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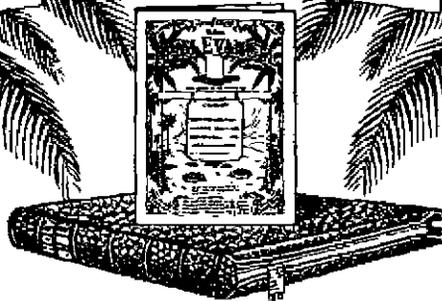
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AND THEY CAME TO ELIM WHERE WERE TWELVE WELLS OF WATER, AND THREESCORE AND TEN PALM TREES. ~ ~ ~ Ex. XX 27

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Baptiser

Coming King

Saved or Deceived—Which?

HOW mortified that man of business looks as he reaches the railway station, only to find that his train has just gone!

"Ah!" he mutters to himself, as he compares his watch with railway time, and sinks down weary and disappointed on the platform seat, "my watch has deceived me; my morning is thrown away."

"How did it happen?" enquired the doctor of a poor old woman, just restored to consciousness after a serious fall into the water.

"I didn't think the river was so near," she replied, "My eyes deceived me."

Captain —, of that splendid clipper ship, the *Dunbar*, thought he was all right, no doubt, as he steered his vessel toward Sydney harbour. But, alas! he mistook the North Head light for the South Head light, and his gallant ship was speedily reduced to a pitiable wreck.

Now, no one that I am aware of, questioned that captain's sincerity, yet his ship was lost; his judgment deceived him.

But what is the loss of a ship, though she were freighted with all this world counts precious, compared with the loss of one soul!

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" asks the blessed Son of God Himself (Mark viii 36). And who knows the soul's true value as He who came to save it?

Is it possible, reader, that you are steering your vessel by a false light? May God in rich mercy step in and graciously rescue your soul from eternal shipwreck!

This is a world of deceit. Satan, the prince of it, is the "father of lies, and man's heart has been pronounced by Him who is alone able to search it as "deceitful above all things" (Jer xvii. 9). But of all manner of deceptions, *self-deception*, and especially *religious self-deception*, seems the saddest and the worst.

Do you start at the expression, *religious self-deception*? Well, depend upon it, whether it shocks you or not, there is nothing so deceptive as a decent religious life without the knowledge of Christ in the heart.

Men and women, who have never been born again, settle down comfortably with this state of things from week to week until sooner or later, they find that they have clad themselves in the "filthy rags" of their own righteousness (see Isaiah lxi. 6), instead of the "wedding garment" of God's providing, and that they have walked in the "sparks of their own kindling" (Isaiah i 11), instead of receiving the shining of that "light" which comes from the face of Jesus Christ the Saviour in glory (II Cor. iv. 6).

In the quiet rectory of a little village in Northamptonshire, lived a person of the above type. She was a decent, respectable woman, and, withal *religious* too. But, sad to say, her soul was a stranger to Christ as *her own personal Saviour*.

For several years she had lived with the aged rector in the capacity of housekeeper. But now the end had come. She was dying. Let us allow those dying lips to tell their own sad story.

Addressing her aged master, who had just been summoned by her special request to her bedside, she said —

"I have now been under your roof, sir, for about twenty years."

"You have," replied the minister, "and a faithful servant you have been."

"I have regularly attended your ministry for the whole of that period," she continued. "I have taken the sacrament from your hand every month, and heard family prayers from your lips every day."

To all this the clergyman fully assented.

"But," she added, with some measure of bitterness, "You have never once asked me, 'Is your soul saved!'"

"Oh, I took that for granted!" said he.

"Yes, sir, you may have taken it for granted that I was saved, but I am dying, sir, AND MY SOUL IS LOST!"

What an appalling discovery was this to make on the very verge of eternity, and that, remember, after years and years of outward religious profession.

The fact was, that with her, as with thousands more in the present day, sacrament-taking, prayer-saying, sermon-hearing had been relied on instead of Christ, and now her remorse was unbearable, as she found her false hopes crumbling into dust, and swept away before her dying eyes.

My dear reader, to what are you trusting for salvation? Perhaps, like the poor soul just alluded to, your life has been fairly good, *i. e.*, compared with many others. You have always conducted yourself with due propriety, and sought to live honestly. You have diligently attended to your (so-called) religious duties, you have your family pew at church, or your hired sitting in the chapel, and, moreover, you have supported the "cause" with no niggard hand, and that for many years. Perhaps even your minister or class leader, with many others of your fellow-professors, have long "taken it for granted" that you are on the right road.

But pause now, and answer in the presence of God, *Has all this fitted you for heaven?*

Ah! you cannot, you dare not say that it has; but still you fondly hope that, *if you still go on in this way*, Christ merits will be added to yours to make up any deficiency in the end. And besides, you trust by increased pious efforts, still further to improve your title for heaven, before being called to die.

If this be your condition before God, dear friend, depend upon it you are building your house upon the sand, you are deceiving yourself by "a fair show in the flesh," and be assured that all will come to the ground some day.

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The Elim Evangel

FOURSQUARE ON THE WORD OF GOD

The Elm Pentecostal Alliance was founded by Pastor George Jeffreys, its Principal Overseer, in the country town of Monaghan in Ireland, in the year 1915. It consists of Elm Revival and Healing Campaigns, Elm Publishing Office, Elm Bible College, Elm Foursquare Gospel Churches, and this, the Elm Evangel, which is its Official Organ. It stands uncompromisingly for the whole Bible as the inspired Word of God, and contends for THE FAITH against all modern thought, higher criticism and new theology. It condemns extravagance and fanaticism in every shape and form. It promulgates the Old Time Gospel in Old Time Power.

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The Blessedness of Systematic Scriptural Giving

By PASTOR R. E. McALISTER

Honour the Lord with thy substance and the firstfruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine—Proverbs III 9, 10.

