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John X.  
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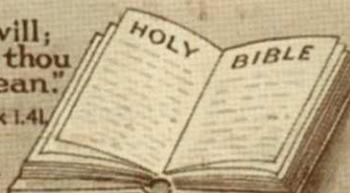
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"I  
will  
come  
again."

John XIV. 3.

BAPTISER

"I will;  
be thou  
clean."  
Mark I. 41.



"I will  
send Him  
(the Comforter)  
unto you."  
John XVI. 7.

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# Foursquare Heralds in Foreign Fields

## Tidings of Gospel Progress from Japan, Africa and India

### JAPAN

**T**HE first news of our sister, Miss W F M Hoskins, is to hand from Kobe, Japan, in a vivid narration of her first impressions of the Land of the Rising Sun, as follows

Praise God for a safe journey and a warm welcome on the Kobe harbour. Sister Taylor and another sister were there, and a number of the dear Japanese, with two drums and other instruments, singing the songs of Sion. It did my heart good to see them. I arrived on Sunday, February 22nd, and in the evening went to the little mission. It was wonderful to see how

### GOD IS WORKING

in the lives of the Japanese and pouring out His Holy Spirit. I began my language study on Monday. I have a very good teacher (a Christian Japanese lady). I have started with the characters, so you will know I am kept busy.

You may wonder what my impressions were as I drew near to Japan. Words fail to express the praise in my soul to the One who had led me 12,000 miles over the mighty ocean, to preach the glorious Gospel—yes, through the same Red Sea that was rolled back by the mighty hand of our God. My heart was full of praise to God as I was coming through the Inland Sea of Japan. For miles and miles there was nothing but hundreds of islands. Yes, "the islands shall hear His voice."

Standing on deck I sighted Kobe. God had truly gone before me and prepared many hearts. As the boat neared the quay-side I could hear the songs of Sion to welcome me. I was greeted warmly by dear Sister Taylor and her workers, while they sang from full hearts, "Glory to God, Hallelujah"—a never-to-be-forgotten memory. At last my eyes were beholding the land of His choice for me and the people that He had shewn me in the first days of my calling from Him.

### HERE WAS A COMPANY

of them whose hearts have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, and now, "Singing they go along life's road—for Jesus has lifted their load."

You say, "Tell us a little of what Japan is like." My answer is—"If you are looking for the beauties of Nature, I would say there are the towering, snow-clad mountains and beautiful trees, and the splashing of the sea against the jagged rocks along the coast, if you are looking for man's achievements in the industrial world, I should say this Far Eastern land is becoming just westernised, but if you are looking for the most beautiful, most wonderful and inspiring thing on earth, just come with me to our little Door of Hope Mission, here in dark Japan, and see a soul, once bound by sin and superstition, with the deep marks of the results of sin upon the very countenance, broken and bruised in body, bow before the Lord of heaven and earth, Calvary's

stream flowing over them, and the vessel that was matted re-made—Oh, Hallelujah, what a Saviour! This soul bursts forth into new life, free from the galling fetters of sin and vice unspeakable, with all the enemy's powers broken and his plan frustrated—all through the power of the precious Blood, and the preaching of the Gospel.

Japan as a nation has gone ahead with leaps and



### THE REPAST OF WELCOME

Miss Hoskins (centre front), Mrs. M. Taylor (Head of Associate Mission, next right), and Japanese Christians

bounds, and because of her high culture and achievements is forgotten to be still.

### A LAND OF SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

Yes, indeed it is a "midnight land," and beneath the cloak of all its Buddhism it is a seething pot of iniquity, where flesh and blood is offered day and night for sacrifice upon the altar of lust and passion. Oh, this land of broken hearts and bodies, this land upon which the judgments of God have fallen more than any other land, and swept away thousands by earthquakes, yet God is calling out a people from among them, to be His in that great day. They are truly the "treasures of darkness" (Isaiah xlv. 3), which God had told me of, but "they shall know from the rising of the sun that He is the Lord." I see now why God burdened me especially for the women of this land. Kobe has already become a place of revelation from God to my soul.

I shall soon have been here a fortnight, and although I can only speak a little in Japanese, God blessed my testimony and talk to them, so that the first week after my arrival, three precious souls were saved and another baptised in the Holy Ghost—no surface work, but deep down the probing went.

The dear Japanese are so pleased to know their photographs will be sent to you all in England. They are so glad I have come over to help them, and many of them have made little Japanese feasts to welcome

me in their midst, one presenting me with the best and fattest family fowl, I am so happy to be here for Jesus' sake and the Gospel's. Please pray with us for

### A LARGER MISSION HALL

in the crowded part of the city. In the open-air meetings, the hungry crowds stand as long as we have the Bread of Life to give them, but we need a place amongst them, in which they could gather together.

I do thank all the dear ones in Elim who wrote such loving, comforting letters to me, the promises were such a help. My prayer is that God will richly bless you as you take this great land upon your hearts and pray for us. Somehow I do not feel so far away from you all, it is so precious to know, "There is a place where spirits blend," and our Japanese house is where "prayer is wont to be made." "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

Yours for the extension of His Kingdom,  
VIOLET W. M. HOSKINS

### AFRICA

Our beloved friends, Pastor and Mrs. Hubert Phillips, labouring at Nelspruit, Transvaal, also send us welcome tidings of our Lord's working with them, and of the readiness of the negro populations around them to receive His message. They write

We have recently finished our yearly Bible study week with our evangelists and teachers, and have had a really blessed time around the Word of God and before the throne of grace. Our topics were "Revival," and "The Work of the Holy Ghost." In the evenings the evangelists preached the Word.

I am glad to say several found the Lord, backsliders returned, differences were put right. One night a man with a demon suddenly cried out, and came crying and half dancing up to the front. He threw over a table and form, and when one of our workers, a big fellow, went up to hold him, he was simply swung out of the way, retiring as gracefully as possible. All the womenfolk immediately went helter-skelter to the back of the church, climbing over the forms. However, amid all the noise the Name of Jesus proved to be greater than the powers of hell, and the demon went out. Next morning the man said that he felt as if he had got a new body.

Last month we started regular services at Karino, and though we have a church building there we have no one available to take over the work at present. The people are simply

### IMPLORING US FOR A SCHOOL

This month we have sent an evangelist to start amongst the people at Koedoeshoek. The first time I went to see them they had already collected some money to build a church, and I am glad to say that within a few weeks we were enabled to send a preacher.

Quite near here there is a group of people, but as the river divides us, they cannot get to the meetings. One old woman was very logical, she said, "If the Great One is with you, He can surely give you

strength to get a boat so that we can come to church."

Thank God the "Great One" is with us! Our hearts have been much encouraged of late to see His workings.

With greetings from all here,

HUBERT AND JEAN PHILLIPS

### INDIA

True evidences of Foursquare revival are also hand from our sisters Miss Marion Ewens and Miss M. Paint, who write as follows.

We have had a wonderful time in Calcutta this week-end. Miss Paint left Monghyr for Calcutta on Friday, but I could not go with her, as a widow we are interested in had promised to come out on Saturday morning, however, she did not come, so I went off by the night train to Calcutta, arriving at seven a.m. Mr and Mrs Edwards had arranged for us to take two meetings, morning and evening, praying for the sick after each meeting.

This little body of believers in Calcutta had started a church of their own. They had freely spoken of their disappointment with missionaries generally to Mr and Mrs Edwards, and we wondered how they could ask us to speak to them! However, my personal experience of working in India before and after my Baptism, helped by the melting power of the Spirit of God, moved them to receive us both with a hearty welcome, and at the close they asked if we would stay longer and teach them more. Mr Mundel, their leader, said, "You two have done in one day what the professional missionary could not accomplish in seventy years." He is a very influential Bengali of that part of Calcutta, and all the others present were also.

### WELL-TO-DO BENGALIS.

They were just lovely people, and there was such a spirit of oneness right from the morning meeting. Miss Paint led and spoke, but they sang all Bengali hymns, and we, poor things, had to keep quiet and smile, as our language is Hindi.

The Lord gave Miss Paint liberty, and the people were listening with open mouths and hearts, after this I asked if there were any who would like us to pray for them, and gave a few words of explanation, saying that God was not only willing, but actually present in the midst to heal, when almost all said they wanted to be prayed for. I thought they had better remain in their seats—it was just a room—and we would go to them. Mr Edwards came round and helped me, but it was astonishing how the number kept increasing, every corner was occupied, and people standing at the door before we were through. Glory! Hallelujah! I just knew some were healed, though I did not ask for testimonies right away. The best testimony to their having received blessing, lay in the fact that after feeding us with Bengali sweets, they took us off in a carriage to visit some bedridden cases—all sorts of diseases, whole families were sick.

We had left home at 8.30 a.m., and did not return till 1.30 p.m., tired, hot, and happy! It is

quite hot in Calcutta, whereas it is still quite cold in Monghyr, so it was a sudden change for us

The evening service was at another Bengali Christian's house, and every nook and corner was occupied. I got them to remove the professional table placed in front of me, to allow more space for some to sit on mats on the floor. It was an interested audience, they asked me to choose hymns from the *Ancient and Modern* hymnbook, we sang just two, and when I heard how well they sang, I said I must teach them some of

**OUR ELIM CHORUSES.**

It was great the way they got hold of them—"Speak, my Lord," "Name, Name," "Just the same", there was such a melting spirit upon all, and they just seemed to drink it all in, as though they had never heard the like before. I spoke from John v, on the man healed at Bethesda. Afterwards I asked any who had received a touch of healing at the morning meeting to testify. Mr Mundel rose to his feet and said, "When hands were laid on me in the morning, I felt better straight away. I have had much joy all day long, a joy that remaineth, I never knew anything like it before." Tears of joy ran down his face. We were all laughing with joy at what the Lord was doing and had done. Then one or two others testified to partial healing. We could hardly tear ourselves away, and were it not that they had planned to take us out on more sick visiting, we would have stayed longer. We were taken to a woman with heart trouble, who had not been able to sleep lying down for months. Before we had finished praying with her, we found others crowding in. A mother sick with malaria, her baby covered with boils, and the father a physical wreck. We pushed our way out of the small bedroom to find the verandah full of sick folk.

