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REVIVAL FIRE SPREADING IN MANCHESTER

THE WORD CONFIRMED
PERMANENT FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
CHURCH

The revival fire continues to spread in Manchester where Principal George Jeffreys and his Party are conducting a Revival and Healing Campaign. The flame has spread from the Grosvenor Street Church to the great Free Trade Hall and Piccadilly Theatre; from the Theatre to the public halls in the districts around. God is indeed moving and the people are being blessed. The revival services are characterised by hearty singing, while the happy faces of those present speak eloquently of the joy that prevails. The Principal is ministering the Word with God-given authority so that the unconverted are compelled to make a decision. The power of God has come upon the sick and afflicted, many testifying to being healed after having hands laid upon them according to the Word. Miraculous cures of the following are being testified to: Paralysis, blood-pressure, tumour, stomach-trouble, rheumatoid arthritis, deafness, floating kidney, muscular rheumatism, sleeplessness, heart disease, sprained stomach, dropsy, goitre. Prayer is being answered. To God be all the glory! Full report with photos in next week's "Elim Evangel."

"I am come that they might have life."

John X. 10.

"I will come again."

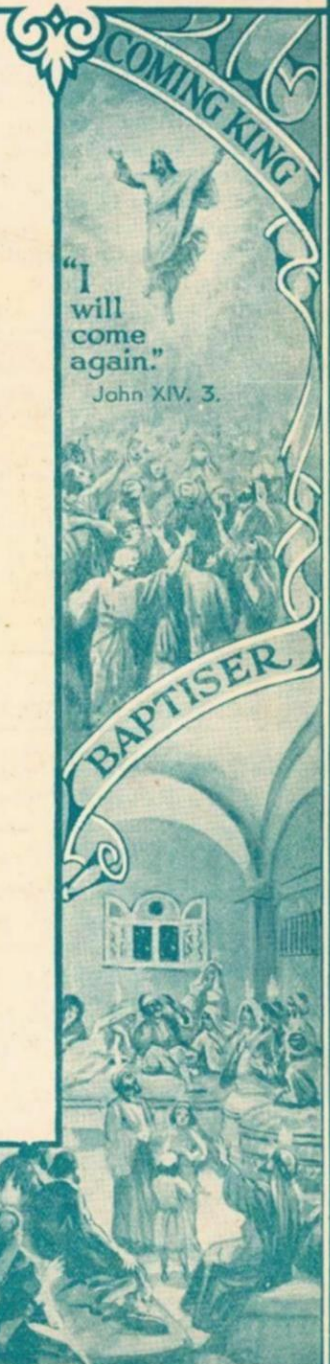
John XIV. 3.

"I will be thou clean."

Mark 1.41.

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

John XVI. 7.



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BOURNEMOUTH. Nov. 25, 26. Elim Tabernacle, Springbourne. Special visit of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

BRIGHTON. Nov. 21. Elim Tabernacle, Union Street. South Coast Crusader Rally, at 7.30 p.m. Conducted by Pastors E. J. Phillips and D. B. Gray.

BRIGHTON. Nov. 11—21 (Sat. excepted). Elim Tabernacle, Union Street. Crusader Campaign. Conducted by Pastor J. Hill.

CLAPHAM. Elim Tabernacle, Park Crescent. Weekly Rally every Saturday at 7.30 p.m. Conducted by Pastor W. G. Channon.

COLCHESTER. Commencing Nov. 11. Elim Tabernacle, Fairfax Road (off Mersea Road). Revival and Healing Campaign by Pastor D. E. Forsyth and Evangelist W. R. Cole.

EAST HAM. Dec. 1. Elim Tabernacle, Central Park Road. Crusader Rally, 7.30 p.m. Speakers: Evangelist D. Vanstone and Mr. E. W. Pearson (Chief Officer, H.M. Prison).

EXETER. Nov. 18—Dec. 2. Elim Tabernacle, Paris Street. Evangelistic Campaign by Pastor T. Tetchner.

FOREST HILL. Nov. 4—25. Elim Tabernacle, Perry Vale. Evangelistic Campaign by Mr. D. Vanstone.

HERSHAM, Surrey. Nov. 19. Village Hall, Hersham. Crusader Demonstration by the Kingston Crusaders, 7.30 p.m. Conducted by Pastor J. C. Cariss.

OTTERY ST. MARY. Nov. 4—17. Elim Tabernacle, Mill Street. Evangelistic Campaign by Pastor T. Tetchner.

PLYMOUTH. Oct. 21.—Nov. 18. Elim Tabernacle, Rendle Street. Evangelistic Campaign by Pastor F. J. Stlemming.

SCARBOROUGH. Nov. 3—Dec. 2. Elim Tabernacle, Murray Street (off Loudisborough Road). Evangelistic Campaign by Mr. H. Palliser.

SALISBURY. Oct. 28—Nov. 18. City Hall, Scotts Lane. Evangelistic Campaign by Pastor R. Knox.

SOUTH CROYDON. Nov. 26—Dec. 9. Elim Hall, Selsdon Road. Young People's Campaign by Mr. D. Vanstone.

SOUTH CROYDON. Nov. 4—18. Elim Hall, Selsdon Road. Crusader Campaign. Sundays, 6.30 p.m. Week-nights, 7.30 p.m. Special speakers.

WATFORD. Nov. 18. Elim Hall, Penn Road (off St. Albans Road). Visit of London Crusader Choir, 6.30 p.m. (after Choir at Borstal Institute, Aylesbury, Bucks.).

YEOVIL. Commencing Nov. 6. Elim Hall, Southville. Revival Campaign by Pastor J. Woodhead.

PASTOR J. MULLAN (Belgian Congo) will be visiting some of the London Churches.

Here are some of his engagements:

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| Sun. Nov. 11. | CROYDON, Elim Tabernacle, Stanley Road. |
| Tues. Nov. 13. | BERMONDSEY, Elim Tabernacle, Upper Grange Road. |
| Wed. Nov. 14. | COULSDON, Elim Tabernacle, Chipstead Valley Road. |
| Thur. Nov. 15. | WIMBLEDON, Elim Hall, Southey Road. |
| Wed. Nov. 21. | SOUTH CROYDON, Elim Hall, Selsdon Road. |
| Thur. Nov. 22. | HORNSEY, Elim Tabernacle, Duncombe Road, off Hornsey Rise. |
| Tues. Nov. 27. | THORNTON HEATH, Elim Tabernacle, Moffatt Road. |
| Wed. Nov. 28. | KINGSTON, Polytechnic Hall, Fife Road. |
| Thur. Nov. 29. | FOREST HILL, Elim Tabernacle, Perry Vale. |
| Wed. Dec. 5. | BATTERSEA, Elim Hall, Plough Road, Clapham Junction. |
| Thur. Dec. 6. | ILFORD, Elim Hall, Serafton Road. |
| Sun. Dec. 9. | EALING, Elim Tabernacle, 223, Northfields Avenue. |
| Tues. Dec. 11. | HENDON, Elim Tabernacle, Ravenshurst Avenue. |
| Wed. Dec. 12. | WATFORD, Elim Hall, Penn Road, off St. Albans Road. |

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The Problem of Suffering

By Pastor J. ROBINSON

Hereunto were ye called because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps— I Peter ii 21.

WE propose in this article to attempt an answer to the great question, "Why do Christians suffer?" Judging by popular report, this fact of suffering is one of the world's greatest difficulties, in its understanding of the message of Christ "If God is a God of love, why —?"

Now, as finite beings we cannot presume to know all the purposes of God in any particular life, and He is in no way bound to explain Himself to us. Yet I believe we may learn a little in a general way, which may help us in our own particular case. But may I here put in a word of warning? Never pass judgment on the lives of others. I once knew a case of sickness in which the person concerned, an earnest believer in divine healing, died in agony. Somebody told the relatives that he was not healed because of unconfessed sin! Such a remark was cruel, unwarranted, incapable of proof, a terrible libel against the love of God, and utterly beyond the authority of any human creature to say.

Now, in order not to be too discursive, we will confine ourselves to two reasons only why Christians suffer.

In the passage from I Peter with which we head this article the Lord Jesus is said to have suffered, unjustly, having committed the case to the hands of His Father in heaven. In all the wonderful gospel story, there is no suggestion that our Saviour ever rose in anger against the false charges of His enemies. He had always preached that

HIS FATHER LOVED ALL MEN—

even sinners. He would not spoil His message by an even "human" tendency to deal harshly toward those who injured Him. He not only preached "God is Love"—He lived it. And because of this He was hated as never man was hated before. To His disciples He said, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth

you" (John xv 18, 19). All down through Christian history those words have found their fulfilment. The message of love provokes the world's hatred, and Christians are made to suffer—not sickness, but an agony of mind and soul that can be even worse. Hence have arisen persecutions.

In medieval Florence, the monk Savonarola preached repentance in a licentious and dissolute age. The city was stirred in a wonderful way, and the worldly-minded Christians returned to their faith, while in the open spaces bonfires were made of all kinds of articles which were deemed sinful by the new converts. The Church of San Marco was filled to capacity for the midday sermons. But this plain preaching against the sins of society was too much for some of the influential people of the city, and when at last the preacher spoke rather indiscreetly, they seized their long-awaited opportunity, and caused his death. Savonarola died at the stake in the very place which had witnessed his greatest triumph. Yet his influence had done tremendous good. Our day is in no way different.

LIVE YOUR GOSPEL,

and you will assuredly suffer for it.

