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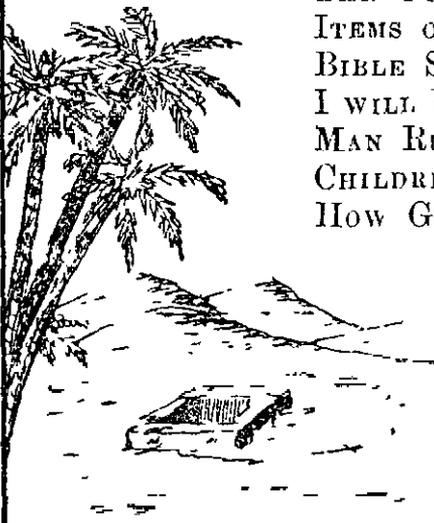
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Editorial.

" *Much More.*"—Matt. 6, 30.

It is springtime and the world of nature is once again awaking from its winter slumbers, and revealing in a hundred varied ways the beauty of liberated life. The sunshine that streams from an azure sky has more power about it than it had a month ago, while the liquid song of the early bird is filling the air with sweetest melody. Everything speaks of that ocean of love which is lavishly emptying itself from the heart of God upon a sinful, ungrateful world

Many there are who are profoundly interested in nature for its own sake, but the Christian looks beyond it, and sees a revelation of the Father-heart of God, and finds himself softly singing:—

" Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green,
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen."

And this is the view the Saviour took as He gazed upon the beauties of the field, the rivulet and the forest. " Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights." Thus wrote James with the pen of inspiration, because he had learnt at the feet of Jesus to know the Father. How lovely it must have been to walk among the flowers with the Master—a privilege not so rare for the disciples, for we read that " over the brook Cedron there was a garden . . . and Judas also knew the place, for *Jesus oftimes resorted thither with His disciples* " We can almost picture the twelve, sitting around the Lord in some " bowery hollow " and drinking in the truths He spoke, amid the fragrant breezes

which played among the cedars and the olives of the mountain side. But dearer still were those footpaths which led through the fields where the wild lily grew—flowers which were there for rich and poor alike without the fence of cultivation round about them. There they grew in such abundance that they were passed by unnoticed by the disciples, and only the sweet insistence of the Master makes them pause and wonder as never before. “Consider the lilies of the field,” He says, “they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. If God so clothe the grass . . . shall He not *much more* clothe you.” Yes, the Omnipotent God expends of wealth of care upon the lily, how much more on you, child of His love! See how the lily magnifies His greatness, see how the sparrow typifies His care, and this God is our God for ever and for ever, how we should love Him and trust Him for all!

Pastor George Jeffreys at Clapham Common, London.

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

MANY of the dwellers around this district have waited long and prayed for a real Pentecostal revival. Thank God we are now seeing the answer to our prayers. For the past month meetings have been held every night in the Park Crescent Church, Clapham, the preacher being Pastor George Jeffreys. Night after night the message of God is given to professing Christians. At one time the Hammer of the Word is brought with crushing and irresistible force upon empty profession, and at another the Word is opened up in such a marvellous way that heights of attainment, hitherto deemed impossible, have been made plain to many a longing heart, and never without results. Conversions, healings, and baptisms in the Holy Spirit have followed at every meeting. Souls have been saved even at the open-air meetings. The large hall in the rear of the building is frequently filled, and sometimes overcrowded with anxious souls.

The following press reports will demonstrate the general effect of the meetings upon the minds of the public:—

IRISH REVIVALIST AT CLAPHAM COMMON.

The Revival Meetings conducted by Pastor George Jeffreys, of Belfast, in the old church at Park Crescent, are attracting much attention. By the testimonies of the converts who claim to have derived benefit from his ministrations, it is evident that a Revival of the most apostolic type is in progress. Not only are they claiming to be relieved of burdened consciences, but publicly testifying to being healed of diseases through the faith cures. By the intense fervour of the worshippers one would conclude that the Revival is being enthusiastically supported by the congregation, which is composed of staid men and women of all classes and creeds.

HEALING IN CLAPHAM.

A building, from the outside looking as if it belonged to a bygone

age, yet viewed from within, bright with glowing lamps. Such is the setting for the strange scenes which are being enacted in a church in Park Crescent, Clapham Park Road, where Pastor George Jeffreys, of Elim Tabernacle, Belfast, is preaching. The meetings are decidedly strange and in many ways are reminiscent of early Methodist Revivals, for one can hear the Hallelujahs and Amens resounding on all sides as the address is given. Many of those who claim to have received good at the meetings believe the preacher has been sent in answer to the prayers of the old Methodist saints, who in years gone by had reverently prayed and worshipped God within its walls. The old church has been converted into a real apostolic centre, where people claim to have received miraculous gifts through the ministry of the Scriptures. Most remarkable testimonies have been given, including deaf people hearing suddenly. Some who were diseased prior to the application of the olive oil, which is lavishly used by the Pastor, now give glowing testimonies of faith healing. Conversions of a most striking type are reported daily as the irresistible power of his sermons penetrates the stoutest hearts. That a Revival is in progress no one can doubt.