There was a box there, so I just sat on it for a little rest, when one and another came and sat by me to be prayed for. We all prayed on for one after another. They would tell us what they were suffering from (Indian fashion), so as long as they were

brief, I let it be. Then a boy of about twelve years of age was pushed forward "He is insane," they said "All right, I said. While Mr Edwards and I were praying for him, I distinctly felt something move, and go out of his body. Though I said nothing at the time, I knew

**SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED.**

Case after case we prayed for, and then finally told them to read their Bibles and to pray one for the other, until they were all healed. With this we left and returned home at ten p.m. (not late for England, but late for India). What a day!—it was wonderful. Mr Mundel came the next day at four p.m. for a tarrying meeting. He did not receive, but I would not have been surprised if he had. He is in for everything. As it happened, the English mail came in just on Sunday afternoon, and with it some *Elim Evangel*, Campaign Double Number, so we gave them away.

Mr Mundell said "A man with consumption prayed for in the morning has not had any cough or hemorrhage since that moment." Then he went on to say that the woman with a bad heart who could not lie down, was able last night to lie down, and slept all night. He added that the insane boy got up this morning, and of his own accord took his Bengali Bible and read it, that does not sound like an insane boy, does it? Mr Mundel wanted us to stay, but of course it was out of the question, anyhow at the present. I did promise that if he could arrange a revival and healing campaign later on, I would gladly come for it. He is going to see if he can get the hire of a Congregational church, and if he gets it—well, the end is not yet, praise the Lord.

MARION EWENS

M PAINT

Let us continue to bear up before God all these loved labourers and their fellow-workers for His cause in the distant lands, till our Lord come to reward all His servants—C H C

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We are giving a prize every month for the best answers

In order to interest our children in the study of their Bibles and improve their knowledge of the Scriptures we are inserting a Bible Puzzle every week under this heading

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Or, if you like, you can draw the squares on the back of a postcard with a ruler, marking out the blank ones with a diagonal cross X. Put on your name and address, and post as above.

Solutions should arrive by first post, Monday, May 18th.

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**CLUES DOWN.**

- 1 The Deity
- 3 Preposition
- 5 Definite article
- 6 Preposition
- 8 The third Person in the Trinity
- 9 Plural indicative of the verb "to be"
- 11 What we become in God's family when born again (Gal iv 6)

**CLUES ACROSS.**

- 1 The Deity
- 2 Conjunction
- 4 Preposition
- 5 Third person nominative plural
- 7 What Christians desire that they be done to by the Spirit of God (Gal v 18)
- 9 Plural indicative of the verb "to be"
- 10 Conjunction
- 12 Describes those who go in the broad way of this world (Matt vii 13)
- 13 Definite article

**Answer for May 1st Puzzle:** "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Rom viii 26)

**Correct solutions were received from the following:** Evelyn Bickell, Stella Cliff, Walter Elcock, A Green, George Helling, Joan Hill, Margaret Howard, Mary Hurst, Doris V Isaacs, Daphne Keyno, Stella Lawoon, J K McGillivray, Barbara Mappin, Winifred Moon, Arthur G North, Mary Noble, Hubert Phillips, Frances Rapkins, Elsie Welbourne, Marjorie Wiltshire

Meditations for Quiet Moments.

# Willing Thralls

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

*But now . . . you have become thralls to God — ROMANS v. 22, 4 S Way*

**P**ETER tells us in his second epistle that "a man is the slave of any one by whom he has been worsted in fight." Many of us—like Saul of Tarsus—fought against Christ in the old days, we struggled for supremacy, seeking to establish the sovereignty of self. But at last we found

**OUR RESISTANCE BROKEN**

down—stronghold after stronghold fell before the omnipotent love of God, until eventually the central citadel of our being capitulated to Christ, we surrendered to Him the keys of the kingdom of life, and tendered Him the sword of rebellion. We discovered that Divine love is the mightiest dynamic in the world.

And so we have become "thralls to God" by reason and right of conquest. We are no longer our own, the ownership of life has been transferred to another, we are now vassals of a more glorious Master, bondslaves of a more worthy monarch.

And as we have borne the marks of our former suzerain, self and sin, so now we carry the insignia of a new service, we wear the badge which identifies us as sons of God. The Spirit has stamped life with a new nobleness—invested it with a moral and spiritual virtue which distinguishes it as the possession of Christ.

The arms which once were carried in proud opposition to God are now converted to His use. Beneath His banner we now fight, going into battle with the war-cry, "The world for Christ, and Christ for the world," fired with the dominant ambition to

**EXTEND THE FRONTIERS**

of this Kingdom Church, and hasten the hour when all shall bow the knee and acknowledge Him as Lord of all.

Blessed, holy thralldom that makes me a prisoner to purity, a captive of the Cross; that brings me into eternal alliance with Him Himself, that strips me of my self-sufficiency, and cast me wholly upon the exhaustless One

Love delights the slave to be  
Of Him who died upon the Tree,  
We loved Him then at Calvary,  
We love Him now we do not see,  
And shall through all eternity

Of Francis of Assisi it is recorded that he was "a lover of God." This accounted for the glowing zeal, the undying devotion, and the unwearying service which glorified his whole life. Thus we see that the authority which Christ exerts and establishes over the life He has redeemed is that of love. In one of Dr. Stuart Holden's books reference is made to a character, "a self-willed girl, whose life

had become enriched and beautified by a pure love. In explanation of the power which her hero possessed over her, she said, "Well, you see, I love him and so he can do anything he likes with me." Is this not a faint likeness of that higher and holier bondage which our heavenly Hero and Lover has brought us into? His great love demands

**UTMOST SURRENDER;**

and perfect love casts out all fear, all reserve is taken out of the response which we give, our abandonment to His will is perfect and complete. Love delights to renounce its liberty, and yield to the law which governs its life. This life is only possible to those who know the reign of love—the fetters of obedience would prove irksome and painful to the spirit of any but those whose wills have been yielded entirely to God. The pathway would be far too difficult for other feet. True spiritual conquest can only be realised by those who are prepared to submit to this love-thralldom.

How little we realise all that this supreme servitude to the Divine would accomplish in us and make possible through us. Ignatius Loyola once cried, "Give me twelve men wholly surrendered to God, and I will convert the world with them." Somewhat extravagant words to use, and yet containing a great truth. The possibilities of life utterly God-possessed are tremendous—in fact they are only limited by the will of God. What God can do with life which He controls is occasionally seen in the ministry of those who have thus yielded. For example, "Hudson Taylor, one Sunday morning, whilst walking along the seashore at Brighton, heard

**THE INNER VOICE,**

which he knew so well, say to him 'Hudson Taylor, I am going to evangelise Inland China, and if you will walk with Me, I will do it through you.' " What God wrought through this consecrated channel forms one of the most thrilling stories of missionary achievement in modern times. Like others who have willed themselves unreservedly and irrevocably to God, Hudson Taylor proved how much the Divine hand can accomplish in one life and ministry.

Let us never forget that if we give ourselves to God in this wholehearted manner, God gives Himself back to us in fullest measure. It is only as we let ourselves go—literally throw ourselves upon God's will—that He can meet us in floodtide fullness, and only thus and then can we prove the exhilarating and exultant joy of being utterly lost in God,—carried captive in the Spirit to the heights and depths of Divine impartation and impregnation. As long as we so tenaciously cling to our own tiny resources, so long shall we remain but ankle-deep in spiritual experience. So many are content to wade, when God's plan is that we should swim.

Yes, all is mine, I'll use it all,  
The grand, the fair, the soft, the strong,  
To nerve my force for His blest thrall  
To whom I, having all, belong

O Master and Lover Divine, take possession of this vessel of fragile clay, filling it with the unpriced treasures of Thy grace and love Let my whole life be transfigured and transformed by

#### THY INDWELLING GLORY.

Make every outlet of my being a means of out-pouring to the thirsting and tempted that lie all around my path. Take and till my heart, until it is prepared to be sown with the choice seeds of the Spirit—make it bring forth plentifully, yielding a harvest that shall fully satisfy Thee Impress upon the softened and sensitive film of my soul the image

of Thyself Let it be like inwrought gold, deep and indelible, that will outlive the passing years, remaining untarnished and unfading

Blessed Hope and Home of my life, lead me into more of the sweet mysteries of Love's dominion. Thou who art the central Source of heavenly fire, so unite me with Thyself that life shall burn with unquenchable flame Break forth within me in fresh fountains of praise. Carry me beyond "the strange and tangled maze" of my own reasonings, to the shoreless deep of Thine own Word and will Hide me in the pavilion of Thy presence Keep me as the apple of Thine eye Let me walk in the undimmed light of Thy countenance Let me but know the joy

To follow, knowing not the way,  
If Thou shalt call, to answer, Yea!

