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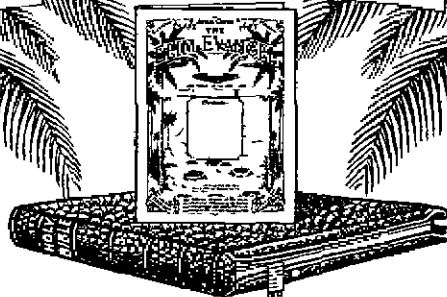
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AND THEY CAME TO ELIM WHERE WERE TWELVE WELLS OF WATER, AND THRESCORE AND TEN PALM TREES. ~ ~ ~ Ex. xv. 27

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The Rich Young Ruler

Scriptures - Matt. xix 16-22, Mark x 17-22; Luke xviii. 18-23

BY PASTOR G. T. FLETCHER.

THESE scriptures describe to us the wonderful conversation between the rich young ruler and the Lord Jesus. If we look for a while into the details of the conversation, and study the character of the young man who so earnestly talked with the Master, we shall discover much that will prove interesting and helpful to us. Here we are shown the picture of a young man of good moral character, possessing great wealth, and occupying a high position amongst the Jews of his day, but who, despite his virtues and possessions, was *unsatisfied, unhappy and restless*. Here we have described to us a young man who had no assurance of eternal life, although he had sought it by his own efforts and by the deeds of the law.

Matt. xix 20 tells us he was a *young man*. He had life before him, and as far as means was concerned, he could 'see life' as the world would say. But the heart of this young man was yearning for something which was as yet beyond him. He had tried hard to get it, but had failed. Unlike many young men possessing wealth, he was not out for a good time, but his thoughts tended towards religion, and the observance of the law.

He was a Ruler. He occupied one of the chief positions in the religious world of his day, and doubtless was another such as Saul of Tarsus, who had made progress beyond those who were his equals, because of his sincerity and zeal. The attitude of the Rulers as a whole, is described in John vi 48: they were bitterly opposed to the Lord Jesus and resisted Him at every turn. This young man, however, was something like Nicodemus, and did not share the general opinion of the rulers—he was willing to acknowledge that Jesus was a Teacher sent from God, and when he approached the Master, he addressed Him as "Good Master." He recognised the Lord Jesus as superior to all other teachers.

He was a young man of good moral character—a good neighbour, and of great piety. He could answer in reply to the Lord's quotation of the Law "All these things have I kept from my youth up. If eternal life were by the deeds of the law, then this young man had nothing to fear, but eternal life cannot be secured that way (Rom iii 20, etc.). There was no man to point the finger of scorn at him, or to accuse him of wrong-doing, yet his heart told him he was not *saved*. Doubtless he endeavoured too, to practice the spirit of the law and not merely the letter. *He was no hypocrite*—but a sincere religious man. Yet, he was not perfect.

He was earnest. Mark x 17 tells us that he came 'running'. He really meant it. If earnestness could procure the needed blessing, then it was his.

He was not lacking courage. We are told that Jesus was gone forth into the way, therefore there were many surrounding Him, and it meant something for

this young ruler whom everyone knew and recognised as a truly religious man, to come publicly and confess his need of Jesus. If courage could only procure eternal life, then he had no lack in that direction.

He was humble. There was no pride in his character. Though he had such great possessions, yet he was humble enough to fall down at the feet of Jesus. If humility could procure the needed blessing, then he was sure of it.

He was reverent. He kneeled to Jesus. That meant a lot, for it shewed clearly that he knew Jesus to be worthy of his worship. But even worship and reverence could not alone procure the needed assurance of eternal life.

He could point to a life of 'DOINGS,' but confessed his dissatisfaction when he asked, "What shall I DO?" He was wanting to add to his doings. How clearly we are shown here the fallacy of depending upon what we can do, in order to obtain this eternal life. Nay, it is not by works, but by grace, through faith in what Christ has done once for all! Those who imagine they can lay claim to eternal life through their own so-called good works, will ever be like this young man, never sure they have done enough, and ever wanting to add to their deeds. Thank God, something has been *done once for all* on Calvary's Cross, which will bring salvation and eternal life to *all the world*, if mankind will but believe the testimony of the Gospel and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith into their hearts.

Such then is the portrait of the young man. Now consider for a moment how the Master treated him.

First of all, *Jesus loved him*. Mark x 21. The compassionate heart of the Master yearned over the young man. He saw his difficulty, He knew his need, He longed to help him. *He loved him*. This is wonderful to us, to think that Jesus loves us. He knows our history, He knows our need, He longs to save us, He loves us with an everlasting love. We cannot fathom the wonderful love expressed in Rom v 8; Eph ii 4-5, etc., that even while we were enemies, rebels, sinners, we were the objects of His love, yea, *He has loved us from all eternity*, and has never ceased to love us. It was his great love which brought Him down from the ivory palaces to the cross of sacrifice, and it is this wonderful incomprehensible love of His that brings us to his feet. Well may we sing, with grateful hearts —

Oh, the love that sought me!
Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold

Jesus loved him, and longed to help him. *But* there was something the young man must do. What? You say, is not this a contradiction? Previously did

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*"And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water,
and threescore and ten palm trees." Ex. xv, 27*

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A Striking Analogy

An Address by PASTOR GEORGE JEFFREYS

The relations of the Holy Spirit to the human nature of Christ and His relations to regenerated souls.



WRONG ideas about the third person of the Trinity are prevalent amongst many who have taken upon themselves the name of Christ. To some the Holy Spirit seems to be a complete stranger. Others have unscriptural and unintelligible conceptions of Him. Again, there are Christians who underestimate the work accomplished by the Holy Spirit in the great plan of Salvation. In a former study, I have drawn your attention to the fact that there are many in different lands, who, like the Ephesian disciples, admit their lack of knowledge concerning Him.

Some claim that the Holy Spirit is some mysterious influence, inspiring musicians, artists, and many others, whether they be saints or sinners, in various spheres of life. A lecturer, taking the Holy Spirit for his subject, used the following illustrations: "You have watched the man draw his bow gently over the strings of his violin, and have been enamoured while listening to the exquisite melody produced. That invisible force behind the arm and the bow is none other than the Holy Spirit."