There is, however, wonderful comfort to be found in the remembrance that you are thereby being privileged to copy the Lord Jesus in a very literal way. Oftentimes the prayer is made, "Lord, make me daily more like to Thyself", how do you expect to be answered? what do you want God to do? It may be that you have already received your answer in the fact that God has done nothing! He trusts you enough to leave you to go through with your "fiery trial". We do not choose weaklings for special service. Long ago the angel said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured!" Perhaps your very suffering is a testimony to your worth before God! Think it over on your knees.

And now what can we say regarding physical suffering? Of course, the above thoughts will apply

equally well; but I believe there is something very wonderful indeed told us in Scripture concerning those who suffer physical sickness

Will you turn up the well-known text about Paul's "thorn in the flesh" (II. Cor. xii. 9, 10)? We will assume that those commentators are right who think it to have been a physical weakness. Its exact nature does not enter into our present thought. Now will you read that passage carefully, noting the words,

"RATHER WILL I GLORY IN MY INFIRMITIES,"
and "I take pleasure . . . for Christ's sake"?

What do you notice about those words? Let me give you an illustration of the *opposite* thing have you ever visited a sick one whose attitude was best summed up in the words, "pious resignation"? Have you ever heard people say that the Lord had "given them a heavy cross to carry"? *I am not aware that Paul ever used that phrase!* To him rather it was a cause for joy and rejoicing, for he knew that now he would learn more about Jesus than ever he could have done before.

And do not fall into the error of supposing that Paul exaggerated his sufferings in any way. Read verses 23-29 of the previous chapter. Surely he suffered a long-drawn martyrdom! Yet he gloried in it all.

Have we not, then, the warrant of Holy Scripture for believing that suffering is one of the most powerful weapons against sin, and one of the greatest agencies for sanctification, that God can use? If so, the "Lord's shut-ins" are precious indeed to Him! In-

stead of an affliction, their suffering becomes a
MARK OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE.

The whole secret lies in the attitude towards God in which we accept our trouble. We hear a lot nowadays of "sublimation." The word, in Psychology, carries with it the thoughts of re-direction, making "sublime" or higher in meaning or, if one may apply the scriptural phrase to a non-biblical theme, "the overcoming of evil with good."

Shall I repine? Nay, rather, will I *glory*, for *His* sake.

Master, speak, Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for Thy gracious word,
Longing for the voice that cheereth,
Master, let it now be heard
—F R Havergal

I would remind you that the writer of those words was herself a great sufferer, yet throughout all the volumes of her poetry runs the same spirit of eagerness, and overflowing gladness. For her there was no longer any "Problem of Suffering." Her only difficulty was with the sufferer! May I suggest, as a key-thought for those whose way lies often through the valley of the shadow, these lines which I heard sung long ago at a cathedral service!

This sanctuary of my soul!
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Ready and lit, if Thou shouldst care
To enter or to tarry there
With parted lips and outstretched hands
And listening ears Thy servant stands
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate

BIBLE GAMES

An Appreciation, by Mr. D. VANSTONE

FRANKLY, I was amazed by these latest publications of the Victory Press. Here are four delightfully different Bible Games, which leave the secular board games of our youth hopelessly out-classed. For a combination of entertainment and instruction to surpass these admirable productions, one would have to search far. As their slogan has it—"Learn while you play, play while you learn."

Briefly they may be summarised as follows—

"THROUGH THE BIBLE"

The sixty-six Books of the Bible are set out at various intervals on a spiral "road," commencing at Genesis and concluding in the centre at Revelation. Each Book is represented by a coloured square which declares, in addition to the Book's title, a key to its message and instructions to the player. For example, should a player find himself on the Malachi square, he would read "Hypocrisy. Go back 7 squares," or on I Thessalonians, "Christ is Coming. Go forward 4 squares." Thus familiarity is gained with the names, themes and order of the Books of Scripture.

"PATRIARCH, KING, APOSTLE, PROPHET"

The lives of Abraham, David, Paul and Elijah form the basis of this game. Setbacks are furnished by their failures, while advantages are given to those alighting on squares mentioning their triumphs. A feature of this board is that from time to time the

player is diverted from the direct road home by "directional lines," which introduce further interest to a fascinating game.

"PILGRIM'S PROGRESS."

Although our path is not based on Bunyan's classic, we travel from Salvation to the Celestial City over a route infested with snares (marked by serpents), but shortened by many promises (indicated by open Bibles). Those "ensnared" by sundry sins are sent back various distances, while a player who alights on a promise square draws a promise card (supplied), reads the quotation aloud and moves forward as directed.

A most enthralling game may be developed from this by using a black and a white counter representing respectively Satan and the Word of God, the one hindering the pilgrim's progress, the other assisting him.

I should say that this game particularly will teach valuable practical lessons. No doubt, being sent back 8 places for falling into the snare of lying will instil into a juvenile player as much love for honesty as two or three admonitions on the subject!

"EGYPT TO CANAAN"

I sat and admired this board for several minutes before examining the rules. The lay-out and colouring are really most pleasing and artistic.

In this lesson-game the player is sent forward or back according to that phase of the Israelites' journey through which he is passing. Here again valuable lessons are driven home. The boy or girl who, alighting on square 75 (Ten Spies' Report), is sent back to square 16 has good reason to remember this episode in Hebrew history.

A feature which will gratify some is the exclusion of the dice with its associations. Instead, cardboard squares bearing numbers are drawn to determine the number of places to be moved.

The designers are to be congratulated on such unique, colourful and instructive games which I feel

show clear marks of inspiration. "So out-of-the-ordinary" seems to be the common verdict. For sheer thrill and interest these games are first-rate—apart from their most valuable moral and spiritual lessons. No Foursquare family should be without them, for each has its individual features and will furnish hours of profitable pleasure for the young—and the old. Indeed I shall be very surprised if mother and father do not settle down for a quiet game after Jack and Mary have gone to bed!

These Bible Games can be obtained direct from the publishers at 2/6 each (by post 3/-), or all four different for 10/- post free. Elim Publishing Co., Ltd., Park Crescent, Clapham Park, London S W 4.

The Word of God

By HENRY PROCTOR, F.R.S.L.

“THE words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life” [zoë]

Many wonder why they have not more faith. The answer is that “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. x. 17). Simple as the matter is, yet it is a fact that the most transcendent blessings come from really knowing and feeding on the Word of God. He that meditates therein day and night shall prosper in all things, be full of life, like a tree planted by rivers of water, and bear abundant fruit in his life (Psalm i). The Word of God being a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path, it prevents the believer going astray.

Moreover it keeps us clean and cleanses our way. It is the washing of water by the Word that purifies the Church of Christ (Eph. v. 26). “Now ye are clean through the word I have spoken to you” (John xv. 3). Only by the Word can the life of the individual believer be kept clean. “For wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? Even by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word” (Psalm cxix. 9). It is our daily food, for it is written, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that issues from the mouth of God” (Matt. iv. 4, Moffatt). Again prophets and psalmists say, “Thy words were found and I did eat them”, “How sweet are Thy words to my taste, yea sweeter than honey to my mouth” (Psalm cxix. 103).

Nay more, they are

OUR VERY LIFE:

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” But Christ Himself is the living Word as He is called in I John i. 1. “The *Logos* of Life”. It is of what has been in existence from the beginning, of what we have heard, of what we have seen with our eyes, of what we have watched reverently, and touched with our hands. It is about the Word (*Logos*) which is the life that we are now writing (verse 2). “That life was made visible and we have seen it, and now bear our testimony to it” (*XXth Cent New Testament*). It is Christ who gives life to the written Word, so that by means of it we can live, because therein we feed on Him, eating His flesh and drinking His blood. He is the Bread of

Life coming down from heaven and giving life to the world. The Messiah was called the Word of God by the Jews, long before the coming of Christ to Bethlehem. The Chaldee Paraphrasts, the most ancient of Jewish writings extant, generally make use of the word *Memra*, which means the Word (*Logos*) where Moses puts Jehovah, and they ascribe to the *Memra* all the attributes of the Deity. They say that it was *Memra* or the Word which created the world, appeared to Moses, on Mount Sinai, and gave him the law, and spoke to him face to face, which brought Israel out of Egypt, and marched before the people, and wrought all the miracles which are recorded.

IN THE BOOKS OF MOSES

It was the same Word which “appeared to Abraham in the plain of Mamre” that was seen of Jacob at Bethel, to whom Jacob made his vow, and acknowledged as God (Cruden).

“No man has ever yet seen God. God the only Son, who is ever with the Father, He has revealed Him” (John i. 18-20, *XXth Cent N T*). “He is the radiance of the glory of God, the effulgence of His glory, and the Image of His substance” (Heb. i. 3, R V), and is “appointed the Heir of all things, and through Him, He made the universe” (Heb. i. 2, *XXth Cent N T*).

Dark Days

Many of the darkest days in history have borne the choicest fruit to the glory of God and the good of man. It was a dark day when Israel groaned in the bitterness of the Egyptian bondage. But if the bondage had been less bitter Israel would have rested content in Egypt. Out of the bondage came the Exodus, and out of the Exodus the Messiah. It was a dark day when the ardent, brave, eloquent Stephen, hope of the early Church, was stoned, but out of that day came Paul. It was a dark day when the persecution that arose about Stephen ravaged the disciples, but out of it came the world-wide preaching of the gospel. Darkest of all days was that on which the sun hid his face from the divine Man expiring on Calvary, yet all our hopes and all our happiness come from that day.

