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FOURSQUARE ON THE WORD OF GOD

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

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Suppose

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled"
—Luke xiv. 23.

"Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance"—Luke xv. 7.

SUPPOSE someone were to offer me one hundred pounds for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavour to lead any more souls to Him than I am endeavouring to do now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love of God or of souls? How feeble then my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner.

"Lovest thou Me more than these?" (John xxi. 15)

SUPPOSE I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body, which might have been (but was not) prevented, is a terrible thing, but what about the preventable death of a human soul—perchance of many souls—for which *God may hold me responsible?* If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul?

If thou "givest him not warning . . . his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. iii. 17-21).

SUPPOSE that "when the roll is called up yonder," I am there myself but that all through the eternal ages I am unable to find a single person who is there because of my having led him to Christ—how much will heaven mean to me?

(Read carefully Daniel xii. 2, 3)

SUPPOSE that, as an employee, I were spasmodic in the kind of service I rendered—zealous one week, lukewarm the second, and utterly indifferent the third, then zealous, and lukewarm, and indifferent again, and so on—how long would my employer stand such service as that? But is not *this* the kind of soul-winning service I am giving God? Or it may be not even as good as this. If God's love for me were

to be as spasmodically manifested as my love for Him, how would I fare?

"Be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim. iv. 2).

SUPPOSE that when the final reckoning comes, I should be found, not with ten talents, or even five, but with only one, and that one "hid in the earth" (Matt xxv 14-30)—what then? Has not the one soul-winning talent which God has given me fallen so into disuse that I even doubt its existence? And therefore have I not already "hid it in the earth"?

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor iv 2)

SUPPOSE I were to be asked how many persons I had *persistently tried* to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I ever spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others even to have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?

Part of Paul's prayer list "Without ceasing, I make mention of you always in my prayers" (Rom. i. 9; also chapter xxviii)

SUPPOSE that *every member* of the church to which I belong were to dedicate himself or herself *to-day* to a life of *full surrender* to the will of God according to His Word (Rom xii. 1, 2), and were to become henceforth a soul-winner as exemplified in the life of Paul (I Cor. ix 20-22), would not such a revival follow as this church and community have never seen? And am I not willing to say that by His grace I will give myself from this day forward to the definite business of saving the lost, that I will have a daily prayer list and will do what I can under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help accomplish the supreme work for which my Lord and Master came into the world?

"Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God" (Psalm lxxvi 11).

Yea, Lord, I gladly respond to Thy call (Mark :, 17), and will do what I can from this day forward to help win the unsaved to Thee.

Revival Triumphs

Principal George Jeffreys at Southamptōn

By G J TILLING.

WHAT can we say unto our God and wonderful Saviour but to renew continually our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving unto Him for the visit of Pastor George Jeffreys and his Foursquare Gospel campaigners to this town.

To those who were privileged to attend all the meetings held at the great Central Hall and the Coliseum, God did indeed reveal Himself as the One who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think, as we entered each day of those memorable three weeks into the experience of a revival that had been the subject of our petition for so long

and gradually progressing until between 800 and 900 had been converted and had turned to serve the living God and a large number had been healed

No wonder that there is great joy in this city as this new spiritual movement is making itself felt in every quarter. We say "Hallelujah!" and give God the praise for all that He has wrought in our midst in bringing a Foursquare Gospel to Southamptōn.

May this be but the beginning of still greater things, and may we yet see the continuance of mighty signs and wonders done in the name of Jesus. To Him be all the glory!

Press Reports

The following press reports were published during the first week of the campaign in the "Southern Daily Echo" (April 21st and 28th).—

HEALING MISSION.

PASTOR JEFFREYS AT SOUTHAMPTON

First Cures in Central Hall.

A middle-aged lady with a lump was amongst those who went to the front of the Central Hall last night when, at the opening of his "Revival and Healing Campaign" in Southamptōn, Pastor George Jeffreys, whose meetings in the Albert Hall, London, on Monday have been given wide publicity, asked those who wished to be healed to come to him. The Pastor anointed her with oil "in the Name of Jesus Christ" and prayed with her for a moment. He then told her to lay down the stick, with the aid of which she had walked to the platform, and walk. She walked up and down the length of the rostrum twice unaided. Then told to kneel down, she did so, whereupon the Pastor informed the audience that the lady had told him that that was the first time she had been able to kneel for two years.

NINE TESTIMONIES

Previous to the healing episode, Mr Jeffreys had asked all in the audience who had been touched by healing at his previous meetings to go on to the platform. Nine people responded, and the Pastor questioned each of them. A man said he came from New Milton, and after being deaf for thirty years was cured at the Pastor's mission at Bournemouth last year. A little Southamptōn girl of about six years was deaf, it was stated, until, taken to the Pastor's meeting at Bournemouth, she suddenly told her father she could hear his watch ticking. A lady in a fur coat (the Pastor said was the wife of a Harley Street specialist) said she was wheeled in a chair by her daughter to the mission at Bournemouth and cured. The others had similar testimonies to give.

Apart from the healing episodes, the meeting last night was very much on the lines of other revivalist meetings, and the speaker's remarks and prayers were continually punctuated with "Amen" and "Hallelujahs" from the audience.

REMARKABLE STORIES OF CURES

About 100 people stood up at Pastor George Jeffreys' revival and healing mission meeting at the Central Hall, Southamptōn, last night, and testified to having experienced "a touch" of



THE NEW CENTRAL HALL SOUTHAMPTON
in which Pastor George Jeffreys' Great Campaign was held
[Photo Nellie G Smith, 60, Commercial Road, Southamptōn]

The presence of the Lord was graciously manifested throughout the whole time, not only in drawing sinners to Himself and stretching forth His hand to heal as in the days of His flesh, but by that wonderful quickening and uplifting power of the Holy Ghost, as the Pastor ministered the Word of life.

It compelled us to rejoice with exceeding joy and full of glory as the waves of blessing passed through the great meetings, and we saw the mighty effect of the power of God pulling down the barriers of unbelief and misunderstanding, apathy and prejudice on every hand, letting His Word have free course and be glorified. All glory to His all-prevailing name!

From the opening meeting, at which four lost souls found a Saviour, and several bodies were healed of divers diseases, until the last meeting when 120 sought salvation and a great multitude came forward to testify to having received the healing touch of the Lord Jesus, one could follow the wonderful rising of the revival tide with its developing liberty and joy commencing at what appeared to be a small beginning

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healing" Most of them were members of a party of 600 who came by special excursion train and motor coach from Bournemouth, where Mr. Jeffreys conducted a mission last year.

All those who had been healed were invited on to the platform, and sufferers from deafness, blindness from birth, heart and nervous troubles, and many other ills declared they had been cured at Pastor Jeffreys' meetings.

EASTLEIGH YOUNG MAN'S DECLARATION

One young man, who said he came from Eastleigh, told the Pastor he was taken to the mission on Tuesday evening stone deaf, but after prayer and being anointed by Mr. Jeffreys, recovered his hearing.

A young woman stood up and testified that she had been healed of asthma at the meeting held yesterday afternoon, and a youth who had been crippled in an accident went to the afternoon meeting with the aid of a stick and said all sign and feeling of his trouble had gone. Last night he walked normally and without assistance.

All those who had testified to healing stood up in their places on the platform and sang the hymn "There is power, wonder working power."

wheeled about in a bath chair for between 14 and 15 years, suffering from a tubercular knee.

I was lying ill in London when your campaign started, and the doctors there gave me to understand the knee was absolutely destroyed and I should never walk again.

My mother brought me home, as soon as I was able to travel, to talk it over with my doctor in Southampton, to have my leg amputated. But praise be to God, I never saw my doctor, but came in my bath chair to the Central Hall where Divine healing was, and on that Thursday afternoon when you laid your hands upon me and prayed to God to heal me, I was healed. The power of God came upon me, and as I lay there in my chair, my knee lifted three times in the splints, and afterwards I was able to step out of my chair without aid and walked across the hall—I was healed. That night I slept without my splint for the first time for 14 years. I cannot praise my Lord enough, my heart is so full of rejoicing.

The knee which seemed destroyed and would never bend again is bending beautifully, and the leg which was so wasted is gaining, and already there is a big improvement.



SALEM CENTRAL HALL, LEEDS,

where Pastor George Jeffreys held his revival services on the week-days (the Sunday services were held in the Coliseum). During the two weeks' campaign, over two thousand professed conversion and there were miracles of healing. Signs and wonders were wrought in the name of the Lord. Multitudes queued up hours before the doors were opened, seeking admission.