## Two Classes

By Pastor LEN J. JONES

**I**N different places in the Word of God the world is divided into two classes—not three or four classes, but only two

In Matthew xxii. 31-46, the words *sheep* and *goats* are used There is a certain resemblance between the places they are going to In some aspects they may look much alike, but their final destinations are vastly different

The sheep shall be set on the right hand, and the goats upon the left When judgment is given, the Lord will say to the sheep, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit

#### THE KINGDOM PREPARED

for you from the foundation of the world," and to the goats He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels"

We could do with more notes of warning regarding a Christless eternity Few have the revelation of a Christless future, and fewer still of that few give forth their revelation, and preach the Word regarding the place "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched"

Needless to say, Jesus realised its awfulness, and commanded us not to fear them which kill the body, but rather fear the One who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. He warned the people by telling them of the rich man in hell who was in torment, and asked that Lazarus might dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue, for he was tormented in the flame To convey this awfulness He told the people it was better to pluck your right eye out, and cut your right hand off, and go through life maimed, than to have the whole body cast into hell.

General William Booth once said that if it were in his power, he would give his preachers two minutes in hell, believing that this would make them better preachers than all his instruction could do Others, too, have been gripped by its awfulness, and have resolutely refused to hold back from a full surrender, and have "blown the trumpet to warn the people"

#### WHEAT AND TARES.

The first comparison is used in connection with the judgment of the nations, but this comparison, found in Matthew xiii 24-30 is used, not for those of the world outside, but for those in the Church inside

Here too, there is a resemblance, but notice again the ultimate destination In giving the interpretation of this parable in verses 36 to 43, Jesus said that the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, but the tares shall be cast into a furnace of fire, where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

There is danger in reasoning like the rich man, and say, "If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent" This reasoning originated in hell, and is rebuked once and for all by the Word of God, which tells us that if people will not believe the Word of God, they would not believe if someone rose from the dead

When dealing with wheat and tares, a preacher is sometimes tempted to root out the tares It is wise to give heed to the exhortation to let both grow together until the harvest, for in pulling up the tares there is a danger of hurting the wheat. The angels are better able to do this work

#### THE JUST AND THE UNJUST.

The Lord sends the rain upon the unjust as well as the just, and causes His sun to shine upon the evil as well as the good Continually this verse is being fulfilled, and it is not because He does not know where the unjust live

These two classes of people are in the world today—in the city in which we live, and perhaps in our home, and maybe in the church in which we worship Full provision has been made for both classes in the future, for there will be a resurrection for the just and a resurrection for the unjust, separated by Christ's reign of a thousand years upon earth, when Satan shall be bound

In the Word of God we find them too Of the first class it is written in Hebrews viii 12, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." and

of the other class it is written in Revelation xviii 5, "And God hath remembered her iniquities" Both classes are equally guilty, in fact the past of the first class might be blacker than those in the other class. The difference is not in the past, but in the present and the future. The future of those whose sins have been forgiven and forgotten is that they have peace with God, and are bound for heaven, whereas upon the other class abides the wrath of God, and they are bound not for the Celestial City, but for the City of Destruction.

#### JESUS IS THE WAY.

Those who desire to pass from one class to the other, can do so through Christ, and Him alone. Many think it is only good people who go to heaven, and only bad people who go to hell. All in heaven are sinners—even the chiefest—saved by grace. There are crowds of what the world would call good people in hell, and the highway to hell is thronged with them. None are saved because they are in themselves good, and none are condemned only because they are born in sin and are totally bad. On

the one hand, all are saved by accepting Christ, and on the other hand, all are condemned by rejecting Him, as it is written, "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in

#### THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

of God" (John iii 18), and again, "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark xvi 16) and again, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John iii 36). The only sin that condemns, in spite of church membership, ceremonies and sacraments, morality and respectability, is the rejection of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. There is no other Name given under heaven whereby we can be saved, and no other remedy for sin but the precious Blood. There is no other refuge for a guilty sinner but Jesus Christ, and no other foundation on which to build. A person can live a religious, amiable, and benevolent life, and neglect to believe or accept Christ, and he will die and be lost, as surely as he will live and be saved if he accepts the Saviour.

## "Church Ministry & Organisation"

(By Pastor W. HENDERSON) Reviewed by Evangelist J. McWHIRTER

THE author's name upon the book I have just read is a greater recommendation than anything that could be written about the book.

The first chapter is a clue to the whole work. The church institution is sighted in its infancy at the dawn of the age of grace, with its governing offices and ministries both temporary and permanent, functioning according to Divine arrangement until the Church is complete at the end of

#### THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE.

These appointments are dealt with in every practical phase, with rigid adherence to one standard, namely, "Thus saith the Lord." No conclusion is formed on partial knowledge of the facts, or on isolated texts, but the whole work reveals painstaking and intelligent research, with one guiding principle—"Comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

The offices are dealt with in the order given in Ephesians iv 11. In dealing with the subject of the *Apostles* and their ministry, the premise laid down is the very reverse to the more popular one—it is that the word *apostle* is not to be taken in its etymological meaning, but in what the author calls the Divine meaning. Hence the bed-rock foundation of the Holy Spirit's unique use of the word is set forth against the subtle play and shiftiness of an elastic word in the hands of scholars.

The affirmation that there were only *twelve* apostles runs counter to almost every school of interpretation, and if the author is correct, negatives many dogmas.

Under the heading of *Prophets* an exhaustive exposition has been made. If there be such a thing as anything *new*, then an entirely new phase—at least to this generation—has been presented on the subject. It is to be hoped that this chapter will reach

those who most need its teaching, namely, those sincere but mistaken people who, like some of old, "have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." We pray that such will prayerfully search these scripture references, and find a faith that will be more fruitful than the erroneous practices often followed in the name of prophecy, which in the recent past have brought so much discredit upon the work of God.

#### EVANGELISTS AND THEIR PLACE

in the economy of spiritual gifts are briefly dealt with. Then comes the subject of *Pastors*. The pastor appears as a man (not a woman) of many parts, but pre-eminently as a shepherd. Honesty may lead many, after reading the demands of this ministry, to disclaim the title and substitute for it the description *Reverend* (i.e., worthy of respect), which at least is less presuming.

Teachers come last, but not least. Again a woman is excluded from the office. In one grand sentence the ministry of a teacher is described—"Taking the great sublime things of the Bible, and making them easy to be understood."

Timothy is a favourite character of the author's. Young Timothy is described with characteristic intimacy in many capacities, and thereby exemplifying many aspects of official ministry.

A literary finish has not been aimed at, but rather a logical presentation of truth according to the scriptural precedent. "Not in the word of man's wisdom, lest the Gospel of Christ be made of none effect."

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# FAMILY ALTAR



## The Scripture Union Daily Portions

**Sunday, May 17th** Eph v 17-33

"Understanding what the will of the Lord is" (verse 17)

The next verse reveals the will of the Lord. We are to be filled with the Spirit. Let us therefore understand that the will of the Lord for us is that we be filled with the Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Spirit is not simply for preachers and teachers. True, those who minister in public need to be clothed with and indwelt by Him every moment. No service should be rendered by any preacher or teacher without seeking the anointing with power. But the Marys and Marthas about the home equally need to be filled with the Spirit. There is daily need of being filled with the Spirit for each one of us. Clerks, servants, motor-drivers, farmers, painters, factory hands, managers, office boys, yes, all of us, need to be filled with the Spirit. Then men and women will know to whom we belong. No badge on the coat can ever take the place of the badge of the Spirit's fullness.

**Monday, May 18th.** Ephesians vi 1-12

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord" (verse 10)

We can think of many things, and plan many plans. We can determine to try and do this thing, and try to accomplish that thing. But, there comes a great final exhortation: "Be strong in the Lord." Yes, that is it. Towering above all natural effort is that strength which cometh from the Lord. In His mighty men and women have accomplished miracles. The impossible has become possible. Nervous people have gone forth to perform acts of wondrous courage. Timid women have gone forth to face the savages of distant lands. Reserved youths have gone forth to meet a factory of howling opposition. Be strong in the Lord. In the Lord our God is everlasting strength. We will not look to man. We will look to God. He is with us. We will be strong in Him. If the Lord is with us, who can triumph over us?

**Tuesday, May 19th.** Eph vi 13-24

"Above all, taking the shield of faith" (verse 16)

The shield of faith protects from every arrow of destruction. Satan's darts may fly, but faith is the shield which renders them powerless. Every day we need to use our shield. Arrows fly at us on the sunniest days. A feeling of security is dangerous if it is only based upon circumstances. Out of the brightest circumstances arrows of destruction will fly. Attend well to your shield. The more you use it the more you will value it. Satan is not afraid of self-confident people. But he is afraid of

## Meditations by PERCY G PARKER.

people of faith. Faith is always the victory. Prayer changes things. But faith changes things even more. Have faith in God then you need not fear man or devil.

**Wednesday, May 20th** Hosea vi 1-7

"His going forth is prepared as the morning" (verse 3)

The goings forth of God are as certain as the morning. As surely as morning cometh so will God act. Night precedes the morning. There is the night of apparent inaction, but it is followed by the morning of obvious action. Over the blackness of night God will rise with the warm sunlight of His morning presence. Is it night time to your soul? Then look for the morning. It will come. Sometimes night-time experiences are so long that we almost despair of the break of day. But let us remember that the life of faith never ends with the night. It always passes on to the morning. God's ways are prepared. He will rise and act. Pray on, watch on. Praise God in the darkness, and the light will come all the sooner.

**Thursday, May 21st** Hosea x 1-12

"When Israel was a child, then I loved him" (verse 1)

It is easy to love children. Even in their wilfulness there is a measure of much sweetness. Israel as a child-nation was a strange mixture of obedience and disobedience. But God loved her and delivered her. When Israel was full-grown then her disobedience increased. So great was her failure that God finally met her with terrible punishment. There are child-saints. Grown men and women are only a few years old. The second-birth has only taken place recently. Naturally they may be forty years of age. Spiritually they may be only two years—just children. How careful we should be that as we pass from childhood to manhood and womanhood in the Christian life we don't degenerate. Lord, in the adult years of my Christian life grant that with the maturity of experience there may still remain the child-likeness of early Christian days.