The writer has had personal dealing with each of the following cases, and others just as remarkable are of constant occurrence.—

A sister was healed of deafness after ten years' suffering. A brother was healed when anointed for deafness so that he could hear the ticking of a watch. A 78-year-old Christian lady, who had six cancers, was so overjoyed at the glorious result of the anointing that she is testifying everywhere of her deliverance from pain and suffering. A young man who came from Scotland on purpose to attend the meetings, and who described himself as "a physical wreck," testified that he had received the full assurance of salvation, the baptism of the Spirit, and perfect healing of body, all within a week. The evening on which this brother received the baptism will be remembered by all present. It was Acts x, 44, repeated in this twentieth century. While taking notes of the preacher's message the power of God came upon him, and, like Paul, he was prostrated. Every part of his being seemed charged with supernatural power, and his face shone with ineffable light. Those about him gave the following testimony—"We heard him speak with tongues and magnify God."

Up to the present over fifty have received the Pentecostal baptism, and over one hundred have professed conversion. Prayer is earnestly desired for the preacher and his able band of workers—Messrs R. E. Darragh, C. Kingston and Miss Norah Adams.

These are but the droppings which precede the shower.

Pastor Stephen Jeffreys at Grimsby

By PASTOR E. B. PINCH.

WONDERFUL have been the scenes at Grimsby during the revival campaign conducted by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys, of Dowlais, S. Wales, which commenced on Sunday, January 8th. The Pastor came in response to the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas, the leaders of a little Pentecostal assembly,

firmly believing that God had called him to the town; and he found his first congregation in the drawing room of the leaders' house—a handful of people consecrated to God. The next day being Sunday, the services were held in the Co-operative Institute, Freeman Street, Market Place, a large and commodious building, well situated. The congregation proved so very small that it reminded one of the question asked in the days of Nehemiah: "What do these feeble Jews?" However, before the first week was over, Grimsby began to feel the "tread of a pardoning God," the meetings daily increasing both in attendance and power.

With regard to the Pastor's message, all who have heard him will agree with the recent statement of a daily paper that he is a modern "John the Baptist," fiercely denouncing sin and ungodliness, and calling for a clean cut between the Church and the world. All present at his services realise that of a truth God is with him, and at the close of each message there is a flocking to the penitent form, whilst amongst the seekers are to be seen many professing Christians and local preachers, who feel that in the past they had nothing but an empty profession. Now, rising from their knees with faces shining and beaming with a new-found joy, they boldly and publicly declare that they have really been born again. Amongst the hundreds of converts are to be seen men and women of all classes and ranks together praising God for pardon and deliverance. Many have left, not only their sins, but also their pipes and cigarettes at the feet of Jesus, imploring God to give them a clean heart. Fishermen are going back to the sea rejoicing in their newly-found Saviour, and now, after nine weeks of services, the crowds may be seen going every evening, filling the hall to overflowing, all amazed, and saying, as in the days of the Master, "We never saw it on this fashion." Miss Butters, of Louth, who is locally well known as an evangelist, has also rendered valuable services, and Miss May Jeffreys has helped to woo souls to Jesus by her sweet singing

A notable feature of the meetings has been the way in which God has honoured the prayer of faith for the healing of the body. Scores of people in Grimsby are testifying to the marvellous way in which God has delivered them from all kinds of diseases. Last Thursday evening the meeting was devoted to healing testimonies, and it was wonderful to hear one after another rising from their seats to fearlessly tell of all the Lord had done in answer to prayer. Four told of how they had been cured of serious ruptures; one of a tumour that formed a huge lump under the breast, which now has entirely disappeared. Many told of complete relief from heart trouble, another of restored hearing after deafness of fifteen years' standing. A cripple who had not walked for twelve years gave his crutches to the caretaker, and a lady who had not had her feet to the ground for five years and eight months arose from her invalid chair and

walked around the hall before the congregation, and has walked every day since. One young man told of how he had been through the war, and had the muscles of his arm cut out and also the bone of his shoulder removed, rendering his arm absolutely useless. God healed him, and he is now swinging his arm above his head and running about, telling and showing everyone what God has done for him. The nurse who had attended him was astonished, and said, "It is a miracle." "Yes!" he replied, "God has done it." A little girl whose hand was paralysed from birth regained the full use of her hand when anointed, and has retained the use of it ever since. The report of an equally marvellous healing is contained in the subjoined extract from the columns of the "Grimsby Daily Telegraph of Friday, March 10th.

Hundreds in Grimsby will never cease to praise God for this mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost in our midst, and for sending His faithful servant in this needy time, when so many of God's children had been praying that God would manifest His presence and power. All glory be to God!

WOMAN, HELPLESS FOR ELEVEN YEARS, WALKS ABOUT CURED.

GRIMSBY TESTIMONY.

A remarkable story reminiscent of the Biblical parable was related at a crowded Revival meeting, conducted by Pastor Jeffreys at the Welcome Hall, Tunnard Street, last night, by Mrs. Altoft, a Little Coates woman, who claimed that after being wheeled about in a spinal carriage for nearly eleven years, suffering from what was thought to be an incurable disease, she "suddenly felt the power of God," at a recent Revival Meeting, and rising from her carriage walked up the Hall to the platform. The big following that the Revivalist has gathered around him since he opened his meetings in Grimsby in January listened with breathless interest to Mrs. Altoft's narrative last night.