THE PASTOR'S BELIEF

Pastor Jeffreys said he was often asked if the healing lasted. "I believe," he declared, "that the person healed will retain the healing as long as he or she does not walk back into the ways of the world. If God heals you and you go back to the world, you cannot expect Him to keep you healed. There is something more than the power of mind over matter in the healing which takes place at our meetings. It is the power of Jesus Christ, over disease."

A feature of the meeting last night, like those previously held, was the hearty character of the singing conducted by one of Mr. Jeffreys' helpers. Twenty-two people held up their hands when Pastor Jeffreys asked for conversions.

Testimony

The following testimony is one of many received—

DEAR PASTOR JEFFREYS,

How overjoyed I am that you came with your little band to Southampton. Glory be to God! My cup is full and running over, for just one week ago I was an invalid having been

Glory be to God for your wonderful campaign in Southampton. Praise Him for the Foursquare Gospel.

God bless you, and may your campaign in Brighton bring blessings to thousands.

Yours very sincerely,

(Miss) F MUNDAY.

Impressions

By Pastor F. Dimmick (Baptist Minister)

THE importance of this campaign, can only be adequately understood as one looks at the mighty influence of this great city's life upon the nations of the world. The key to the very ends of the earth, the centre of that vast arterial system of ocean traffic which flings its life throbs into every sea and land.

"Pastor Jeffreys is here," the notice read outside the Central Hall, and God graciously set His seal



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upon our brother and his noble trio from that very first night. The surroundings seemed at first like granite walls, the Pastor's words like a thin ray of sunlight, seeking a crevice through which to shed its light, or like the sweet melody of the Lord's song smothered by the strangeness of the land.

Night after night, however, the tide rose, night after night new lights were lit, new singers sang, night after night the fire burned and leapt from soul to soul across the area and up into the terraces, until at last the huge building was filled from end to end with a mighty full-throated crowd. God's servant, clothed with Holy Ghost power, with unanswerable argument, descending now like hammer blows, convicting, convincing, now in soft passionate pleading, until the iron melted and the silence was broken with loud 'Amens' and 'Hallelujahs'.

Strong men were moved, young men and women by the score yielded their lives to Jesus, tears of true repentance flowed down many a sin-marked face, captives were freed, bodies healed, spiritual life revived "Revival had started."

Never shall I forget that last night. I have often stood under the shade of the tall pines and watched the gorgeous beauty of the golden gorse upon the moor, the wandering silver stream shimmering in

the glory of the setting sun. I have often stood in coppice amid the upturned faces of the flowers, and listened to the feathered choristers pouring forth their anthem of praise from ancient oak and beach, from thicket and from hawthorn hedge alike, and my soul has been stirred and thrilled with gratitude to Him who made them all. But what language could I borrow to describe the beauty and glory of that sea of upturned faces, and the majesty and triumph of their song? Echoing and re-echoing round the great building, surely it must have reached the very heaven of heavens.

Yes, the walls are down. The city has yielded, and into the hum and throb of its daily life, there has entered the mighty, transforming, conquering power of the Holy Ghost. Praise the name of the Lord.

The Pastor faithfully proclaims a Foursquare Gospel, stands by the whole Word of God, uplifts Jesus and His precious blood and it is quite clear that he is being greatly honoured of God. From four conversions on the first night, the total rose to over 800, and definite healings took place at almost every service.

The Lord bless the Pastor and his co-workers who so ably assist him.

Items of Interest.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the announcements on the cover of this issue of the various convention and revival meetings to be held during the Whitsuntide holidays

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By the time this appears in print, the Elim services at Hendon will have been transferred to the new building in Somerset Road, which is announced to be opened on Saturday, May 28th

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On Saturday, April 16th, two of the local Crusaders, Mr A Hairsine and Miss D Halkon, were united in marriage in the Elim Hall, Mason Street, Hull, by Pastor W A Nolan

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Pastor and Mrs Charles Kingston have concluded a fortnight's campaign in the Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle at Indianapolis, Indiana. The campaign was a fruitful one. One special case deserves mention. A preacher who had become cold and back-slidden, and lost his experience, came to one of the meetings. The message was on the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and he came to the altar completely broken down, and with many tears sought the Lord to restore him again. He is now rejoicing in Christ and testifying to the blessing he received through the Foursquare Gospel

Daily Bread

being the "Scripture Union" portions for 1927

Prayer before Reading "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law"—Psalm cxix 18

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| June 8th, Wednesday | Colossians i | 18-29 |
| " 9th, Thursday | " " | 1-15 |
| " 10th, Friday | " iii. | 1-11. |
| " 11th, Saturday | " iii. | 12-25 |
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| " 14th, Tuesday | " ii | 1-16 |
| " 15th, Wednesday | " iv | 1-13 |
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| " 18th, Saturday | " v | 17-31. |
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| " 25th, Saturday | " xiii | 15-25 |
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| " 29th, Wednesday | " xvi | 18-31 |
| " 30th, Thursday | Psalm xcvi. | 1-13. |

Questions and Answers

Is it scriptural to call Palestine the "holy land"?
Yes, it is referred to as such in Zech. ii. 12

What is the meaning of I. Peter iv. 18—"If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

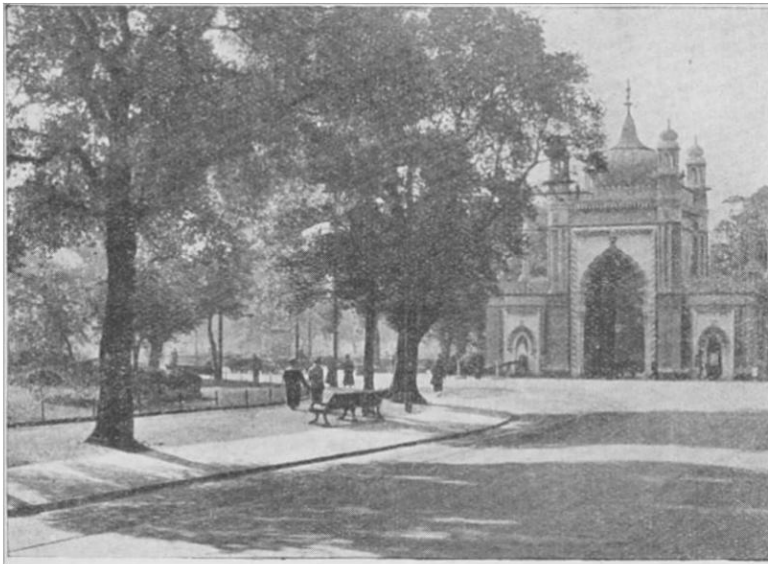
Verse 17 tells us that the first, or next judgment, is that of the house of God, the Church (I. Tim. iii. 15), which judgment is of things done in the body (since salvation) whether good or bad (II. Cor. v. 10). This is at the Judgment Seat of Christ. All those who have been saved will be there at the same time, and this judgment must be completed before the next can begin. The literal translation of "scarcely" is "with difficulty." Salvation was wrought out by the Lord Jesus with great difficulty. "He laid His glory by" (see Heb. ii. 9-15; II. Cor. v. 21, etc.) Let the reader clearly understand that the "difficulty" rested with the Lord Jesus, not with those who are saved. Salvation is a free gift, and *all* who seek find, *every one* that asketh receiveth (Matt. vii. 7, 8). Now those who remain ungodly sinners have no standing place with the redeemed. Peter puts it very touchingly. "Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" The Apostle John answers the question—at the Great White Throne, where all the lost appear (Rev. xx. 11-15)

Can a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ be a Christadelphian?

No, certainly not. They are confessedly anti-Christian, and are assisting to prepare the way for Antichrist; for they deny (1) the Trinity, (2) the Deity of Christ, (3) that anyone goes to heaven, (4) that anyone can know they are saved, (5) the intermediate life, (6) the very existence of soul and spirit—for these terms simply mean (they say) life and breath, (7) the personality of Satan and his angels, and of the Holy Spirit. The first would be, according to them, an evil, and the latter a good influence.

Will there be any hope of salvation after the rapture for those who are left behind?