CLAIM GOD'S PROMISES

One of the reasons so many Christians lack assurance and grow discouraged in their religious life is the impersonal way in which they read the Scriptures. The Bible's great invitation is for all—"Who-soever will." And because we believe its message is for all the world, we sometimes forget or overlook the fact that the promises God makes to His children are as personal as if each of us were the only inhabitant of the universe. Take, for instance, the great promise of Isaiah xli 10 "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" To whom are these words addressed? To His children in all ages? Of course. But if you are His child, they are also addressed to you. And because He has made you such a promise as that, let there be no fear or discouragement in your heart. He will gloriously fulfil all that He has promised.

Bible Study Helps

THE WALK OF THE BELIEVER.

I. It is a Walk

- 1 In the truth (III John 3, 4, Isaiah xxxvi. 3, Psalm xxv. 3)
- 2 In the Spirit (Gal v 16, 25)
- 3 In the light (Eph v 8, I John 1 7, Psalm lxxxix 15)
- 4 In newness of life (Rom vi 4)
- 5 In love (Eph v 2)
- 6 In integrity (Psalm xxvi 11)
- 7 In wisdom (Col iv 5)
- 8 In the good way (I Kings viii 36, II Chron vi 16)
- 9 In the ways of the Lord (Hosea xiv. 9, Exod xviii 20, Deut v 33)
- 10 In His good works (Eph ii 10)

II. It is to Walk.

- 1 Humbly (Micah vi 8)
- 2 Honestly (Rom xiii 13, I Thess iv 12)
- 3 Worthily (Eph iv 1)
- 4 Carefully (Eph v 15, R V)
- 5 Uprightly (Psalm lxxxiv 11, Prov ii 7).
- 6 Unitedly (Amos iii 3, Eph iv 3)
- 7 Like Christ (I John ii 6)

III. It is a Walk of Faith (Rom v 12, II Cor v 7, Phil iii 16)

Conclusion Admonition to walk after the Spirit, according to the Word (Rom viii 4, Psalm cxix 105) —W B M C

THE RADIANT LIFE OF CHRIST

(II. Peter i. 5-8).

I. The Prerequisite

Faith

II. Means of Attainment.

"Giving all diligence"

III. Qualities to Attain.

1. Intellectual qualities
 - (a) Virtue (b) Knowledge
2. Moral qualities
 - (a) Temperance (b) Patience
3. Social qualities
 - (a) Godliness (b) Brotherly kindness
4. An all-inclusive quality—love

IV. Steps Toward Attainment.

- 1 Possession
- 2 Abounding

V. Results

The believer will be useful in knowledge of Christ —S F

All Lengths with God

MARY WARBUETON BOOTH.

MES SUTTON REID

1 When Thou hast brought me to the brink Of un-trod seas be-fore,
2 When in Thy Word, I see a way The heart of my de-sire,
3 When faith long tried sits back at ease, Say-ing, ' My work is done,

If rolling breakers make me shrink Up-on the trackless shore
And as I search to en-ter in I see a sword and fire
The fight is fought, the scars are here, The bat-tle has been won'

D C for verses 2 and 3

Then, Lord, speak the Word to me And I will go all lengths with Thee
If suff'ring grips, and fear cries 'loss,' Lest I go back show me Thy Cross
Pour in Thy love, Thy pass-ion then, If I am marr'd, make me a-gain

4 For oh, Thy love has compass'd me, And all my soul cries out to Thee,

Make me, Thy child, a liv-ing fire, Speaking Thy Words, Thy

All Lengths with God *(continued)*

heart's de-sire, That men and wo-men stay to see What they can be,

what they can be, What they can be, oh my Lord,

my Lord, to Thee.

Sva

The musical score consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with dynamics markings like *rall* and *ff*. The third system features a piano solo section marked *Sva*.

BIBLE STUDY HELPS

GOSPEL PROCLAMATIONS.

- 1 Pardon for the guilty (Acts xxvi. 18).
- 2 Peace for the troubled (Eph ii. 17).
- 3 Power for the strengthless (Rom v. 6).
- 4 Purity for the defiled (Acts xv 9).
- 5 Plenty for the needy (Luke xiv 16, 23).
- 6 Pleasure for the dissatisfied (Phil. iv 6-11)
- 7 Productiveness of the Spirit (Gal. v. 22) —F E M

THE MAGNIFICAT.

(Luke i. 46-55).

This is a message from the heart of one who listened when God spoke, and who, with all reverence, shared her new-found joy with a fellow-believer who was in a position to understand, because she also had listened and believed

- 1 A spontaneous praise (vv 46-48)
- 2 A personal experience (vv 49, 50).
- 3 A fuller understanding (vv 51-53)
- 4 A glad recognition (vv 54 55)

— L B I B.

HE WENT A LITTLE FARTHER.

(Matthew xxvi. 39).

- 1 In His humility (Phil ii 5-9)
- 2 In His temptation (Matt iv 1-11, Heb. 11 15)
- 3 In His sorrows (Lam i 12, Isaiah lmi. 3, 4)
- 4 In His obedience (John vi 38, viii 29)

—E.A.E.

“My Utmost for His Highest”

By Miss A. HENDERSON *(Elim Missionary Secretary)*

Written to help those who desire to work for God on the distant fields or in the homeland

THE discipline of life! Not one of us likes it. Yet God allows it to ripen, refine and mellow character. From the eminence of the years by and by we shall see that the discipline we detested brought enrichment and enlargement. The apostle told the Corinthian believers that every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Paul appealing for self-control realised the need for discipline that will bring into control every desire of the body in order that a higher plane of service for God might be reached.

The men and women who have brought highest honour to God on the far-off fields, who have suffered and endured, who have blazed the trail for others to follow more easily where they have led the way, have always been those who first learned to discipline their lives at home. We could quote from the lives of Hudson Taylor, Mary Slessor, C. T. Studd, to bear truth to this. But we come still nearer home. We have listened ourselves to stories and incidents humbly and almost reluctantly told by Mr W. F. P. Burton and Mr James Salter of the Congo Evangelistic Mission and we have been moved to something far deeper than tears. Hardships, self-sacrifice, discipline written in large letters over all those early years of testings and trials, disappointments and discouragements,

when God was training his two servants to carry His banner to the far-flung battle line of the Belgian Congo.

Young people, you

WHO ARE SO THRILLED—

and rightly so—with the desire to become His messengers to the ends of the earth, get to know something of the hardships, the dangers, the difficulties, you are facing if you are going to carry the gospel of His grace to the far-off fields. Read the lives of Carey, Livingstone, Mary Slessor, C. T. Studd, Hudson Taylor and any others you can find. Commence in your home, in your church, in your business-place, to practise humility, self-effacement, patience, self-denial. Do not shrink from facing up to these things now. One day you will thank God for anything that led you to discover yourself, and to discover that there were unpleasant things lurking somewhere in your nature that have never come under the control of His Spirit. As someone has said—“there is always something more in your nature which He wills to mark with the Cross.”

The great world-leaders to-day are searching out for clever people with master-minds, experts at their

job whom they can further train to fill key-positions. There are searching days ahead and they know it. Strategy, courage, prowess, fearlessness, will be needed. They are getting ready their men both for battle and to command battle. But the Leader that excels all other leaders in power, in whose hands these others are merely puppets, is searching out for a people too, young people especially, whom He can train to fill and to hold key positions for Him. They will be men and women with moral courage, spiritual prowess,

DIVINE FEARLESSNESS.

God had been watching with keen interest for many a long day His young servant Elisha. Suddenly on the pages of Holy Writ he springs into prominence. We gasp and say, From whence came this young man with such courage and daring for God? Long before he takes command of the work Elijah lays down, God saw this young fellow's character in the making. Days of strong provocation, but Elisha's temper boiled not up! Drab days when the dull monotony of things tried his spirited nature, but Elisha held his peace. Days when he wondered how much longer he would have to endure, but he clenched his teeth and endured without a murmur. God has His heroes in the making still! His all-seeing eye is upon them when they are least aware of it. He wants them to be daring cavalry leaders spurring on others to face the foe, not toy soldiers ready to retreat at the first sound of battle. Listen to what C. H. Spurgeon, the scarred veteran of many a victorious charge, says

"The Lord always trains His soldiers not by letting them lie on feather beds, but by turning them out and using them to forced marches and hard service. He makes them ford through streams, and swim through rivers and climb mountains and walk many a long march with heavy knapsacks of sorrow on their back. This is the way in which He makes

them soldiers—not by dressing them up in fine uniform to swagger at the barrack gates, and to be fine gentlemen in the eyes of the loungers in the park. God knows that soldiers are only to be

MADE IN BATTLE;

they are not to be grown in peaceful times. Warriors are really educated by the smell of powder, in the midst of whizzing bullets and roaring cannonades, not in soft and peaceful times."