Proceeding, he said, "The artist most certainly has the Holy Spirit enabling him to draw upon canvas paintings which, in inaudible language, speak to the innermost soul." This lecturer evidently forgot that thrilling music and striking paintings are sometimes produced by sinners of the deepest dye. The work of the Holy Spirit upon such characters is that which will produce conviction of sin in themselves. This is the only Scriptural relationship I see between the Holy Spirit and sinners. Illustrations such as these are calculated to misrepresent the work of the Holy Spirit. They lead to the conclusion that even ungodly wretches and haters of God can find great spiritual

benefit by his ministry in consoling music and entrancing paintings. Let me remind you, friend, that the Holy Spirit is sent to convict, not to console the sinner.

Let us now consider the work undertaken by the Holy Spirit in the great scheme of redemption. Let us go back in imagination to an early scene in eternity. There, sitting in Council, is the Trinity, deliberating upon a theme of profound interest. The future course of the ages is scanned by the omniscient mind, and a distant scene reveals the fall of the greatest and mightiest of all created beings. Redeeming love, finding its source in the heart of God, rolls on, carrying in its train the gift of an essential, redeeming sacrifice. The Trinity was indeed concerned in the plan of redemption. Each a separate personality, having mutual relations to the others, had His distinctive work to do.

God the Father gave His only begotten Son.
Jesus, the Son, humbled Himself and came.

The Holy Spirit made it possible for Him to come.

The first act of the Holy Spirit was the making of a body, into which the second person could come to abide for the purpose of redemption.

The writer to the Hebrews in speaking of this in the tenth chapter said:—

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, "Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldst not, but a Body hast Thou fitted Me."

The first of two questions that naturally arise from the Scripture quoted,—Who was this body prepared for?—is answered by the context. The second—By Whom was this body prepared?—finds its answer in Luke 1:35, where we see that



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JESUS WAS BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God."

This brings me to my first proposition in a most striking analogy between the relations of the Holy Ghost to the human nature of Christ, and His relations to all regenerated souls. His human nature was prepared and fitted by the Holy Spirit, as a temple through which the Deity could be made manifest. These are days when the virgin birth is discredited by some religious teachers who carry indisputable marks of latter-day Apostasy. The real man Jesus, born of a human mother and begotten of the Holy Ghost is a fact that cannot be acknowledged by them because of their carnal and darkened minds. Little, if any, do they understand the things pertaining to the Spirit.

In Bethlehem's manger I see the human temple made by the Holy Ghost to conceal the glory of the Son of God from the eyes of sinful men. Here lies the body that possessed all the appetites and propensities of human nature, and which was destined to reach the culminating point in a life of victory over the world, the flesh and the Devil. Here we find the veil that hid in its folds the One Who was the brightness of His Father's glory. Having stepped into a little world of flesh, He set His face steadfastly towards Jerusalem, where at the appointed time, He could, by its rending, open up a new and living way into His Father's presence.

The Holy Spirit Who was the author of the human nature of Christ, is also the author of the new creation in Christ Jesus.

TRUE CHRISTIANS ARE BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12, 13).

That which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John 3:6).

The Divine Agent operating at the New Birth is the Holy Spirit. He commences with conviction, and works upon the sinner until he is born into the Kingdom of God, until a new relationship is experienced, when the newly-born one unhesitatingly cries, "Abba, Father." The Holy Spirit is still seeking to prepare and fit human bodies for the incoming Spirit of Christ. He is here to-night, throwing light into the inner recesses of the sinner's moral heart. He is here unveiling the heinous members of the body of sins that is deeply buried therein. Like the flash of lightning on a dark night, revealing objects that are obscure, He is bringing to light sins that are hidden beneath the veil of subconsciousness. The memory's quickened and transgressions long forgotten come

before you with a maddening vividness. Over your lips came the dreadful curse and the foul blasphemy, which, like a contagious disease overpowered those who were younger and more tender in life. What a pity you did not resort to the graveyard to utter them! There the fearful oaths could have fallen upon ears that could not hear, and you would have prevented the loathsome effects the poisonous venom has upon the lives of other lads. Your tongue like a world of iniquity, has defiled your whole being, and set with the fire of Hell the whole course of nature. Your feet which were ever swift to shed blood, were allowed to lead you into the ways of death. See, your hands are stained with the bloodmarks of God's precious Son. It was your sins that helped to strengthen the forces that sent Him to His death. I can explain why you are so uneasy in your seat, why you are so troubled. It is because the Holy Spirit is here convicting you. Let Him have His way with you to-night, and He will lead you to the place where your sins can be dealt with. There, at the foot of the Cross, you will be shewn the One who can bear them all away. The Holy Spirit will reveal Christ to you, and your cry to Him for mercy will not be in vain. Your sins will be blotted out and you will pass through an experience such as you have never had before. Your body will have been prepared and fitted by the Holy Ghost, as a temple for the Spirit of Christ.

JESUS WAS SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now when all the people were baptised, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptised, and praying, the Heaven was opened,

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from Heaven which said, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased (Luke 3:21, 22).

Him hath God the Father sealed (John 6:27).

The manifestation of God in human nature was indeed a mystery, a startling prodigy conceived in the infinite mind before worlds were made. Christ was hidden in the Old Testament types and shadows, and at last revealed in the manger of a poor innkeeper's stable at Bethlehem. His coming into this realm of nature burst on a dark and God-forsaken age like a bright and glorious day. His appearance here was a step in the pathway leading to a complete and finished work. The goal in view was the Cross, and its shadow was already thrown upon the crude cradle. Many and varied were the experiences through which this child was destined to pass before completing the scheme undertaken for the redemption of mankind. It is not possible for us to watch His spotless life or to trace His footsteps through the sacred page. As the years roll on in silence we can imagine Him, behind the veil of obscurity, attending to His Father's business, and ever pressing forward to the destined



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goal In the Scripture first quoted we find Him a full grown man, about the age of thirty He is about to commence an untiring and unceasing ministry of a few years' duration, before which He is sealed by God the Father The Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape, like a dove upon Him The Author of His human nature now comes to empower Him for service His future ministry, with its stupendous display of phenomenal manifestations, was the result of such an equipment This was another remarkable work of the Holy Spirit which the human Jesus experienced This reminds us of a Scripture that speaks of saints being sealed subsequent to their regeneration