Yes, but under most terrible circumstances, for the Gospel of the Grace of God, as now preached, will have ended, but "an angel flying in mid-heaven" will proclaim "an eternal gospel" to "the inhabitants of the earth" for "every nation and tribe and tongue and people" (Rev. xiv. 6). But its believers will suffer famine, not being allowed "to buy or sell" (Rev. xiii. 17). Those who will *not* worship the Dragon (Satan) will be imprisoned or "killed with the sword" (Rev. xiii. 8, 9)



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Morning Meditations

By Pastor
E. C. W. BOULTON

Wednesday, June 8th. "Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds"—Philemon 10

How precious those souls must be to us that have been born through our bonds The progeny of our pain—the offspring of our desert days Souls which have been saved in our suffering The fruitage of those seasons when we have sown our seed amid blinding tears, when the heart has bowed beneath the burden of bitter, biting obloquy, and cruel circumstances have shut us in like prison walls Right there in the midst of our night of extremity God has given the gracious token of His smile O my soul, be of good courage, for thy Lord will make the fruitful in the most unlikely places Forget not that some of the choicest flowers grow in the shadows

Thursday, June 9th. "And there builded he an altar unto the Lord"—Genesis xii 7

Like Abram of old I also would erect my altar of worship and of sacrifice 'unto the Lord' The altar is my only trusting place with my Lord It is the place of the Sin Offering and the Burnt Offering where I find my ground of approach to God, and it is from this place that the sweet-smelling savour of a fully consecrated life may rise to the presence of Jehovah The altar is the recognition of His rights, the acknowledgement of His authority, the acceptance of His will Not so much the altar as the offering that counts Thy altar may be empty—thy worship may be hollow Not the style of the sanctuary, so much as the spirit of the service

Friday, June 10th. "I know thy works"—Rev iii 2

Then is God taking my works into account? Are works of any value whatever in the Divine reckoning? Is it not all of grace? Shall any flesh be justified by works? Ah, though thy works cannot justify thee, yet they may judge thee Though thou art not saved by works, yet thou canst not be truly saved without works Grace always finds expression in service The ministry of my hands reveals the character and condition of my heart The offering of my lips indicates the state of my soul The extent of my faith is disclosed more by deeds than desires What I do determines what I am

Saturday, June 11th. "The winds were contrary"—Acts xxvii 4

And yet they were going at the Divine bidding! This was no self-chosen enterprise upon which they had embarked. Does it not teach me that even in the way of His will contrary currents may be encountered? They serve to test the depth of my devotion and gauge the strength of my convictions. Then I must not murmur because the stream is against me It is in the very teeth of the gale that I move onward to the throne God has not guaranteed me a smooth passage, but He has promised me a safe one The wind and the waves may threaten to thwart the Divine purposes, but anchored to Him I need not succumb to the storm

Sunday, June 12th. "Be still, and know that I am God"—Psalm xlvii 10

Then do I gather that the life of inward stillness leads me to a deeper knowledge of God? Am I to understand that without stillness I cannot truly know Him? Is it not real knowledge of the Deity that increases my stillness? It is ignorance which breaks the holy silence It is the revelation of His grace that hushes my heart into silent wonder and worship I am swallowed up in the vision glorious It engages my attention and absorbs my affections O blessed state of spiritual calm into which the hand of God hath brought me! Here it is that I may discover the secret of the Lord.

Monday, June 13th. "Who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross"—Heb xii 2

Oftimes the goal of gladness lies via the gateway of grief. And yet as we pass on through the shadow-land of suffering, the coming glory sheds its exhilarating beams across our thorn-strewn pathway The assurance of the future becomes anchorage of the present It is the thought of what we are going to be which makes us what we are. The contemplation of the place to which we journey makes our present position possible The vision of to-morrow fits us for the vocation of to-day The rejection of the present is not worthy to be compared with the acceptance of the future.

Tuesday, June 14th "I came not to send peace, but a sword"—Matt. x 34

And so the advent of Christ means conflict! He comes not only as the Branch of Blessing, but also with the sword of separation He comes to snap my bonds To loose me from the tyranny of a fallen nature To prostrate my pride—to slay my selfishness—to destroy my dogmatism It is the preaching of the Cross which constitutes a declaration of war The darkness hates the sword of truth, its glittering blade strikes trenchant blows at the very citadel of sin Blessed sword of the Lord that severs me from all unholy alliance with the flesh!

Wednesday, June 15th. "He that walketh in darkness let him stay upon his God"—Isaiah i 10

How wonderful are the "treasures of darkness" The spiritual riches that come to us in the cloud! It was out of the thick darkness that His face shone with resurrection glory and power Forth from the forbidding face of disapproval there burst the radiant sunshine of the Father's smile. Blessed benevolent blackness that cuts me off from myself and shuts me in with God—that thrusts me back upon Jehovah of Hosts, and teaches me to draw from Him and Him alone that full and sufficient supply for all the days. How real is the presence of God in the darkness! How precious the touch that reaches us in the winter of our experience

Thursday, June 16th. "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel for I have seen God face to face"—Genesis xxxii 30

And so it was the experience of Jacob which gave the name to this place And thus the name became the continuous reminder of that which took place there Peniel would always be precious to the Patriarch For was it not here, that both his name and his nature were changed O my soul, thou too must have thy Peniels! Places where thou dost come to the end of thy strength! Holy, hallowed spots where thou dost find God afresh! Places where a new vision of God greets thy craving soul Thou too must be overcome by the Divine Omnipotence, and made the prisoner of that will which shall transform thy whole life.

Friday, June 17th. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost"—I Corinthians vi 19

What a sweet yet solemn thought! Then I must exercise the greatest care of this human habitation of the Divine Spirit It must be carefully guarded against all that is unclean and unworthy Since it is the sacred sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, it must not be put to any use which would defile It is in the window of my humanity that the Spirit would display the glories of the God-head. As the temple of the Holy Spirit it should be the sphere of worship, and so lit up with the shekinah of His presence, the incense of praise must rise continually from the altar in the inner court of my being

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Saturday, June 18th. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord"—Psalm xxxvii 23

Then not only the months and the years of my life are planned by the Lord, but also my 'steps' This means that the tiniest detail of life has all been thought out beforehand by God That He has not made a large outline of the years, and left me to fill in the hours and the moments Precious consciousness! 'Moment by moment' He has designed it all Hallelujah! How reassuring it is to remember that if He really keeps our steps, then there is no possibility of going astray O for that childlike trust that is ready all the time to plant its feet in the foot-prints of His perfect will!

Sunday, June 19th. "From this day will I bless you"—Haggai ii. 19

In some senses all the days are alike And yet in the deeper sense it is not so In the calendar of our lives there are those remarkable epochal days, that stand out 'like beacons grand' Days that mark a new beginning, from which we date the dawn of the miraculous For instance, the day when we walked out of Egypt and passed into Canaan When we first tasted of the fruits of the promised land That time when God sank within our souls a wellspring of gladness—when the rivers of 'living water' commenced to flow If thou canst believe to-day, the Lord will work a new thing within thee!

Monday, June 20th. "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear"—Psalm cxviii 6

If God be for us, then all ground for fear is removed, for He is exceeding abundantly equal to all my needs The Lord is on my side, then there is no possibility of being overpowered, because He is the All-powerful One Then further, if the Lord is on my side, there is no danger of my supplics suddenly being exhausted, for He has unlimited fullness Again if Jehovah is indeed on my side, then there is little chance of my being confounded, because His wisdom is so wonderfully adequate And so from every point of view, with the Lord on my side I am sufficient Therefore, like the Psalmist, 'I will not fear'

Tuesday, June 21st. "My sheep hear my voice and they follow Me"—John x 27

Then it appears that the feet are governed by the ear If my spiritual hearing is sound, my walk will be safe. It is when the Voice is lost, that the walk becomes unsteady and uncertain Here we see the two distinctive features by which true sheep are discerned They hear,—that is the controlled ear They follow,—that is the constrained feet It is the music of the Master's voice which gives dignity and direction to all life's movements O Lord grant that I may not miss the sound of Thy voice—this alone shall prevent me from wandering.