**Friday, May 22nd.** Hosea xiv 1-9

"The ways of the Lord are right" (verse 9)

How eagerly we should walk in the Lord's ways. His ways are right. We want to be right. Therefore let us walk in His ways. The question we should ask is not, "Will it pay?" but, "Is it right?" It is not right to do unto others what we would not have them to do to us. It is not right to give our heavenly Father such a small place in our affections that it would cause us grief if we had only the same small

place in the affections of our children. Whatever we do let us do right. Never mind what others say. Never mind how much we lose by it. Never mind how apparently foolish it may make us look. Is it right? Yes! Then do it. Is it right? No! Then don't do it.

**Saturday, May 23rd.** Joel ii 1-14

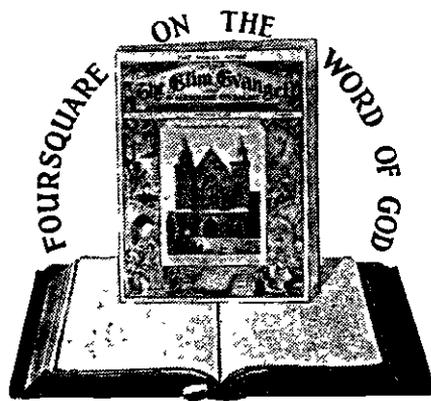
"Turn unto the Lord your God" (verse 13)

It is a simple thing to turn unto someone. Just the slightest effort and we are face to face with the object of desire. It is a simple thing to turn to God. Turn to God the first thing in the morning. By a fresh act of faith turn to Him in special ways during the day. Turn to God in everything and for everything. When we form the habit of turning the face to God it will not be difficult always to turn our backs upon evil. Turn unto the Lord now. As you read these lines make a special effort of faith. I will turn unto the Lord my God. I will face Him. I will turn unto the Lord with my whole heart—He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

## Dumbness: Made & Cured

"He hath done all things well, he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." The evangelist, Dr R A Torrey, tells this remarkable incident. Four young men were playing cards, after the game the talk drifted on to religion, and one of the four said "I don't believe there is a God and I won't believe there is a God until He proves it to me, but if He proves it to me by striking me deaf and dumb, I will believe." Suddenly, he threw up his hands, staggered, and fell to the floor, unconscious. When he came to himself, he tried to talk, his lips moved, but no sound came from them. The next day a minister came to see him, and he was converted. The physician who attended him said, "It would not be remarkable if he had been stricken speechless under certain conditions of hysteria, but in such an event, there would have been physical conditions that he did not have." It was evidently an act of God,—an act of mercy more than an act of judgment, for he found Christ, and has since prepared for the ministry. His speech was restored to him some weeks later.

"I dare no more fret than curse and swear"—John Wesley



## EDITORIAL

### The Beauty of the Lord.

ONE has only to take a short walk out from the gloom of the bricks and mortar of our towns to the fresh and wonderful countryside to appreciate the beauty of the Lord in His creation. We read a few days ago of the girl in the city who during the lunch hour had gone into the park where the crocus was blooming. She came back to her work in the afternoon with fresh vigour, fresh joy in her work. "Why this change in you this afternoon," asked a friend "Ah," said the girl, "I have seen the crocus growing, life is wonderful it is worth everything, after all." So we discover the beauty of the Lord everywhere, in the starry heavens, in the rippling brook, in the thunder of the cataract, in the gorgeous hues of the wayside flower, and our natural man rejoices in God's handiwork.

But there is a deeper side to life, and those who have experienced the new birth and have become acquainted with Jesus as their Saviour, have a twofold aspect of beauty. As those who have been re-created in His image, they behold with the spiritual eyes the wonders of His love and grace, wonders hidden from the eye of the natural man, but discovered to those who have been born again—for "except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

So while the natural man rejoices in the wonders of a natural creation, the spiritual man, re-created in His likeness, enjoys

also the beauty and glory of the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ, and worships Him as Creator and Sovereign Lord of his life

### Revival & Righteousness.

THE practical effects that follow true revival are well illustrated in an incident that happened in a mission by Dr R A Torrey in Australia. We give the incident from the *Moody Monthly*

"One of the first results came from the partners of a large dry goods store in one of our Australian cities. They had attended the meetings, come under conviction, and decided that the prices of goods marked up must be changed. They had labelled some of the goods as all silk, when it was half silk and half cotton! Australia is not the only country where they do that. These partners decided that they must either straighten up matters

between God and their own souls, get right with God, or stay away from the meetings. They had a consultation, and decided they could not remain away. They were professedly Christian men and church members, and therefore went before their employees and told them that in the future when selling goods they must give them their proper name value.

Other stores felt that these merchants had made a false move. It might mean less money for them, less business, but to their amazement it was not so. It captivated the people, and instead of turning away they flocked to make purchases at the store they could trust. It was a new testimony for those gentlemen and a wonderful example to the employees. There came a revival to that store, and they closed several days a week so that the employees might attend the meetings."

## The Foursquare Gospel Victorious at Southport

### Principal George Jeffreys leads the attack

The Foursquare Gospel Crusade under the unswerving leadership of the Principal has broken through the gates of misrepresentation, sacerdotalism, unbelief, sin and disease, and nothing is able to withstand the advance of the forces. The seemingly impossible has happened, for Southport, this fashionable town, is in the throes of a Foursquare Gospel revival. The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God has done its work, and the combination of forces arrayed against the truth has been scattered and is everywhere on the retreat. Amidst great rejoicing the spoils of victory are brought in at service after service, the "slain of the Lord" are many, five, ten, fifteen, twenty and well over the score at each service, making over three hundred converts up to the present, besides the capture of erstwhile unbelieving Christians, who now fully believe. Godly parents who at the commencement of the Campaign, owing to misrepresentation, were resentful of the attack made by the Foursquare Gospel upon their town, are now overjoyed to see their sons and daughters amongst the spoils of victory. Sainly men and women prayer-warriors belonging to the various denominations who have prayed for revival, having been warned against the movement, were more than concerned at the commencement of the Foursquare Gospel bombardment, but they have lived to see in it heaven-sent victories in answer to their prayers. To-day, with hope sprung to life, they are foremost in the ranks of the Foursquare Crusade. Following the work of soul-saving, and confirming the Word of God, are the signs which follow, for healings of all kinds of diseases are being witnessed. Hundreds who hitherto had only known Christ as Saviour have now proved Him to be the Great Physician who heals to-day. True, there is emotion and enthusiasm amongst the people, but it is of the intelligent type, that which is under proper control and sanctified by the Spirit of God. In response to the many appeals, the Principal and Revival Party are continuing the Campaign until May 17th. Readers, pray on!

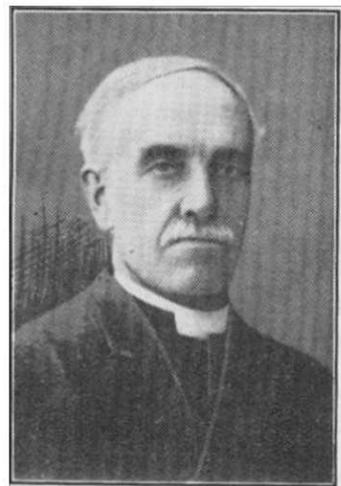
# The Revival in Ulster

By the Rev. THOMAS ROWAN, M.A. (Presbyterian Minister)

IT is with pleasure that I give my impressions of Principal George Jeffreys' campaigns in Armagh and Portadown. Let me preface my remarks by saying that I had met Mr Jeffreys and a band of his workers at the Keswick

## CONVENTION AT PORTSTEWART

nearly twelve years ago, but had not heard him speak, nor had I ever attended any of the meetings of the movement of which he is the founder and leader. I might also



Rev T Rowan, M.A.

add that both my wife and I have some very personal friends, who are loyal members of the Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance, some of them since the beginning of the movement, in Ireland, we bear testimony to their most excellent Christian lives and characters. Yet with all this I must admit that I was somewhat prejudiced against the movement from the stories I had heard, and from libellous writings that I had read

When the mission opened in Armagh, I decided that I would go and hear and see for myself. I did so, and from the very first meeting I was most delighted with the service. There was no undue excitement, or emotion, such as I had been told was common to their meetings. Principal Jeffreys' message was the most sane, simple, and scriptural presentation of the way of salvation that I have ever listened to. He warned his hearers against depending upon feeling and emotion, strongly emphasising the surrender of the will. His address was delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit, with

## RESULTS FOLLOWING

And what I have said of the first service I have found true of every subsequent service that I have attended, so that my admiration for the man and his message grew from the first to the last of the missions. To look over that vast audience in the Central Market Place in Portadown, to behold the intense interest, the quiet enthusiasm of that expectant throng of people, saved and unsaved, and to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at work saving and healing broken and suffering humanity, was a scene never to be forgotten. I would like to offer counsel to those who are prejudiced or critical of the work, that they go and hear and see for themselves, and then read Principal Jeffreys' two small volumes on the doctrinal and miraculous aspects of the Foursquare Gospel, and I think that they will be con-

vinced that his Gospel is truly a Foursquare Gospel founded on and agreeable to the Word of God. Extravagances and accretions have grown up and sought to attach themselves to the movement (a characteristic that has featured in every other revival movement), such as I would not agree to nor support, neither would Mr Jeffreys. But would it be fair to attribute to Luther, Calvin or Wesley the extravagances and perversions of many of their followers throughout the history of the reformed Christian Church? Let the Christian churches be tolerant and sympathetic to one who is both sympathetic toward them, and even desirous to help the churches and the ministers.