It was a strange scene. Standing on the platform alongside Pastor Jeffreys, this frail, little woman, looking supremely happy, told her story with a calm deliberation. Her testimony was supported by the spectacle of the spinal carriage which was suspended from the wall, near by, and bore upon it in chalk the words: "She is not here, but is risen." The narrative was punctuated here and there with deep-throated "Hallelulias" and "Glories" from the members of the audience. Here is Mrs. Altoft's own story as related to the *Telegraph*:

"For many years I have suffered from an internal trouble and have been treated by numerous doctors, all of whom declared that nothing could be done to cure me. In April, 1911, I took to my bed, but I craved for the open air, and as I could not even sit up, a bath chair was of no use. So my husband hired a spinal carriage during the fourth year of my illness, but this was sold by its owner. With the help of a few kind friends, my husband was able to get one made for me, according to our own measurements, so that it could be wheeled alongside my bed. The only change I got was when I was lifted from my bed into the spinal carriage, and wheeled out into the open air. I was never dressed, in fact I parted with all my clothes in the belief that I should never need them again. Many times I thought my end had come.

"On more than one occasion women have been fetched to my bedside to prepare my body for burial. But, thank God, Pastor Jeffreys came to Grimsby. I was taken to his services and anointed. On Sunday, nearly eleven years from the time I was first taken ill, and during which

time I had been completely prostrated, the power of God came upon me whilst I was attending a Service at the Co-operative Hall. I asked my husband to unfasten the apron on my carriage, and—oh, the joy—I was able to rise from my spinal carriage and walk almost without a tremor up one aisle and down another. On Monday night I journeyed from my home in Little Coates, to the Welcome Hall, in Tunnard Street, to attend another Service, travelling by tram as far as possible, and walking the rest of the distance. thus after being nearly eleven years without being on my feet!

“Not only can I walk now, but after fifteen years I can see without wearing dark glasses. I can look at the electric light without blinking, whereas before, the smallest particle of light caused dreadful pain. I am a new being from top to toe, free from morphia taking, although I was told I never would be able to give this up. I am full of joy that where human skill failed, the Great Physician has brought life, new resurrecting life, and gladness even to me.”

There were others who gave their testimony last night: a man who claimed to have been cured of a double rupture after 13½ years, a woman who said a tumour had disappeared after being “anointed” by the Pastor, a youth who asserted that he had been cured of consumption; while a mother testified that her eight-year-old child, whose hand had been paralysed from birth, could now use it perfectly.

“I have been on crutches for years” declared another convert, “but I got anointed, and am walking about now without crutches at all.” And this man stepped upon the platform and walked unaided along the aisle, while the crowd sang and cheered.

“The Name of Jesus.”

By PASTOR F. C. BOULTON.

“A name which is above every name.”—Phil. 2, 9.

“His name shall be called Wonderful.”—Isa. 9, 6.

“Name of Jesus! highest Name!
Name that earth and heaven adore!
From the heart of God it came,
Leads me to God’s heart once more”

JESUS! O, the glory, the charm, the wonder, the matchless splendour of this Name! Within this holy name lie unfathomed depths of spiritual wealth, unexplored heights of divine manifestation; inexhaustible fulness of heavenly blessing. ’Tis the key that unlocks to us all the inheritance of grace which is ours in God; herein lies embedded all the thought of God for His people; and here, too, all His love finds full expression. Who can compass all its sublime significance? Who can measure its mighty power? Who has realised all its tremendous possibilities?

And yet to so many this name has no blessed meaning, no tender attraction, no sanctifying, satisfying authority; whilst to others it still remains a despised name, only speaking to them of Him as One “without form or comeliness.” But to those who believe it is the dearest, the sweetest name; there is none like it on earth, and none in heaven to be compared with it. It is pregnant with blessing! It opens heaven and links us on to God.

How fragrant the memory of that holy hour when the Holy Spirit first made known to our poor sin-laden hearts something

of the power of that name through which we might obtain deliverance from condemnation. How our hearts thrilled with joy as the eyes of our understanding opened to learn of Him.

Think of these seasons when we were "troubled on every side," "pressed down" by reason of the many things against us; discouraged and disappointed at the failure of cherished plans, how this precious name has lifted us out of ourselves to "higher ground" in the Lord. Or again, when hard beset by the enemy, our strength well nigh spent, and defeat almost inevitable, the name of JESUS breathed into our heart by the Holy Spirit has put new courage into our sinking souls, fresh faith into our weakened spirits, and disaster has been transformed into glorious triumph. Just when our way has been "veiled in darkness," and the next step was unseen and unknown, through the Name of JESUS has come streaming the sunshine of His promise, "Lo, I am with you all the days," and the Valley of Achor has been turned into a "door of hope." Hallelujah!

JESUS! Think of the power which this Name supplies in prayer (John 14, 14). No name so precious or powerful in heaven. Breathe it in faith O believer, and thou shalt prevail with God and man! "For His sake" the Father will hear thy faintest cry of need. You may ask and receive in the Name of JESUS!

Then again consider its healing virtue (Acts 3, 16). Listen! "His Name is as ointment poured forth." Poor bleeding, lacerated soul, upon whom the hand of the enemy hath been so heavily laid; those ugly wounds which sin and disease have made, can be healed by the application of the Wonderful Name of JESUS. Have we not witnessed the departure of disease at the name of JESUS? Have we not stood in the presence of death, and yet seen death deprived of its prey, because of the power of the Name of Him who is the "Resurrection and the Life?"

When the Master was about to withdraw from His disciples and ascend to the glory of His Father's throne He bequeathed to them the legacy of a Name, a Name which would make them equal to every exigency, a Name through which they might always prove more than conquerors. Beloved, this Name is also our Lord's bequest to you and me; let us see that we honour it, that we use it, that we truly represent all that it stands for.

