on the fire, and Mrs. Jones was requested to undertake the smashing of the crystal. It was only after much prayer and God-given strength that Mrs. Jones was enabled to smash the crystal with a large hammer. Those who come for a "reading" now, are given the gospel instead. At the formal opening of the new work in the hall that is now rented, Rev. W. N. Brambleby, from Dowlais, received into membership eighteen people and membership cards have been taken by thirty-two others. A very precious time was spent, and all the new members met around the Lord's table. Pray that the Word may spread in these thickly populated valleys.

SIXTY NEW MEMBERS

Fellowship meeting—unity and blessing.

The mighty power of God which swept through Croydon a few years ago is still surging through South Croydon and the fire is burning brightly. Blessings abound under the ministry of Evangelist O. Murphy. God is confirming His Word with signs following, and great times of blessing are confidently expected in the future.

A foretaste of these good things yet in store was the portion of everyone present at the memorable occasion of the fellowship meeting held recently in the Elm Hall, Seisdon Road, arranged for the purpose of receiving members into fellowship and consolidating the work. Willing hands made light work of the catering and serving of the "faith tea" which was liberally provided by members of the assembly. New and old members gathered with singleness of heart and purpose, many in response to invitations extended to outlying districts as far afield as Kenley, Coulsdon and Caterham. The purpose of the meeting was amicably discussed and a bright word of praise and encouragement was passed on by Mr. Murphy, and others. A retrospective glance at the work during the past year caused hearts to leap with joy as it was realised the progress God has enabled this branch to make. The new seating accommodation (200 chairs), the new lighting, curtains, reading desk, vestry,

notice board, etc., were evidences that God is truly Jehovah Jireh. Over sixty were received into fellowship.

YOUTHFUL FACES AGLOW Inspiring young people's services.

A week of spiritual delight has been experienced by the worshippers at the Elm Tabernacle, Arundel Street, Portsmouth. It was a week when youthful faces glowed as youthful lips spoke and sang the gospel tidings. It was a week when children gathered to hear more of their wonderful Saviour and Friend.

It was a week that culminated in three days of edifying Bible study.

The Crusaders eagerly seized the opportunity to sound out "the glorious news of His fame." Fourteen of them spoke, during the week, wielding the Spirit's sword faithfully. A number used their musical talent in Jesus' service, while the united songs of victory were an inspiration. The effort has certainly not been fruitless, for Christ's kingdom has been extended.

Before the public meeting each night the children received their share of blessing, greatly enjoying it, to judge from their attentive listening to the gospel story charmingly told by several speakers. There is reason to believe that many children have come to love Jesus during this week.

Saturday brought the final rally, combining Crusader and Cadet efforts and an exposition of the Foursquare Gospel by Principal Parker. The meeting also served as an introduction to the latter's visit. Good numbers gathered to hear him on Sunday and Monday and were rewarded by gaining a better insight into the fulness of the gospel of Christ and by experiencing a deeper love for the grand old Book.

It is with thankful hearts that the saints look forward to blessings still in God's store under the regular ministry of the Pastor, Rev. W. Field.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN Real pentecostal meetings

A three-weeks' special campaign, conducted by Rev. F. J. Stemmig, in the Elm Hall, Court Street, Newtownards, has been abundantly blessed of the Lord. This town has been made known by the fact that the famous T. I. motor race course passes through it. We praise God because the course of the Elm Foursquare Gospel has and is passing through that way, telling men and women of the great race of life, of the doom from which we are urged to flee and of the prize that is laid up for the believer who will run with patience the race that is set before him. It was grand to listen to the glorious singing of hymns and choruses sung in real pentecostal way from warm



Rev. W. Field

hearts of experience that brings forth spontaneous praise

The preaching of the gospel was with no uncertain sound—clear, sound, and beautifully delivered in the old-time power—and, blessed be the name of the Lord with old-time results, for it was the campaigner's joy to lead several to the place called Calvary and from thence they came forth knowing that their blind eyes had been opened, their sins forgiven, and the joy of the Lord in their hearts. Night after night the hall was filled, and an ever-increasing tide of blessing was realised.

One of the great trophies of the campaign was a young man who, although reaping the consequences of sin, was with his friend, gloriously saved.

The campaign was greatly assisted by many willing workers. Friends from various assemblies came along and ably rendered solos and duets. Rev. D. J. Rudkin and his Melbourne Street quartette were richly blessed of God, in their messages in song. Evangelist C. W. Stiemming, a brother of the missioner, supported some of the meetings and Rev. J. J. Morgan was also a welcome visitor to the campaign.

Many thanks are due to the Crusaders of this Church for their loyal support in the open air meetings that preceded the indoor services.

ANOTHER TABERNACLE OPENED

Assembly now in permanent home.