CHRISTIANS CAN BE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph 1 13)

The new birth is but the door leading into the Kingdom of God The gate at the entrance of the spiritual domain, the beauties of which would be impossible to behold, if an entrance had not been gained Once inside, you are invited to step into the symbolical waters of baptism, and give testimony before principalities and powers of your identification with a buried and risen Lord The vista of Christian privileges and experiences opens up before you, and in the distance is seen the transcendent heights of spiritual revelation You become immediately eligible for the fulfilment of the promise of the Father. Like your Master, you can be sealed and equipped for service The fact that you have become a child and an heir of God, will not relieve you of spiritual conflict You will have to contend with a real, live, powerful enemy Indeed, you never came to grips with him, until you came through the gate of regeneration When you were outside, you were absolutely under his control, you had become his slave, and were powerless to offer the least resistance, But having been emancipated and delivered from him, you will find that he is going to seriously challenge every step you now purpose taking You need not, however, be discouraged You were not born of the Spirit to be allowed to die at the hands of a cruel and relentless foe God has provided an equipment for you, which will ward off his fiery darts, and give you, while passing through the most treacherous and dangerous onslaught, the firm tread of a conqueror every time Listen! "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . . Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" It is for you to claim the promises Go in for a real baptism of the Holy Ghost which is your birthright as a child of God.

JESUS ACTED IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil (Acts x 38)

The messenger sent by John the Baptist to the Master witnessed such a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit They had been perplexed by a question that passed through their minds Is this the one we have been daily looking for? The answer was soon forthcoming, in the mighty works which He accomplished in their presence That old man yonder who has been burdened with infirmity for years, immediately receives a new lease of life The demoniac who struck terror to the hearts of his neighbours by his agonising cries, is sitting at His feet, calm and reposed That woman who was in the grip of a fearful plague which has swept numbers into untimely graves, is rejoicing because in her case it has been stayed by the word of His mouth With astonishment they watch those who have hitherto been blind, as they with open eyes scan the glory of the heavens above and the beauties of nature around Crutches, carriage and various implements, having served their purpose, are discarded The paralysed and the lame need them no longer, for their limbs have been made perfectly whole Unsightly lepers need no more cry, "Unclean" They, too, have found in Him a balm that has healed their otherwise incurable disease The deaf hear, the dead are raised and to the poor the Gospel is preached All this was sufficient evidence to convince the messengers and John that Jesus was the Anointed One

CHRISTIANS SHOULD ACT IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do, shall he do also and greater works than these shall ye do because I go to My Father (John xiv 12)

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto Me (Acts 1 8)

Believers are not only to conform to the pattern of their Lord's spotless life They are also exhorted to be like Him in the exercise of His power over all the forces of evil This was evidently in the mind of Christ when He prayed for the disciples "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" His disciples must live like Him, true enough! They must also act like Him! There are real demon-possessed people to be dealt with, there are the sick and afflicted to be ministered to The sphere in which they live and operate is one dominated by spiritual wickedness in high places Likened unto ambassadors, they have the authority of the Heavenly Kingdom they represent Invested they are not with the limited powers of an earthly court, but with unlimited Divine authority To be effective in their representations before a Godless,



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Christ-rejecting world, they need the Divine credentials which are obtained by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. If they are to act in the interests of their King and Country, they must be clothed with power from on high.

JESUS OFFERED HIMSELF THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

For if the blood of bulls, and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh

How much more shall the blood of Christ, Who, through the eternal spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb ix 13, 14)

If this Scripture means anything, it is that the human Jesus received from the Holy Spirit strength to go to Calvary. The Spirit with which He was anointed to preach the Gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to deliver the captives, to heal the bruised and give recovery of sight to the blind, was the same that anointed Him to go to the Cross as an offering for sin. Who can enter into the feelings of the human Jesus, as He laboured day and night with the shadow of the Cross upon Him? In His meditation of the Old Testament Scriptures He would be reminded in types and shadows of the humiliating death, at the end of life's journey. The pathway that led to the Cross, was one of intense suffering. The severity of the onslaught by the powers of darkness to crush the life out of Him before reaching the Cross, called for an anointing such as He received in order to reach His desired goal. Who can tell of the many times He received quickening for His tired and weakened human frame from the Holy Spirit that descended upon Him at the commencement of His public ministry? The Author of His human nature anointed Him and enabled Him to reach the Cross and there through the eternal Spirit His body was given an offering for sin.

CHRISTIANS ARE EXHORTED TO MAKE AN OFFERING

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Rom xii 1)

The offering of the body of Christ to atone for sin was once and for all, and there is no need to offer another for this purpose. But there is need for human channels through which God can manifest Himself to those for whom Christ died. It is evident that the writer to the saints at Rome is meditating upon the offerings of the Old Testament as he writes this Scripture. He is taking lessons from what transpired when the offering was presented, and applying them to the saints of his day. These things stand out prominently as we consider the matter —

- (1) The utter abandonment of the offering
- (2) The incisive priestly knife
- (3) The draining of its life blood

The Christian must hand over his body absolutely, without reserve. Presented, never to be withdrawn, he must be willing for his Lord to do with him just what He considers best. Again, he must be willing for the knife to be put in. There are many Christians who are wedded to things which can only be severed by the sharp two-edged sword of the Spirit. Furthermore, once the body is placed at the disposal of God and is ready for service, the life, just like the blood of the Old Testament offering, will flow out. It will become a channel, a living sacrifice, out of which will flow a constant stream of blessing to all around. Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit such an experience is possible to all saints.

JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit (I Pet iii 18)

Jesus, on the Cross, said, "It is finished," and the sound went back to the past ages of time, declaring that Calvary was the end, to which all its types and shadows pointed. The dark night of Crucifixion is over, and the body, which had been offered through the eternal Spirit, has been drained of its life blood. It is carried by a few faithful followers to the proffered sepulchre there to await another manifestation of Divine power which would crown all others. The sacred temple of flesh which had been conceived, nourished, strengthened, sealed and equipped by the Holy Ghost, is not to be forgotten in the tomb. Old Testament prophecies relating to His miraculous birth, His spotless life, His ignominious death, and even the rich man's tomb, had now been translated into history. His body which was marred to such an extent that people were astonished as they gazed upon it, still retained every bone unbroken, according to the Scriptures. But there was a Scripture in a prophetic psalm relating to His resurrection that must be fulfilled. "For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption." The third morning comes, and in order to frustrate, if possible, the foreordained plan, we find the tomb sealed and closely guarded. The Holy Spirit breaking through every hindrance quickens into life that holy flesh, and raises Him from the dead.