THE Scriptures tell us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, also that they that honour the Lord shall be honoured by the Lord. He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly and he that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Giving is inherent in God. He so loved the world that He gave. Giving expressed His love. The principle of giving is inherent in God's people because they have partaken of the nature of God. God's system of giving is clearly defined in the law which reads as follows:

And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it, and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed. These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel in Mount Sinai (Lev xxvii 30-34).

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose to place His Name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine and of thine oil and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks: that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always. And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it or if the place be too far from thee, which the Lord thy God shall choose to set His Name there, when the Lord thy God hath blessed thee, then shalt thou turn it into money and bind up the money in thine hand and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose (Deut xxi 20-25).

The law, however, did not create this system. The law simply recognised the system which had been created in God's economy previous to the giving of the law. In Gen xiv 18-20 we read:

And Melchizedek King of Salem brought forth bread and wine and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him and said: Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth, and blessed be the most high God which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Jacob, also, knew by what system he should approach God in the matter of giving, and expresses it thus:

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying: If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God. And this stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee (Gen xxviii 20-22).

By these two Scriptures we clearly see that a giving of the tithe was a system in force previous to the giving of the law so that it could not be said that tithing belonged to the law. The law did not create tithing; it simply recognised that it had been created previously.

In the New Testament we are instructed as follows:

Now concerning the collection for the saints as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come (I Cor i 2).

We must remember that the only instructions as to this system that the people had at this time were in the Old Testament and that system is clearly defined as to tithing. Tithing, therefore, is not under law but grace, and those who object to tithing by saying that they are not under law but under grace are really not in grace but in disgrace and do not give according to their means but according to their meanness. Some make the excuse and evade their responsibility by saying that everything they have belongs to God. If so the practical application would be to turn it into God's treasury. But God has not asked us to give it all but to give a portion. He has not asked us to give everything in general and nothing in particular. Some may say they do not know what their tithe is. We hold that everyone knows who wants to know. Suppose we reverse it in order to illustrate. We say that the clerk of the City Hall has been authorised to give everyone who will make application to him ten per cent, addition to his income. Everyone then



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would know what a tithe was. Everyone would know that it was ten per cent. in addition to his income for the month and would be down at the City Hall bright and early to receive it.

The question is often asked, "Is it right for me to pay tithes while I am in debt?" We answer, "Absolutely YES!" The tithe is the debt that we owe to God. This debt is first in time, first in principle and from every angle you can look at it, it comes first. To pay your debts to God and receive His blessing in temporal affairs will enable you to pay your debts to man more quickly than for you to evade His debt and get out of touch with God. The Word of God clearly promises temporal prosperity for those who tithe unto the Lord. This is embraced in the text "Honour the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of thine increase." That is the condition, and the reward is, "That thy barns shall be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." People who have tried it have proved it to be true.

We have the case of Mr. Colgate, the great soap manufacturer of New York. Mr. Colgate left home when a very small boy. His father was a soap maker and was poor. The boy left home and started for the City to earn a livelihood. On the way he met a sea captain who was a Christian, who took him under a tree in the shade and had a talk with him. He asked the little lad what he could do and he

answered that he knew only how to make soap and candles. The sea captain gave him this advice, "Give your heart to God and tithe your income. Some day there is going to be a man at the head of the great soap industries of New York and there is no reason why you should not be that man." The boy took the advice, went to the City and got a job, earned a dollar and gave ten cents to the cause of God, earned two dollars and gave twenty cents to the cause of God and so on. He soon got a position in a soap factory and continued to tithe his income and continued to prosper. It was not long until he rose from a common labourer to foreman, then to manager, then to president of the company with a share in the business, and finally owned the entire establishment. As he continued to prosper he gave two tithes, he prospered more and gave three tithes, he still prospered and gave four. He prospered still more and decided to give half of all his income. He then called his friends together and told them the secret of his success; that it was because of tithing to the Lord; and from this on he would give everything above a livelihood. His name is a household name to-day and he has established charitable institutions all over the United States, due to the fact that he honoured the Lord and God honoured him. Hundreds of cases like this can be cited. We do not believe it has ever failed when there is a right motive behind it.

Who is This?

By DR. CHAS. A. SHREVE

Who is this that cometh up out of the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? (Song of Solomon viii 5)

A WILDERNESS is an awful place to be lost in. The lowly life of Jesus and the expression of love and devotion of the human soul, is beautifully pictured in the Song of Solomon. It also pictures the wilderness condition in all walks of life at the present time. Things are in a pretty bad shape. Take the political realm, and what uncertainty there is there. The foundations of all governments are being shaken and no man knows whether he is going to stand politically or fall. It is the same in the business world. Clear-headed business men are trembling at what may be the outcome in a few short years. As we consider the industrial world with its strikes and confusion, we find the same condition. No one knows what it is all about and there is a great cry—"Oh, if we could only see our way clear through this wilderness." It is the same in the educational world. It is perfectly remarkable what young people are being taught in the schools now in the name of science. They are taught that their grandfathers all came from monkeys, apes, etc., back yonder in the long ago; that God's word is not

true; that God never made man. God says that He did, and we know that the Bible stands true.