Youthful outposts of the King's Army! Your Commander-in-Chief does not call you to endure any hardships that He Himself has not borne. The Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering. Though He were a Son yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered. In our nature as in our place He stood. He fought, He conquered. Whenever in the New Testament Jesus is presented to us as an example, it is always as an example of humiliation, suffering and sacrifice. Like us He had to face temptation, accept discipline, conquer sin, all through His earthly career. Bishop Westcott says—"The power of sympathy lies not in the mere capacity for feeling but in the lessons of experience." When we sit down and calmly count the cost of a life of service for God we commence to realise that "the power to help others depends upon the acceptance of a trampled life." To put it briefly, it is the joyousness of a resurrection life that follows death. Of all the plans ensuring success in a life of service for God, the most certain is Christ's own—becoming a corn of wheat, falling into the ground and dying. "Verily, verily I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit" (John xii 24)

Measure thy life by loss and not by gain,
Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine poured forth
For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice,
And he who suffers most has most to give

THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST

THE changes wrought in Fiji by the gospel are little less than miraculous. All their ancient heathenish practices have been done away, and visitors now cannot imagine that this people with their refined manners and speech were the cannibals of former times. When a German scientist visited Fiji, he made all sorts of enquiries from the various men he came in contact with as to the cause of the unquestionable changes he saw in the Fijians, and then came to a missionary to ask some questions. Himself a Roman Catholic he thus expressed his mind: "I must say that the change which has come over these islands is wonderful. What I want to get at is, How did it come about? I have spoken to some of the Government officials about it, and they ascribe it to the influence of the Government upon them." "Yes," replied the missionary, "but how do they account for the fact that the change was there before there was any settled government?" "That is true," he replied. Then he added, "I asked some of the traders, and they attributed it to the influence of trade upon them." "Yes," returned the missionary,

"but how do you account for the changes that existed before the traders dared to settle there?" "Well," he said, "I have come to you as a missionary, and I want you to tell me how you account for it." This was the reply: "I cannot account for the change that has taken place except in one way. If it has struck you so forcibly, how has it struck me? You have seen this only as a visitor, I have seen it for years, and have seen it going on. I can only account for it in one way—I believe in God, and I account for it by the influence of the Holy Ghost." The scientist bowed his head reverently, and said, "So do I."

Has the message of the *Evangel*
brought blessing to you? Then
do your utmost to introduce it
to others.

FAMILY ALTAR



The Scripture Union Daily Portions Meditations by Pastor V S. PRITCHARD

Sunday, November 18th. II Corinthians v 1-10

"For we walk by faith not by sight" (verse 7)

When faith is operative in our lives, progress is assured. Faith gets us forward and upward. A backslider is one who has lost faith. He is unfaithful, without faith. The faithful walk or progress by faith, not by feelings. When we were saved there was first the fact that Christ died for our sins and to give us eternal life. Then the gift of faith by which we appropriated that fact. Then the realisation within that we were saved. Our salvation does not depend upon our feelings, but upon the glorious fact of our Saviour. Faith is the title deeds of our inheritance in Christ. Feelings often change like the weather, but Christ is changeless. God's Word endureth. The man who takes God at His Word will walk not by sight but by faith. I'd rather walk by faith with Him than go alone by sight.

Monday, November 19th II Corinthians v 11-21

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away behold all things are become new" (verse 17)

Any man. No matter what his previous record had been. No matter how deeply dyed with sin. The tattered prodigal, the immaculately dressed sinner, the prisoned thief and the uncaught. The unsaved church-goer and the one who never goes! They each and all belong to the old fallen creation. They need to claim the atoning Blood. Then indeed and only then will they be born again and become new creatures in Christ Jesus. New desires! for has He not said, "A new heart will I give thee." New eyes, for "thou shalt see the King in His beauty." The new man is ever "looking unto Jesus." Oh what blessed security in Christ! What a stronghold from Satan. May the Spirit of the living God constantly assure us of our safety in Christ. In Him I am completely new. His new creation.

Tuesday, November 20th. II Corinthians vi 1-18

As dying, and behold we live" (verse 9)

This is one of the marks by which those who are usable by God, "approve themselves" (verse 4). The soldier is not made in the barrack room, only trained. He is tested on the battlefield. It is there that his true value as a soldier is manifested. So it is in the Christian's life. The theoretical lessons of the sanctuary when we meet in fellowship must, to be of any glory to God, work out in

our individual lives. We must be willing to die, and that daily. To those willing to go all the way with God, each day will bring its death warrant to the self-life. There will be a daily reckoning of ourselves as dead. Dead to the world, the flesh and the Devil. And, although the world will seek to appeal to the faculties, the flesh to the senses, and the Devil to the spirit, they will appeal in vain. "For ye are dead." But our experience will not be a funeral procession, but a coronation. "For if we be dead with Him we shall also reign with Him, who giveth us the victory!"

Wednesday, November 21st II Corinthians vii 1-16

"Nevertheless God" (verse 6)

My God to the rescue! Hallelujah for grace abundant. The Devil is not omniscient. He often reckons without God. Abram lied, nevertheless God in mercy forgave and still kept His Word. David sinned, but nevertheless God in mercy forgave, at his repentance, even going out of His way to bring David to that blessed state. Anna and Simeon were old, everything around them seemed dark and hopeless. Nevertheless God gave them their hearts' desire. Their eyes "beheld His salvation." Peter denied His Master, nevertheless Emmanuel looked and loved. His enemies crucified and entombed Him, nevertheless God raised Him up again. Jesus ascended. He is courted by angels, nevertheless, He is coming again. O my soul, when the way seems dark and lone and long, lift up thy head, for thou hast a "nevertheless" God who knows just when to move on behalf of His own. Reckon thou on thy God!

Thursday, November 22nd. II Corinthians viii 1-15

"They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (verse 5)

Beautiful saints they were. They put first things first. Having given themselves to their Lord, He controlled their heart strings and their purse strings. There was "meat in Mine house." They were open to God and God was able to be open to them and pour out His blessing in heavenly measure. They first gave themselves to God and then to us by the will of God. Real practical love for and to God will ever find expression also to His servants. They really loved Paul's God and they loved Paul. They had evidently learned that "inasmuch" lesson, and put it into practice. They sought no memorial of their faithfulness, but here we have it preserved by God down through the ages for our example. Not hearers only, but doers of the Word. Such are the spiritual backbone of the Church. Great is their reward.

Friday, November 23rd. II Corinthians ix 1-15

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you" (verse 8)

Oh praise the Lord! God in the beginning, myself at the end and abounding grace between. This indeed links me, unworthy as I am, to God. "It reaches me, wondrous grace, it reaches me." A poor, fallen woman once said to the preacher of the Cross "It's not for me, I'm too bad, too far away." But God made grace abound and she was saved that night. No matter how dire the case may be. The most sin enslaved, the most diseased body, can be liberated by abounding grace. The Christian has to take up his cross daily. The load of persecution, misunderstanding, the tactics of the enemies of one's own household seem to press and perplex, but though the Cross may be heavy it never outweighs His grace. This light affliction," says grace.

Think it not strange this trial sore
All grace aboundeth, more and more

Saturday, November 24th. II Corinthians x 1-18

"But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (verse 17)

The more we know of God, the less we think of ourselves, and the less we mind what others think of us. Not by reason of the lofty superiority which reckons others' opinions as unworthy of notice, but because we know our names or characters are written in heaven and this can only be known by grace. And grace brings us down on our faces before the Exalted One who became of no reputation, but endured the Cross, despising the shame. Calvary still makes us weep, when we realise our sins nailed Him there. But His bleeding love made Him our King. He conquered sin, death, disease, and we glory in Him. It is finished. Hallelujah! The Holy Spirit tunes our hearts to sing the Glory Song. We are not waiting to get to heaven. We already possess it in measure.

One Day—A Thousand Years

Did the trump of Christ sound in our ears it would keenly smite all our senses, nor suffer them to lie thus torpid. It might be objected that a long series of ages has elapsed since Peter wrote this, and still the end is not yet seen. I answer, that to us time seems long for this reason, that we measure its length by the spaces of the present life, but that could we have respect to the perpetuity of the life to come many generations would be for us, as it were, a moment (II Peter iii 8). Moreover, it must be held as a first principle that ever since the appearance of Christ there is nothing left to the faithful but with wakeful minds to be always intent on His second advent.
—Dr James H Brookes.

I HAVE often wondered what kind of answer one would receive to the question, "What is the greatest need of the Church to-day?"

None can be blind to the fact that the Church is sorely in need. Ringing in our ears from day to day comes the challenge of the world, a challenge demanding deeds not words. Sinners are asking us to show them the results of our faith, and on the whole the response of the Church is weak when she faces the demands of her antagonists.

It is true that many seem to have caught a vision of a general awakening in the religious life of the world, but while church dignitaries and optimistic journalists proclaim the opening of the Kingdom Age, we are confronted with many ugly facts. The professing church a victim of Modernism and Higher Criticism, declension on every hand, decaying and derelict church buildings, all these point a mocking finger at their febrile announcements. A devastating dry-rot has set in, and the feeble efforts of certain enthusiasts to stop it by bazaars, clubs, social organisations, etc., have up to the present proved ineffective. Neither is there any indication that these worldly means will provide the remedy for the situation.



Pastor
W. Greenway.

The causes for this pathetic condition lie at the door of the Church itself. Like Judas, who fell because he allowed avarice to dominate him, and

COMMITTED THE TERRIBLE CRIME

for which humanity has abhorred him ever since, the Church has yielded to the curse of self-seeking. Or like Peter, who fell because of an exaggerated egotism, the Church has fallen with the word of pretended faithfulness on her lips. Hear Peter's declaration of allegiance: "Though all men forsake Thee, I will be true!" Yet how quickly and easily he was turned aside from his boasted purpose. Thomas fell because he lacked faith in Christ's words. He had no real confidence in the statement which Jesus had made concerning His death and resurrection, but demanded the testimony of the natural senses before his reason would acclaim the fact of a risen Saviour. We too make our declarations of belief, but how often would Christ say to us as He did to Martha in the days of His flesh, "Believeth thou this?"

But another New Testament picture seems to represent the true cause of our modern dilemma. The disciples are gathered around the paschal table. It is the last supper; and Jesus with characteristic simplicity ordains a feast of remembrance. The grim figure of the Cross already throws its depressing shade upon the little company. Here of all places, we expect a common bond of love for the Master to rivet



The greatest of

their attention upon the One who with sorrowful voice, now speaks of suffering and death to come. Instead of this however, we find the disciples at this very table, squabbling as to who should hold the more prominent positions in the Kingdom. Is there any picture in the whole of Scripture

TINGED WITH DEEPER PATHOS?