Wednesday, June 22nd. "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully"—II Corinthians ix 6

It is the wise investment of life's treasures that rears their multiplication If I withhold, I am the loser I grow by giving—I expand by expending It is the man of the small vision who sows sparingly He has no wide outlook He buries himself in the enjoyment of the present and makes no wise provision for to-morrow He soon exhausts life's capital, by living on it It is the gospel of the liberal heart and the open hand that keeps the soul rich in spiritual wealth The Lord works the miracle of multiplication when I am willing to submit to the law of loss My reaping, both as regards quality and quantity, is determined by my sowing

Thursday, June 23rd "He had respect unto the recompense of reward"—Hebrews xi 26

In other words, Moses the man of God kept his eye on the eternal, and by so doing displayed the greatest wisdom He was not blinded by the immediate which in this case was transitory The glory and the glanour of Egypt failed to

seduce him into a false position Faith enabled the servant of God to make a choice which seemed, according to human valuation, to be disastrous to all his future And yet it was just this God-guided decision that made all the 'afterwards' of remarkable achievement possible Be careful, O soul of mine, lest thou art by an unwise step to-day hindering that fuller development of God's rich purpose in thy life in the days to come

Friday, June 24th. "Take heed to the ministry thou hast received"—Colossians iv 17

Alas, how eager some are to engage in any ministry but that which God has appointed O my soul, seek only to fulfil that calling for which thy Lord hath chosen thee. If thou art an eye in the Body, seek not to fulfil the function of a foot Or if God hath planned that thou shouldst occupy the position of a hand, seek not to be an ear Endeavour to excel in that particular vocation to which God hath called thee If thou art called to a public ministry, do not hide thyself from the presence of the people of God On the other hand, if God hath appointed thee to some hidden ministry, do not try to force thyself to the front, Be all that God wants you to be

Saturday, June 25th. " whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"—I Corinthians x 31

So into all the service of life this principle must enter. The character and value of my toil will be judged upon this basis This tells me that the smallest and most insignificant ministry may be performed in such a spirit as to bring glory to the name of Him for whom I labour This also means the recognition of the Divine right to be considered in all my engagements and enterprises Thus I may fill the meanest position on earth and yet secure the approbation of heaven The lowliness of earth's relationships does not disqualify me from winning the laurels of victory

Sunday, June 26th. "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage"—Psalm cxix 111

What a heritage! Who can measure the length and breadth of this estate? Who can fathom the depths of this Divine ocean? They represent the spoils taken upon the field of faith; the rich returns of diligent and devout research in the library of truth Or yet again, they may be rather regarded as the inheritance of our new covenant relationship to Christ They are a family right which come to me because I am born from above If I look upon them as such, then surely I shall enter into the enjoyment of the wealth which they hold, and of the power which they contain

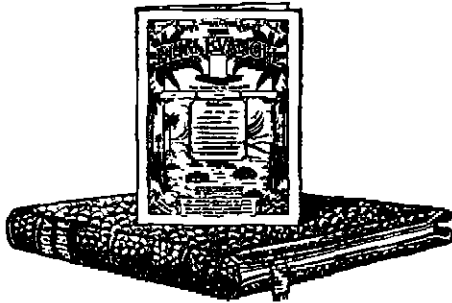
Monday, June 27th. "Joy cometh in the morning."—Psalm xxx 5

Whether we think of this passage literally or prophetically, it offers much of encouragement and inspiration, especially to those who are facing the brunt of life's battle and burden The long night of pressure and pain is to end, and with the new dawn shall appear that sweet relief for which we have waited and watched Soon shall this dispensation of darkness close, and the new day of His appearing break upon us How our eyes seek to catch a sight of the 'Morning Star,' blessed Harbinger of the millennial morn, when all tears shall for ever be wiped away What a baptism of joy that morning will bring!

Tuesday, June 28th "Your labour is not in vain in the Lord"—I Corinthians xv 58

Blessed assurance! Not one seed that you have sown has been lost, not one word that you have spoken has been wasted The time of fruition will come Though the reaping seems to tarry, be not dismayed God hath seen your service and your sacrifice, He will not forget thy faithfulness amid conditions that offered so little encouragement Do not faint nor fear—God has the matter in hand The wilderness shall yet rejoice and blossom as the rose, and out of the rock itself shall the Lord cause waters to gush

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Wealth—Words—Work

TRUE riches are embraced in these three words. Paul commands Timothy to "charge the saints who are rich in worldly wealth not to trust in uncertain riches, but in God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

Whatever we have, we have in trust. We are not our own. We are the purchased possession of Jesus Christ. We belong to Him, and all that we are and have is His. We are stewards of silver and gold, and also stewards of the Word of God.

He paid a great price for us. He paid it gladly and appointed us as His stewards. We represent Him. He never asks us to be or do anything which He Himself did not do or be. He was rich, but for our sakes He became poor. He withheld nothing. He bestowed bountifully of all that He had.

We must never forget that we are His ambassa-

dors. The Christ whom the world sees and knows, it sees and knows through the lives of His followers, and that is one of the sorrows of Christ,—that we are such poor representatives.

It is a busy world and we are occupied with many things. Sometimes, we are so absorbed with things that we have no ear for His voice. He rings the bell, but we do not hear. He calls with a clear voice, but we do not heed. The message and the mission are given to another, and the opportunity is forever gone.

It is a great mistake to live out of touch and fellowship with Him. Many pounds have dwindled to shillings which might have increased to hundreds had we heard His call. Money is about the most worthless thing in the world when not in circulation. God's people have the privilege of giving feet to money and sending it on a missionary journey around the world, and as it goes—it grows.

The "widow's mite" was a "mighty gift" and has borne interest now for twenty centuries. What wonders might have been wrought had more of God's people worked along the "widow's mite method"!

Words "fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver." They hang upon the walls of enduring memory, always blessed. Words are either worthy or worthless, and we are told that "by our words we shall be justified, and by our words we shall be condemned."

The tongue and lips play a great part in human life. As witnesses for our Lord we are to use these lips of ours to proclaim the wonderful story of God's love and of His voluntary sacrifice for sinful man. Heaven's radio carries the message. What joy in Heaven when we are justified by our words! When we exalt the cross of Christ! When our lips are pleading with sinners to forsake the broad road for the narrow pathway which leads to glory! If we keep our tongue from evil, and our lips from speaking guile, we can use them in telling the sweet story of salvation with the assurance of God's blessing upon His Word.

Works. Jesus said, "My meat (food) is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." What is our meat, and should it not be the same as His? Why does our Lord leave us here? Have you ever asked yourself that question? Why not take us home to glory?

Because He has committed unto us a service like unto His own—a world-wide commission. But so many Christians have never accepted it. From our lives goes a message; from our lips are uttered words; and from our efforts the wonderful work and Word of God is accomplished.

We are His. His wealth is our gift. Our lips are His, formed for the purpose of expressing His truth. Our bodies are His to be used in carrying out His great purpose and preparing for His coming. Why not be about our Master's business?

Our Missionaries

From Mr. James E. Mullan
(Kisanga, Belgian Congo)

I AM glad to be able to report continued blessing on the work. Recently I baptised several believers here at Kisanga, also a few from a neighbouring village. I have just returned from baptising fourteen candidates at one of our out-stations, and I expect to go back soon to baptise some more there.

Shortly after my arrival at Kisanga some four months ago, I was greatly disappointed because one of the Kisanga out-stations had to close down owing to the interference of the Roman Catholics, who worm their way into many villages out here by bribery and corruption. I made this a matter of earnest prayer, and in the meantime I posted the two native Evangelists from that village in two other villages temporarily. God has blessed in a wonderful way in these two villages, and souls have been saved through the Evangelists.

It is only a few days ago, since God answered prayer and opened the doors for us again in the village where the Roman Catholics had gained a foothold, the Catechist soon cleared out and the Chief, who is very powerful, and his people, desired us to come back again. So with joy, I hastened to send an evangelist to work there, and it is only to-day that news has come back from him to say that already ten persons have professed conversion. Praise God! That is not all, for word also came in a short time ago from another large village, which had gone over to the Roman Catholics long ago, that the Chief of that village wanted our Evangelists back again. Isn't it wonderful how God answers prayer? The other missionaries who had been at Kisanga Station, and myself, had long been praying for this to happen. I have already sent along two Evangelists, and I am now expecting news of blessing there, for God is faithful.

The way that news of blessing continues to come in from the out-stations shews that God's hand is upon the work here. For this I can assign no other reason than that God is answering the prayers of the dear saints in the homelands. Recently I have received a number of letters from some of God's people, and I have been greatly cheered and encouraged by their repeated assurances of earnest prayer being offered up on behalf of the work here.

Last week I set out to visit a new Evangelist in one of the villages. The journey to and from the village was rather a tough one. Never before had I seen so many tse-tse flies, which seemed just to settle on me like a swarm of bees, and were apparent-

ly so delighted with the quality of my blood, which was evidently very much to their taste, that some of them clung to me until I returned to Kisanga again. While doing my utmost to escape these tse-tse flies on my way to this village, I had the misfortune to cycle over some thorns, and of course the inevitable happened, and I found myself having to walk a good part of the way there, and then after the meeting, I had to tramp the eighteen odd miles back. I felt a wee bit tired on my return, but in spite of this, I felt very happy that I had gone, and found the Lord's work progressing so well.