We are also in the wilderness religiously. It seems to me that we are in a worse wilderness religiously than in any other way. All kinds of religions are abroad in the land to-day; all types of Christianity, all kinds of "isms." It is in the "wilderness" that we find ravenous beasts, reptiles and creeping things, whose sting will cause death. Here comes a man and he sits down under a tree and preaches one kind of a theory. Another comes along from under another tree who is propagating another theory, and the leaves of the trees they are sitting under grow and expand until they shut out the light of God that should guide us on our way. Instead of seeing our pathway clear we are led about by doubts, fears, and unbelief. There are many preachers staggering around in the wilderness not able to see their way clearly, who are worse off than the people—"Blind leaders of the blind and both will fall into the ditch." But in the midst of the uncertainty, in the midst of the scepticism that is going on in the world, there is something taking



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place, and we can see it by faith. There is an ever increasing procession marching up out of this wilderness, this uncertainty, with their faces "set like a flint toward Zion," and climbing this upward grade with their hearts strong within them. From every denomination, from every race, kindred, tribe and tongue, are coming up those who have heard the "Voice of one crying in the wilderness, Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

There is hardly a tree in the wilderness but somebody is rising up from under it "leaning on the arm of their Beloved." Where are they going? They are moving on in the "narrow way" that leads to life. They have heard the message that "Jesus is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." The light shone down upon their pathway and they beheld a Cross, with one outstretched upon it, a crown of thorns upon His brow, the blood trickling down His face, with the nail prints in His hands and feet, calling to men everywhere to "Look unto Me all ye ends of the earth and be saved." It was when I beheld Him that I joined the procession up out of the wilderness, "leaning upon my Beloved." There are many who are trying to get out of the wilderness in some other way. Like the people of old, they are trying to build a Tower of Babel that will reach to Heaven, but it will only end in confusion and destruction.

Jesus looks down upon her (who is a type of this body of people) as she journeys by His side and says "Thou art fair, my love." He looks down into the faces of those who have flocked to His side, from the East, from the West, from the North, from the South, from every kindred, tribe and tongue, and says, "Thou art fair, my love." "But," she says, "behold my garment. I am not dressed as I should be to walk with Thee." He says to her, "I will give you clothing finer than wrought gold." "The King's daughter shall be brought before the King in raiment of fine needlework." He says that He began to fashion this garment long ago, way up yonder beyond the blue sky. He took some of the threads that make the stars to shine. He wove into it the colours that make the rainbow. He took from the very glories of Heaven to make it a thing of beauty. "Do you remember," He asked, "when I came down to earth, how My path led through the Garden of Gethsemane? I took this garment with Me to add some more stitches to it, and some of those tear drops, and those great drops of blood, fell on it and it became a 'royal robe.' I slipped it on to the cross with Me, and as they drove the nails into My hands and feet and put the crown of thorns on My brow, I got in a few more stitches and added a few more loops. Then I held it up for the approval of Heaven, and cried with a loud, triumphant voice, 'It is Finished!'" "Oh, my Lord, I am so un-

worthy of this robe that Thou has purchased for me with Thine own precious blood. I am so weak and unworthy." "My strength is made perfect in thy weakness. I will carry you through on My 'Everlasting Arm,'"—and that is what she is leaning on now.

What does she look like? Have you ever noticed in these Pentecostal meetings how many different kinds of people there are? They have come up from under all kinds of trees in the wilderness. He takes them just as they are and He takes them on His arm. My friends, there is a great movement going on in the world to-day—and what does it mean? There is a great stir, for the winds of Heaven are blowing. Falling under the power of God men and women come forth, "speaking in tongues as the Spirit giveth utterance," telling of the wonderful works of God. There are things happening that we have never witnessed before. It is a great procession, marching up out of the wilderness, and I am glad that I am a part of it. When I was a boy my father used to take me to the city to see the soldiers march. The bands would play and the flags would wave, but when I was converted way back yonder I began to witness the rejoicing of the people who are following Christ, and I want to tell you that I am beholding the greatest parade that ever will be on this earth—the march up out of the wilderness. I love to seek a soul that may be down under some tree in the wilderness and invite him to join this procession. I love to see them going on "leaning on Jesus."

God is calling His people to a life of holiness and prayer, a life of praise unto Him. He has done all that there is to do and now the main thing for us to do is to celebrate. He does the work and we do the celebrating. We ought to be able and glad to shout the praises of God. He says that He has given us a banner that may be waved because of truth. I am not a preacher, I am a "flag waver," a "bell ringer." I ring the bell and announce that dinner is ready, and if the people have not sense enough to eat, I believe my task is done. He has a table spread before us and He wants us to partake of it. Some people have an idea that religion is a matter of theory, of understanding of doctrine, but it is not that at all. It is the manifestation of the divine power of God, and any religion without it is a failure. The children of the Lord have great and precious promises given unto them, and why should they not appropriate them? If the Lord has done anything for you, why should you not rejoice? It is time to shout, for the time of rejoicing has come. We are entering the year of Jubilee and there is a wonderful time ahead. There is an ever upward look, leaving the wilderness behind, and pressing forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost. While many are denying the miracles in the Bible, God is giving multiplied thousands of genuine miracles right under their very eyes. Great audiences of many thousands have gathered in different cities to witness divine healing services, and have gone away convinced that the Bible is the Word of God.

Dear reader, do you realise that we are in the midst of a tremendous revival? Hundreds of thousands have been converted, thousands of well attested cases of healing of all manner of disease, are witnessed by all grades of people, religious and irreligious. In every city and town there are earnest Christians who speak in tongues, and like Paul, they thank God for it. Why all this opposition against this feature of this great work? Did not all the apostles and members of the Jewish church speak in tongues? (Acts ii. 1-4) Did not all the whole company of Gentile believers speak in tongues when the Spirit fell upon them? (Acts x. 44-48) Did not all the members of the church at Ephesus speak with tongues (Acts xix. 1-6) And if they did not all do so at Corinth Paul said he wished they would (I Co. xiv. 5)

Speaking in tongues is only one great feature of this revival. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit makes Christ real, illuminates the mind, opens the Scriptures, and sets the soul aflame. It saves from formalism, Eddyism, Russellism, or any cult that denies the Blood, or any portion of the Word of God. It gives power to live the victorious life, to testify, preach, and pray "the prayer of faith."

Last, but not least, to be filled with the Spirit means a life of intimate communion with Christ. "Speaking unto yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," while you await with joyful anticipation the return of the One altogether lovely.

Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

Listen do you know that whisperers are placed in just the same class as murderers? A whisperer breaks up homes and parts chief friends. Are you a whisperer? Many families are crushed to-day just because people have been around whispering and as a rule whisperers are liars.

RULES FOR GIVING (II. Cor. viii. ix.)

- The beginning of giving—Myself (viii. 5)
- The reason for giving—Grace (viii. 6, 7)
- The example of giving—Jesus Christ (viii. 9)
- The extent of giving—According to ability (viii. 12)
- The way of giving—Cheerfully (ix. 7)
- The result of giving—God is glorified others are grateful (ix. 11-13)

The Latter Rain Outpouring

THE past few years have witnessed a great "falling away" (II. Thess. ii. 3, II. Tim. iii. 1-5). Pride, worldly pleasure, and the vanities of the age characterize many professors of Christianity, while many of the colleges and pulpits of the so-called orthodox churches are filled with Modernists, who deny the cardinal doctrines of the Bible. While we would spare no words in commendation of the men who are tenaciously fighting for the old standards of the church, yet this is no time to cling to a church simply because of its past history and associations. God has His own answer to modern infidelity. It is the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, irrespective of race, station, or religion. The fire is falling and again "we do hear them speak with tongues and magnify God." God is bearing witness with signs and wonders and

The Great Mystery

By HENRY PROCTOR. F.R.S.L. (An Elder at the Elim Tabernacle, Clapham).

THE Apostle Paul often speaks of a great mystery which from all ages and generations had been hid in God, but which "is now being made known to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit. He explains it as being "Christ in (us) the hope of glory," and speaks of the great work of his life and the special object of his ministry as being "to make all men see and to enlighten all, as to what is the fellowship of this mystery"—how we may attain to the knowledge of that which surpasses human understanding by means of the indwelling Christ, whom, says he, "we proclaim, admonishing every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ—to which end he laboured—agonizing (lit) according to, or by means of the indwelling Christ—which energized him mightily" (Col. i 20, Greek)

He indicates the special meetings which were held for this grand purpose, when he says "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect (teleiote)—God's wisdom in a mystery which God foreordained before the ages unto our glory"

Again he speaks of "the riches of the glory of this mystery," shewing that therein lies within it, some of the deepest, sweetest and most precious truth that man can by any possibility learn on earth." "The glory that is to be revealed in us," is bound up in this mystery

The saints to whom this mystery is made known, are partakers even on earth of the glory of Christ, as He says "The glory which Thou gavest me, I HAVE GIVEN unto them" But what is that glory of which we may NOW be partakers with Him? The glory of being *one* with the Father and the Son. Again then the same truth is brought out. The glory is in being "members of His Body; of His flesh and of His bones"

The Meal Offering which was a type of the Body of Christ, had to be mingled with oil and anointed

with oil, which is a parable for the time now present. The various grains of fine flour, represent pure bodies welded together through the permeating oil into one loaf, so are we through the immersion in the Holy Spirit, welded together into one Body, and as the loaf was anointed with oil so are we anointed, together with Christ—the Head of the Body (I Cor x 17, II Cor i 21)—and just as His body of flesh was the temple of God on earth, so now all the members of His Body are being builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit (Eph ii 22) But not only are we thus collectively a sanctuary of God, but individually we are each temples of the Living God, as God said, if we touch no unclean thing "I will inhabit them and walk about in them" Our bodies are thus constituted temples of the Holy Spirit" and "members of Christ" (I Cor. vi. 16, 19).

For this reason we should present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and well pleasing to God (Rom xii 1) cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, so that the inward man may be permeated through and through every atom of its spiritual substance, with the Spirit of God and of Christ. Then shall we know our blessed Master's meaning, when He said "In that day ye shall understand that I am in My Father and ye in Me and I in you, for He will manifest Himself to us The Hidden One within will unveil Himself"

If we really love Him we shall keep His word, "walk even as He walked," delighting in the Father's will, more than in any earthly joy or treasure, and saying with the blessed Paul, whom God set forth as a special type and pattern, "In conjunction with Christ, I have become crucified, nay living no longer am I but living in me is Christ; while so far as I *now* live in flesh, in faith I live, the faith of the God and Christ who loved me and gave Himself in my behalf" (Gal ii 20, Rotherham).

Items of Interest

Mr and Mrs George Kingston received a most enthusiastic welcome at Rayleigh on their return from the United States of America Elm friends were delighted to hear of their safe home-coming

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A Foursquare Gospel meeting was commenced last month by Pastor E. B. Pinch at Wallington, Surrey, and is held in the Central Hall, Stafford Road, every Thursday at 7 30 p.m.

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A baptismal service was conducted at Elim Taber-

nacle, Clapham, by Pastor H T D Stoneham, on Thursday, September 16th

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On Tuesday, September 21st, a baptismal service was held at the Surrey Tabernacle, when 49 candidates were baptised by Pastor E J. Phillips

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The regular services at the Surrey Tabernacle, Elephant and Castle, have now been transferred to the church at the corner of Grange Road and Upper Grange Road in Bermondsey



A platform view of Pastor George Jeffreys' revival campaign in the tent at Bournemouth

Pastor George Jeffreys *at* Bournemouth

Once again we print a Night Telegraph Letter, which comes from the revival centre at Bournemouth, where our leader, Pastor George Jeffreys, is holding forth in this, the ninth week of his campaign. Our readers will rejoice to know that their prayers are being answered in this town, which is considered by many, one of the hardest places in the country.—ED



A view of the rear section of the tent at Pastor George Jeffreys' revival campaign at Bournemouth. Each service 101



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Our Missionaries

BELGIAN CONGO

Opening up of a New Mission Station A LETTER FROM MR. JAMES MULLAN

SINCE I last wrote to you from Mwanza, I have been moving round a little, and have eventually settled here at Busango. I left Mwanza on July 2nd in company with Mr. Hodson and Mr. Gittings for Kisale, where I remained a week waiting for Mr. Womersley, who was to follow us. It was decided at the Mwanza Conference that Mr. Womersley and I were to work together for the time being, and that I accompany him to open up his new station at Busango in Kasongo Membo Territory. So as soon as he arrived at Kisale we both set off for the village of Busango. We experienced some very rough travelling on our way here, but at last after about a week of journeying on bicycles (where we could) over valleys, across streams and mountains, we arrived at our destination tired, but thankful to God for His care and protection on the path through dangers seen and unseen.