While the Master endeavours to teach the great fundamental lesson which is to weld the disjointed sections of humanity into a common tie, the disciples are partitioning themselves off into separate units of service; and seeking thereby a material advantage above their fellows.

Here it is that the Church has most miserably failed her Lord. In the light of Calvary's love, while preaching that love, and even while experiencing its blessings, we are failing to apply it in a practical way to our own lives. The whole course of Church history is made murky by this hardness and lack of grace. Bitterness, strife, bonfires, massacres, anathemas, bulls of excommunication, spite, intolerance such is the record of the Church, a record worthy of a Nero, but in fact the record of an organism which has for its professed basis, the love of God.

I am convinced that the underlying cause of weakness in the Church of God is a grave lack of its greatest power—the power of love. Before the Church can meet the needs of a dying world, she must herself be saved from the evils of perverted discipleship. We have got to get back to the divine standard, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself."

We can mumble our liturgical prayers in strictly orthodox surroundings, or chant them in the modern approved style. We can recite our

SO-CALLED EXTEMPORANEOUS PRAYERS

(and how many of these prayers are like a lulling lullaby, crooning the congregation to peaceful somnolence? Why we know even the hyphens and punctuation marks of some weekly prayers!) We can say our creed in perfect fashion as good churchmen. We can take part in social service, even to the extent of hurtful sacrifice. We can know the Scriptures by heart. We can even give our lives for the cause we love. And yet for all these things, fail to get the best into and out of our Christianity. Much of our effort bearing the label "Christian service," might more correctly be termed, "self-expression." Unless these

A Sermon preached by
Pastor W. GREENWAY

God's Dynamic

The Church's Need

Love.—I. Corinthians XIII 13

things arise from a heart overflowing with love they are valueless. Such at least is the teaching of the Word of God. Are we fulfilling the words of Jesus, when He said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you"? It sounds an impossible proposition, but here in these words of Jesus we have the secret of successful and happy living.

Love is the perfect solvent for all our troubles and perplexities. There is no phase of life to which it is impossible to apply its magic powers. Henry Drummond points it out as the *greatest* thing in the world, and none can justifiably dispute this claim, for love is the very nature of God Himself—God is Love.

To the hard business man or

THE COLD MILITARIST,

this doctrine of love is insipid. Power is measured in terms of electrical units or high explosives these days. But Christ has taught that the conquest of humanity does not lie in the might of the arm of flesh, but in the melting power of love. It is possible to drive man to submission, but in his heart he still remains an enemy. Love does not attempt to drive, it woos and wins, accomplishing a dual victory, by bringing man to submission and making a friend of a one-time enemy.

Æsop has a fable which helps to illustrate the relative values of two great forces. "A dispute once arose between the North wind and the Sun, about the superiority of their power, and they agreed to try their strength upon a traveller, which should be able to get his cloak off first. The North wind began, and blew a very cold blast, accompanied with a sharp driving shower. But this, and whatever else he could do, instead of making the man quit his coat, obliged him to gird it about his body as close as possible. Next came the Sun, who breaking out from a thick watery cloud, drove away the cold vapours from the sky, and darted his warm sultry beams upon the head of the poor weather-beaten traveller. The man, growing faint with the heat, and unable to endure it any longer, first throws off his heavy cloak, and then flies for protection to the shade of a neighbouring grove." There is a certain antagonism aroused in a man when he

RECEIVES BOISTEROUS TREATMENT.

Bitter words make the heart obdurate and unyielding

And yet when the same man is dealt with in a different way, in the spirit of gentleness, he yields to the persuasion of kind words. The same man, mind you, but a change of tactics and altered methods of approach.

Some people might see other causes as the principal check on the progress of the Church. There are those no doubt who would attribute it to lack of doctrine. But we must remember that doctrine has to be applied, and if we fail to teach in the spirit of love a doctrine seasoned with grace, we only make the pupil intolerant and hard. Pharisees and Sadducees had doctrine in plenty, and its effect on them was but to make them into callous legal ferrets, searching out the deficiencies of their fellow men and dealing with all delinquents in their ecclesiastical courts. There are men of my acquaintance who seldom attend a meeting outside their own established order, without coming away to criticise all that has been said. Comparing the sermon with their own dogmas, they hardly ever see beauty or blessing in the words of a strange speaker, but like spiritual detectives, are always looking for clues whereby they can accuse him of being in error. Possessed of a bigotry worthy of the Pharisee, they fail to see how far they have fallen themselves from the pattern laid down in the Word of God. Doctrine we certainly do need and *must* have, but may God save us from a doctrine lacking the vitalising element of love.

UNREASONABLE CONFORMITY

to small principles when major issues are at stake, can become the greatest barrier to Church unity. How easy it is to look down on those who may not see eye-to-eye with us.

There was something of this spirit in the disciples when upon one occasion they came to Jesus, bristling with indignation, because another fellow who had not declared himself openly of their party, had been seen casting out demons. Listen to John "and he followeth not us." It was this same spirit of isolation, "We are the only ones who have the truth!"

There are others however, who would reply to the question by saying the Church's greatest need is a mighty baptism in the Holy Ghost. This in many respects is true. The promise of the Father has either been relegated to the years long ago, or posted on to the Millennium; there to await the arrival of a weakling Church, harmoniously singing her battle-song "Up from the tombs the doleful sound." The Church does need the energising power of the Holy Ghost to carry on an aggressive evangelism. But will this alone reach the deep seat of the trouble? Can the effects of the Baptism be felt without love? The Apostle Paul makes clear in his immortal chapter on love (I Cor XIII) how possible it is to be

TAKEN UP WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS,

and in their very exercise, only exhibit to the world a hollow farce. All the tongues of men and angels can-

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'Tis Now!—'Tis Now!

THE strength of the Foursquare Gospel movement is mainly found in a *present* love for the Lord Jesus Christ. We have loved Him, we shall love Him, we do love Him.

Recently we prayed with an old saint of eighty-six years of age. She lay in her bed—very weak, but not too weak to emphatically ejaculate. In our prayer we quoted the words

If ever I loved Thee,
Lord Jesus 'tis now

"'Tis now! 'Tis now! 'Tis NOW!" cried out the old saint, and every time there was a greater emphasis and a louder voice.

Then so beautifully she revealed the secret of her love. She said "I'm right at the centre and that makes the circumference all right." Yes, her one act was that of *trusting* Him. She was right at the centre, and the result was she was always *loving* Him. Happy are we if our love for Christ is a real burning fact at this present moment. The heart lives in the midst of revival if it is able to say "'tis now"—"if ever I loved Thee, Lord Jesus, 'tis now." If this is our experience then we can further say with our aged sister: "I'm all packed up and ready to go to the Lord at any time."

Prayer Changes Things

Philippians iv. 6.

Prayer is requested for

A Christian woman who is deaf and suffering from delusions—*W M*

A person suffering from a growth in the throat—*Mrs T*

A mother, that the Lord will show her the error of her way and lead her to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

A sister suffering with heart disease and dropsy, also for the husband suffering from the results of accident and varicose ulcers—*V G G*

A believer suffering from internal trouble

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Whispers from Within the Veil.

The Urge to Obey

By Pastor C C W Houston

"Nevertheless at Thy Word I will"—Luke v 5

O Master, in this solemn hour
Speak Thou the word of pentecostal power,
Bind aught that bars Thy way in me,
So shall I live and reign in Thee

"**A**T Thy Word I will!" Herein lies the splendid secret of all achievement for Jehovah, the fundamental condition of all true greatness in God. It is this unqualified and unquestioning response of faith which makes way for the manifestation of divine power. God's hand is ever waiting to work the miracle that will meet the soul's need. It only requires the removal of enervating fear, and all the forces of Omnipotence will be set in motion.

From the natural point of view there are occasions of crisis when the soul takes up a position that seems to savour of culpable recklessness, there is no apparent reason to justify the action of faith, on the other hand there are a score of things that fling their stinging challenge in the face of those who would presume to venture upon the bare Word of God.

And yet is not the Divine Word sufficient authority and guarantee for attempting that which seems so impossible? If the soul recounts and reckons on its own resources then there is cause for serious misgiving. But the sophistry of the fearful overlooks the overwhelming sufficiency of those divine resources which obedience releases and brings into operation.

The cold calculating spirit stands unstirred by the opportunity which faith alone can seize. It is anchored to the customary and conventional, and welcomes no call to the depths of a life of trust in God. It makes little if any allowance for the prevenient love of Jehovah.

"At Thy Word!" Show me that behind Thy Word is Thine eternal energy. Let me learn that where human might and power fail, Thy changeless truth must prevail. Save me from listening to the voice of yesterday's failure which so often renders my arm nerveless in to-day's conflict. It is when I listen to the argument of painful precedent that I am prone to falter in the pathway of faith.

I thank Thee that Thou hast dropped into my heart that all-conquering constraint to do the thing that Thou hast planned. Thou hast broken the spell of that which held me prisoner, and brought my feet into the large place of liberty in Thyself. I am no longer at the mercy of my fears that have so long contested Thy call. In full and glad response I leap out into the unfathomed fulness of what Thou art. All that my heart craves, Thou hast and art. It is in obedience to Thy command that I shall find perfect satisfaction. In trusting Thee utterly I shall prove Thee and possess Thee wholly.

How can I say Thee nay,
Whose love so deep, so strong,
Constrains this gladsome heart of mine?

Consider Christ

By Pastor A. F. RASH

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus"—Hebrews 1:1.