I who am a minister, a Presbyterian by birth and conviction, am prepared to do anything I can to remove any misrepresentation, and to promote a better understanding in the Church. I have the honour to serve. The churches at this time, are greatly in need of such a message, a Gospel of power, that will convince and convert a sceptical and unbelieving world, a Gospel which is still the power of God unto salvation, and a Gospel that is able to heal both body and soul.

During Principal Jeffreys' mission in Armagh (which is about seven miles distant) a good many from the locality attended his meetings. I was not only led to attend myself, but to preach on the subject of

## JESUS AS HEALER,

and the teaching of the Scriptures on Divine healing. The outcome was that a large number of people were aroused and interested in his work. Several made suggestions to me about having Mr Jeffreys out for a meeting in my church. After prayer and consultation he arranged to give us two services, on Sunday, 15th March. The notice of the meetings was very short, yet the news travelled far and wide, and the meetings were marvellous both for numbers and power. In each of the meetings about twenty-four signified their acceptance of Christ, and a large number came up for healing at the afternoon service. The power of God was present to save and to heal. It was a day long to be remembered in the life of the Church and community.

The following is a report from the *Portadown Times* of March 20th

## PRINCIPAL JEFFREYS AT BENBURB.

"Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed in Benburb Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening when Principal Jeffreys addressed huge audiences, the church being packed to the doors, many being unable to gain admission. The meetings were held at 3.30 p.m. and 7 p.m., and those attending included large numbers from Portadown, Armagh, and Dungannon, who travelled by special 'buses'. In addition, crowds came by motor-cars, traps and bicycles from all over the surrounding districts.

Choruses were sung, and Rev Thomas Rowan, M.A., led in prayer.

Mr Rowan, in introducing Principal Jeffreys, said they were very highly honoured in having him with them that afternoon.

—a man who could fill halls like the great Albert Hall in London. He (Mr Rowan) had attended Principal Jeffreys' meetings in Armagh and Portadown, and he was exceedingly pleased with all he saw and heard. The Foursquare Gospel which Mr Jeffreys preached was nothing new. It was just what he (Mr Rowan) had been preaching for the past twenty years. They wondered would it be possible to have Mr Jeffreys in Benburb and the matter was put before a small

congregation. They were sympathetic to the proposal, and Mr Jeffreys was asked to come along and he heartily accepted the invitation. He (Mr Rowan) believed there was a great revival spreading over the land and he was prepared to stand by what Mr Jeffreys preached.

Principal Jeffreys then gave an address, at the close of which fifteen signified their desire for conversion, and over fifty came forward for a touch of healing.

## Concise Comments & Interesting Items

**The proclamation in Spain** of religious liberty by the new Republican Government was referred to last week. Since then we have noticed a brief account of an interview that Mr Kennedy Maclean, Editor of the "Life of Faith," has just had with a Spanish missionary. An extract is as follows:

"Readers will, I am sure, be interested in a conversation which I had on Friday with a lady, Mrs Wigstone, who spent twenty years in that country as a Christian missionary, most of that time as a worker with the Figueras Mission. Although nine years have passed since her return to England, it may safely be assumed that few, if any changes have taken place in that period, or that the general attitude to Protestants and Protestant missionaries has in any way improved. As Mrs Wigstone said to me, the Church of Rome has for centuries ruled Spain, and wherever Christian witness has been carried on the people have hindered and opposed it wherever they could, for they have been completely under the control of the priests. Known to be a missionary, Mrs Wigstone was frequently stoned on the streets, and sometimes when she inquired into the reason she was told that the aggressors were simply carrying out the orders of the priests."

**Ex-King Alfonso** is now the fifth European monarch in exile. The others are those of Portugal, Germany, Greece,

and Bulgaria. The world does not seem to be fond of monarchs. Yet, amidst it all, the loyalty to our own King remains undiminished.

**The right to print** the Bible has been the subject of a legal action recently. It has now been established that only three firms in England and one in Scotland have that right.

"There are three printers who have this exclusive right in England—the Cambridge University Press, the Oxford University Press, and Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd., the King's printers.

William Collins Sons and Co Ltd., of Glasgow, under letters patent granted by Queen Victoria, are, however, authorised and licensed to print and publish the Bible in Scotland.

For generations the Collins clear-type Bible has been sold in England and throughout the world.

A London store recently advertised in the "Daily Express" that they had sold no fewer than 10,000 Collins Bibles within six weeks.

An order was given—as a result of this sale—by the London house to William Collins, Sons and Co., Ltd., for 100,000 Bibles printed in Scotland—the largest retail Bible order ever placed."

**Gandhi of India** was widely asserted by some, in years gone by, to be a Christian. But now his true position has been revealed. He wants to rid India of all Christian missionaries. If self-

government in India means this, then we should pray that India may long continue under Britain's control. We are pleased at the insight shown by our daily press into such a situation. What could be a better comment than the following in the "Daily Express"?

"It is quite clear that in an India deprived of British control and run by the Hindu Christianity would be proscribed the thousands of splendid men and women who year in and year out give their lives to spreading the Gospel throughout the Peninsula would be driven out of the country, their schools, hospitals, and institutions would be swept away, and their defenceless converts would be at the mercy of the Hindu mob.

"Now that Gandhi himself has made his policy and his hopes in these matters plain to the whole world 'Indian self-government,' says the 'Evening Standard,' 'must remain a thing of the distant future. We dare not, if we would, abandon that vast population to the horrors implicit in his aspirations.'

"To that resolute statement of our plain and unshirkable duty the whole of the British Empire will unflinchingly adhere."

**Mr. T. P. Ratcliff**, who led the vast choir of nearly a hundred thousand people at the Cup Final recently, is a lifelong Wesleyan. He is engaged in conducting sacred singing campaigns in various parts of the country.

## YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

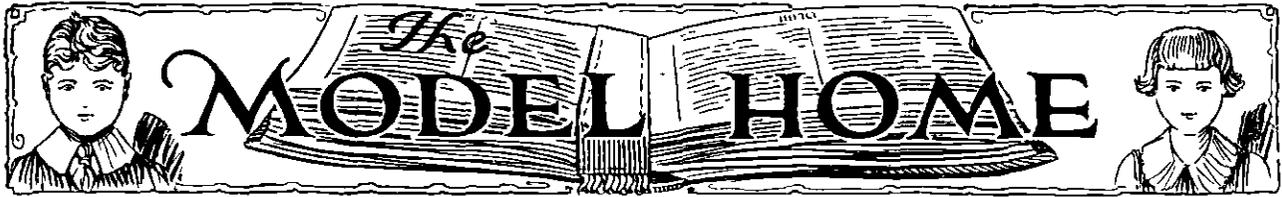
Summer will soon be here! In response to many requests we print below a list of holiday resorts where Foursquare Gospel centres are established.

- Bath** The Historic Assembly Rooms, Alfred Street
- Bangor (Ireland)** Elim Hall, Southwell Road
- Bournemouth** Elim Tabernacle, Victoria Place, Springbourne
- Brighton** Elim Tabernacle, Union Street
- Eastbourne** Elim Tabernacle, Hartfield Road
- Exeter** J O C Hall, Friernhay Street
- Glasgow** City Temple, corner of Bath and Elmbank Streets
- Greenock** Augustine Church
- Grimsby (for Cleethorpes)** Elim Hall, Tunnard Street
- Guernsey (Channel Isles)** Vazon Mission Hall, Castel
- Hastings** Central Hall, Bank Buildings
- Herne Bay** Y M C A Hut, Mortimer Street
- Hove** Elim Tabernacle, Portland Road
- Ipswich (for Felixstowe)** Garden Hall

- Leigh-on-Sea** Elim Hall, Glendale Gardens
- Letchworth** Elim Tabernacle, Norton Way North
- Plymouth** Elim Tabernacle, Rendle Street
- Portsmouth (Southsea)** Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, Wellington Street, Southsea
- Southampton** Elim Tabernacle, Park Road, Freemantle
- Swansea (for Mumbles)** Capitol Dance Hall, Portland Street
- Winton** The Foursquare Tabernacle, Victoria Park Road
- Worthing** Oddfellows Hall, Clifton Road

—and remember the Revival Campaigns at Blackpool and the Isle of Wight, the holiday homes at Blackpool and Worthing, and the Summer Bible School at Elim Woodlands, Clapham Park, London

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## Talk No. VII.—The Child

By Principal PERCY PARKER (of the Christian Workers' Bible Correspondence School)

**T**HE span of a child's age is not easily decided. But we will consider the age to run from four to thirteen years.

A beautiful child is one of nature's luxuries. Scarcely anything can bring more joy to the heart than a really noble boy or girl. How beautiful the description of our Lord "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Let us think of the child from

### THE STANDPOINT OF PARENTS

What the child is and will be is mainly decided by the child-training which the mother and father give.

#### (1) Train the child to trust you

From earliest days let the child discover that your yea is yea, and your nay is nay. It is only as children really trust us that they can really love us. Never break your word to your child, unless you are able to give a satisfactory reason for so doing. A line of thought is frequently most impressed by an illustration. Here is an illustration on this particular matter. It is told in one of Dr. Stall's books.