We arrived at Busango on July 19th, and the first few days we spent looking for a suitable site for a Mission Station. We weren't long at Busango until Mr. Burton arrived from Mwanza to help us with the latter task. Needless to say we were delighted to have his able and valuable assistance, or rather, I should say, we were glad to assist him. In a short time he had plans of our proposed site drawn out for us and everything completed with the Chief of Busango, and was off again on his journey round the stations, after finally having the plans passed for us with the Administrator at Kamina, to which place Mr. Womersley accompanied him, while I stayed at home and "kept house," or "kept tent," till Mr. Womersley returned a few days later.

Soon Mr. Womersley and I, with one or two black helpers, were busy cutting out paths through the dense forest, to serve as boundaries to our piece of land. Busango is a fairly large village situated on a large plateau some 3,700 feet above sea-level, and on the side of the hill where we are going to build there is a dense tract of forest, which when partially cleared will allow us a view out on to a beautiful valley extending on one side for some thirty miles to the Lovoi River.

We have been busy ever since clearing away at this forest, and now we have our tent pitched in a clearing we have made. The nights which have been very cold we find a little warmer down here than up in the village; beside we are not so much disturbed here by the usual noises accompanying village life. In the forest we only hear the noises of various small animals and the song of numerous insects, but when

we were up in the village we found it rather difficult to sleep sometimes because of our neighbours' sheep and goats. These kept up a continual bleating all night, and not only that but they scented some salt we kept in the tent, and usually about midnight or later our slumbers would be rudely awakened by goats or sheep pushing underneath the canvas and licking at the outside of the salt sack with loud smacks of evident appreciation, while those outside would bleat and endeavour to push in also. We found our boots very useful weapons to conduct these nightly visitors safely to the tent entrance.

When we weren't disturbed by sheep and goats, we were sometimes (which was very often) visited by the village scavengers, snapping, snarling little native dogs, which crunched up any stray bones found outside the tent. Oftentimes at night also we heard the village folks lamenting the death of some loved one. This custom of mourning for the dead is always very carefully observed here. We have had difficulty so far in gathering the natives together for any large Gospel meetings, as some of the people are still away working for the Government on the Kamina motor road, and others are busily engaged in burning off the great tracts of bush and grass land on the plains, and hunting the animals which run to escape the fires. I believe, however, that the blessing of God is resting on our meetings and we are trusting soon to have a rich harvest of souls for this time of sowing. We would ask a special interest in the prayers of God's people at this time, when so many little difficulties attendant on the opening of a new station are arising.

THE MEXICAN BORDER

A New Church Built

Extracts from Letters from Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas

WE are glad to say that the new church is now finished. That which two months ago was merely a dream, is now a reality, for not only is the church completed, but last week saw the building filled with people, praising the Lord for all His wonderful works. On Thursday evening we commenced a four days' convention, when the new church was dedicated to the work of the Lord among the Mexicans. That first evening saw the building filled, a number of American saints coming along to shew their interest in the work. The following morning in the service, while we were praying, an unsaved Mexican woman knelt at the altar, and while she was being prayed with the power of the Holy Spirit came upon her and she fell prostrate on the floor. We realized the presence of the Lord in a wonderful way, and there were messages in tongues



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with interpretation. Numbers of Mexicans came out, some for salvation and others seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In one of the meetings the speaker, in the course of his address, referred to the multitudes around us who are unsaved and who never attend any place of worship. This fact was so impressed upon him, that he began to weep, and had to stop speaking, this so affected many others present, that for a time crying



THE NEW MEXICAN CHURCH AT SAN DIEGO

and prayers went up for the lost. It was good to feel this spirit among the workers, and numbers of them are living lives of real sacrifice that the Gospel may be spread among the Mexicans and Spanish speaking people.

Last night we went to the home of a Mexican sister in the Lord, at her invitation, to hold a service in her house for the benefit of her husband an American, who was sick, and whom we thought was unsaved. We were just a little company, two other workers, a few Mexicans and ourselves. After a time of singing and prayer and a short address, we sat praising the Lord, when presently we saw the sick man quietly praising God, and quivering under

the power of the Holy Spirit. This encouraged us to pray and praise more, and soon the man was speaking in other tongues and praising God with all his might. The Lord had saved and baptised him on his sick bed. It was beautiful to see his wife with the tears streaming down her face, praising God in her own language for what He had done, and the abounding joy which the husband manifested as he clasped us, and said, "Come again."

As we speak to many of the Mexicans about their souls' salvation, they admit to us that we are right, but they find it so hard to leave the "pool halls" and other places of sin. As we go on we are encouraged, because we know that nothing is too hard for the Lord, and we are expecting Him to work with signs and wonders.

You will be interested to know that we have taken temporary charge of the Mexican work in National City, a place some few miles away, in the absence of Brother Williams, who started the work about a year or so ago, and who has now opened up a new work some miles away. We are so glad that we are able to take charge of the services ourselves, and that we know enough of the language to make ourselves understood and to give out the Word in the meetings. While many of the men refuse to come in to the services, they hang around outside and listen through the open door.