THE exhortation of the writer to the Hebrews is a very timely one. In these days we are instructed to consider and support one public figure after another. Leading men in the political, social and religious world step into the limelight, and the eyes of the world are focused upon them. The hopes of the nations are centred in them, and almost every word and action is seized upon and criticised. Personally, I find that the result of such consideration almost invariably ends in heartache and a feeling of hopeless despair. No matter how great, noble or good a man may be, in some way or other he fails to achieve that which was expected of him. The result of looking to men and councils to solve the world's problems is almost always depression and disillusionment.

At this time let us consider One who is not a disappointment, one who never breaks His word, or fails those who put their trust in Him. He who is the central figure of Bible story and the most remarkable personality the world has ever known is to become the centre of our lives. As we consider Him, doubts will be removed, faith will be strengthened and an abiding peace will fill our hearts. Let us consider Him briefly in five different ways.

1 Consider Christ as our Saviour

Saviour is the most precious of all His names, because it

SPEAKS OF PERFECTION

Perfect love, perfect atonement, perfect pardon and perfect peace. Lover of the world and Lover of my soul, suffering Redeemer and sin-destroying Saviour. For you and me He left the palaces of gold for the deserts of Galilee, exchanged the crown for the Cross, and trod without a murmur the blood-stained way to Calvary. For you and for me He agonised, suffered, and finally died of a bleeding and broken heart. Consider Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. By His death, we live through His sacrifice we approach the throne of God with boldness for our pardon is sealed with His blood.

Dear suffering Lamb, Thy bleeding wounds,
With cords of love divine,
Have drawn our willing hearts to Thee,
And linked our life with Thine

2 Consider Christ as our Advocate

Into the courts of the Most High come continually the complaints of the accuser of the brethren. "See," says the enemy of souls, "how those for whom Christ died sin against Thee. They are always failing and falling." How sadly true it is that even the very best come far short of God's glory. But we are happy because on the right hand of the Father sits one who is the Saviour, and He pleads for us

If we may say it reverently Christ is the Counsel for the Defence, and through Him

FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING

come. I may fall, but thank God for that precious word, "If any man sin we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He alone can forgive sin and cleanse the heart from stain, and He is mine."

3 Consider Christ as our Friend

Friendship is one of the greatest joys and blessings of life, but our earthly friends sometimes disappoint us, and there are things that we can never tell them. To the Christian, however, there is great joy and comfort in the knowledge that there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. One who understands our hearts. A life-companion who will never leave us nor forsake us. One who is willing to share our joys and also our sorrows. Christ offers us an eternal and undying friendship such as the world can never give.

4 Consider Christ as our Shepherd

Beautiful are the words, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Just as the shepherd knows and realises the need of his flock, so our Shepherd knows our needs, and because He loves and cares for the sheep He leads them and provides for them. What a wonderful Saviour and Lord we have. He not only redeems our lives from destruction and saves our souls from death, but He keeps us and undertakes for us all through life. Out of His riches in glory He supplies our need for body, soul and spirit. In the green pastures, beside the still waters, and even through the valley of the shadow of death He is with us and goeth before to prepare the way.

IN TRIAL AND TRIUMPH.

amid sunshine and shadow, the Lord is ever our Shepherd, upholding us with the right hand of His power.

5 Consider Christ as our King. The time is drawing near when the clouds shall part asunder and He who was once the Man of Sorrows and the despised Jesus shall come in glory crowned with many crowns. Then shall He take the throne of His father David, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever in righteousness, truth and equity. Then shall the lion lie down with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them. Peace shall abound in all the earth and there shall be war no more. We can but pray, our hearts throbbing with the glad and glorious hope, "Thy kingdom come,"

All shall be well in the kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,
Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King

Enthusiastic Congregations—Believers' Obedience to the Word of God

MAGNIFICENT BAPTISMAL SERVICE

in Dundee Foursquare Gospel Tabernacle

Under the ministry of Pastor J. J. Morgan and Miss A. Kennedy the Foursquare Gospel work in Dundee continues to prosper. The Sunday evening open airs in the City Square are leaving their impress upon the life of the community. The recent baptismal service, when between forty and fifty believers passed through the waters, proved a time of great spiritual power. It was a pleasing sight, the large company of white-robed candidates in front of the pulpit. Mr. E. Scrymgeour opened the meeting in prayer. Pastor Morgan in his address dwelt upon the Pauline teaching of union with Christ in death and resurrection. The candidates bore witness to their faith in Christ, and each one received a promise from the Word of God. It was a most impressive service and aroused considerable interest in the district. The following reports of the service are taken from two Scottish newspapers.

"The Scottish Daily Express, Friday, 26th October

THOUSAND SEE MASS BAPTISM

Foursquare Gospel Ceremony in City

A congregation of 1,000 was present at one of the largest baptismal services ever held in Dundee.

It was in the Elim Foursquare Gospel Tabernacle in Dudhope Crescent Road last night.

Forty-two men, women, and children, the eldest being a man aged sixty, and the youngest a boy of eleven, were baptised in a large tank of water.

"The Courier and Advertiser," Friday, 26th October

MASS BAPTISM IN DUNDEE CHURCH

Fifty Men and Women Immersed

Under the auspices of the Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance, Dundee, a baptismal service on a huge scale took place in the Elm Tabernacle last night.

About fifty men and women were presented. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. J. Morgan, assisted by Evangelist A. Kennedy.

A large tank of water stood in front of the pulpit. Mr. Morgan, wearing his robes, stood waist-deep in the tank while he received the candidates and immersed them. Of the fifty candidates twelve were men, who were dressed in white trousers and shirts, while the women wore white wraps and caps.

During the ceremony a large congregation sang hymns. Prayer was offered up by Mr. Edwin Scrymgeour.

MOVING TO VICTORY.

Uplifting ministry.

Ealing (Pastor G. Hillman). Looking back on the past few weeks there is great encouragement to go forward. The Kensington Crusaders recently gave the Ealing Church a most inspiring programme of music, song, and helpful messages on the Word. During the past month the Crusaders have taken their own meetings, under the leadership of Pastor Hillman, alternate weeks, sisters and brothers, and the services have been most uplifting, inspiring and well-attended. Greater interest has been taken generally, and additions to membership have resulted from these efforts. The Church is looking forward to greater things and hope soon to be established in a Temple of their own, dedicated to the

worship of the Lord. The Pastor is at present giving a series of most helpful and inspiring studies on The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, for which many are thirsting.

VISIT OF LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

The attraction of gospel song.

Hendon (Pastor A. S. Gaunt). How wonderfully singing attracts the crowd. This was proved on the occasion of the London Crusader Choir's visit, when the

Elm Tabernacle, Hendon, was crowded with eager listeners.

What rich blessing was received as the glorious gospel was so beautifully rendered in song by voices consecrated to the service of the Master. During the evening,



Pastor A. S. Gaunt

a very impressive message from John 1, 10-12 was given by Mr. Snowden, a member of the

Choir. An instrumental and vocal duet, "To heal the broken heart He came," made an appreciative diversion from the usual programme, and all present were greatly blessed through this visit. One precious soul was brought out of darkness into God's marvellous light. Praise the Lord!

FRUITFUL FELLOWSHIP.

Inspiring Convention

Worthing (Pastor H. O. Bale). Notices were recently posted up announcing "A Convention for the Deepening of Spiritual Life, will be held in the Elm Tabernacle, Grosvenor Road, and so indeed it proved, not one member of the crowded gathering could fail to leave the service without having had a clearer vision of Christ, a deeper determination to live for Christ, and a more intense longing for His speedy return! From the very commencement, with the singing of the beautiful new chorus, "All my days and all my hours," the power and the presence of the Master pervaded the hall!

Pastor Bale convened, and Pastor Bishop of Hove opened the meeting in prayer. Then Pastor A. C. Coffin of Hastings gave the first message. He spoke on Fruit-bearing as the Test of a True Christ-like Life. In a fearless and clear-cut way the preacher went to the very root of Christian living, pointing out that only those who were abiding in the Vine could bring forth the much fruit that our Lord is looking for.

Pastor Bale then sang a solo, which was most fitting after such a message—



By Courtesy of]

["The Dundee Evening Telegraph"]

Pastor J. J. Morgan officiating at Great Baptismal Service at Dundee

a song entitled, "Can others see Jesus in you?" and his sympathetic rendering of the solemn, challenging words went to every heart!

Pastor Joseph Smith, our near neighbour and close friend, then gave his message. His quick Irish way and his ready humour was very stimulating, and the address he gave followed on most aptly to the preceding one. He took for his subject The Veils in the Word, which have been, and will be, rent when Christ comes.

Closing with prayer Pastor Bale thanked God for the messages given by His two faithful servants, and we all echoed his words!

During the past weeks Pastor Bale has taken a most helpful series of talks on The Sanctification of the Body, and many have received great blessing from these messages.

Souls have been saved at many of the gospel services, and recently several new members were received into fellowship. Worthing is surely if slowly, going ahead, and after all does not the Word tell us that—

Not to the strong is the battle,
Not to the swift is the race,
But to the true and the faithful,
Victory is promised through grace.

CHURCH CO-OPERATION.

Forty-six new members

Aberdeen (Pastor S Penney) Since that memorable day when our Church was opened by Principal George Jeffreys we have indeed proved the reality of revival—it is still going on. Our service attendances increase in number week by week, and during the past month twenty-three souls have yielded to the claims of the Saviour.

A deep bond of fellowship exists between the Dundee and Aberdeen Churches which has been enriched by a recent happy excursion to Dundee. During Pastor Penney's absence much blessing was experienced under the ministry of Pastor Morgan and Mr McLennan.