It is now four years since Principal George Jeffreys and Revival Party set alight the torch of revival in Swansea. Praise God it has never been extinguished, although the forces of evil have tried their hardest to do so, but the critics are beginning to realise that a movement standing foursquare on the Word of God cannot be moved. Hallelujah!

During the last six months the assem-

bly at Swansea has been feeding on the finest of the wheat. Visits have been made by Mr. Frank Hurst, of Romsey, whose fortnight's ministry during the Pastor's holiday was greatly blessed of God, and also Rev. J. R. Moore, of Cardiff, whose message resulted in the salvation of seven precious souls. Visits



Renovating Elim Tabernacle, Swansea

from Revs. W. Burton, I. F. Francis, and Evangelist T. A. Carver also resulted in much blessing to the Church.

God's people are now firmly established in Elim Tabernacle, formerly the Welsh Wesleyan Chapel, which had been rented for the week-night services. All praise is given unto God for His goodness in providing His people with a home of their own. A fortnight previous to entering, the Tabernacle was invaded by brothers armed with paint brushes, ladders, and scaffolding, and sisters with scrubbing brushes and buckets, all occupied in the task of beautifying the

house of God. How hearts beat with pride and gratitude when the final stage of renovating was finished, and the great board with "Elim Tabernacle" painted in gold was erected over the words "Welsh Wesleyan Chapel."

Although there was no official opening, the presence of God was greatly manifested throughout the day. Many of the saints gathered in the morning to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, when a message on the Joy of Faith was passed on by Mr. D. J. Jones. In the evening service, the way of salvation was proclaimed by Mr. Gwilym I. Francis and Rev. W. J. Patterson, attracting a great crowd of interested people and resulting in one precious soul yielding to Christ. It was in the breaking of bread service that followed that the greatest blessing was received. The presence of God was so gloriously manifested that one felt it was the shekinah glory of God resting upon His people as they partook of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him at the first communion service held in this Tabernacle.

Visits from Rev. W. N. Brambleby and Captain Nelsson of Sweden—a true veteran of the Cross—were much appreciated.

The work of God continues to grow under the ministry of Mr. Patterson, people being especially impressed by the "Foursquare Gospel Tours" on Monday evenings, when the members of the Church tour the streets of Swansea with the glorious news of salvation. The service greatly enjoyed by everyone is the Sunday morning service, when the brothers of the assembly are given the opportunity of proclaiming the Word of truth. All praise and thanksgiving is due unto God for His goodness in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all departments of the Church in Swansea, and for the precious souls that have been saved.

Calvary Love

Words and Air by M. K. CRAIG

Harmony by B. TETCHNER

Cal-vary love, Cal-vary love, Greatheart of God re-veal it in me

That sin-sick souls a-round may see Thy wonderful Cal-vary love

Bible Study Helps

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I The New Year

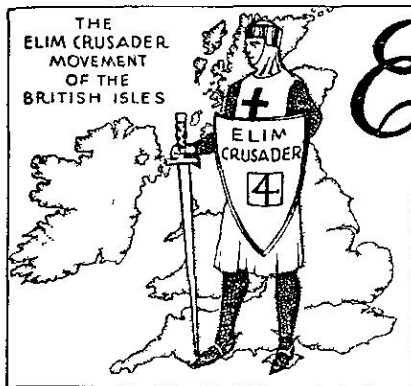
- 1 Desire to make it the best (Psalm xxxvii 4)
- 2 Know not what awaits us (James iv. 14)
- 3 Need preparation and guidance (Psalm lxxiii 24)
- 4 Need a constant companion (Matt. xxviii 20)

II God's Way is Best

- 1 A straight and narrow way (Matt. vii 14)
- 2 A plain way (Psalm xxvii 11)
- 3 A pleasant way (Psalm xxiii 4)
- 4 It may be a shadowy way (Psalm xxiii. 4)

III God Will Reveal His Way.

- 1 By the Word of God (Psa. cxix 105)
- 2 By the Holy Spirit (Rom. viii 14)
- 3 By the prayer of faith (James i. 5-8)
- 4 By Christian experience (Prov. iii. 11, 12)



Elim Crusader Page

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GOD'S BEST FOR US — OUR BEST FOR GOD.