God continues to bless His work here at Kisanga and also in the little villages in the immediate vicinity. The meetings are very well attended, and I think on Sunday we had a record congregation for the time I have been there. To-day I have had the joy of baptising a further nine believers in water. Thus the work of the Lord continues steadily to grow and prosper, under His rich blessing.

From Dr. Cyril E. Taylor, B.A.
(Ngoi-Mani, Belgian Congo)

WE praise God that recently there has been a most blessed response, and that such a number of older men and women have been coming up to the meetings here in the station, and to the afternoon children's meetings and school that my wife takes. The accommodation has proved insufficient—over a hundred and thirty bright and happy little faces, with sparkling, bright eyes, eagerly crowding around to get in. Pray that this move may be accompanied by a mighty outpouring of the Spirit, and the gathering in of hundreds of dear, precious souls.

Our forces here have been increased since the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Vale from Kasongo Mule. Mr. Vale has charge of about six of the meetings and schools at the nearby out-stations. There has been a terrible epidemic of pneumonia and influenza in the villages around. Our baby, Eustace, started to go down with it, but the Lord stayed it, and now he is running about so merrily again. Quite a few in the mission compound are ill with colds, and my wife is kept very busy poulticing and praying. Our teacher and evangelist "Wombey" is just groaning to-day with the pain in his lungs. Last evening we prayed around his native bed. He has been much used of God, and we are thankful for such a helper whom God has been so pleased to honour and bless. He has a mighty gift of tongues and interpretation.

The devil seeks to assail on every hand and rob us of our best, but the Lord continues to fan the

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fire upon us and around us. We need twenty-five young native men to come forward to help in the work of the ministry, and ten Bible women, sent of God. "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" There are many villages crying out for the gospel and for a teacher and an evangelist, and there are none to send. Please pray for these men and women to come forward for the work of the ministry. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers . . . The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

From Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas
(Mexican Border)

SINCE we last wrote, we have had another baptismal service when we baptised a young man. This, like our first, was held at the edge of the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

The work here is going along steadily. Lately, the younger element of the Mexicans has been trying to disturb our meetings as much as possible, by gathering around the door and windows and making as much noise as possible, and interfering in other ways. It is oftentimes very annoying, as some of these offenders are young men from whom we would expect better, yet we prefer this to a total indifference on their part, as sometimes we are able to induce some of them to come into the church where they sit and listen to the Word. Quite a number of these young men have been in to our meetings.

We hold our open air meetings outside a Pool (or billiard) Hall, where the Mexicans from all around congregate each evening. Time and again we have seen them leave the billiard tables and come out and listen to the singing and the testimonies, and stay right through the meeting. This is a good opportunity for sowing the seed, and we pray that we shall also have a share in the reaping of the harvest.

Last Sunday, a young Mexican Christian and I crossed the border into the neighbouring town, to see if there were any possibility of holding meetings there. We went across before eleven o'clock in the morning, and at that early hour saw numbers of men and women drunk on the streets and in the saloons, these people being for the most part from the American side of the border, some of them coming many miles in their automobiles.

In this town there are dozens of these saloons, in every one of which there is an orchestra and an open space for dancing.

It was a sad sight to see these places thronged with people sitting in little groups around the tables, drinking and smoking—both men and women—and when the orchestra would strike up they would step

out on to the open space and dance to the tune of the music, oftentimes there being so many of them that there was hardly enough room for them to move around. When the orchestra stopped playing the people would return to their seats and continue their drinking and smoking, this went on incessantly. In another large building that we entered, which also was crowded with people, we saw numbers of tables around which were groups of people gambling. At some tables they gambled with the dice, at others with cards, and at others it was roulette.

It was pathetic to watch the faces of the men and women as their money changed hands, and they watched with strained faces the throwing of the dice or the revolving of the disc, and when they saw that they had lost, they would give a little gasp or make some other gesture which shewed their keen disappointment, and which to us shewed how fast they were in the grip of the Evil One.



A BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, with a group of friends, photographed on the beach before a baptismal service.

As we went through the streets, my Mexican companion gave out tracts to the Mexicans, which they willingly received. We gave some also to the Mexican soldiers who were standing outside their barracks. One of the soldiers asked us if we had any more which he could give to the other "boys," so we gave him almost all we had, and when we passed that way a little later we saw them reading these tracts.

The only church in this town is a small Roman Catholic Church. We made inquiries as to whether it was possible to hold meetings there, and were told that we would have to possess a proper building which should be used solely for religious services. We could not even hold meetings in the house of a Christian. It is truly difficult to get the Gospel into Mexico at the present time.

The Holy Spirit—And

Report of an Address by Miss S. A. Duncan

I WANT to speak this afternoon of some things concerning the Holy Spirit. We have heard a good deal about the Holy Spirit the last ten or fifteen years, especially since the Latter Rain outpouring, and many have come under the Spirit's power, and have received what we are calling the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But I must say I believe there has been great loss to Pentecost as it is known throughout the world, and great loss in the personal experience of many, because they have some way got the idea that this baptism of the Holy Ghost is the end of all things, while it is practically only the beginning. Pentecost as far as its reputation in the world is concerned, is suffering because people do not more fully realise God's purpose in this wonderful outpouring.

I want to speak about the "Holy Spirit and . . ." There are many things the Word tells us are to follow or accompany the work of the Spirit. The Scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit *and* service, the Holy Spirit *and* wisdom, the Holy Spirit *and* faith, and numberless other things that should have accompanied the Spirit in His working in our hearts to make this experience fruitful as I believe the Lord intended.

THE first that we would think of perhaps is the Holy Spirit and joy. This is spoken of in Acts xiii. It reads "And the disciples were filled with joy *and* the Holy Ghost." I think those of you who were here when the Spirit was poured out, will remember the Spirit of joy that was manifested. A brother who was present at that time remarked, that although he had been in several other places where the Spirit had fallen, he had never witnessed such a baptism of joy as the Lord gave us here. I shall never forget it, the memory of it makes me praise God. I was speaking of it yesterday to a brother who was here at that time and he said it was the wonderful spirit of joy, and the marvellous singing in the Spirit, that convinced him that it must be from God, and set him seeking, and God met him so speedily afterwards.

I believe that is God's thought concerning Pentecost. You see it was in the beginning a baptism of joy. The Word does say that the disciples "continued day and night in the temple, praising and worshipping God." They just did not want to go home. The reason that the disciples were so wonderfully filled with joy was that the Spirit came after Jesus' ascension. He had gone away into the Heavens, and they were left alone. He had told them something about His going, and that they would have to walk by faith and not by sight, but that they were to go on be-

lieving on Him, though unseen, just as they had done in His presence. He said He was not going to leave them alone, "*orphans*," but they somehow did not understand, and when He went away they were very forlorn, and confused, so when the Spirit came down on that wonderful day He came just as Jesus had said, as the "Comforter." Their sore hearts needed comfort, and while they realised He was a Comforter, the Spirit did His work, in not speaking of Himself but in revealing to them Jesus, and they never felt any more alone, even though Jesus was just as far out of sight as before, but somehow He brought Jesus near and they knew He was not lost or stolen, as some supposed, but living, and had kept His word to them. It was a day of rejoicing. When the Lord baptises us it is a day of rejoicing. Oh! this Pentecost has meant the sinking of a great well in the midst of our being and for ever there is bubbling up a spring of joy in the Holy Ghost, and though it does not always appear on the surface yet we are conscious that it is ever there.

I BELIEVE in order to keep this joy, we must insist on living in the presence of Jesus. Even though He went far away, the Spirit came to reveal Jesus. It was not especially to make us happy but to reveal Jesus and His work. He said "When the Spirit of truth is come he will take of the things of Christ and will shew them unto you." If we would keep this joy, we must live in the presence of Jesus and insist on living a life of praise. When the Devil would come in and make us to reason, or fill us with doubts, we should praise the Lord. When fear sweeps over us, which I believe is one of the special tactics of the Enemy in these days—so many have fear of disease, fear of the future, fear of what may happen, a spirit of fear—nothing will blot it out as quickly as the spirit of praise.