CHRISTIANS WILL BE RAISED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

The dead in Christ shall rise first

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air (I Thess iv 16, 17)

That ye may know what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power,

Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead (Eph i 18-20)



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Paul, in his Ephesian epistle, is revealing the future relations of the Holy Spirit to believers. He shews that the great work commenced by the Spirit in the bodies of saints would not terminate until they were, not only delivered from the power of sin, but of death and the grave. The sealing with the promised Holy Spirit was but the pledge and foretaste of their inheritance. They could look forward, with joyful anticipation, to the full redemption of their bodies. This would be realised, as he declared elsewhere, at the coming of his Lord.

Having thus studied the operations of the Holy Spirit upon the human Jesus, which is analogous to the relations of the Spirit to believers, I trust that the work of the third person in the Trinity will have been made clearer to you. The Holy Spirit Who brought conviction to bear upon you, dear one, when you were in your sins, also led you to the Cross and revealed the shed blood that was efficacious to cleanse. He who came to abide in your life in answer to prayer, and Who led you on step by step, will, at the appointed time, cause mortality to be swallowed up of life.

Impressions of the Elim Alliance

BY PASTOR D. J. DAVIES

WE were invited, in conjunction with Pastor Stephen Jeffreys, to be present at the Annual Conventions of the Elim Pentecostal Alliance in Ireland. It afforded us a splendid opportunity of estimating a work of which we had heard much.

We have been in touch with the Pentecostal Movement since its inception, and we are assured that it stands for an experience that cannot be ignored by the Church of God without irreparable loss. But what has distressed many who have been most sympathetic, and would in all probability be identified with it, has been the extremism of many of its leaders, and also some extravagant features that repel all seriously minded Christians.

It is to the credit of the Elim Alliance that they seek to work in the most needy places, and according to Apostolic precedent, they do not trespass upon other men's labours. (II. Cor. x. 6).

A movement is usually judged by its leaders—it is what they make it. We were impressed by the leading personalities of the Alliance whom we met in Ireland. Pastor George Jeffreys seems to be not only a fine character, but one who inspires confidence and has the ability to lead. Our esteemed friend has gathered around him a noble band of workers, who seem to regard him not only as their leader, but as a friend and brother.

The Elim evangelists are a consecrated band of enthusiastic workers, who have sacrificed much to further the interests of the Lord Jesus Christ. Several of them have settled pastorates, and their churches are a real credit to them.

To mention the doctrinal status of the Alliance is a real joy to us. Christendom to-day, is in the throes of a great conflict, as between the Fundamentalist and Modernist positions. The Elim Alliance stands

true to the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith.

The distinctiveness of this work seems to me, to be this, that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is accompanied with signs following, and also that the Atonement includes the body, as well as the soul and spirit.

The question of healing is rapidly coming to the fore in this country. Many have believed that God does heal, and "anointing with oil" as enjoined in James v. 14 has been customary with believers for years. But the "Gospel of Healing," as such, has not been preached. The Elim Alliance declares that the Lord Jesus Christ is Saviour, Baptiser, Healer, and Coming King.

The Lord has undoubtedly been using Pastor Stephen Jeffreys in a remarkable manner to touch bodies recently. It was our privilege to assist him in his healing ministrations at Ebbw Vale and in Ireland. Many were the remarkable experiences we had.

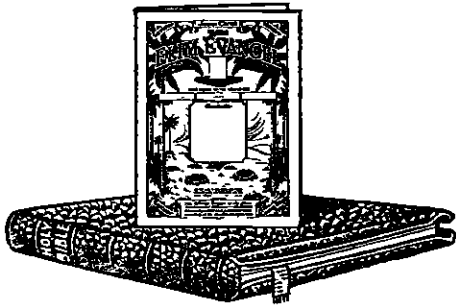
The healing of the sick did not become the pre-eminent feature of the Conventions: the Salvation of sinners, the sanctifying of believers and the endowment of power for service were emphasised before healing. Nevertheless, to present a full Gospel, opportunity was given for sick ones to be prayed with. The method adopted was quite Scriptural and sane, and the results attested the Divine smile and benediction.

The Elim Alliance commends itself to us as a sane, clean work, its leaders abhor extremism in any shape or form, and they unhesitatingly stand for absolute holiness of life.

It is our sincere prayer that God will keep the Alliance true to the whole Council of God, earnestly contending for the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints!



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We have just been reading an article which dogmatically asserts that the day of miracles is past, that the gifts of the Holy Ghost which were manifested in early apostolic days are not for these days, but were only for the ushering in of this dispensation. God does not heal the sick to-day. He does not work miracles. He is interested only in the spiritual and not in the physical welfare of His people. We are told these things, forsooth, by those who *profess* to believe the Bible!

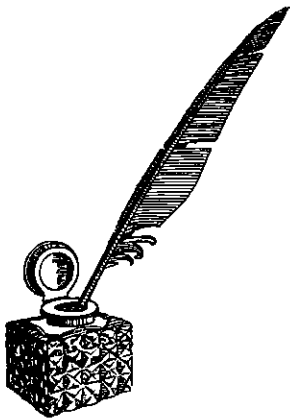
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We praise God that He is vindicating His own Word in a very practical way, bringing to nothing the wisdom of man and confounding the arguments of those who oppose His truth. Here in London, far and wide throughout the British Isles, and in the uttermost parts of the earth, God is moving in such a way as He has not moved since the days of the apostles. This is not a matter for argument: it is a fact which cannot be gainsaid. No doubt it is a sign of the near advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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But we are only at the beginning of these things if we understand the Word of God aright. We do not belittle what God is doing to-day, but we believe that mighty signs and wonders will yet be done in the name of the unchanging Christ, which will cause the enemies of God to submit themselves unto Him. God is waiting for a *consecrated, believing* people, whom He can use to carry out His own purposes. When He has them, the world will marvel at the power of the Christ Who is declared in the Scriptures to be the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

Editorial Notes



AS we sit down to meditate on the mid-February *Elim Evangel*, our telephone bell rings. We receive a message informing us of what God has done *to-day* where His gospel has been faithfully proclaimed. The ears of the deaf have been opened, the eyes of the blind have seen, the lame have walked, paralytics have been healed, and, best of

all, more than thirty souls have come out of nature's darkness into God's marvellous light,—this morning bound by the chains of sin, to-night rejoicing in Christ their Saviour.