A New Year's Message to all Elim Crusaders

From Rev JAMES McWHIRTER
(of Principal George Jeffreys' Revival Party)

"Where there is youth there is hope" is an old proverb, the truth of which is a very stimulating thought upon entering the new year. It gives the note of optimism that is needed in these dark days. We suspect that Beaconsfield must have been in a despondent mood when he said, "Youth is a mistake, manhood a struggle and old age a regret." This, of course, may have been his settled

opinion from the natural man's standpoint, as it was with Israel's wise king who, viewing life from the same angle, said, "Childhood and youth are vanity." But we protest against the idea that these views are universal. Regardless of their high authorship, we know differently. Said one who expresses the spirit of modern youth, "The dead must cease commanding the living." To



Rev J McWhirter.

tear up handsomely bound volumes of tradition and stamp on them with our feet may seem ruthless. In religion, however, as in politics, we are radical and the only tradition we wish to preserve is truth. Since Jesus redeemed our fallen race millions have known life to be gloriously worth while. Thousands of our young Crusaders can say triumphantly that life, by the grace of God, is a success. It is abundant with superb beauty and thrilling adventure. Despite its attendant trials and temptations we would not have missed this battle of good against bad for existence in a thousand worlds of untended innocence. If the Apostle John were writing this letter to our Crusaders he would re-state the words of commendation that he wrote to an early generation who caught the spirit of life in Jesus Christ—"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one."

In the coming year momentous events

will probably take place in the world, for 1934 is considered by many Bible students a terminal date according to Bible chronology. With the closing of the age, as predicted, it is becoming increasingly difficult to be absolutely one hundred per cent loyal to the Captain of our salvation. "Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold," said our Leader. And in the same connection He said "When the Son of man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?" With all the passion and enthusiasm of which we are capable we say, as a Youth Movement, "Yes, we will stand true for the Foursquare Gospel, which is 'the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.'" A blessed New Year to you one and all.

Conference at Elim Woodlands Crusader Secretaries Meet

A very profitable time was spent recently when the Crusader Secretaries from the London and Home Counties' branches met for a time of fellowship and discussion. Pastor E. C. W. Boulton, the National Crusader Secretary presided over the gathering, and was supported by other members of the Crusader Council. Following tea the party adjourned to

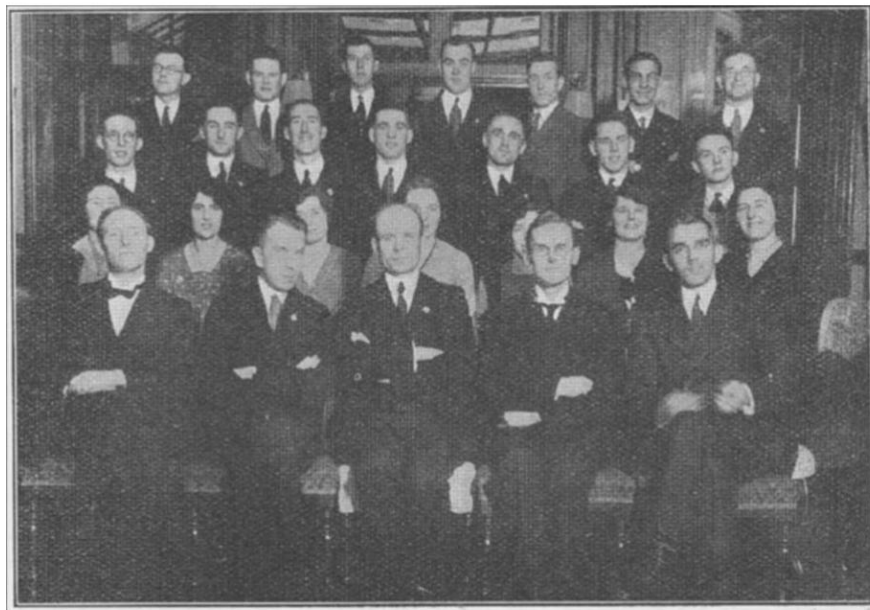
the lounge where a happy time of fellowship and counsel was experienced. Helpful discussions followed and it is confident that as a result of this meeting some benefit to the Crusader work in general will result. It was gratifying to witness the desire, zeal and determination displayed amongst these young people's workers for a real forward move in the New Year. May God direct and lead us all into greater exploits for Him as we advance in His name.

Prayer for 1934

By John Oxenham

Through every minute of this day
Be with me, Lord!
Through every day of all this week
Be with me, Lord!
Through every week of all this year
Be with me, Lord!
Through all the years of all this life
Be with me, Lord!

So shall the days and weeks and years
Be threaded on a golden cord,
And all draw on with sweet accord
Unto Thy fulness, Lord,
That so, when time is past,
By grace, I may at last
Be with Thee, Lord!



Some of the Crusader Council and London Secretaries

The personnel of the photograph is as follows—Top E. E. Ellis (Hornsey), D. Pymar (Croydon), L. Barber (Addiscombe), W. Evans (Kensington), T. H. Knight (Clapham), F. Aldridge (Leyton), E. Noble (Bermondsey). Third Row J. Rowles (Rochester), L. Northcote (Ilford), E. Kahn (Ealing), W. Robertson (East Ham), P. Cordell (Canning Town), J. Davies (Hendon), F. Kent (Wallington). Second Row Misses J. Holman (Eastbourne), E. Windmill (Battersea), G. Brown (Reading), E. Edwards (Watford), E. Gurn (Islington), R. Smith (Forest Hill), E. Pearmain (Letchworth). Front Pastor W. G. Hathaway, Douglas B. Gray, Pastors E. C. W. Boulton, E. J. Phillips and J. Smith.