THE HOLY GHOST AND FIRE

THEN there was something else to accompany the Holy Spirit, and that was *fire*. People pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, but the trouble is the idea has been that the fire simply meant the joy, and the noise, and manifestations, but that was only the beginning. The fire that was to accompany the baptism is spoken of by John the Baptist in Luke iii.; "I indeed baptise you with water, but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose. He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

In the next verse he explains to us what that fire is "Whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly



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purge His floor, and will gather the wheat into His garner." There he tells us that the fire which should accompany the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is the fire of suffering, or proving, or trying, or as He says here, "purging." What is it for? It is to purify our faith, our joy, and the new experience we have just entered upon. I believe just here many of God's dear children have made shipwreck. They have received a beautiful baptism, and when God began to add the fire, in various forms of trial, and purging, bringing into their lives things that they never dreamed would come, and it seemed almost that it would consume them, instead of beginning to praise the Lord, and saying "This is the baptism, the fire of the Holy Ghost, recognising the fire as truly as we recognise the joy, they begin to ask: "am I backsliding?" How many have gone through these experiences and lost out! They did not understand that God was going on with His work, and giving the fulness of the baptism, which was to purify and make ready for the garnering. But God has gone on with His process, we should have understood it, it is the same discipline which Jesus went through for thirty years. Jesus full of the Holy Ghost from His birth, never needed any fire for Himself, but for you and me He went through those years of testing and proving.

IN Malachi we read of the necessity of the refiner's fire and fuller's soap. You say "I thought that was all finished," but the Bible says "My thoughts are not your thoughts." The Lord sees we need more fire, and why? "And He shall purify the sons of Levi." Who were the Levites? They were the very ones who under Moses had already been separated unto God. They were not the worst of all, but the best of all. Just after they had separated themselves unto God the word came, "Take the Levites and cleanse them." Because we have said "Yes" to the Lord the word is "Now take them and cleanse them, and purge away everything that belongs to the flesh, and bring them into the fulness of the life in Christ." We have a queer word in Prov. xii. "The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting, but the substance of a diligent man is precious." Now this is telling us about a man who went hunting, and got some game. He took it home and did not roast it, that is, after he got it he did not value it and it simply decayed and gave out nothing but corruption and death. That is exactly what some Pentecostal experiences come to. They have decayed, and given out nothing but death, whereas if they had been "roasted with fire," (God's fire of testing) they would have been good for food and given out life. Every blessing God gives us must be put to the test of fire. It will be in the future, before the Bema or judgment for rewards when our works are to be tested by fire. We might

better have the fire now than when it is too late. Just as soon as you seem to be most honest with the Lord and yielding up everything on the altar, it is just then that the fire begins. What is the altar for? Why do they put the animals on the altar? Not to leave them there to corrupt, but that they should be consumed and offered up as a sacrifice unto the Lord. In the whole burnt offering every part was put on the altar, including the head and inwards. It was a picture of the perfect offering of Christ to God, a sweet savour offering. It also is typical of you and me as we fully surrender everything we have and are to God, putting all on the altar. Then perhaps we think as we have surrendered all to God there will be no fire, but immediately the fire begins. Why of course! As soon as the offering is made, the fire is applied. It also says as soon as the offering began "The song of the Lord began." All the time the offering was burning, the song of the Lord continued. Oh! the Lord is putting us to the test in so many ways. You have your own particular test and I have mine and God is dealing with each one of His children just in the way they need, to mature and perfect them and make them ready for the gathering home. It will be a fire that will last throughout our life and never cease. It says that the fire was never to go out, and I believe that the Lord wants us to be under the baptism of fire until He comes, and in order to endure it we must learn this "song of the Lord. If you are misunderstood, worried, tried, if God seems to put you on the shelf when you thought you had a wonderful ministry before you, and it looks as though your life was just as feeble as before your baptism, see to it that you begin this "song of the Lord" while the offering is being consumed. I am perfectly sure that we all come short in this. We do let our song cease, and we hang our harps on the willows. I believe the fire would not seem half so hot if it was accompanied with the "song of the Lord."

THE HOLY GHOST AND OBEDIENCE

NOW, we have another word—the Holy Ghost and obedience, and I believe the lack of obedience is one of the reasons why the song ceases. In Acts v. 32 we read, "And we are His witnesses of these things, and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him." We have numberless instances in the Bible of the Holy Ghost and obedience working together. I just noticed this morning in connection with Philip and his preaching in Acts viii., he was about his work in a certain place, preaching and having a blessed ministry when suddenly the Spirit said, "I want you to go off to the desert." "And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza which is desert, and he arose and went."



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There are volumes in that He did not say, "Why Lord we are right in the midst of a revival, people are being saved, why should you want me to go somewhere else?" No, not a word, "he arose and went." You know how the Lord worked and blessed his ministry, and then wrought a miracle, lifting him up and giving him that strange ride through the air, long before the days of airplanes. If he had not obeyed he would have missed that wonderful experience. I believe our future growth and blessing hangs upon our obedience.

The Lord put Peter to the same test you remember, in Acts x. There was Cornelius, a heathen, but "devout and feared God," with a hungry heart, praying and fasting, but yet in the dark. The Lord came to his rescue and said, there is a man over there in Joppa who can help you, send for him. God was preparing Peter for this ministry and gave him that wonderful vision of the sheet let down from heaven, full of all manner of animals and creeping things. Peter was puzzling to know what the vision meant. We know now what it meant, but it was not so easy for Peter to see that Pentecost was for everybody. Suddenly there was a knock at the door, and those messengers arrived. God said, "Go down Peter and talk to them." "Behold three men seek thee, arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing." The word "doubting" in the original is "*analysing*"—without analysing. Oh, the Lord would say to us many times, stop reasoning, stop analysing, go when I say go. You know the outcome of Peter's obedience, and how God gave him that wonderful sermon to the Gentiles and the Holy Ghost fell on all that heard, because Peter was obedient, doing what God told him to do. I believe there is much leanness and barrenness in our lives many times because of little acts of disobedience which cause us to lose the blessing.

Then another word—

THE HOLY GHOST AND PRAYER

OH, who can tell the wonders of prayer in the Holy Ghost. We know something of it. A word in Ephesians says "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Praying always, in the Spirit. We forget to count on the Spirit's uprising. I thank Him for some of the things God has taught us, how in the early days God would reveal to us His will and purpose as we prayed.

In the early days, when God shewed us this building, a great big brick barn stood where I now stand, and you are sitting. For seven years we prayed, and this beautiful Tabernacle is here to-day because we prayed. We have never in all these years undertaken any important step without prayer. Sometimes we

have prayed many years before the thing materialised. We have waited on the Lord, until all became clear.

God has in answer to prayer caused to pass through our hands from \$18,000 to \$20,000 yearly, part for the home and part for the foreign work, but all in answer to prayer, when we did not know where it would come from. The Lord has enabled us to carry on business for these years, without a bank account, hardly over more than one hundred dollars in the Bank and that missionary money, ready to be passed on. But we have prayed, and we are here to-day, to continue to pray until our work is finished and God calls us home. If there is anything on earth the devil is contending against, in these days, it is prayer. We find in our own experience that when we gather for an evening to pray, we can sit and talk and plan the work and converse about God and heavenly things even, for any time uninterrupted, but the moment we say, Now we must begin to pray, the 'phone will ring or the door bell will ring and some one will call, or a dozen things will seem to happen at once to hinder prayer. O yes, Satan is willing you shall talk, but he is not willing you shall pray. O, who can estimate the wonders of a prayer life!

It is through the Holy Ghost and prayer that blessing is to come before God's wrath is turned upon the world in judgment. I believe we are living in the hours referred to in the second chapter of Joel. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain for the day of the Lord cometh for it is nigh at hand." The day has come when God would have an alarm sounded, and unless we measure up along these lines we will not be ready when the Lord comes. O that one voice might be heard ascending from the four corners of the earth, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Such a united cry would hasten on the day of His appearing, when this groaning earth will come into the deliverance foretold by the prophets, and preached by the apostles, and the kingdoms of this world would become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ! Hallelujah! Pray on!—Trust.

The supreme opportunity of every man must be a spiritual opportunity. The deepest needs in the world are spiritual needs. The most powerful forces in the world are spiritual forces. The only permanent values in the world are spiritual values. Every one of us is facing *inevitable and eternal bankruptcy* except as we invest our lives and our treasures in something spiritual. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth," where you must give them up in a little while, but lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where you can enjoy them forever.

Fervent Foursquare Convention Crowds

BLESSING AT BELFAST.

AN Ulster Easter, the air filled with the song of the lark, the flowers blooming by the wayside, and the weather charming. All loyal supporters of Elim, throughout Ulster, had been called to meet with the King in His banqueting house—the beautiful new Tabernacle erected just opposite the Ormeau Park.

Nature lent her aid to make our convention complete, for the Park opposite was lovely in verdant green. But the song of the lark vibrating through the azure, was not so sweet as the song of the redeemed which echoed from the hundreds within our Elim Tabernacle.

The speakers were ministers of the Elim Alliance, and others who came from various parts of Ulster. The Convener was Pastor R. Mercer, assisted by Pastor F. Farlow.