"Freely give I thee the treasure,
Freely give the same;
Take no store of gold or silver,
Take My Name."

MISSIONARY SUBSCRIPTIONS. Many lonely missionaries would be encouraged and blessed by receiving a copy of the *Elim Evangel* every month. Will you make this possible? For every 3s. sent to the Evangel Secretaries, 53, Delhi Street, Belfast, we will send an Evangel monthly for one year to some missionary on the field. If you would like to be put in touch with the missionary, please say so when writing.

Off to the Congo.

OUR dear sister, Miss Henderson, sailed from Tilbury Docks, London, for Cape Town by the s.s. "Gaika" (Union Castle Line) on 23rd March. A journey of about four weeks from there by train, steam boat, and native carriers brings her to her destination—Mwanza, Kasingu, Kikondja Katanga, Belgian Congo—the headquarters of the Congo Evangelistic Mission.



MISS ADELAIDE HENDERSON.

to the Evangel readers, on whose fervent prayers and practical sympathy she relies as she goes forth to work for Christ in darkest Congo:—

Dear Children of God,

Just before leaving the homeland I feel that my Heavenly Father would have me send a little word of heartfelt thanks to His dear children in all the home Assemblies and other places, who have for some time been so nobly sacrificing in order to provide the means whereby I might realise the consummation of my deepest heart's desire.

I am now enabled through your kindness to go forth in His Name to Congoland with the matchless story of redeeming love.

I am going forth with renewed courage, because I realise that I have the faithful prayers of a loyal, loving people behind me, who will never fail to uphold me before the Throne of Grace. My prayer for you all will be that of the great pioneer missionary, writing to the Ephesian

The farewell service in Belfast was held on Sunday night, March 19, and on Monday night the friends from the Tabernacle met at the quay, where, after some singing, they bade her good-bye and God-speed. The final farewell service was held in the Methodist Church, Clapham Common, London, on Wednesday, March 22 when Miss Henderson, together with Miss Brookes, of Tunbridge Wells, who sailed with her, were committed into the loving care of our faithful, covenant-keeping God. Miss Henderson has written the following parting message

church: "That He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith that ye be rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

Yours lovingly for Christ and Africa,
ADELAIDE HENDERSON.

News from the Congo.

WE print below a letter written for the Evangel by our brother, Mr. Cyril Taylor. In a personal letter, which we have before us, he says how disappointed he has been that so few have written him from the homeland. May we ask our readers not to forget to write to and encourage our missionaries, as well as pray for them. Surely they need such encouragement in the dark surroundings of heathendom! He says: "One is just alone in this station, with the boys, and how it would rejoice me if the saints in the assemblies would write and tell me not only of the convention news, blessed as that is, but of the blessings that they have received, and of the preciousness of their Lord as they have beheld Him, as they have gazed upon Him in His spotless beauty." Our brother asks special prayer for those recently baptised at Mwanza—36 in all—including 10 boys and young men from Luamba and Ngoi-mani, for the blessing of God on the distribution of the gospels that have just been received, for mighty signs and wonders to be wrought in the Name of Jesus, and for himself, that utterance may be given him that with great boldness he may be enabled to make known the mysteries of the Gospel of Christ.

Most beloved children of God, redeemed by His Son
and baptised with His Spirit,

Let me greet you all in His wonderful Name, in His everlasting mercies and in the tenderness of His compassions

Let me tell you of some precious instances of His loving care, of the gentleness of His guidance and of the faithfulness of His provision. At one time on the bed of sickness stricken down, in a moment, by the enemy of the soul. At another time prostrated with dysentery after unknowingly having drunk the water from some poisonous stream. And several times when the enemy of all righteousness has placed his fiery darts of fever into the body. Even into the very bodies of those who have come out to tell of Him who was nailed to the accursed tree; of Him who drank to the dregs that most bitter cup, and who then rose for ever with His saints to reign

At such times he has come again with that softness of His loving touch and breathed fresh life into the weakened frame. At such times He comes in His love and sits by the side of His child and places His loving hand on the fever-tossed and heated head. He instils the perfect peacefulness of His presence, bidding all anxious fears depart. He draweth His own to His bosom

THE GENTLENESS OF HIS GUIDANCE

On one occasion in the garden suddenly He came and stayed one's

step—which step, had it been taken, would have led me within a few feet of the poisonous fang of a deadly adder, whose scaly form lay concealed within a hole, its head alone protruding

THE FAITHFULNESS OF HIS PROVISION.

On another occasion, when food has been scarce, He has used the hands of the dear natives, amongst whom he has sent us to labour, to provide meat for the bodies of His children. On the eve of His own day, when it seemed as if there would be nothing for the morrow, a messenger came running up the hill in his hand a beautiful guinea fowl, fresh from the forest, which he had caught with his hands. Thus again He fulfilleth His Word: He goeth before . . . He prepareth the path and strengtheneth on every side.

Beloved, pray for these people and for their children, that they may speedily flee from deeds of shame and darkness to the realms of purest light. That the golden Gospel rays, the cleansing streams from His pierced side and the rivers of living waters may enter into all their hearts.

“ Oh, Thou most blessed Sun of Righteousness, arise with healing in Thy wings.”