One bright May morning a little boy about four years old was playing ring-a-roses by himself. He had no companion. So round and round an apple tree he went, playing his lonely game. While he was playing, a baby bunny came out of a rabbit-hole. The child caught it. Throughout the day his mother allowed him to keep it and play with it. His happiness was complete. When evening came his father suggested that the child should take the rabbit back to the hole, and leave it with its parents for the night. Next morning, the father added,

#### THE BABY RABBIT

would come out again, and could be played with for another day. To the confiding little child this seemed reasonable enough. But imagine the disappointment next morning, when, after he had watched an hour or more, the truth began to dawn upon him that he had been wickedly deceived by his own father. That child is now a full-grown man, but, he says, the bitterness he felt against his father can never be described, and he resolved from that moment never to trust his father again.

#### (2) Train the child to obey you

How crisply Scripture puts it! "Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right" (Eph. vi. 1). Children are to obey simply because it is right to obey. Then Colossians iii. 20 adds another thought, "Children, obey your parents in all things for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." Of the

Lord Jesus, and His mother and Joseph, it was said, "He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them."

One has well said, "A great step is gained when a child has learned that there is no connection between liking a thing and doing it." Always train your child to obey immediately at the first time of asking. Never tell a child twice to do a thing. Make sure that the child hears, and then expect and insist on

### IMMEDIATE OBEDIENCE.

This result can rarely be obtained without punishment being given when there is failure to obey, or to obey quickly enough. A slow, dawdling obedience is practically as bad as no obedience at all. Punishment will vary. Different temperaments require different methods. If I may compose a proverb for the occasion I would say, "Don't use a steam-roller to do what a feather will do." Some children I know, figuratively speaking, require a steam-roller. But others only need a feather. Make punishment as light as possible *as long as it is effective*. But if light punishment is not effective then increase the severity of it until you get obedience. One leading paper recently said that the country needs homes that are made the birthplace of character." Strong character necessitates ready obedience.

#### (3) Train the child to love God

To Israel and to us the most important duty of parents is to train the children to love God. See how the Israelitish father was expected to teach his children the commandments of God. "Ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house" (Deut. xi. 19). Of course, the finest and quickest way to get the children to love God is to love Him ourselves. A writer has truly said, "An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."

Pardon the illustration, because it is about a monkey—

#### A MOTHER MONKEY,

and her child. But monkeys can teach us many beautiful lessons. I was visiting the Zoo. On one side—the inside—the monkeys had their main cages. But on the other side there were open-air cages. The monkeys passed from the inside cages to the outside cages by means of a rather heavy swing-door. It was not difficult for the big monkeys to lift up this door—but it was too weighty for the baby monkeys. In the particular cage I was looking at there was an amusingly small and spritely baby monkey. It was such a wee thing. To my pleasure I noticed

that every time mother-monkey went through the swing-door she stopped and carefully held it open until baby monkey had gone through too!

Parents! go through into the Christian life of love to God yourselves. Then be sure that you hold the door widely open for your children to go through likewise.

#### (4) *Educate the child for God*

The matter of your child's education will become a serious matter of responsibility to you. To many the problem is quickly solved. Position and circumstances necessitate you sending your child to the nearest Government school. But others have the option of sending the child to a higher grade school. I would immediately say, "Don't sacrifice

#### YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL WELFARE

for the sake of scholastic training." There may be a few cases where a child must live away from home during school days, but such cases are very rare. The child's place is by its mother's side, in its own home night by night, sent off to sleep with the memory of a mother's prayers and a mother's kiss. Boarding schools are full of temptation. Home should be the place where every day the temptations of the school and the world are nullified by the atmosphere of a beautiful home. Keep one thing in mind—that you are training your children for God—and many social and scholastic temptations will be quickly overcome. The modern child knows little of a true home life. It is born away from home. It is reared in a baby's hotel. Then for a few years it has a paid governess. Then it is packed off to a boarding school. Then after the boarding school comes the university. Probably at the age of twenty years only about one year has been spent under mother's influence! As Christians we should stand for the continual, dominating influence of the glory of home.

#### (5) *Encourage the child in healthy play*

Play is part of God's method with children. While children play they grow. They grow mentally and spiritually as well as physically. The streets of

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will be filled with sunny, laughing, rollicking, playing boys and girls—"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" (Zech viii 5). A model home does not mean a home where the children speak in whispers and are afraid to play and laugh. A model home has time for everything that is right. There is a time to be quiet, a time to be studious, a time to be prayerful—but there is also a time to shout and play. There are but few games that there is anything really wrong with. The wrong arises in associations. Games are too numerous to particularise upon. But I would say, Pray about the games you introduce into your home life. Expect the Lord to guide you, and He will. Play is not wrong, it is the abuse of play that is wrong. There comes a time in later life when play fades away from the thought of those who take up the cross and follow Christ in the redemption

of this world. But the cross is not to be forced upon the children. Prayerfully wait for the day when they will take it up. As a child I loved play. I was permitted to go in for sport of practically every description. There were one or two exceptions, such as boxing, which stirs up brute passions. But as a young Christian boy I used to pray over my

#### FOOTBALL AND CRICKET,

and other games, and I am sure the Lord did help. In later years these things fell away simply because of increased responsibilities in the service of the kingdom of God.

#### (6) *Watch your child's habits*

Children easily pick up bad habits. Some are quickly seen, some are secret. Biting the nails, handling the nose, are obvious habits that can be quickly remedied by a firm parent. But there are secret habits. Girls and boys can pick them up in very early years. In after years they become slaves to them. I knew a boy of ten who began to have periods when he could hardly see. It turned out that practically all the smaller boys in his school were taught by the bigger boys the sin of self-pollution! Sins of this description are far more widespread in children than is generally considered. Vigilance, tact, and firmness are all required to safeguard the children.

One might continue on many other points. But sufficient has been said to create thought, and stir up prayer. But finally let your main aim be to lead your children to Christ. Concerning

#### THE CONVERSION OF CHILDREN

Pastor C. H. Spurgeon spoke words that should be repeated again and again. We can well close this present talk by reproducing them.

"There are very many who have no great faith about the conversion of children. They look on a converted child as a sort of *rara avis*, to be put into a museum of natural curiosities. Others believe it to be very possible and very desirable, but yet they have a strong suspicion of the piety of any child who is brought to believe on the Lord Jesus. Why there should be such suspicion I cannot tell. The advantage is rather on the side of the child than the adult. Of two cases of conversion, one at thirteen, and the other at sixty, I would look on the elder with the greatest suspicion. I have during the past year baptised as many as forty or fifty children, and of all those whom I have talked with on the subject of their conversion, I have never proposed any for church fellowship with greater satisfaction than I have done these little ones. Amongst those I have had at any time to exclude from church fellowship, out of a church of 2,700 members, I have never had to exclude one who was received into the church while yet a child."

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Prayer, at its best, is the noblest, the sublimest, the most magnificent, and stupendous act that any creature of God can perform on earth.

# I've Pitched My Tent in Beulah

C.A.M.

C. AUSTIN MILES.

1. 'Twas when I surrender'd to Christ my all, Lis-ten'd on-ly to His  
 2. Be-sides Him no o-ther my eyes can see, Liv-ing dai-ly ly His  
 3. I'd ev-er ex-alt Him, all else a-bove, Nor without Him would I

lov-ing call; He plac'd me and kept me that I need not fall, And  
 gracemade free; I glad-ly will tell you what He is to me, While  
 care to move; I can-not be sunder'd from His arms of love, While

### CHORUS.

brought me to Beu-lah Land. } I've pitch'd my tent in Beu-lah With  
 liv-ing in Beu-lah Land. }  
 liv-ing in Beu-lah Land. } I've pitch'd my tent With

Je-sus to stay, My nights are full with mu-sic, With com-fort the  
 Je-sus to stay, In peace by night, And com-fort by

### 1st time only.

day; And there is peace that pass eth knowl'dge And blessing al-way, Since

### 2nd time only.

I have pitch'd my tent in Beu-lah. peace that passeth knowledge And

blessing al-way, Since I have pitch'd my tent in Beu-lah.

# Bible Study Helps

## THE BIBLE.

It is:

- B**—eautiful when we Be—hold it. Psalm xxvii. 4.
- I**—nteresting to be I—nvestigated. John v. 39; II. Tim. ii. 15.
- B**—lessed, we should B—elieve it. Prov. viii. 34; John xx. 29; Rev. i. 3.
- L**—ife-giving if we L—ive by it. Deut. viii. 3; Matt. iv. 4; Luke iv. 4.
- E**—ternal, we should E—xtol it. John i. 1; Matt. x. 27; Psalm cxlv. 1.

## SOME EXPRESSIONS IN THE FACES OF MEN.

### I. As a Result of Sin.

1. Fear (Exodus iii. 6).
2. Shame (II. Chron. xxxii. 21).
3. Confusion (Ezra ix. 7).
4. Trouble (Psalm civ. 29).
5. Sweat (Genesis iii. 19).

### II. As a Result of Grace.

1. Confidence (Isaiah l. 7).
2. Boldness (Deut. i. 17).
3. Radiance (Psalm xxxiv. 5, R.V.; Eccl. viii. 1).
4. Joy (Job xxxiii. 26).
5. The expression of God's glory.
  - (i) Moses (Exodus xxxiv. 29-35).
  - (ii) Stephen (Acts vi. 15).
  - (iii) Jesus Christ (Matt. xvii. 2; II. Cor. iv. 6).

## THE LIVING ONE.

- The living **Stone** on which we build (I. Peter ii. 5).
- The living **Bread** on which we feed (John vi. 51).
- The living **Way** by which we draw near (Heb. x. 20).
- The living **Priest** through whom we worship (Heb. xiii. 15).
- The living **Hope** for which we wait (I. Peter i. 3).