Truly the anointing of the Lord was upon everyone who ministered the Word. Indeed, we were led from glory to glory as the Convention proceeded. Messages on the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, on His glorious resurrection, on the overwhelming shower of glory in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, blended in such fashion as to captivate the hearts of everyone.

The message of good cheer from all the saints at the Royal Albert Hall, London, was received with shouts of praise and thanksgiving, and was heartily reciprocated by everyone present. But the message returned over the wires to the Royal Albert Hall was small indeed compared to the one sent over the wireless to the Royal Throne of God, that His blessing might mightily descend upon our brethren gathered in London's famous edifice.

At the Monday afternoon service the curtains were drawn aside and the beautiful baptistry was revealed, into which there stepped 59 redeemed saints, to signify their death and resurrection with Christ Jesus, Pastor J. Smith officiating. On Tuesday afternoon the large platform was cleared, and the sick and the suffering were invited to come forward. The Lord did not withhold His healing hand and aches and pains disappeared in the Name of the Lord. One lady, too ill to attend at the Tabernacle, with blood poison in both legs, was prayed for at Sunday night's meeting. The Lord completely delivered her, and she resumed business on Wednesday morning without a trace of illness. Hallelujah!

The convention closed on Thursday night, with much praise and thanksgiving to God for His bounty, many emphatically declaring it was the best convention they had ever attended.

EASTER AT EAST HAM.

ON Good Friday morning, the omnibuses and tramcars converging on East Ham from Barking, Ilford, Canning Town, and other parts, contained groups of happy looking folks, all wanting to be set down at Kimberley Avenue. There, the groups grew greater in number, and made for their rendezvous, the Elim Tabernacle, in Central Park Road.

The Tabernacle was opened just over a year ago by Pastor George Jeffreys, but a lot of internal work remained to be done, and this has been accomplished by Pastor R. Tweed and his band of loyal workers who have laboured so that the saints would be able to worship in greater comfort. We are most grateful for their sacrifice of time, labour, and money, in making the East Ham Tabernacle what it is to-day.

Before the morning service commenced our brothers and sisters from other assemblies exchanged greetings and experiences. They were delighted to meet so many whom they first met when the Foursquare Gospel was brought to this district over two years ago. What progress! What blessing! Praise God!

Evangelist J. McWhirter, fresh from the campaigns in the North, took charge. As the meeting went on, the power of God was visibly moving the great congregation. Pastor Black-

man of Bournemouth ministered the Word, and powerfully portrayed the meaning of Calvary and the privileges with which the shedding of the blood of our Saviour has endowed us. In the afternoon Pastor Roderick from Pontypridd, and Pastor Pinch from Coulsdon, preached to a congregation which filled the Tabernacle.

Long before the Friday evening service commenced, it was obvious that the accommodation of the Tabernacle would be taxed to the uttermost. Many had to remain standing at the back of the building. Pastor and Mrs. George Kingston who came to us straight from the Convention being held at Clapham, gave us a great spiritual uplift.

At the Baptismal Service held on Saturday afternoon, thirty-three followed their Master through the waters. On Saturday evening, Pastor Corry gave an inspiring address and Mr. L. Bell, from Wales sang the Gospel, he sang again on Easter Sunday evening, much to the enjoyment of those present at both services.

At the concluding service on Easter Sunday, Evangelist J. McWhirter spoke with great power and freedom on "The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

We all felt that we had been to a great spiritual feast of fat things. It was a season of sweet fellowship with the saints, and if He tarries, we look forward to still greater times, which we feel sure are in store for us.

THE CONVENTION AT CLAPHAM.

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

OUR Easter Convention was opened on Good Friday by Pastor Darragh. We are always delighted to welcome him at Park Crescent, because he endeared himself to us during the time when the Church was in its infancy. Together with his colleague (then Miss Adams), and at first with the help of Pastor George Jeffreys, they nursed it until it grew strong and beautiful.

The speakers on Good Friday included Pastor and Mrs. George Kingston, the joint-founders of the Elim work at Leigh-on-Sea, Hadleigh and Rayleigh, a work which is spreading and growing like a cedar of Lebanon. Mrs. Kingston spoke on the work of Pentecost and "The Return of the Ark" in II Samuel vi. Pastor Kingston spoke on the Foundation Truths enumerated in Hebrews vi. 1. It is the glory of Elim that none of these are despised or neglected, for Elim's Foursquare Gospel is pre-eminently fundamentalist neglecting none of the ordinances of God. This is indeed the great secret of success, and has brought about such phenomenal increase, that the world holds its breath with astonishment.

Pastor Pinch of Coulsdon, one of the College instructors, sketched in masterly fashion the Christian life as outlined in Numbers x. 14-28.

Another speaker, with whose cheering presence we are becoming familiar, and more and more appreciating every time we hear, is Pastor Corry. We have never met anyone so thoroughly versed and grounded in the truths of Holy Writ. He delivers the deepest truths in a most attractive, easy, and dramatic manner. He is often able to illustrate points in his discourse by his own extensive travels, and world-wide experience. We have been greatly privileged, and benefited, for all his teaching and preaching is in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Pastor Corry's lectures at Elm Woodlands to visitors and others during Easter week, have been crowned with abundant success, and these "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," will be remembered with gratitude as red-letter days by all who were privileged to be present.

On Saturday there was a baptismal service at which about twenty were immersed, among whom were two converts from Catholicism. M. and Mme. Eugene Vanhemelryck, which name means "Well-born Son of the Kingdom of Heaven."

There was also a Jewish lady among those baptised. Her testimony had been put in the simple question: "How could I refuse to believe in Jesus of Nazareth, when I saw the signs and wonders which are done in His Name?"

On Easter Sunday we were cheered and honoured by the presence of Pastor George Jeffreys. Pastor Roderick gave a discourse on "More than Conquerors." He quoted from Billy Bray: "Live up to your privileges, and your feet will never touch the earth."

In the evening Pastor Boulton presided, and Pastors Roderick and Corry were the speakers. The substance of their discourse was that there was a new perfect life for everyone, springing up from the fountain, and running over in rivers of living water. This life is hid with Christ in God, so that Satan cannot touch it. There is an abundant supply of every good thing in Christ for me. About twenty came for healing, and several testified to an immediate change, an influx of new life.

Ground Gained by Foursquare Forces

Many Souls Saved—Two New Crusader Branches Formed
Great Baptismal Service at Bournemouth—Campaign Results are Lasting

Pastor F. E. H. Trevor is now at Southampton. Pastor W. A. Nolan is at Rochester. Pastor and Miss Henderson at Grimsby, Mr. Morgan at Springbourne, Bournemouth, and Mr. Pinchbeck at Rayleigh.

Prayer is asked for missions being conducted at Forest Gate by Mr. J. E. Goreham and at Watford by Mr. J. McAvoy.

Megaberry. Much blessing rested on the special fortnight's mission recently conducted by Pastor J. Smith (Belfast) at Megaberry.

Glasgow. The revival is still spreading in this district. The arm of the Lord is made bare in saving and healing. Pastor G. T. Fletcher is in charge.

Carlisle. Showers of blessing continue to fall on the work at Carlisle where Pastor H. A. Court is in charge. Sixteen converts in one week were recently reported.

Springbourne, Bournemouth. A baptismal service was conducted by Pastor F. E. H. Trevor on Tuesday, May 10th, when sixty-two candidates were baptised in water.

Plymouth. The assembly here is rejoicing in what God is doing in the midst. The Bible Studies given by Pastor P. LeFassier are attended by large numbers, and are the means of much blessing. Souls are continually being saved, and on a recent Sunday night eight made the great decision.

Clapham. Much blessing rested on the work at Clapham during the visit of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton, who has now returned to Hull. The meetings are at present being conducted by Pastor P. N. Corry, and the ministry of the Word is greatly appreciated.

Exmouth, Devon. Pastor W. J. Jeffreys was present at the Easter Convention from April 12th to 19th. The Lord was in the midst and the hearts of all rang with heavenly joy. At the closing service, fifteen believers were baptised in water and Mr. Walter E. G. Pomroy was ordained Pastor of the assembly.

Boscastle, Cornwall. A five days' campaign was recently conducted at Boscastle by Pastor A. Robins. The meetings were well attended and on the last night the hall was packed and a number were turned away. These, the first Foursquare Gospel meetings in the district, have been the means of real spiritual uplift in the town.