“ Save this people from their sins.”—Mat 1, 21.

“ Baptise them with the Holy Ghost and fire.”—Matt iii, 11.

“ Send them . . . send them forth as polished shafts ”—Is. xlix, 2.

“ Unto these uttermost parts of the earth to witness.”—Acts 1, 8.

Your affectionate friend and fellow-labourer in
proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Congo Evangelistic Mission,
Ngoi-mani, Kikonja, Katanga,
Congo Belge, January 4, 1922.

CYRIL E TAYLOR.

The Gift of the Holy Ghost.

At practically the close of His earthly ministry, Jesus said:—
“ It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, *I will send Him unto you* ” (John xvi., 7) Only a little while before He had spoken of “ the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom *the Father will send* in My Name ” (John xiv, 26, and cf. v. 16).

These two apparently contradictory scriptures—“ I will send Him,” “ the Father will send ” Him—were beautifully explained by Peter on the Day of Pentecost

Referring to the miraculous signs which had just accompanied the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, he said “ This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having *received of the Father* the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear ” (Acts ii, 32, 33) When Jesus ascended to His Father, when He was received back, safe and sound, to His right hand, He received from the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost The Holy Ghost was the Ascension Gift, which the Father gave to His Son—a gift not which He would use for Himself, but with which He would endow His Church. Thus it is that Jesus says: “ When the Comforter is

come, whom *I will send unto you from the Father* " (John xv, 36) " Thus it is, too, that the Holy Ghost is spoken of as the promise of the Father " (Luke xxiv, 49), although it is Jesus who baptises with the Holy Ghost (Mark i., 8).

It is evident from Psalm lxxviii., 18, that Jesus received other gifts also that day—"Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive; Thou hast received *gifts* for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them." And these gifts, too, not for Himself, but "for men"—for us! No doubt included amongst these are the nine gifts of the Spirit which are so much despised in these days (I. Cor., xii., 3-10), but which we are told to desire earnestly (I. Cor., xiv., 1, *lit.*).

Beloved, let us not despise these great gifts of God. Let us not despise His greatest gift to His Church—the gift of the Holy Ghost. Jesus received this gift from His Father in order that He might bestow it on us, that thus He might be revealed and glorified in our lives, and that thus we might be prepared for His speedy return.—E.J.P.

Items of Interest.

THE Revival Tabernacle which is being erected at Echo Park, Los Angeles, Cal., is to seat 5,000 people. An association has now been formed—the Echo Park Evangelistic Association, Inc.—under which the work will be carried on. It is expected that the Tabernacle will be opened before the end of the year.

MR. C. S. LEONARD who, after ministering in England for some years, worked in Palestine and Egypt as a missionary, went to be with the Lord, from Los Angeles, on January 25th last.

THIS month we have a number of Conventions and special meetings to announce.

AN eight days' mission is being conducted at the Elm Hall, Glendale Gardens, LEIGH-ON-SEA, from Sunday, April 2nd to Sunday April 9th, by Pastor E. B. Pinch, of Grimsby.

AT the Elm Tabernacle, BREAST, meetings for the deepening of spiritual life will be held, D.V., from Easter Sunday, April 16th to Sunday, April 23rd. The preacher here also is Pastor E. B. Pinch.

A FORTNIGHT'S special Revival Services, commencing Saturday, April 1, are being conducted at YORK, by Pastor T. Tetchner (Scarborough), and Pastor E. C. Boulton (Hull). The prayers of the Lord's people are asked for these services.

FOLLOWING these Revival Services a Four Days' Convention will, D.V., be held at YORK, from Friday, April 14th to Monday, April 17th. Amongst the speakers expected are Pastor T. Tetchner, Pastor E. C. Boulton, Mr. Inman (Mansfield Woodhouse), and Mr. Watkinson (York). Friends visiting the Convention from a distance are requested to communicate as early as possible with the Secretaries, 11, Burton Stone Lane, Clifton, York

WE would remind our readers that the SWANWICK Convention is from April 25th to May 2nd. For particulars see last issue.

A PRELIMINARY announcement is made of a Pentecostal Convention to be held during the Whitsuntide holidays, from Saturday, June 3rd to June 7th, at CROSSKEYS, Mon. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. T. E. Davies, Clarion House, 1, Prince Street, Watsville, Crosskeys, Mon.

THE saints at HULL have been able to rent suitable premises in a very needy district of that city, which they hope to open shortly specially for Gospel work. This new mission will be worked in conjunction with the existing Pentecostal Assembly. Prayer is asked for this effort to win precious souls

LEITH PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY.

Pastor Donald Gee writes:—

“The opening of a new building for the service and testimony of the Lord Jesus is always a happy time for His people, and the recent opening of the new hall of the Pentecostal Assembly at Leith was no exception. Of course there was the eager interest in the details of the hall itself to begin with—humble outside but neat and serviceable and quite pleasantly situated for a busy town with trees overhanging and shrubs lining the entrance. Inside it really exceeded all expectations, everything just about as nice as one could wish for, cheerful, commodious, and possessed of every convenience, not only for the ordinary meetings (if there *are* ever any “ordinary” meetings in a live Pentecostal Assembly!) but also for special occasions such as Baptismal Services—of which there have been three already—or the Monthly Conventions, when the friends who gather from far and near find refreshment both for the natural as well as the spiritual man.