## PAUL, A PATTERN.

### (I. Timothy i. 16).

1. In obedience (Acts ix. 6, xxvi. 19).
2. In preaching (I. Cor. xv. 1, 3, 4, ii. 2-5; Rom. i. 15, 16).
3. In singleness of purpose (Phil. iii. 7, 13, i. 21).
4. In prayer (Phil. i. 3, 4; I. Thess. iii. 10).
5. In humility (Eph. iii. 8; Acts xx. 19).
6. In behaviour (I. Thess. ii. 7-11; II. Thess. iii. 7-9).
7. In unselfishness (II. Cor. xii. 10, 15; Phil. iv. 11, 12).
8. In fulfilling his ministry (Acts xx. 24; II. Tim. iv. 6, 7).

## STEPHEN.

1. A shining life (Acts vi. 5).
2. A shining ministry (Acts vi. 15).
3. A shining testimony (Acts vii.).
4. A shining martyrdom (Acts vii. 55).

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# FLASHES FROM THE FRONT

## Revival Converts—Miraculous Healings

### MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

With the arrival of the annual date for changes of ministers, several new appointments have been made, while in a large number of cases the present minister remains unchanged.

The new appointments are as follow:

#### Irish Division.

##### Superintendent: Joseph Smith.

Belfast (to assist J. Smith). S. Hillman.  
Bangor: T. E. Francis.  
Lurgan: F. D. Byatt.  
Portadown: W. H. McWhinnie.

#### Northern Division.

##### Superintendent: Robert Tweed.

Bradford: W. Barton.  
Glasgow: P. Le Tissier, C. Johnson.  
Greenock: W. Nolan.  
Grimsby: H. W. Greenway.  
Liverpool: Gowan Bishop.

#### South Western Division.

##### Superintendent: H. T. D. Stoneham.

Devonport: R. A. Gordon.  
Exeter: A. C. Coffin.  
Guernsey: A. Rash.  
Plymouth: J. Lees.  
Romsey: J. Tetchner.  
Salisbury: J. R. Knight.  
Swansea: H. W. Fardell.

#### London N. Division.

##### Superintendent: E. C. W. Boulton.

Barking: L. Quest.  
Canning Town: A. S. Gaunt.  
Hendon: W. L. Kemp.  
Hornsey: J. McAvoy.  
Ilford: W. Kelly.  
Kingston: Agnes Kennedy.  
Wimbledon: J. E. Goreham.

#### London S. Division.

##### Superintendent: William Henderson.

Ashbourne: A. V. Gorton.  
Battersea: W. J. Patterson.  
Clapham: E. C. W. Boulton.  
Croydon: J. R. Moore.  
Easibourne: S. Gorman.  
Forest Hill: A. S. Thorne.  
Hammersmith: H. O. Bale.  
Hove: H. Kitching.  
Kensington: P. N. Corry.  
Leicester: J. Kennedy.  
Ledbury: L. Knipe.  
Reading: F. Farlow.  
Rochester: F. E. H. Trevor.  
Tamworth: A. Jackson.  
West Wickham: L. Newsham.

The remaining churches have no change of ministry at this time.

### CONVENTION SERVICES.

**Ballymoney** (Mr. S. J. Cooper). We praise God for the wonderful time of blessing experienced at the Convention held in Elim Hall on Easter Sunday and

Monday. Inspiring addresses were given by Miss J. Kennedy (Belfast), and Miss Craig (Bangor). The Convener was Mr. S. J. Cooper. The attendance was good, and both the morning and afternoon services were greatly enjoyed by all present.

### PASTORAL FAREWELL.

**Lisburn** (Evangelist D. Rudkin). Recently the friends and members of the Lisburn assembly gathered together in the Elim Hall, Wallace Avenue, to bid farewell to their Pastor, who was about to leave for another field of labour.

It is usually a Bible study on Wednesday evenings, but on this occasion the preacher said he would like to give his last message to the unsaved, as one never tired of preaching the Gospel. Evangelist Hill delivered a very heart-searching address to a crowded hall. The matchless love of God was very forcibly brought home to all present.

We praise God for Mr. Hill's ministry here, and for his clear and searching messages which have been an inspiration to many. We thank God for his exemplary life daily, which won the respect of the townspeople.

We are glad to be able to report that God has owned His servant's ministry here, and for the flourishing condition of the church.

The prayers of the saints go with Mr. Hill that God may continue to use him for the extension of His kingdom. Evangelist D. Rudkin is now in charge.

### GROWING INTEREST.

**Kilsyth.** The ministry of God's servant in the Elim Tabernacle here is being owned and blessed of God, the services are growing, and there has been a decided increase in numbers at the breaking-of-bread service on Sunday mornings, and the sweet fragrance of the Master's presence fills the place. On a recent Sunday a backslider returned to the Lord after the morning service, and one soul decided for the Lord at the Gospel service in the evening. Bodies are also receiving the touch of healing from the Great Physician, one sister being healed as she was being prayed for in her home. Mr. Burke has been giving a series of addresses on the life of Paul, on Thursday nights, which have proved to be very helpful, and encouraging to the saints.

### ELEVEN CONVERTS.

**Belfast, Saunders Street** (Evangelist F. J. Stemming). Revival scenes continue in this part of the vineyard. Mr. Stemming has taken charge of the work, and the Lord is blessing his ministry in a wonderful way. Souls are being saved at practically every Gospel meeting. Five decided in one meeting, and

recently eleven responded to the call after the Gospel message. Joel's prophecy is certainly being fulfilled here, and many of God's people are being filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts ii. 4. A fellowship meeting was held a few weeks ago at which Pastor Smith presided. Twenty-four new members were added to the assembly, and the numbers attending the meetings are increasing. Marches are being arranged by the pastor, and the brethren and sisters march round the streets of the district, announce the meetings, and invite the people in. The Lord has blessed the efforts put forth. As the first march proceeded they passed a crowd of men gambling in a back street. When the meeting was started these knocked at a rear entrance and came into the meeting. The saints are believing by prayer for the salvation of their souls.

### SIXTY NEW MEMBERS.

**Belfast, Ravenhill Road** (Pastor J. Smith). Praise God, the work in this corner of His vineyard is progressing steadily, where a real and a lasting work for God is being done. The progress made during the past year under the able leadership of Pastor Smith has been most encouraging.

A very promising feature of the work here is the interest manifested by the young people, the Crusader meetings being practically doubled while the prayer meetings and Bible studies are well attended. On Sunday mornings at the breaking-of-bread service the attendance is good and a real spirit of worship is manifested. For the Gospel meetings on Sunday nights this hall will soon be too small if they increase as they are doing. Recently a meeting for the reception of new members was held and after a very helpful message about "harvest wheat," forty-six persons having signed membership cards received the right hand of fellowship from the pastor, being heartily welcomed as members. to be followed by a further fourteen a few days later, making sixty in all. No wonder we are about to obey the injunction in Isaiah liv. 2: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left."



Pastor J. Smith.

**CHILD HEALED.**

**Belfast, Melbourne Street** (Pastor W J Hilliard) In every branch of the work in this centre times of real blessing are being experienced. The Sunday night Gospel services are packed to capacity, and scarcely a week passes without some souls deciding for Christ. The Tuesday night prayer and waiting meetings are also well attended, and there is a company of people here with a real thirst for prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit!

On Thursdays the pastor is taking up a special series of subjects for the benefit of new converts—the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, Inspiration, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Divine Healing, etc.

A faithful witness to the power of the Gospel is still maintained in the open air at Arthur Square every Saturday night.

Mention must be made of the Sunday morning saints' meeting. Here the power and sweet presence of Jehovah are indeed felt, in the breaking of bread, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the members of the Body by the gifts of the Spirit.

About forty new members were received into fellowship at a recent meeting held for that purpose. Quite a number of these were converted at the revival campaign in the Ulster Hall recently. To God be the glory!

A rather remarkable case of God's healing power has just been reported. A doctor had advised the amputation of a leg in the case of a child. Prayer was offered here on the child's behalf, and God graciously heard and answered! Thus one more is added to the many testimonies of the mighty power and faithfulness of our Saviour!

**UNDIMINISHED ENTHUSIASM.**

**Bradford** (Pastor H Kitching) The Bradford assembly, meeting in Freemason's Hall, Westgate, has been experiencing mighty times of blessing recently.



**Pastor H Kitching**

First, a great baptismal service was held, and many brethren and sisters followed their Lord through the waters. The attendance at this service broke all previous records.

Later a unique service for the receiving of new members was held and about thirty were given the right hand of fellowship. God was in the midst.

Another evening brought a good company of people to hear the Pastor give his testimony on "How and When I Received the Holy Ghost." After the service, over one hundred and thirty stayed behind to wait upon God, and seven were baptised in the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Last Sunday the pastor gave an illustrated sermon entitled "Knocking," this

was illustrated by chart, brethren assisted with singing. It was a hallowed time. The church was packed to the door, some even sitting on others' knees, while some came at 5.30 pm to get a seat. The church rang with praises and hallelujahs. When the altar call was made, five hands were raised for Jesus.

**TIMES OF REFRESHING**

**Aberfan, Merthyr Vale** This assembly which is an offshoot of Merthyr Tydfil has had a good time of refreshing this Easter, which is their first Convention. Mr T J Davies (Porth Bible School) giving all to understand their responsibilities as the Ecclesia of God, the separated ones, and Pastor Segee of Penybont, Radnorshire, spoke arrestingly on the love of Christ constraining us to go after the prodigal who is feeding on the husks, to win him to return to the table, where there is a surplus. Thank God for the faithfulness of our brethren of Trinity Church for lending their chapel. Three precious souls were gloriously saved, Hallelujah! We have now about forty baptised believers against four this time last year.