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IT tells the story of what God can do with a life unreservedly united with the Unseen, sold out for the Lord, without a care for the value of money, the opinions of family or friends, and without a fear for the face of any man or for the future. It is a wonderful book beginning with the story of his life in the realm of sport as one of the best batsmen England has ever known, and then going on to tell, not of matches with Australia or India, but of the greatest game of all in the team of the Lord Jesus in China, India and the heart of Africa.

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Here was no half-hearted member of the team but

one who proved that he could hold as straight a bat for the Lord Jesus as he could for England, and his score will never be counted in centuries, for he was not only hitting out to the boundary but going beyond it in his fiery zeal to win souls by all and every means.

This is the book to give to any boy or man who is a keen sportsman. He will never be quite the same again for he will see what God can make of a sportsman and incidentally of any man who will play the game and obey the rules under the captaincy of the Lord Jesus. Do you want to see what He can do with your life if you will consecrate it to God? Then get this book, seek the same Saviour, be filled with the same Holy Ghost and you will also find this fulness of joy in being sold out for Jesus Christ, with a burning passion for souls.

I wish thousands would not only read the book but follow C. I. Studd in his burning zeal for Christ because then there would be no lack of men to go all out for Christ and for souls. Get the book, read it yourself, obey its message, then pass it on to some young man and you will start a stream of blessing that is bound to result in thousands being brought to a knowledge of Christ.

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The Anchor of the Soul

(Hebrews vi. 19)

By Rev L D SHARP

ON the bosom of the "Dominica," there rides a great anchor. As a field marshal wears a star upon his breast, she bears her anchor; and it deserves a place of honour, as this is her forty-second voyage, and many times that anchor has been her salvation. When the gale struck her in the open sea, or when the hurricane would have dashed her to pieces on the rocks, that great anchor has been let down, and though the storm raged, and the cable strained, with the anchor on the bottom of the deep she was safe. She would as soon attempt a voyage without a compass to guide her, or steam to drive her, as without an anchor to keep her from the devouring rocks along the shore.

Oh, soul, journeying on the sea of time toward eternity, have you an anchor of the soul? You cannot have it without knowing it, and to have it is to rest in peace.

When the tide of the world is sweeping in, and doubts and fears are coming on, and the waves of error and human "isms" are rolling by, you will need an anchor to let down within the veil. Thank God, you can have Him.

You are sure to be assailed with troubles. No hurricane can arise more suddenly upon a full-rigged ship when moving smoothly through the still waters than will the storms of trouble burst upon you, they will come at the most unexpected moment. God lets loose His

tempests on the sea without an hour's warning. You may be stripped of everything as a ship her sails. Many things you hold dear may have to go overboard, but with Jesus in your soul as your anchor, you will never suffer wreck. See yonder vessel? The waves are beating hard against her. She is not moving, neither can you see what is holding her. The anchor is all invisible, as it lies in the untroubled quiet, full many a fathom deep. So when you see that saint of God going through those awful trials, breakers dashing against his soul, he is calm and full of peace. He has an anchor within the veil.

Then there is another danger. The undercurrents can take an unanchored ship on the rocks before the crew awakes to their peril. So a soul may be in the quiet waters of peace, but, all at once, the undercurrent of temptation will have him dashed on the shore—wrecked. But there are ships that never will founder or go down in life's storm. There are souls which shall be in no trouble when the last hurricane shall sweep earth, sea, and sky, and when the storms are overpast, and the light that knows no night breaks gloriously forth, they shall be found on tranquil and crystal waters, resting peacefully for evermore. These are they who have trusted in Jesus. These are they who have an anchor of the soul.

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WITH CHRIST.

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SIMPSON—On November 30th, Miss Sarah Simpson, member of Elim Tabernacle, Bermuda. Funeral conducted by Rev. J. E. Goreham.

SMITH—On November 28th, Miss Hilda Smith, age 38, of Ealing Assembly. Funeral conducted by Rev. J. Robinson.

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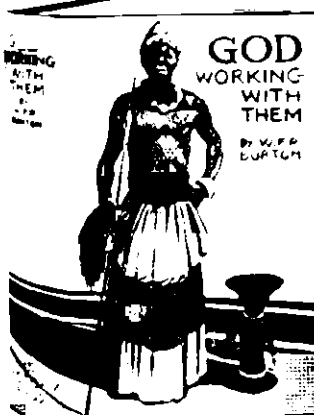
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