“Immediately catching the eye as one enters the main hall is a large picture over the platform, the scene is truly Scottish in its beauty—mountainous isles and the sea, flooded with the peace of mellow sunshine. However, it is not the picture but the wording on it that catches the attention, across the sky is written in large letters that glorious Name above every name, JESUS; and underneath in smaller type *the* message that the hall stands to proclaim in teaching and testimony, ‘He satisfieth the longing soul.’ Thank God for many who within its walls have already tasted the glorious truth of those words, as the wonderful Saviour of men has been trusted as the Redeemer, the Sanctifier, the Healer, the Baptiser—the One who meets every human longing born of deepest human need.

“The pastor and people pray that abidingly and increasingly it shall be ‘Jesus only’ who in all His beauty and power may be presented to those who come. They have no fear then that the encouraging attendances, and spiritual liberty, which are now being enjoyed will both continue and increase. God is moving in Scotland just now, and not only Leith, but other centres are beginning to feel the breath of new life and a new moving of the Spirit. It is time to ‘go forward’ and, by the Grace of God, we are going.”

Bible Study Course.

By W. R. G. PHAIR

SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY.—No 4

Scripture: Genesis, 1, 9-13.

We will remember that at the beginning of the six days’ work the earth was covered with water—nothing to be seen but “the face

(or surface) of the deep." Anyone familiar with the immense area of depth in the oceans can readily understand this. A simple calculation shows that all the continents, with their mountains, can easily be tucked away in the great recesses of the sea, leaving the water about two miles deep all over the earth. In this connection read Micah, vii, 19.

The first part of the work of the third day was to "let the dry land appear," or come into view. This was accomplished by raising the land, the earth's crust elsewhere subsiding.

In Psalm civ we have a graphic portrayal of this stupendous movement. Verse 6 shows us the submerged earth, "the waters stood above the mountains." This fact is everywhere testified by geology; sea-deposits and marine shells are found on the highest mountain ranges—the Hymalayas, the Andes, the Rockies. Verse 7 gives the command of God, whereupon the land begins to rise (verse 8). Note the reading in the margin, both A.V. and R.V. "The mountains rose, the valleys sank down" into the place which God had appointed.

Thus did God "lay up the depth in storehouses" (Ps. xxxiii, 7) and set a bound that the waters may not pass over. (Ps. civ, 9, Prov. viii, 29).

Again the scene is depicted in Job, xxxviii, 8-11, where God speaks of the mighty rush of the sea, which He "shut up" with bars and doors, and "*brake up*," for it is His decree. This expression "*brake up*" is, at first reading, obscure, but assumes a special aptness when we find that the "bound" or decree—these bars and doors—are in reality the broken sand. This striking display of His power in controlling the fury of the tempest-driven surges with minute grains of sand is pointed out by God in Jer. v, 22, as a special reason why rebellious man should tremble at His presence.

Does it not remind us of how He brings man's efforts to nought by sending out tiny agents of destruction—caterpillars and locusts—naming them "His great army" ? (Joel, ii, 25).

The second part of this day's work was to bring forth from the earth's vegetation, as we know it now.—

(1) *Grass*. Whether we think of the great family of the grasses, which includes all our cereals, wheat, oats, rice, etc., or only the ordinary grass, it would be difficult to overstate the value of grass to man. Springing from the earth wherever there is sufficient moisture, carpeting the bare places with delightful fresh green, it also forms the staple food of our most useful animals. God saw that it was good. Being short-rooted, grass needs much moisture. Plentiful grass means plentiful rain. Thus grass is associated with rain in Scripture as a type of good. This is seen in Deut. xi, 15, where "grass in the fields" is given as a prime blessing following obedience. Being short-rooted again, it quickly fades in drought, which gives it the aspect of the transitory. See Ps. xxxvii, 2, xc, 5; ciii, 15 and 16, Isa, xl, 6, 7 and 8, Matt. vi, 30.

(2) *Herb*. The phrase "herb for the service of man" seems to embody God's thought in the herb. Labouring incessantly throughout the season, it gathers from sun and rain from air and earth, the materials it requires. Combining these by inscrutable chemistry it manufactures and stores up precious food in many varieties of colour and flavour "for the service of man" and man's beast.

(3) *Tree*. Standing for strength, stature and beauty they present a type of the life blessed by God. Ps. i, 3; lv, 8. xci. 12, 13 and 14. Isa. xli, 19; lx, 13. It is well known how the cutting down of forests has caused some countries to become desert.

Before leaving these verses, let us notice especially the repeated phrase "after its kind" (verses 11 and 12). Much is intended here. Not only does this scripture affirm that the seed of herb and tree remains true to its kind, but our Lord uses this stable characteristic as an illustration of vital and eternal truths (Matt. vii, 15-19, Luke vi, 43-45). But those who know will see at once that this cuts right athwart the whole modern theory of evolution.

(To be Continued.)

“I will Declare what He hath done.”

Psalm lvi, 16.

“A COMPLETE CURE.