DIVINE HEALING MEETINGS

are held every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the Elim Tabernacle at Belfast, and every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Elim Tabernacle at Clapham. At these meetings the sick are prayed for and ministered to according to James v, 14-16. Requests for prayer may be sent to Highbury Gardens, 3 University Avenue, Belfast, or to Elim, Park Crescent, Clapham, London, S W. 4.

A great many people are afraid of enthusiasm. If a man is enthusiastic they raise the cry, "Zeal without knowledge!" I should rather have zeal without knowledge than knowledge without zeal. I know men as wise as owls without any fire in their souls. Enthusiasm means "in God," and I can't understand how any man can realise this standing before God and not be on fire three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Any man who goes into business and doesn't throw his heart into it doesn't succeed. Now why not go into the Lord's work as earnestly as into athletics?—D L MOODY

“FOCUSSED”

BY PASTOR E C BOULTON.

“Fix your attention on Jesus”—Hebrews iii 1 (A S Way)

FOCUSSED! What a suggestive term when applied to the spiritual life, serving to remind us of the necessity of continual *adjustment*, producing that correctness of attitude so requisite to a distinct definition of Christ in the life.

How important for the Child of God to apprehend at the onset of his Christian experience that he has been chosen and called to be conformed to the image of Christ, that his redeemed body is intended to become the sphere of Divine manifestation, that wherein may be displayed the manifold virtues of the Lord Jesus. Says the inspired writer, “glorify God in your body,” “that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body” In view of this let us notice that spiritual focus is essential to —

(1) *The Development of Christian Character*

II Cor iii 18 furnishes us with the picture of a soul in perfect focus. Listen! “And all of us, with unveiled faces, reflecting like bright mirrors, the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same likeness, from one degree of radiant holiness to another, even as derived from the Spirit of the Lord” (Weymouth) This denotes unobscure vision “Nothing between” to unpair the outlook. Nothing to discount the resplendent glory of Him upon Whom the gaze of the soul is fixed. How quickly the delineation of the Divine upon the sensitive film of the human life may be rendered unrecognisable by a false attitude of the heart. A murmuring spirit will spoil the reflection of the heavenly radiance, casting a cloud over the whole life and testimony. It is only as the believer maintains that position of complete abandonment to every known command of God that the life will become a correct expression of the perfect thought of Jehovah. Alas, how many Christian lives are obviously out of focus! Fogged by some secret reservation which challenges the Lordship of Christ! Overcast by some unshattered idol which is slowly but surely stealing the heart’s allegiance from Jesus! Darkened by some unsanctified pursuit which threatens to grieve the Holy Spirit! These are some of the causes of that dim, defective portrayal of Christ. Then further we observe that real spiritual focus is vital to —

(2) *A Successful service-life* John xv 5 is an example of this. “He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit” Here

again we see that the quality of service is determined by the attitude of the servant. A law of relationship which governs the issues of service must be recognised and regarded. Just as the fruit is produced and perfected by the co-operative action of the earth and sun, so the life of the believer must be lived in complete harmony with all those Divine forces which are responsible for its productiveness. Let any influence be introduced which sways the soul out of focus and speedily the fruitfulness is affected. The generative power is arrested—the life is removed from its true source and centre, and even though its activities may be increased, yet it is powerless to perform its appointed function in the purpose of God. It requires re-adjustment—it is out of sympathetic and vital relationship with that upon which it is entirely dependent. Again, on the other hand, if the Christian realises the importance of having his life regulated to the Divine requirements and moreover carefully respects those principles which govern relationship to God in service, then to what blessed results this may lead in the ministry. Furthermore we see that true spiritual focus is indispensable to —

(3) *A Powerful Prayer-life* “If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done” Freedom in prayer characterises the focussed soul. God can entrust it with powers and privileges which will not be misused or abused. The human will is so completely dominated and driven by the dynamic of Divine love, that there is no fear of false petition. “What ye will” is always in perfect accord with the will of God—the prayer power of the focussed spiritual life is spent in bringing to pass the purpose of Jehovah—the soul is so thoroughly adjusted that the necessity for restriction in the prayer sphere is removed and the utmost liberty is vouchsafed.

O that God’s people might enjoy more of that rich fellowship which is only possible to those who allow the Divine Hand to bring every part of their lives into perfect focus with His wonderful plan!

Jesus! I am resting, resting
In the joy of What Thou art,
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole

Studies in the Jehovah Titles—Jehovah-Tsebahoth

BY PASTOR DONALD GEE

WHAT an amazing wealth of Divine Revelation is contained in those wonderful Jehovah Titles! What a storehouse of richest spiritual food for the believer. What an opportunity to increase in that supreme knowledge which is "Life Eternal" itself. (Jno xvii 3)

The Newberry Bible gives us a list of no less than fourteen compound titles of Jehovah, and it is well to remember that each of them is thus coupled with the magnificent, ineffable significance of this grand old Hebrew Name of the God we adore,—“He that always was, that always is, and that ever is to come” (See Rev i 4) Hallelujah!

We have chosen for the first of our brief meditations the glorious title of “Jehovah-Tsebahoth,” or as it is translated in our Bibles, “The Lord of Hosts” (See also Jas v 4)

At the outset one is reminded of Spurgeon’s witty, but deeply true remark, that he “would rather trust in the Lord of Hosts than in a host of lords!”—a sentiment most of us will agree with.

Now the first place where any of these different titles are used in the Bible is usually suggestive, and it is so in this case. It may come as a surprise to some to find that this title does not occur until I Sam i 3, but then frequently.

Samuel is in many ways the first of the prophets, especially in the official sense, and this title, “Lord of Hosts” is an especial favourite with these seers, these men of vision. For it will be seen at once that this is not so much a name learnt by *experience*, (like Jehovah-Ropheca, or Jehovah-Jireh,) as a Name only truly grasped by *vision*. It takes spiritual vision, the eagle eye of faith, to truly appreciate God as the “Lord of Hosts,”—the Lord of those mighty, but unseen armies of heaven.