Our readers may cheer the hearts of our missionaries by writing to them. Please note the following addresses:

Mr and Mrs G H Thomas, 343, 17th Street, San Diego, Cal, U.S.A

Mr Cyril Taylor, La Mission Evangelistique du Congo, Ngol-Mani, Kaballa, Katanga, Belgian Congo

Mr James Mullan, Busango Mission, Kamina Poste, Lomami, Katango, Belgian Congo

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Questions and Answers



What is the meaning of "One man esteemeth one day above another, another man esteemeth every day alike" (Rom. xiv 5)?

There were many Jewish festivals, fasts, new moons and sabbaths, which were esteemed by the Hebrew Christians as holy above other days. The apostle teaches that these are not binding upon the Christian, to whom every day is "holy unto the Lord." He therefore "esteemed every day alike" as holy. See Col. ii. 16, 17.

Is it wrong for a Christian to go to the Picture Palace to see films such as "The Ten Commandments," "The Fall of Babylon" and "The Crucifixion"?

Although some of the films appear, like those named, to be uplifting, yet the teaching in a book on "The Ten Commandments" for instance is absolutely wrong and misleading. It is safe to take nothing from such sources. The devil is never more dangerous than when he professes to teach the Gospel.



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Elim Daily Bible Readings.

The Lord's Table

By PASTOR E. B. PINCH

Selected portions of Scripture for daily reading with devotional comments.

October 16th. Saturday Genesis xlv. "For every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians" (v 34) It is significant that the family of Jacob, by their very life and calling placed a great gulf between themselves and the native inhabitants, though in Egypt, they were not of it. And the true life and calling of every faithful child of God is an abomination in the eyes of the world, and a daily rebuke to sin

October 17th. Sunday Isaiah liii. "He shall be satisfied" (v 11) The work of man's redemption is in the hands of the Lord Jesus It was undertaken according to God's good pleasure and was therefore bound to prosper (v 10) But it is good to know that not only are we to be blessed, but He Himself is to receive abundant satisfaction in it "Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross"

October 18th. Monday Joshua xx. "Appoint out for you cities of refuge" (v 2) These cities, distributed over the land, and placed so that one was always near at hand are a picture of Christ, the refuge for sinners The names of these cities are most suggestive (verses 7 and 8) -
1 Kedesh meaning Holy
2 Shechem ,, Shoulder, or strength
3 Hebron ,, Fellowship
4 Bezer ,, Fortification, or stronghold
5 Ramoth ,, High, or exalted
6 Golan ,, Joy, or exultation

October 19th Tuesday. Nehemiah viii. "Gathered together to understand the words of the law" (v 13) The people had spent the greater part of one day praying and reading God's word, yet they were so far from being weary that the next day they came together again This occupation they found more delightful than any worldly pleasure or profit The more we prayerfully read the Word of God, the more we shall desire to increase our acquaintance with it

October 20th. Wednesday. Isaiah liv. "My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed" (v 10) God has made with us a covenant of peace It is as the waters of Noah (v 9), as sure as the promise that the earth should never again be destroyed by a flood It is firmer than the strongest parts of the natural world The mountains may depart or be removed, but the promise of God can never be shaken (v 10)

October 21st. Thursday. John xvi. "It is expedient for you that I go away" (v 7) The Lord taught His disciples three great lessons at this time concerning the Holy Spirit Firstly That His departure was absolutely essential for the Spirit's coming (v 7) The Spirit was sent from heaven as soon as the glorified Christ had entered Secondly That there was no substitute for the Spirit He was absolutely necessary (v 8), and, Thirdly That the descent of the Spirit would be more to the advantage of the Church than the bodily presence of Christ

October 22nd Friday. Exodus xxxvi. "In whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding, for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded" (v 1) Three things here stand out clearly That the original plan was the Lord's, that only selected workmen could be employed, particularly the wise-hearted, and thirdly, that the Lord Himself was responsible for supplying them with the wisdom and understanding required

October 23rd. Saturday. I. Samuel xxv. Blessed be the Lord blessed be thy advice blessed be thou" (verses 32 and 33) David is exceedingly thankful because the Lord has checked him in the purposed committal of sin, by the timely advice of Abigail Most people, even Christians, think it an excellent virtue if they are able to take a reproval patiently, but very few will take it thankfully and bless those who administer it

October 24th Sunday Nehemiah ix. "They read in the book, they confessed and worshipped" (v 3) This is the usual order of spiritual progress The Word of God convicts of sin, and brings the soul to honest confession, so that when all the barriers have thus been removed the soul may truly worship God

October 25th Monday. Isaiah lv. "Come" (v 1) This is the keynote of the chapter It is indeed the gospel for everyone It is significant that the Lord does not say "go," but "come" It is the commencement of an eternal fellowship, and is reminiscent of that wonderful day when God pronounced the first "come" we find in our Bibles, "Come thou, and all thy house into the ark" (Genesis vii 1)

October 26th Tuesday. II Samuel xx "Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city" (v 21) The one great condition of peace which Jacob made was that they should give into his hands the traitor And so when the Lord bestrifies our souls it is not our harm He seeks, but rather that we should yield up to Him the traitor that is in our hearts There can be no peace until sin and all its foul offspring has been cast over the wall of our hearts (see verse 21)

October 27th. Wednesday. Acts xxii. "Men, brethren and fathers, hear ye my defence" (v 1) Here at Jerusalem in the ears of the most learned religionists of his day, Paul has the opportunity of contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints The absence of theological argument is most noticeable He simply, and in the plainest terms, gives an account of his own conversion After all the best evidence of the truth of Christianity is a Christian

October 28th. Thursday. I. Samuel xxvi. "Destroy him not, for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" (v 9) This was a big temptation to David His enemy lay sleeping within the reach of his hand And the enemy whispers, "God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand," but verse 9 gives us David's noble answer He considered that it was much more important to be innocent than to be safe He will not avenge himself "No!" says David, "the Lord shall smite him" (v 10)

October 29th Friday. Isaiah lvi "I will make them joyful in my house of prayer" (v 7) Yes, joy is to be found in the house of prayer Prayer is always the forerunner of joy We must pray until the spirit of the Victor is in our souls, and the shout of the Conqueror in our hearts -

Prayer is over, praise begun, Hallelujah, it is done

October 30th. Saturday. Matthew xxiii. "But all their works they do for to be seen of men" (v 7) All show and no substance all parade and no performance It is no new thing for the show and form of godliness to be made a cloak to cover the greatest enormities and the grossest sins Re-



member it is one of the signs of the closing days of this dispensation " Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof "

October 31st. Sunday. Acts xxiii. " I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day " (v 1) This

sincere confession is a tower of strength to any man. It matters little what others say of us, if our hearts condemn us not. He had aimed to please God and do his duty in those things in which they were so incensed against him. Those who live in all good conscience before God, may, like Paul, have confidence both toward God and man.