I feel it is my duty to let you know what a marvellous miracle the Lord has worked in me. I have been one of the unfortunate ones to have to go through a part of the terrible War. I was wounded on the 6th of November, 1918 and I have lost all the top of my left shoulder. I have had the bones taken out and I have also lost the muscles of my shoulder, and have a scar twelve inches long. My arm was practically useless, but after hearing Pastor Jeffreys, I went out to be anointed. I knew I could get the use back if I only believed on my Heavenly Father, and, Glory be to His Name, He has made a complete cure of me. I can use my arm now as well as I could before I went to the War. Before being anointed I could not dress myself properly, and never could put my coat on. In trying to do so I was in agonies of pain, but, Praise the Lord, I can use my arm now as well as ever I could. I cannot thank the Lord enough for what he has done for me, and also for sending Pastor Jeffreys to Grimsby. Well, dear friends, I must say that the Lord has given me the use of my arm for a purpose, and that is to walk this town over and tell people that the dear Lord gave His only begotten Son, and that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have the life of the ages. I have promised the Lord that I will go anywhere for Him, and the sooner he sends me the better, for I shall not be happy until I am working for Him, and hear people crying out “What must I do to be saved?” I am thankful to say that I am walking in the King’s Highway, and I mean to press on for Him. Now I can sing that beautiful chorus:—

“Now none but Christ can satisfy;

None other Name for me.

There’s love and life and lasting joy,

Lord Jesus, found in Thee.”

You may use this testimony wherever you like, and I hope it will be the means of winning souls for Christ.—A. J. STAPLETON (Grimsby)

“IN HIS RIGHT MIND.”—Mark v, 15.

A REMARKABLE TESTIMONY.

For over thirty years I have lived without God, without Christ and without hope in this world. I leave the reader to imagine the state of my life during those years. I had sunken in sin as low as it is possible for a man to sink—until, eventually, the climax came. Utterly given over to sin, a willing servant of the Devil, I had decided to murder my wife and children, and then commit suicide. But I know now that it was God in His love and mercy that prevented me from committing this awful crime. I was taken to a mental home where I remained for twenty-one weeks, and I believe that I would have been there to-day but for the prayers of God’s people. There were times when in the mental home that I had my right senses; I could see the awful sad state of those around. I wondered then why God allowed me to have those moments, but I know now—God’s people were praying for me.

My wife had been to some meetings held at Hothury Chapel, conducted by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys. She found salvation through Christ; she asked prayer on my behalf that God would deliver me out of the asylum, and, Blessed be God, He answered prayer. I came out a free man on February 20, 1922. The following day to that of my discharge I sat at home brooding over my past sins, and dreading my future which seemed nothing but darkness. Wicked thoughts again crossed my mind regarding my wife and children, and my torture was unbearable.

On Thursday I was invited to go to the Revival Meetings conducted by Pastor George Jeffreys at a church in Clapham Common. I shall never forget that night. I found Christ, I felt the burden of my sins gone. On my way home I passed many a public house, but the craving I had for drink had gone; also the tobacco habit left me. I felt a new man. On the Monday following this eventful moment in my life, I went out searching for employment which I thought a hopeless quest. I had called on two employeis, and marvellous to relate, I was told to start work on the following day at the second place I had called at, I was not even asked for a reference. I praise God that the joy of His salvation increases every day. May God bless this humble testimony to some soul.—JAMES BLAKE (46, Dacie Road, London, E.13)

Man Rule.

DESTRUCTIVE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD

IT is to be regretted that in many Assemblies there exist to-day evidences of man rule. Like Diotriphes, some still like to have the pre-eminence and must rule or ruin. The Holy Spirit still presides over the Church of God, and will never vacate for any man His position as Organiser and Leader, and the time will never come when this subtle spirit of apostacy—man rule in the church—will not receive a rebuke from God and a holy, humble ministry.

We may have thought that to repudiate all outward ecclesiastical forms of church government would securely safeguard us from any man rule or sectarian government in the church, but the solid fact is that man rule can exist under any form or under no form of church government. Of course, it is evident that ecclesiastical church government does set a man over the church in a way that makes their rule "man rule," but the individuals so placed may in their hearts be practically free from any principle or spirit that lords it over the rest. On the other hand, some of the most obnoxious cases of lording it over God's people have occurred among people who had no ecclesiastical form of church government.

Man rule is in principle and spirit. We are plainly commanded in the Scriptures not to lord it over God's heritage, but to be examples to the flock (I Peter, v, 3). "One is your Master, even Christ," said Jesus, "and all ye are brethren" (Matt. xxiii, 8). Nothing is plainer in the New Testament than the equality of the ministry. It is true that some have gifts that set them above their fellows, but this makes no superiority of class; some may have a wider influence, yet even this does not justify superior airs nor usurpation of authority over the rest.

The church of God is a body, with Christ as the head and all the members working in harmony one with the other. *The Grace of God exterminates the desire for position and power, and gives instead a passion for service.*

The more common evidences of "man rule" are a dominating spirit over the congregation ignoring other elders in the vicinity, and using certain trustees, deacons, or other influential members as tools to carry out a policy, and ride over the rest. Sometimes a dominating spirit is manifested by whipping them from the pulpit into the line of the plans he has made. A minister full of the spirit of "man rule" lays his plans and by sheer dominance of personality, or pulpit lashings, whips the rest into line. Any break in the ranks or any appearing opposition is the signal for fresh attacks. Such is true "man rule"—Government from outside pressure instead of inside inspiration; government by man instead of by the Spirit, government that beats down all opposition instead of dissolving it by love and co-operation. To whip his people from the pulpit in order to force them to carry out the plans which he himself has made is one of the most contemptible things a minister can do. It is as if he takes advantage

of his position as a minister to flay his people because he has the platform, and they, poor sheep, occupy the benches. Ministers of this spirit are friendly with a certain clique who agree and fall into line with their plans, but they have little use for those who think some other plan as good or better. This leads to the second point, ignoring other elders in the vicinity.