And what armies they are too! David gives a hint of their numerical strength in Psalm lxxviii 17. Jacob had a most comforting assurance of their nearness on that never-to-be-forgotten journey of fear, back to meet Esau. (Gen xxxii 2) Old Elisha gave the young man the best tonic possible for his shaken nerves when he prayed the glorious prayer, (may it be fulfilled in every young man to-day!)—“Lord, open his eyes that he may see.” II Kings vi. 17. And his eyes were opened, and he did see—“the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire.”—the glorious hosts of the Lord.

You too, dear friend, can believe this same wonderful vision for yourself. Heb i 14 tells us plainly “are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to

minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation”

Just a few brief notes on some suggestive places where this Title is used —

David and Goliath (I Sam xvii 45).

David is going out against Goliath. How utterly unequal the contest appears naturally, but the very Name on David’s lips reveals the vision that is nerving and firing his soul at the moment, the vision of the greater forces on his side. His armoury is this glorious Title—Jehovah Tsebahoth. How the same Name of assuring vision can also nerve us when to the human eye the battle we are waging appears hopelessly unequal. And the God Who did not fail David will never fail us.

The “Fortress” Psalm (Psalm xlii 7)

This is a different scene now. How often have the words of this Psalm been the stay of God’s children when the waves of trouble threaten to engulf them. “The Lord of Hosts is with us,” is the final word of quiet, exultant peace. The swelling flood, the raging nations, the staggering earth;—“but God” Well might Luther sing —

“And were this world all devils o’er,
And watching to devour us,
We lay it not to heart so sore,
Not they can overpower us”

The Prophet of Work. (Haggai ii 8)

Haggai is always a favourite little book for the busy, or would-be, worker in the Master’s service; and it quickly becomes clear that “LORD OF HOSTS” is the prophet’s favourite Title for His heavenly Master.

Does he want to stir the people up to work, to encourage them with promises of God’s glory crowning their efforts, to reveal to them untold riches in the One Who says “the silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine?” On nearly every occasion the prophet uses this name—“THE LORD OF HOSTS” Visions of the might and possibilities behind this Title are enough to encourage and nerve every worker for God.

And so we could go on, if space permitted, to think of Elijah using this title in that ever memorable interview with God at Horeb, (I. Kings xix. 10) of Malachi’s tender association of this Kingly Name with that wonderful making up of the Lord’s “jewels,” (Mal. iii 17) of James’ striking use of it in the New Testament regarding the labour troubles of the last days—surely the very days in which we are living—(Jas v 4) and a host of other instances, which however the Concordance will enable every Bible student to find for himself.



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In closing we must take one glance at a most important phase of this, and every Jehovah Title—its manifestation in God the Son. For we think it can be safely said that all these Divine Names are found manifested in the Lord Jesus Christ, and they thus present another very strong argument for His inherent Divinity; a truth so needed to be emphasised to-day.

Others of these Titles may seem at first glance more obviously manifested in Christ than this one, but notice first of all how He is consistently represented as holding a unique position with regard to the angelic hosts. They "worship Him," (Heb. 1. 6) they are spoken of as "His mighty angels," (II Thess. 1. 7). He is depicted as the Leader of the Allied armies of heaven in the final conflicts between good and evil, (Rev.) If general prophetic interpretation be correct, we have the same revelation in the "Captain of the Lord's host" who appears to Joshua outside Jericho, (Jos. v. 14) and commands the loosing of the shoe from off the foot because the place had suddenly become holy ground, or again in Psalm 110 where the "LORD OF HOSTS," Who is the King of Glory, sweeps victoriously into the gates of

eternity, often considered a prophetic vision of our Lord's return to the glory at the Ascension, when His mighty redemptive work of Calvary was finished.

Yet to the sinner saved by grace none of these majestic episodes will possess the same deep significance and heartmoving revelation of a love that passeth knowledge as that supreme hour on Calvary when this same mighty Lord hangs weak and helpless for our salvation, meekly submitting to all the taunts and jeers of sinful men.

Was He still, even in any sense, the Lord of Hosts? The answer was given; and the unfathomable depth of Calvary again revealed, in those quiet and dignified words in the garden, "thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father and He shall give Me more than twelve legions of angels."

Surely those angelic hosts would never have sprung more readily to obey any command than to succour the Son of God in that awful hour, but *love* refused deliverance, though so immediately available, and drank the bitter cup to the dregs that we, believing, might rejoice with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Items of Interest

An announcement is made elsewhere in this issue of our Annual Easter Convention in London, and of the Whitsuntide Convention at Letchworth. Many have asked where the London Convention is to be held this year, and whether there will be any cheap railway tickets. We cannot at present state where the Convention will be held, as soon as this is decided it will be announced in the *Evangel*. We can however state that there will be cheap travelling facilities, and further particulars as to this will be announced in due course.

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We have received a very welcome anonymous gift for the new Bible Training School. The donor writes "I am sending you £20 for the Bible Training School, praying that the dear Lord will greatly bless the sisters and brothers you train to win many precious souls for the Master. I may say what a great blessing the *Elim Evangel* has been to me." May God richly bless this dear sister for her very practical sympathy.

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In the course of his testimony at a recent baptismal service at the Elim Tabernacle, Clapham, one of the candidates said that when he was in Palestine he had searched in vain for Calvary, but now he had found it. He had watched the Jews in the Wailing Place looking for coming King to reign over them,

but now he had received and owned the King. He had bathed in the River Jordan on a very hot day, but the refreshing was nothing to that he expected to have in the baptismal waters that night.

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The following lines from Mr. W. F. P. Burton of the Congo Evangelistic Mission will interest our readers. "Our sister, Miss Henderson writes to say how it grieves her to have to ask that her name be removed from our roll of Congo-missionaries. There is no doubt, however, that her body cannot stand the strain of this climate, though we know that her heart is as much with us as ever. We have nothing but gratitude to God for our sister's whole-hearted, though all too brief service among us. We know that Miss Henderson will do all she can for the Congo while in the homeland, and we have no hesitation in recommending those who wish to know more of the work and its needs to get into touch with her. Her address is Miss Henderson, 38, Thorndale Avenue, Belfast."