**REVIVAL CONTINUING**

**Nottingham** (Pastor W G Channon) We praise God for what He has done in this city. Each Sunday evening wet or fine, there is a congregation of about

1,600 people who gather to hear the Word of God at the City Temple, Halifax Place. Already there is a Crusader Choir of nearly 200 young people who are all saved and happy in the love of Jesus. On a recent Saturday evening they led the service, and five souls were won for the Master through their efforts. Last Sunday was a day hallowed to the Lord in every respect. The saints spent a time of refreshing around the table, and at the healing service many seekers received a touch from the Master, and bodies were strengthened. In the evening service fifty believers witnessed for their Lord by immersion, each candidate receiving a promise from God's Word before going through. This makes over 300 who have been baptised since the City Temple was first opened. Praise God! The platform was beautifully decorated by the Crusaders with flowers and ferns, which were afterward sent to the sick ones of the assembly.

Mrs Channon delivered a stirring address, twelve souls accepted salvation. The ropes of the tent have also been lengthened in regard to ministry and each Monday and Wednesday evening either Pastor or Mrs Channon gives out God's Word in Conway Hall, Carlton, to those who are not able to come to the City Temple. This is only a small hall but God has already begun to gather in those who are seeking after the truth.



By Pastor P N CORRY

May 24th, 1931

READING Mark vii 24-30.

**PUPPIES**

**MEMORY TEXT.** "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble, Humble yourselves therefore"—I. Peter v 5, 6

**TEACHER'S NOTES**

In this lesson we are informed of one of our Lord's foreign journeys. Take your map and trace the long walk from Capernaum to Tyre and Sidon (Mark vii 24). It is a stiff climb from the lakeside 600 feet below sea-level to the uplands 2,000 feet above the Mediterranean, and down again to the Great Sea. Away to the north-east during that forty-mile walk Mount Hermon's snow-capped summit must have dominated all the scene. The peak on the right, the sea-shore away on the distance on the left, the sea-hidden air sweeping across the winding rocky way, must all have been so different to the lakeside scene by Galilee. Not only were of a very different race, these fearless sea-rovers of the Phoenician coast not only travelled the length and breadth of the Mediterranean Sea, but betook them to the coasts of our dear England in search of tin from the Cornish mines. Here the Jewish followers of the Lord would rub shoulders with some of the

hardest men of the Gentile world. Here the seclusion of Capernaum was changed for the bustle of a large heathen city, and the twelve for the first time met the larger world of the Gentiles to whom the Lord Jesus would send them as His messengers.

The Lord hardly seems to have intended that this should be a journey of preaching and healing, but rather a quiet season of private teaching to those who should afterwards be His witnesses. Yet a woman a Greek and a Syrophenician, obtained from Him the desire of her heart—broke through the barriers of dispensations and was satisfied.

**Dogs**

In the Near East, grown dogs are not allowed in the house. They are considered unclean and even to this day among Mohammedans one of the most intense terms of abuse that can be used is to call a man a dog. The night is made hideous by the barking of dogs (Psalm lx 6, 7, 14 15) as they run about the city hunting for food, and generally acting as the scavengers of the place. Constantinople used to be made unsafe by the number of dogs that infested the streets at night and it is not very long since this condition of affairs was remedied (look up I Samuel xvii 43 xxiv 14 II Sam. vi 8, ix 8, xvi 9 and II Kings viii 13). If you want to

be considered a clean person when working for the Lord in a Moslem country, do not keep a pet dog that is allowed the run of the house, and is able to make itself at home on any of the couches or cushions. Dogs are to be outside, not inside (Rev. xxii 15). In explaining why He was not at this time preaching to the Gentile world, the Lord says that it was not meet to take the children's bread and cast it unto the dogs.

Now in those lands and among people who consider dogs to be unclean they still allow a great deal of liberty to the puppy. No one can resist the winsomeness of those fluffy balls of frolic, not even the children of an Eastern home. While they are small they have the run of the house, as puppies they feed at table, but when fully grown they must fend for themselves with the pack outside.

So in speaking to the woman the Lord Jesus did not use the word for full-grown dogs, but for "puppies." That is, He was giving the woman a chance to receive her heart's desire, and at once this distracted mother grasps the words and says, "Yes, Lord, yet the puppies under the table eat of the children's crumbs."

This woman was a Gentile, and by the Jews would be considered to have no claim at all upon the God of Israel or the Messiah of the Jews. She was a

stranger, kept off by the middle wall of partition, and by the Law, which had not yet been removed. The only way they could be received into blessing was through the blood of the Cross, and by the removal of the Old Covenant contained in ordinances (read Eph. ii 11-16). She at the time of craving her boon was on the wrong side of the Cross, and there did not seem to be any way whereby her desire could be granted, but the Lord in using the word "puppy" gave her a loophole or a way to get through the tangle of dispensations. Puppies, she craved for crumbs and got the whole loaf, her daughter was healed.

Think God the difference has been destroyed since Calvary, the barrier has been broken down and by one Spirit we both, Jew and Gentile, have access to the Father. Yet in one way still we must become "puppies" to receive blessing. The Lord Jesus has told us, that He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, those that are sick, not those that are whole, have need of His healing virtue (Mark ii 17). Therefore if I would obtain blessing I must stoop and acknowledge my condition and my sin. It is he that humbleth himself that shall be exalted, and he that will become a child and be the servant of all that is in the path of blessing and usefulness. Not by being high and mighty do we become

of blessing to others, but by becoming "puppies" do we get spiritual plenty. Paul knew this secret, and counsels any that seemeth to be wise in this world to become a fool that he may become wise, for it is such instruments that God has chosen to confound the wisdom of this age (I Cor. i 27-29 and iii 18-20). This is true in the world to-day. If any boy goes to school with a very grand idea that he knows everything he will not learn much, he must first be willing to come down from his perch, acknowledge his lack of wisdom, and so obtain a teachable spirit. Then there is hope for him.

Is it then strange that the same law rules in the spiritual world? The Pharisee who patted himself on the back, and prided himself on his alms and his own righteousness, only shut himself out of all contact with fresh wisdom and revelation. It was the man who confessed his need that received help.

So to-day, the boy, the girl, the man or the woman who stalks through the world like a cocker-spaniel or a pampered Pekinese with a pride as insufferable as any Pharisee, is shut out of blessing because they shut themselves out. Become a "puppy"—humble yourself, acknowledge sin, and then there is blessing and healing. Cease to stand on your dignity, get low enough, and then there will be room for you at the table.



## An Indian and a Serpent

### A Missionary Incident

**A**N Indian missionary told the following story

In the garden behind his house, in Southern India, a cobra hid itself among the grass. While some coolies were in the garden working for the missionary, they saw the cobra coiled around a banana tree. Rushing into the house they gave the alarm, and very soon a number were gathered around. You know the cobra is the most dangerous kind of serpent known. Its bite is certain death within a very few minutes. There is no remedy for it, so you may



guess the people are very much afraid of coming in contact with it. Yet so common is it in parts of India, it is estimated that over forty thousand die every year by its poisonous sting. You will wonder when I tell you that this deadly creature is one of the objects of worship in India. The poor deluded Hindoos bring offerings of milk, eggs, and fowls, and place them close by the nest or hole where the cobra lives, and during the night she comes out and partakes of them.

Well, while the people stood looking the venomous creature raised its head, faced the people all around, and began to uncoil itself. Then no doubt it would have at once sprung upon some of them. One fearless Hindoo, seizing a long stick, held down its head, while with his left hand caught it by the tail—the only safe way of holding a serpent. Then passing his right hand quickly along, caught it tight by the head, and to the horror of those who stood around, opened its mouth, cut out its two poisonous fangs without allowing it to do him a bit of harm. Then he lifted it in both hands and walking into the street, began to amuse the people by letting it loose and catching it again. He knew that its power for evil was gone, that it could not

kill anyone, now that its poisonous fangs were destroyed. There are certain men in India, called "snake-charmers," who make those reptiles perform at the sound of music, but they are careful to see that their fangs are taken from them first.

These strange customs are very foolish, and only those who know not God would find any delight in them. Yet they may serve to teach us a great lesson. The Word of God has said—"The sting of death is sin" (I Cor. xv 56) and when a sinner unsaved, unregenerated, and unpardoned, meets death it is as a deadly serpent with the full power of its sting.

Is it any wonder that sinners—old and young—fear death? Would you care to find yourself in the coil of a cobra with its sting? But for the Christian, the believer in Christ, death has been disarmed, it has lost its sting. Christ Himself took it away for all His people, so that each one of them can triumphantly sing—"O death where is thy sting?" (I Cor. xv 55). There was a great dread among the people when that deadly cobra had its poisonous fang, and so well there might be, but greater far is the fear of the Christless sinner to meet death, the last great enemy, in full power.

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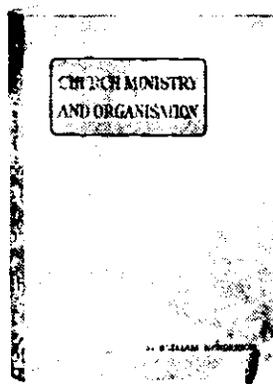


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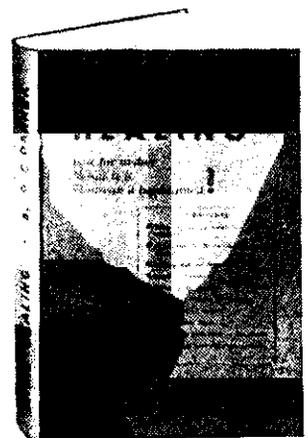
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