Last Sunday evening a special communion service was held and forty-six new members were received into fellowship. The Pastor spoke with liberty and power from Luke xix 42. In spirit we were taken back to that day when Jesus wept over Jerusalem. God set His seal to the faithful preaching of His Word, when three dear souls accepted His offer of mercy. As the new members received the right hand of fellowship, we sang "Blest be the tie that binds," and then, as one big family, we remembered the Lord in the breaking of bread, praising Him for the love and unity of our fellowship in Him.

During the Bible study meetings hearts burn as the Scriptures are unfolded, and the devotional meetings are marked by a deep, reverent hush of expectancy, as the saints wait for the fulfilment of God's promise.

At a recent Crusader meeting, in response to an appeal from the Pastor, all present signified their desire to live up to the standard—"Our best for God." Sincerity is evidenced in the keen enthusiasm, which attends the tract distri-

bution. The large open air meetings held on Saturday and Sunday night, are proving to be a means of blessing in the City. The Sunday school too, has far exceeded all expectations in the number of children who attend.

TWENTY-SIX SOULS'

Special visit of Field Superintendent.

Plymouth (Pastor J Woodhead) In days when one continually hears of declining congregations in the churches it is most encouraging to report that the congregations at the Elim Tabernacle, Plymouth, are always large, and on a recent Sunday the church was full—it was the occasion of the first visit of the Field Superintendent, Pastor W G Hathaway, to Plymouth.

On Saturday evening he gave his first message, and although this is looked upon as a bad night for a meeting, yet people who are hungry for the Word of God will attend God's house no matter what day of the week it is—and so there was a very good attendance, and everyone went away with a blessing from the Lord. Again on Sunday and Monday Pastor Hathaway gave forth the Word of Life and five souls were born into the Kingdom.

The Crusader branch is flourishing, and attendance still increases. A Question Night was recently arranged, when the Pastor answered questions handed him by Crusaders concerning portions of Scripture not quite clear to them. This proved to be a very interesting evening as well as helpful, and the Crusaders are looking forward to the next Question Night.

Souls continue to be saved at the various meetings, and recently, after Pastor Woodhead had delivered the gospel message six precious souls signified their desire to follow the Saviour—unto Him be the glory! This makes a total of twenty-six saved during the last four weeks.

ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES.

Special Children's Campaign.

Coulsdon (Evangelist G Stormont) Flim Tabernacle was packed to capacity on the occasion of the recent baptismal service when thirty-two candidates (mostly converts during Pastor W E Smith's campaign at Caterham) followed their Master through the waters of baptism.

It was with great joy we welcomed Pastor W E Smith and his revival party back into our midst again after having won the hearts of all the Church during his campaign held early in the year.

Evangelist Stormont conducted the evening service, while Miss Munday carried us all right into the presence of the Lord with her opening prayer, followed by the reading of the Scriptures by Evangelist Lloyd Smith of Caterham.

The service was then given over to Pastor W E Smith, who gave a very convincing message on the necessity of water baptism as revealed in the Word of God and declaring also that the Scriptures held no support whatever for infant sprinkling.

We feel confident that after listening to such a message there could remain no doubt in the minds of all present that the ordinance about to be observed was clearly founded on the Word of God.

After the candidates had all openly declared their knowledge of the Saviour, they too followed their Master through the waters, demonstrating to the world that they were dead to self and alive in Him. An outward sign of an inward confession.

The Lord sealed that service with the salvation of one precious soul and six others expressed their desire to be baptised at the next opportunity.

Long will the remembrance of that service linger in the minds of all who were present.

The Special Week's Campaign for the children, conducted by Mr and Miss Vanstone, has been much appreciated by all but more especially by the children themselves. Night after night they looked forward with great joy to these services, and it has been a source of much pleasure to the grown-ups to see them coming along in such large numbers.

The simplicity of the gospel so beautifully portrayed by Mr Vanstone has, we feel sure, set many of these young lives thinking and we praise God with all our hearts for those of the number who have given their hearts to Jesus.

Miss Vanstone's message in song was also very much appreciated and we feel certain that the children are looking forward with joy to our next visit from Mr and Miss Vanstone, which we trust will not be far distant.



By Courtesy of The Coulsdon and Purley Times.

Baptismal Service
in Flim Tabernacle, Coulsdon, conducted
by Pastor W E Smith

The following is a report taken from "The Coulsdon and Purley Times"

CONVERTS IN WHITE Baptism by Total Immersion Coulsdon Service

Scenes of enthusiasm of a truly remarkable character were witnessed in the Elim Tabernacle Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, on Wednesday evening, when there was a special visit of Pastor W E Smith, the well-known revivalist and his party

The hall, which is of not inconsiderable size was filled to overflowing to witness the baptism, by immersion in water, of converts to the Foursquare Gospel, and to listen to a vigorous and moving address by Pastor Smith Pastor G Stormont conducted the service, and a lesson was read by Pastor F Lloyd Smith, of Caterham

It was an impressive scene The converts, men and women, garbed in white and their eyes shining with a strange light, followed the gyrations of the Pastor's hands, as he enunciated the aims of the Foursquare Gospels "We are

dealing with a God who hears and answers prayer," he said "Everywhere men with education behind them are trying to relegate to the scrapheap the authority of the sacred pages of the Bible I say you must stand solidly and foursquare by the Word of God"

Complete Immersion Necessary

Many Christians, the Pastor continued, believed that they had no need further to be baptised when once they had been christened Yet if the letter of the Scriptures was to be believed, complete immersion in water was necessary He cited passages from the Bible in support of his statement A mere sprinkling of water was totally inadequate That, they believed, was the meaning of God's Word The sole authority for infant sprinkling came from the Church of Rome—a singular precedent for the tenets of the Protestant Church

Then, pointing to the bath of immersion, Pastor Smith said, "There is no healing balm in the waters beneath me What are we doing, then? We are demonstrating to the world that we are dead to the old world—we are showing

by an outward sign, the change which our hearts have undergone"

After Fourteen Years

A "Times" representative who was present was introduced by Pastor Smith to a woman who had suffered martyrdom from a complaint in the knee for fourteen years, and had suddenly been completely cured On accepting his congratulations, she said simply "It is the work of the Lord"

The actual immersion was reverently performed by the two pastors, W E Smith and F L Smith The thirty-two candidates, many of whom were being baptised as a family, were then asked "Are you saved?" A hearty "Yes" was greeted by "Hallelujah" and "Praise the Lord" The Pastors entered the baptistry and one by one the candidates filed through Many of these had been saved and healed in the campaign at Caterham

Pastor Stormont then led the singing, and said that the future held still more blessings To the subdued singing of "In the sweet by-and-by" and "All hail," the congregation went their several ways

GOD'S DYNAMIC *(continued from p 729)*

not supply the need when love is lacking If our Baptism is to affect the world (and we must remember the words, "Ye shall receive power," are linked to those, " . . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me) we must demonstrate the love of Christ in our lives from day to day Christ warned His disciples against making more of the gift than the Giver when He said, "He shall not speak of Himself . . . He shall glorify Me, for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you"

Some believers who have received this glorious experience are inclined to treat those of a different mind as outcasts This is certainly not the spirit of the Master heart Moffatt's rendering of I Corinthians xiv 1, is very beautiful, and we shall not stray far from the purpose of God if we continue to follow its grand precept "Make love your aim, then follow after spiritual gifts."

Unjust criticism is not the voice of the Holy Ghost Spiritual pride is not the outcome of the Holy Ghost Defiance to authority is not the work of the Holy Ghost These diversions from the scriptural pattern are checked when love takes the helm of life Any man who imagines he can divorce love from his experience, and override his fellows under pretence of divine control, is but giving place to the motions of the flesh; only in his case,

HE ARROGANTLY ASSUMES

to make a heavenly gift the vehicle of a base desire

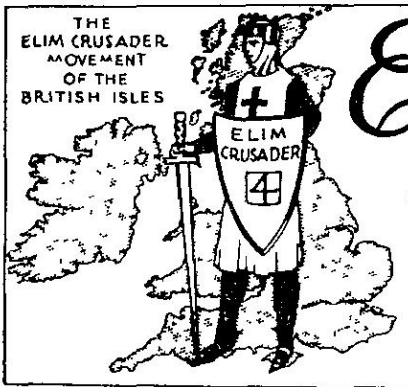
It is high time the Church set her house in order, for judgment must begin at the house of God We, the individuals constitute that Church, and the work of reformation must therefore commence in our lives individually How often we hear prayers for a baptism of love too sentimental by far, and perfectly useless when we remember that the responsibility is upon us

John says, "Keep yourselves in the love of God" It is the practise of the love of God which is going to tell in our lives God cannot give any such baptism, if we will persist in our petty bickerings. Ours is the duty to safeguard and express the love of God in our lives, the love which makes heaven heaven, the love which can transform the whole of life, and make our pilgrimage here a blessing both to ourselves and others around us

The Bridegroom Cometh

The second advent of our Saviour has been a delightful doctrine to me through the greater part of my ministry I regard it as an essential part of the Christian Gospel I hold strongly that our Lord's return will be personal, physical, visible and premillennial It will be preceded by the "rapture" of Christian believers . My hope of the world's salvation lies not in any gradual evangelisation of the world, but in the personal return of our dear Lord and Saviour I believe that this age is waning fast and that any moment He may appear This makes me an optimist This thrills me with hope This makes my ministry (in ideal) vivid, and intense, and glad If this glorious hope was a real expectation to all His people, it would give modern preaching the accent it needs, it would put an end to mere ethical essays in the pulpit Nothing recovers evangelical fervour and rekindles missionary passion and gives yearning for entire sanctification like the realisation of the great fact that "He comes"—that He may come at any moment—*Dr Dinsdale T Young*

The love expressed at the Cross outshines every other story of sacrifice



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GOD'S BEST FOR US — OUR BEST FOR GOD.