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Just as we go to press, we are much encouraged by a splendid gift of £100 towards the Clapham Tabernacle Building Fund. The brother who gives it prefers to remain anonymous, and says it is an acknowledgment of God's love and merciful healing. To God be all the glory!

The Revival Campaign at Barking

BY E H THORN

ON Sunday, January 18th, a Revival Campaign was commenced in the Public Baths Hall, Barking, by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys. From the first meeting, when about 100 gathered to hear the Gospel, the Lord's presence has been with us mightily. The numbers have grown rapidly, so that we are no longer able to accommodate all who come along, and it is general to see a crowd standing outside the hall, endeavouring vainly to get in. Our greatest joy has been in seeing the dear ones giving themselves to our Saviour, and, Praise His Name, many have seen beauty in Him, and as many as forty or fifty at one service have yielded to His claims. It is blessed

God's plan of Salvation. Not only have we seen this, but also many of God's children are being led into a deeper life in Him, and crying out for the continuance of the full Gospel teaching. Our hearts bubble over with joy when we see many who have hitherto been opposers of this work coming to every possible meeting, and enjoying with us the Word as it is faithfully preached.

It is grand to hear at these meetings the words of the chorus ringing out with great fervour —

Love lifted me Love lifted me!
When no one but Christ could help,
Love lifted me

Praise God for the many who have been lifted, during this campaign. The Divine Healing Services have been wonderful indeed, as we have seen paralytics and cripples healed, the blind receiving their sight, the deaf hearing, tumours and cancers dispersing and many other diseases fleeing at the Name of Jesus. Who would not praise God to hear a young mother given up by doctors to die of consumption, a few days ago examined, and told that the tubes to her lungs were wasting away, and then after a touch from our Jesus, the doctors again examine her, and cannot find a trace of consumption? Hallelujah!

Another woman who had been blind for five years has again received her sight. It was touching to see a woman of 44 years who had never walked, walking round the hall unaided. Children have been brought in unable to walk, some on crutches, others being carried, but when they have come into contact with our Jesus, they have walked away unaided. Many critics say the healings will not last, but we know that our Lord does His work thoroughly. To Him be all the glory!

Many more cases of healing could be mentioned, but these named suffice to show that He is just the same, yesterday, to-day and for ever. Glory to His Name!

The ministry of song at these services by Mr. W. Bell is being greatly blessed by God. We believe that this campaign is just the beginning of a real revival in Barking, and that as a result of it there will eventually be a band of believers established here, who are determined to go all the way and to have God's best



PASTOR STEPHEN JEFFREYS

indeed to see converts of a few days bringing along their friends to the meetings, and eventually leading them to the enquiry room, where there are workers anxious to lead them to Jesus, and make quite clear

Elim Evangelistic Band

GENERAL REPORTS

Belfast. Both the Elim Tabernacle and the Portable Tabernacle continue to be centres of great activities in the city. On Sunday evenings the services which are held simultaneously are crowded out with enthusiastic congregations. Scarcely a meeting passes without souls being saved, bodies being healed, and saints being baptised in the Holy Spirit. The meetings are held in the Elim Tabernacle on Sundays at 11.30 a.m., Breaking of Bread, when it is packed for these glorious memorial feasts, at 7 o'clock the Gospel is preached. Tuesdays at 8 o'clock, the usual prayer meeting. At this large weekly gathering of prayer-warriors, special intercession is made on behalf of the Elim Evangelists bombarding the Citadels of iniquity on the several fronts. Wednesdays at 3.30 p.m. the Divine Healing Service is held, when numbers continually come into touch with the Divine Healer of men.

On Thursday is the usual Bible Study, when hungry congregations devour the Word dealt out to them. The powerful open-air service on Saturdays in Arthur Square is the talk of the city, and is the birthplace of many souls. The services in the Portable Tabernacle are held on Sundays at 7 o'clock, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 o'clock, with an open-air service in the vicinity on Saturday evenings. The Portable Tabernacle is situated some ten minutes walk from the site of the proposed new Elim Tabernacle. Plans are already in the hands of the Architect, and preparations for building going apace. This spacious Tabernacle will overlook one of the finest parks in the city, and will command the best panoramic view of the beautiful Ormeau Park, and the great new boulevard now under construction along the bank of the River Lagan in the distance.

Clapham. Mr. G. Beard an elder at the Elim Tabernacle, Clapham, writes as follows: "It was one of the greatest manifestations of our loving God and Saviour to Clapham—the opening of the disused Methodist Church in Park Crescent, now known as the Elim Tabernacle—a real opening up of the precious Word of El Shaddai, on February 6th, 1922. Notwithstanding the condition of the church when it was opened, Jehovah Shamma was present, and as our dear brother and sister, Mr. Darragh and Miss Adams, delivered their very earnest messages under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Jehovah Nissi brought us into His banquetting house, and His banner over us was love. The meetings have gone on, and joy, peace, happiness and rich Pentecostal blessings have been the outcome. We have to praise God for every

faithful brother and sister whom God has sent to lead us on, and I can say from my whole heart, speaking for our precious people, that we have, and do receive everyone as sent by Jehovah Jireh. How thankful we are to God for the wonderful way He manifests Himself unto His believing people. Some of us have great cause to remember the first appearance of Pastor George Jeffreys, on February 12th, 1922. We



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had a new experience that night a wonderful awakening and blessing that shall never be erased from our memory or from our hearts. For just over three years we have been "going on" at Elim Tabernacle. May our precious Master make us all more real and earnest in the coming days, should He tarry or should He come quickly, and may we all be on the watch tower."

Forest Hill. The mission in the disused Methodist Church in Perry Vale, Forest Hill, London, S.E., was commenced by Evangelists R. E. Darragh and Miss Adams on Sunday, January 18th. Meetings have been held during the past month every Sunday at 6.30 p.m., week nights at 7.30 p.m., and Wednesday afternoons at 3.30 p.m. Commencing with only a few at each service, the numbers have gradually increased. God's blessing has rested in a marked way on the preaching of His Word night after night, and there are signs that a real work for God will be done in this needy district. Let all our readers pray to this end.