Because one is Pastor it does not mean that no one but he has anything to say as to church policy and work. There is not a single text of Scripture that intimates a Pastor as having all authority in and over an assembly. The Apostles ordained "elders" in every city. It is scriptural to have a pastor or bishop or presbyter, whose business it is to superintend the flock, and there should always exist between pastor and elders the heartiest co-operation. At times some of these elders of their own accord may not take an active part in the church affairs, but this is different from being ignored and cast aside by some one or more who claim to have absolute authority. This thing is more felt than seen. Visiting ministers are treated coolly, nothing wrong said, but much left unsaid. There is a lack of cordiality in the welcome. Such a "man rule" spirit lords it over the board of deacons and trustees, which becomes a sort of figurehead affair to carry out his own plans. Cases have been known where the most questionable and subtle means have been adopted in order to attain their ends, a mean form of coercion that none but a proud spirit would think of using.

Wherever this "man rule" begins it will end in disaster. This domineering spirit digs its own grave. "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." The sooner the Spirit of judgment and of God roots out all such ministers, the better for God's cause. For awhile under such rule, the church may seem to flourish, but it inevitably sooner or later comes to disaster, either in some form of church trouble occasioned by the domination, or in the church rising up against it. Anyway God cannot, neither will He tolerate such, and the Holy Spirit will find a way to bring such to his senses or depose him from his position. Let us get away from the idea of exalting a man and making him a superior over his fellow-elders. All elders are equal officially in the church, though they may differ in gifts and ability (John xvii 21).
H.M.L.

Elm Evangelistic Band.

Special Evangelistic meetings were held last month at Balmoral, Belfast.

At Moneyslane an eighteen days' mission was held by Pastor G. T. Fletcher; there were several souls saved, and many testified to blessing received. From Moneyslane Pastor Fletcher went for two days to Banbridge, but as it was evident that the Lord was about to work, the meetings were continued for three weeks, and many souls were saved and backsliders restored. During this time Mr. Campbell filled Mr. Fletcher's place at Newtownards.

The mission conducted by Miss Olisoff, at Lishanoe, near Armagh, continued for four weeks, and closed on March 19th. Though the ground proved hard at first, we praise God for the souls that were saved during the last week of the mission.

Miss Thompson commenced special evangelistic meetings at Bangor, Co. Down, on March 19th. Prayer is asked that God will work mightily in the salvation of precious souls.

Prayer is also asked for the mission now in progress at Garvaghy in Co. Antrim, about one mile from Tullynahinion. Mr. Tweed is the Evangelist here.

Arrangements have just been made for Miss Kennedy to hold a short mission at Ballytyrone, near Armagh, commencing March 26th.

An Open Door and A Closed Door.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

I want you to read and study Luke 13, 25 this month This is what it says: " When once the *Master* of the house is *risen up* and hath shut to the door, and *ye* begin to stand without and to knock, saying. Lord, Lord, open unto us, He shall answer. I know you not "

Now " the Master " is the Lord Jesus, " the door " is the way to Him; and the " ye " are all who have heard the Gospel but still remain unsaved. The Lord Jesus is now sitting at God's right hand Soon He will *rise* to come and fetch His own children Will *you* be among those who shall be caught up to be with Him for ever? Do not forget that when God shut Noah into the ark *everyone outside* perished in the flood. How awful the last part of our verse is Fancy them knocking and pleading, but the door fast closed!

Suppose you were going to the Zoo, and you knew it closed at five o'clock, you would never dream of trying to get in at six. Now you can see from this verse that the " *door* " of salvation *will be closed* one of these days, why not enter *now*? Jesus will give you such a welcome to-day, but to-morrow may be too late.

Yours in the King's service,

" GREATHEART."

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How God Saved Me.

By MRS KATE WEISS

IN early childhood the one great desire of my heart was to be good and to love God. Little did I know what the words of Jesus meant, when He said, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye must be born again.' As neither my parents or preacher taught me on that line, I had the impression that the way to get to heaven was simply by trying to be good, and after death only would I know my portion, whether heaven or hell.

Little did I know that in *this life* the question *must* be settled. There was not much hope or comfort in my life although a church member. But He who created us to His glory called me out of darkness into light. He who hath said, "I will guide thee with mine eye," led me to an experienced Christian, a dear sister, who taught me the way of salvation and eternal life.

With an intense hunger in my heart, I began to seek Jesus as my personal Saviour. He taught me how to pray, repent, and surrender. While as a young girl, I had many things to repent of, there was one thing in my life of which the Lord especially reminded me of, and that was foolish pride. As I saw God's will in the matter, I immediately surrendered. I was willing to be an empty vessel, a broken pitcher for Jesus, to be filled with the peace that passeth all understanding, joy unspeakable and full of glory, yea, to be filled with His own holy presence, with Jesus Himself. In His infinite love He met me, threw His arms of mercy around me, and as by faith I looked to Calvary and beheld His bleeding wounds, peace began to flow like a river. He gave me the witness within that I was born of God, made His own dear child by the power of the blood.

Since that happy and most important hour of my life twenty-nine years have rolled by. Never once during these years have I regretted the step I had taken, and my hope is bright to-day.

I can say, Jesus is strong to deliver, and mighty to save.