AND OTHER THINGS

By "GRANNY" WALSHAW

Before Esther could be brought before the King she must be prepared and prepared according "to the manner," that is, not her way, but prepared the "appointed" way.

It is very delightful to find in the Word that we are not left to muddle along as best we can, but are told so plainly by God how to be prepared in order to come before Him and also what He will lovingly accept as offerings from us.

We too, as Esther, must have the oil of myrrh in our preparation. Myrrh speaks to us both of suffering and healing and oil speaks of the Holy Spirit—so by the power of the Holy Oil we suffer in being separated from the old life, but we are also being healed! This is one of the glorious mysteries of the new life—it operates in opposite ways at one and the same time! "It kills and makes alive."

Then also Esther's purifying had a sweet odours' preparation—no dead flies in it—I expect it would be made up of "Be ye kind one to another," "be courteous," "tender-hearted." It is so precious to see that our God loves a "sweet-smelling savour." The holy oil with which the high priest and the Tabernacle were anointed was most fragrant and the perfume placed before "the testimony" (where God arranged to meet His people) was composed of "sweet spices" and "pure frankincense—sweet and pure—we have His promise that the pure in heart shall see God. Purification is after all a very real business, for it is not only having one's "body washed with pure water" but one's thoughts also "for as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Unclean thoughts produce unclean actions and sooner or later the unseen thought becomes seen sin! But I notice Esther had "other things" also for her purifying. What could they be? Surely the daily irritations, disappointments, injustices, unreasonablenesses, in fact the "all things" that are so mixed and "working together" for our good—that through the power of Him that is living in us, patience and love are

perfected and we are made beautiful and ready to be presented at the Court of our Saviour King "with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

My Utmost for His Highest

The attention of all Crusaders is specially drawn to the edifying and instructive article, under the above heading, written by Miss A. Henderson, Foreign Missions Secretary. Be sure to read it.

The Glory of the Lord

A new series of articles will commence next week from the pen of Miss Eva Willmott, entitled, "The Glory of the Lord—the Shekinah." Don't miss these illuminating messages.

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Southern Crusaders' Night

in the
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The London Crusader Choir

A MONTH'S MINISTRY

The London Crusader Choir's Diary

October, 1934 A strenuous but glorious month for Choir.

Sunday 7th At Borstal Young Men's Institute, Feltham. Nearly 400 in service. Welcomed cordially by Rev. C. H. Millington then for tea. An impressive and blessed gathering. Rapt attention and interest throughout (somewhat of an exception, declared an official). The gospel in song gets home.

Sunday, 14th For fifth time in Wormwood Scrubs Prison (said to be Britain's largest).

Pastor P. N. Corry, and Miss Joan Holman accompany and render some appealing solos. Not without marked results. Many hearts visibly touched. Tea in prison and a look round for some Choir first-timers. Then off to Hendon for evening service. A rousing service and crowded hall. Mr. W. Snowden preaches the Word.

October 16th Together again at Elm Woodlands for Choir practice, preceded by a time of prayer, in preparation for coming week-end.

October 21st, 22nd At Clapham Saturday night Choir renders for first time Bible narrative in song, "Where are the Nine?" A memorable service.

Sunday afternoon to Brixton Prison. A great company of men. Some notable and sad cases present. "I know a Fount where sins are washed away," sung by Pastor P. N. Corry and the Choir, breaks through many a hardened heart. From Prison to Elm Woodlands for tea and prayer then to Clapham Tabernacle for evening service. A great and powerful meeting, conducted by Pastor F. B. Phillips. Mr. David Vanstone delivers a heart-searching message.

October 24th Again at Elm Woodlands, rehearsing for some new and very interesting gramophone records. You must watch for these.

October 28th The male voice section of the Choir at Leyton (new hall). Dr. F. Weston gives the message. An ex-prisoner in the service (now on the Lord's side) who had heard the Choir in two of London's Prisons.

October 29th Choir makes annual visit to the Shoreditch Baptist Tabernacle, in connection with the Young People's Fellowship. The Minister, Rev. Ernest O. Clifford, M.A., welcomed Choir and led us in prayer.

Thus closes a month of aggressive Crusader Evangelism, resulting in several souls accepting Christ as Saviour, and the giving of joy and happiness to hundreds of men in unhappy circumstances.

THOUGHT: THE GAIN OF IDOL BREAKING

It is related that when Mahomud, the conqueror of India came to a celebrated temple, he was entreated by the priests to spare the idol, and was offered a large sum of money to buy him off. He paused a moment, and then replied that he would rather be remembered as a destroyer of idols than a seller of them. Forthwith he lifted his mace and dealt the image a blow. His example was followed by his retinue, and presently, under the pressure of the blows rained upon it the idol burst open and discharged a veritable stream of precious stones, far exceeding in value the amount of the ransom that had been of-

fered by the cunning priests

All life costs, and the Christian life is no exception. But for every idol which a Christian destroys he gains far more than he loses. Some sorrows would be avoided if self-denial were practised. Every idol destroyed means fresh strength in the inner man, a greater sense of the Divine approval and an increase of usefulness to others. It is the old law of the harvest-field: out of death comes life. Successful Christian living means living for the spiritual at the expense of the lower. Spiritual success is sure provided we are willing to pay the price.

Only Trust Him

There are hours that leave scars on hearts and whiten the hair. The world in its rush is so unconscious of all the tragedies which are taking place around. But Christ comes to us in these dark moments, as of old to the disciples, on whom had broken the full import of their Master's approaching departure, "Let not your heart be troubled, trust in Me." There is no comfort like this. To believe that He is ordering each detail, to know that love is prompting each action of His hand, each thought of His mind—F B Meyer

The Spring Highest Up

By WILLIAM A. COREY



A TRAVELLER in a mountain district where a severe drought was prevailing was passing along a country road. Stream after stream had dried up, spring after spring had failed. The traveller was weary and suffering with thirst. Finally he met a boy carrying a pail of water.

"May I have a drink, my boy?" begged the traveller.

"Certainly, sir." And the boy passed him the pail.

"My!" exclaimed the man, refreshed by his drink, "What good, cold mountain water! Where do you get it?"

"At the spring, Sir," said the lad.

"The spring? All the springs I have seen are dried up."

"We generally get water at that spring up there," the young water carrier said, pointing to a spot on the mountainside some distance above the main road. "But that spring has gone dry. It always fails in dry weather."

"Then what spring do you go to?"

"There is another spring still higher," said the boy. "That runs most of the time, but even that has failed this year, and earlier than usual. So we have to go to another spring still higher."

"So this good water came from there, did it?"

"No," said the boy, "even that has failed in this awful drought."

"Then where do you go?"

"Way up there above all these lower springs," the boy informed the traveller, pointing, "is still another spring, the highest of all. Whenever the other springs fail we go up there. That spring never fails. It never goes dry. This water came from there."

"Thank you, my boy," smiled the traveller, starting on his journey. "Thank you for a drink from the spring that never fails."

This world has many dry seasons and many deserts, in some respects it knows continuous droughts and is, in itself, a vast desert. The journey from the cradle of birth to the grave of old age is a weary, heart-breaking one. Many times the springs along the way fail and many travellers faint and fall by the way.

But there is a Spring that never fails, no matter how severe the drought, or how hot and dusty the way. Always the water of that Spring, cool and pure and strength-giving, bubbles up from its hidden source deep down in the heart of the mountain, always ferns and flowers and other wild growths lovingly embower it, always it wells up plentifully and refreshingly in the cool shade back under its Great Rock, always birds alight about it, drinking and bathing and chattering and fluttering their wings, frequently four-footed wild neighbours come there to drink, confidently and unafraid, and always, day and night, season after season, year following year, generation crowding generation in the long procession of time,—always it comes forth from the heart of the mountain, graciously and freely giving of its cool, invigorating goodness to all who come, and even feeding a laughing rivulet that goes dancing and sparkling and singing down the mountain toward the hot, dusty valley below where the tired people are.

This Spring that is Highest of All, my reader, is Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever" (Heb. xiii. 8). And the water is that Water which if a man drink of it he shall never thirst, but it "shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John iv. 14). And that Spring never goes dry!

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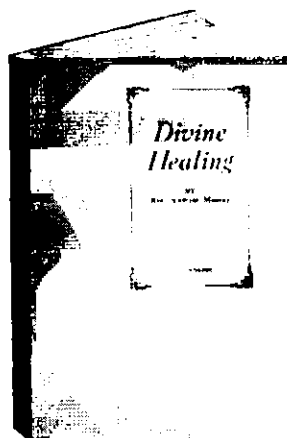
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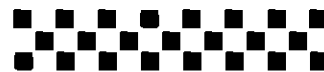
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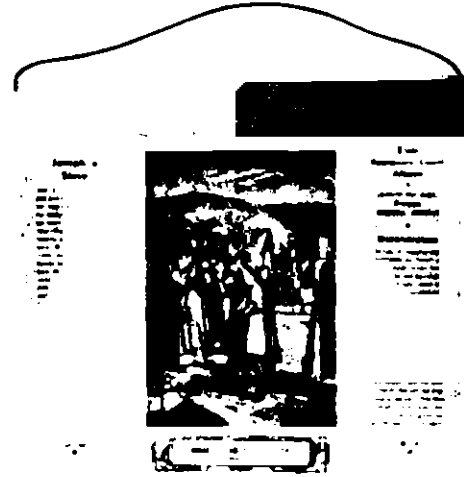


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