Ballymena. We are so glad to report the steady work being continued in this fine strong assembly under Pastor R. Mercer. A baptismal service was held in the Elim Assembly Hall recently which created



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great interest, and a packed congregation witnessed 22 candidates following their Lord through the waters of baptism, and testifying to the world that they had died with Christ on Calvary's Cross, and risen with Him to newness of life. May the Lord be greatly glorified in each one of their lives.

Saintfield. The Kingston Nolan Revival Campaign here is in full swing as we write these lines, and splendid congregations encourage the hearts of the Evangelists. Already the full Gospel is bearing fruit and precious souls are being won for the Master. One special feature of the Campaign is the frequent visits of the converts and Christian friends who come in char-a-bancs from Ballynahinch and surrounding districts where the Evangelists have recently held missions. Much prayer is asked for this district.

Newtownards. An Evangelistic mission is going forward in the Elim Assembly Hall in this place conducted by Miss Streight. Pastor George Jeffreys commenced the mission on Sunday, January 25th, with a large congregation, and the interest is increasing as the mission proceeds. The Evangelist desires much prayer that God will be glorified in many souls being saved.

Richhill. Evangelists Farlow and Mullan have been very successful in obtaining the Temperance Hall in Richhill, Co. Armagh, and they commenced their Revival Campaign on Sunday, January 25th. Prayer is requested for this mission, that sinners will be convicted of sin and brought to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Moneyslane. The Evangelist in charge, Mr. Stronge, has obtained the assistance of the blind Gospel preacher and singer, Mr. Bob Winters, of Elim Tabernacle, Belfast, and a special mission was commenced on Sunday, February 1st.

Cullicarey. Under the supervision of Mr. George Bell, who has successfully conducted the work at Lisburn, a Revival Campaign is being commenced in Cullicarey Orange Hall by members of the Lisburn Assembly, whom God has inspired with the desire to proclaim the full Gospel in real Scriptural order beginning at Jerusalem. These young people are on fire for God, and we pray that there may be everlasting blessing in the salvation of many lost souls through their ministry.

Pontyates. A very successful mission has been held at Pontyates by Pastors Roderick and D. J. Jones of Brynhyfryd.

Ystradgynlais. Pastor Gomer Jones of Ebbw Vale, Mr. T. Wilkins of Tumble and Miss Baker of Porth, have been much used of the Lord at Ystradgynlais in building up His own in their most holy faith.

Dungannon. Evangelists Fletcher and Tweed commenced in January a special series of missions in

this large district, and there are already indications of great blessing. This is the first time for Elim Evangelists to reach Dungannon. Let our readers remember them in prayer.

Elim Crusaders at Dowlais

BY PASTOR T. B. CLARKE.

FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD (I. Cor. iii. 9). This is the motto we have chosen for our local Crusaders. At least sixty have already pledged themselves for definite, sanctified service, and are acting in accordance with its inspired principles. All are prayer warriors and all are open air workers. Each Friday evening we raid the powers of darkness and our open airs are becoming a source of interest and astonishment to the dead churches reared up like grim spectres in our midst. The Sunday evening Gospel service is increasing in numbers, largely through the broadcast invitation of the Crusaders. Our weekly meeting is growing and the topics dealt with are expanding the mind and enlightening the soul. This week's subject was "The Nature and Need of Prayer." The exchange and interchange of thought upon such a vital subject will have far reaching effects in the life and service of the Crusaders. It was beautiful for the writer to listen to one and another expressing their thoughts gleaned from reading and experience. Thank God, the Spirit has no set mould. Some had climbed the Mount of Prayer and had seen the other side of the hill, a new landscape, a wider vision had met their gaze. This gave strength and assurance to their utterances. It was proven that there can be diversity in unity. There was perfect harmony. God the Holy Ghost saw to that.

The young people are not slow to make use of this unique opportunity for real aggressive Christian warfare, and as opportunity serves and doors open, we intend launching out into other forms of Christian service, taking the Gospel wherever the Master calls and the Spirit leads. This eagerness to enlist coupled with the determination not to deflect from duty, foreshadows a victorious future for the Dowlais Assembly.

Opening Fire on Hendon.

A large hall has been taken at Hendon, London, N.W., in which a Revival Campaign will be commenced on Sunday, February 22nd, by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys. Alexandra Hall, Brent View Road is just off Edgware Road, and is quite easily reached by buses 60, 83, 83a, 142, or 51. Hendon is on the main Midland line from St. Pancras to the north, and the hall is quite near the Midland Station. Hendon Central Station (on the Hampstead Tube) is about 10 or 15 minutes' walk from the hall. Services will be held on Sundays at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. and week-nights at 7.30 p.m. Special Divine Healing Services Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 3.30 p.m. Let all our readers pray for a real Holy Ghost Revival at Hendon.

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we not say that this young man wanted to do more in order to obtain eternal life, and that *doings* could not obtain it, then why say now that there was something after all that the young man must do This is the explanation. This young man had been resting on his own human efforts, and his doings had been regulated by his own thoughts and imaginations, but now Christ commanded his *obedience to His Word*. Here is the test, would he obey? There were many things this young man did not lack, but there was *one thing lacking*. The command of Jesus is summed up in six words, "Go," "Sell," "Give," "Come," "Take," "Follow."

Jesus put His finger on the sore spot. The young man's heart was set upon his riches. It was not that he was making a wrong use of his wealth, or that he was unkind to those in need of help, but *He set too great love upon his wealth*. The test had come. Which was he most in love with—his wealth, or the eternal treasure? He had relegated his wealth to such a position in his heart that it had become a snare and a hindrance, and when the command came

to part with it, he was not willing. The sad record is left as a warning to all to-day, *he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions*.

From this record one must not suppose that it is wrong for Christians to have wealth, but the warning of the Word of God is addressed to them who *will be rich*, i.e. those who set their whole heart and effort on becoming rich to the exclusion of the claims of Christ and the eternal welfare of their soul.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness." (Matt vi. 33)

Let us then learn from the narrative we have studied —

(1) That eternal life does not depend upon what we can do, but *upon faith in what Christ has done for us, once for all*

(2) That no matter what else we possess the Scripture says, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. viii. 9)

(3) That the great law of Christian discipleship is that Christ must have first place. If we put anything before Christ, we cannot be true disciples

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