Studies in Hebrews

By PASTOR D. J. DAVIES (Continued)

" Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they " (Heb 1:4-9)

THE Hebrew Christians, it seems, had not a little difficulty in being able to assign to Christ a proper place in the category of beings. According to the Old Testament there were distinct gradations in the scale of being. First there was the Eternal Jehovah, afterward the holy angels, great in power and majesty, then came man, who was a little lower than the angels, but higher than the animal creation (Psalm viii. 4-8).

No less a difficulty was the assigning to Christ a proper place in point of status. The angels occupied a position of power and intimacy with the Most High (Luke 1:19). Certain angelic beings stood in a special relationship to God's covenant people, and to the nations of the world (Daniel x. 5, 6, 13, Daniel xii. 1). The law was mediated through angels at Sinai (Acts vii. 53), and the security of God's anointed ones were certified by angelic vigilance (Psalm xc. 11).

The problem then that presented itself to these people was, how could our Lord be " lower than the angels," yet transcend them. It is this that the writer seeks to clarify.

(1) Christ surpasses angels on account of the superiority of His Person.

The Lord Jesus Christ was personally superior to any created order of being, on account of His unique relationship to Almighty God. His mode of being was Deity. He was the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father. Among the many sons of God's adoption, He is uniquely Son in being God's only begotten (Heb 1:10, John iii. 16).

Our Lord is the first begotten in point of precedence (Heb 1:6) and the only begotten in point of Personal Being.

" To which of the angels saith He at any time, Thou art My Son? " But God testified from the excellent glory His Paternal relationship to Christ our Lord (Matt xvii. 5). " This is my beloved Son "

Our Lord was personally superior to the angelic order because of His passion for holiness and His antagonism to sin. The splendid angelic race has a record of rebellion, there are angels deposed and awaiting judgment (Jude 6), iniquity was found in the prince of celestial hosts (Ezek xxviii. 12); but of His Son He saith " Thy throne, O God, is for ever

and ever. a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy Kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows (Heb 1:8, 9).

Christ surpasses the angels by His peerless Person and the perfection of His principles.

(2) Christ surpasses angels on account of the superiority of His prerogatives.

That these angels are great and glorious is gladly granted by the writer, he does not minimise their majesty and might, but they are but servants in the scheme of salvation (Heb 1:14). Whereas Christ is not only majestic and mighty, but He shares the sovereignty, as well as the nature of Almighty God — " But unto the Son He saith, ' Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever " (Heb 1:8).

Great as the angels are, they never became objects of worship. The Hebrews held them in high esteem, but worship was reserved for the great and glorious Jehovah. Worship and homage were the sole prerogatives of the Almighty, but this writer declares that " When He (God) bringeth the first-born into the world, He saith, ' Let all the angels of God worship Him ' (Heb 1:6). Christ as a babe in Bethlehem was honoured by the homage and worship of holy angels.

(3) Christ surpasses angels on account of the permanence of His position and power.

This inspired writer proceeds to contrast Christ with creation; he also compares the angels to some of the most splendid features of creation. " He maketh His angels winds and His ministers a flame of fire " The winds symbolise the exceeding power committed to, and exercised by certain angels, the flames of fire signify the exceeding brilliance of angelic wisdom and illumination. The comparison is remarkable, but the contrast is more impressive. The position that angels occupy in the universe is a relative one. They serve within the universe, but He is the designer and the sustainer of this vast concern.

The earth is but an incident in the progression of the eternal purposes of Almighty God. There will come a time when this order of creation will have



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served its purpose; decay will mark its decline, it will be discarded as a garment that has served its purpose. The philosophy of change is certainly true of this present order, "They shall be changed." This but serves to illustrate the immutability of creation's Christ. Decay and deterioration are characteristics of creation, but this writer declares "Thou remainest," "Thou art the same and Thy years shall not fail." This contrast has been well expressed by the hymn writer:

Change and decay in all around I see,
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

Christ our Lord is not the creature of time and circumstance but the Eternal I Am, the immutable One

Christ then is superior to angels on account of the eternal perfection of His Personal character. Our Lord is superior to angels on account of the eternal permanence of His position and power. The Lord Jesus, our adorable Christ, is superior to angels on account of the eternal persistence of His prerogatives.