Leeds. Only God can measure the extension of His Kingdom in Leeds and district as the outcome of the recent Revival and Healing Campaign conducted here by Pastor George Jeffreys and his staff. Reports are constantly coming in of those who received a new spiritual outlook, a new conception of the atonement, and a new personal contact with the Lord of Life. Evidently many who came up for anointing during the mission "began to be healed that selfsame hour," and have since been making steady progress towards recovery. It was impossible for the Mount Tabor Church to resume its normal life, so Pastor Jewitt and his helpers are following up the

campaign with a series of Sunday evening services in the Leeds Albert Hall, attended by 1,500 people. Pastor E. C. W. Boulton and others are rendering very precious aid in this new work, and souls are being saved and bodies are being healed to the glory of the Father. A Crusaders' band, nearly 200 strong on fire with missionary zeal has been organised, and has already taken the field. The issues of this great movement are in God's hands. The possibilities are tremendous, the responsibilities are very, very great, and the prayers of the saints are asked that the whole desire and purpose of the Master may be unfolded and worked out to the honour of His great Name.

Glasgow and District Crusaders. An enrolment service of this new branch of Elm Crusaders, conducted by Pastor Gilbert Fletcher, took place in the Liberal Club Hall, Paisley, on Friday evening April 29th. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and it was indeed an inspiring sight to see about two hundred and thirty young men and women take such a noble stand for the Foursquare Gospel. Pastor Fletcher asked all those who had given themselves wholly to the Lord's service, to stand—they all stood. Looking round the large congregation, one could see many of the older Christians deeply moved. We praise God for raising up such a band of youth for His glory, and look for much fruit from this corner of His vineyard.

Hull Crusaders. The Elm Crusaders in Hull have just held a very successful and encouraging Anniversary week-end. The meetings exceeded expectations, and resulted in no little blessing to those who were privileged to be present. The Sunday evening service was particularly good—it was a real Foursquare Gospel festival in the truest sense of the term. A spirit of joyous and infectious freedom pervaded the whole service. Again and again one felt oneself being caught and carried in the strong current of enthusiasm which flowed in the midst. From commencement to close, the meeting throbbed with holy life and power. It was well nigh impossible to regard that band of ardent and devoted young people without being moved to deep thankfulness to God for the work which, it was evident, He had wrought in their lives. Their glowing faces spoke of the fire that burned within, and gave to many an older and more mature disciple of Christ, an added impetus to consecrated service for the Master. Their singing, so full of heartiness and harmony, stirred the congregation to warm response, and many a fervent 'hallelujah' revealed the cordial appreciation of those who packed the Elm Hall on this happy occasion. What great things these young lives promise! What glorious hopes they arouse! So completely set free from the world-bonds which once held them, and now so utterly out and out for Jesus. Then to listen to their Gospel addresses, so brimful of penetrating and pressing appeal. The recent Anniversary services certainly augur well for the future of Crusaderism in Hull. God grant this glorious campaign may spread far and wide throughout our land, and that hundreds of thousands of young lives may be enlisted beneath its crimson standard in the days to come.

Pastor William Jeffreys at Herne Bay

MANY of the saints at Herne Bay, Kent, will thank God for the recent visit of Pastor W. Jeffreys, who was sent in answer to many prayers of long standing. For some time past the little band of saints has felt the need of a real Foursquare witness in this town, and although the Evangelist was only able to stay for eight days, many wonderful things were accomplished in the mighty name of Jesus.

At the opening service the Lord confirmed His word with signs following. Five souls surrendered their lives to the Master, and a remarkable case of healing took place. A dear sister, one of the five to be saved, was suffering with a broken leader of the leg, she came in a bath chair and could hardly stand, let alone walk, but after prayer was administered in the Name of Jesus she rose up and walked, and pushed her bathchair home in front of her. Glory to Jesus! This remarkable case has baffled the doctor. She has a bright testimony, and is living for Jesus.

Many others received the healing touch of the Lord. They are too numerous to mention, but we praise God for seeing the blind receiving sight, the deaf hearing, the lame walking, and all manner of sickness healed. During the eight days of our dear brother's ministry, forty confessed the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour. Praise Him! On the last evening of the campaign, a large number gathered to bid the Pastor farewell as he was leaving for Wales. At this service Mr. W. Horton was set apart as Pastor in charge of the flock.

The following report is from the local press—

A WEEK OF "MIRACLES" IN HERNE BAY.

Blind Woman Declared to Have Had Her Sight Restored.

What is there in it? Are these men and their methods genuine? Do they accomplish what they claim to be capable of—or rather, are they actually, as they claim to be, vessels through whom God works?

These were some of my queries when I attended the first service of the revival and divine healing campaign this week at "Bohemia," Herne Bay, which Pastor W. Jeffreys, of Wales, is conducting.

Commencing on Tuesday, and continuing on Wednesday and Thursday, twice daily, afternoon and evening, services have been held.

I attended the service with a completely open mind. I went to gain first-hand impressions of the men, their beliefs, their achievements.

The first service, held on Tuesday afternoon, attracted some sixty folk. As a result of this service two people were converted and a lady who came in a bath chair, left, able to walk, and pushing the bath chair. She is Mrs. Russell, Clarence House, Clarence Road, Herne Bay.

On Wednesday afternoon the congregation of 60 had swelled to 150. Pastor Jeffreys appealed earnestly to the congregation to give their hearts to the Lord.

Then came the divine healing—a simplicity itself. The congregation prayed and chanted. And in the front of a praying, chanting, exclamatory congregation, Pastor Jeffreys tended the sick, sitting in the seats at the front.

He first dealt with a grey-haired old lady—blind! She was asked to remove her hat. Then on her eyes Pastor Jeffreys laid his hands, praying earnestly the while. He anointed her, and the lady declared she had recovered her sight. Running her arms up and down the Pastor, she wondering exclaimed, "That is your collar! That is your nose! You now have three fingers up!—now two!"

Another lady recovered the use of her feet. The congregation prayed on, chanting on—many were silently weeping. Another lady's eyesight was improved. A man and a tiny baby were tended.

On Tuesday afternoon the Rev. F. C. Bryan, M.A., Baptist Minister at Herne Bay, was an interested member of the congregation.

He was there for much the same reason as the writer. What was in it? He wondered.

I asked Mr. Bryan what he thought of it. "To be perfectly frank, I do not know what to think," he replied. "I believe they are curing people, are delivering the goods,—well, argument against them does not count for much."

"Step Inside"

SUCH was the invitation given to an old man who had almost reached the allotted span, and at his extreme age had listened often to the pleadings of God's Spirit in connection with his eternal soul's welfare. With tears in his eyes, he would admit that he was a sinner, also said he was convinced that nothing but the sacrifice of God's Son could meet his case. Yet he did not feel that he could apply it with assurance. His feelings barred the way to his getting the peace with God which is the result of believing.

"Delivered for our offences," "Raised again for our justification," "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ." How beautifully clear and simple! See Romans iv 25 and Romans v and i. Delivered for me. Raised for me. Then my acceptance of that fact brings peace with God, and ever reminds our souls of the One, "the Lord Jesus," through whom this blessing comes. Now as time wore on, this old man would always repeat the same old wail: "I want it! But I do not feel it! I do not feel it!" How many there are just in old H's condition of soul. Looking inside to feel something, when God's terms of salvation are heard, and believe. See John v 24. Hearing, believing, having. Can anything be more simple? Not one word about H's trouble, "Feelings." No, God speaks in His word. I believe what He says, and the result is, peace with God. So, after much crying to God, for the light of His love to dawn into his soul, he graciously heard, and removed the

hindrance, and old H is now at peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. As it may be of interest to others in this condition of soul, I just pass on the confession of the dear old man, whose face shone with the new life God had placed within him, and with lips now able to express his thanks to God, he said: "I have now stepped inside." He had been, as it were, for some time (according to his own confession "admitting his need," and the remedy Christ) as standing on the mat outside the door. He saw with new eyes the invitation, "Come inside," and until he made that all important step out of self and "feelings," into Christ, he was still outside. Then his confession came on the enquiry the following Lord's Day afternoon, "How is it now?" The bright, smiling face of the dear soul, now delivered from his fears, doubts, and feelings, said: "Oh, I'm right now, for I have 'stepped inside'."

Dear reader, this is a true report of what happened in dear old H's case, and the point is this, for your consideration. You are either outside the door, with the wrath of God upon your head (John iii 36), or you are inside, safe as Noah was when he heard God's voice say "Come inside," and there alone in that ark was immunity from God's wrath and judgment. Agam, dear reader, we entreat you, in your own interests, not to stop on the 'mat outside,' but take God's offer personally. Fit it to your own case, and step inside (Genesis vii 1).