All hail the power of Jesu's Name,
Let angels prostrate fall

Elim Evangelistic Band

Bermondsey. Prayer is requested for a special mission which was commenced on Sunday, September 26th, by Pastor Robert Smith and Miss Coleman, at the church which has been taken over by the Elim Alliance, at the corner of Grange Road and Upper Grange Road, Bermondsey

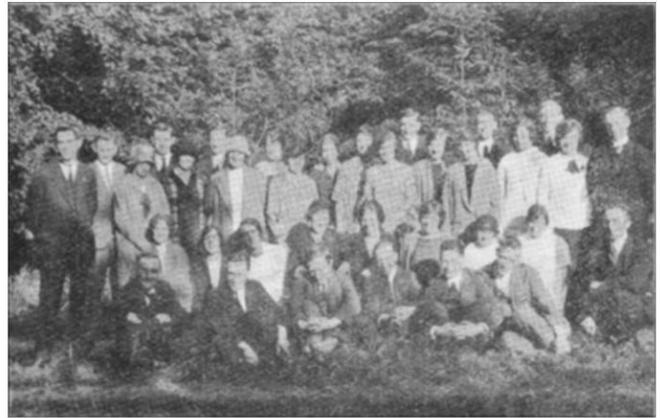
Launceston. The special services held during August in the Oddfellows' Hall by Mr. A. Robins were much blessed of God, and as a result, an assembly has been formed in this town

Annaghanoon. A Special Foursquare Gospel Campaign was held in a tent at Annaghanoon by Messrs. Kelly and Uprichard. This campaign started on Sunday, July 18th, and continued until August 15th. It was followed by a visit from Mr. T. B. Lennon, who commenced on Monday, August 16th, and continued until the following Sunday. We thank God for the rich blessing that was received by the ministering of His Word by His servants. Sunday, August 22nd marked the closing night of this campaign, and it was inspiring to see such a crowd gathering to hear the Word of the Lord. The tent proved far too small, and many had to listen from the outside, as our brother delivered his farewell address. During the mission a Convention was arranged and held on Saturday, August 21st. We do praise God for the rich blessing received during these five weeks.

East Ham Sunday School. Mr. J. Maxwell, the Superintendent, writes as follows—"Our children's outing took place on September 2nd, to Foxburrow Farm, Hainault Forest. Although the weather was very unfavourable, it did not dampen the feelings of the happy crowd that gathered early in the morning. It was a wonderful gathering, numbering 620 children and adults. The party were conveyed in twenty char-a-bancs, and on arrival at our destination everyone was determined to make the best of things, and entered heartily into the enjoyment of the games and sports. It was a splendid sight to see the children and adults sit down to an excellent tea, after which Mrs. Tweed presented the prizes. On the return

journey we passed the time in our usual Pentecostal manner—singing our favourite choruses, until we reached the Tabernacle. We were delighted to have the company of Pastor and Mrs. Tweed, whose presence greatly added to our enjoyment.

"It is now three months since this Sunday School commenced with 95 scholars. There has been a great development since its inception. Our number of scholars now exceeds 400, including Adult Class,



A GROUP OF TEACHERS FROM THE ELIM SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BELFAST. The above photograph was taken on the occasion of an outing to Helen's Bay, Co. Down on Saturday, September 4th. With the teachers are Mr. George Aiers, a visitor from the Barking assembly (left side, front row), and Pastor J. Smith, who is now in charge of the work at Belfast (left side, back row).

a fine Young Women's Bible Class under the leadership of Mrs. Tweed, and a Young Men's Class led by Mr. Dean. We have a band of faithful teachers who have had the joy of leading many dear boys and girls to Jesus. We have an able and enthusiastic Secretary in Mr. H. Jackman, who has the children's work very much at heart. God is richly blessing the Sunday School work, and we are looking for still greater things this coming winter. To Him be all the glory."

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The very fact of your trying to *improve your title for heaven* proves clearly that, instead of being saved, you are only deceiving your own soul by a false hope.

But let us turn a moment to God's Word. Read carefully Acts iv. 12. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (i.e., the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom God raised from the dead)

Now, if Christ alone be the sinner's *only* title to heaven, if faith in His precious blood be the *only* ground of true peace and forgiveness then you must admit that it would be nothing short of foul blasphemy to talk of *improving* such a title!

Add merit to His peerless person! Improve the value of His atoning sacrifice! *Away with such a thought.*

The fact is, dear friend, your *refuge is a false one*, and the sooner you face that solemn fact in the presence of God the better

You prove that it is self you are really trusting, and not Christ at all. *You are trying to be good enough for God to accept you*. Conscience tells you that you are still far from God's standard of holiness, and that is why you think of *improving your title*

A "*good self*" is the Pharisee's only trust, a *worthy Christ* is the true believer's refuge.

"Lo, these many years do I serve thee," said the elder son in the parable, "*neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment*." and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends."

His best doings had not earned the smallest blessing. But the poor prodigal was welcomed and blessed, not upon the ground of his goodness to the father (for he owned that he had none; he had "*sinned*," and was "*unworthy*"), but upon the ground of the father's goodness and love to him

Oh, false professor! cast off from thee, as thou wouldst a deadly serpent, every rag of thine own righteousness, and while distrusting self in every shape, look into the face of that blessed Worthy One in heavenly glory ("*once for guilty sinners slain*"), and trust alone in Him.

Then, instead of being deceived by thy treacherous heart, thou shalt have the assurance of His precious word that *salvation* is thine

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31)

Thou shalt then be able to go on thy way rejoicing, singing thy grateful song of praise to Him who alone is worthy. Then the language of thy heart shall ever be—

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee

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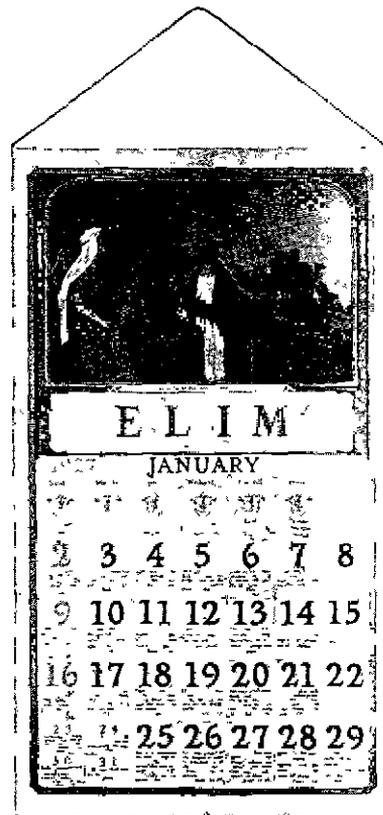


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