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The Elim Evangel

FOURSQUARE ON THE WORD OF GOD

The Elim 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 Elim Revival and Healing Campaigns, Elim Publishing Office, Elim Bible College, Elim Foursquare Gospel Churches, and this, the "Elim 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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Resurrection Reflections

By PASTOR E. C. W. BOULTON.

"He is not here, but is risen"—Luke xxiv 6.

Risen for me, risen for me,
Up from the grave He has risen for me,
Now evermore from death's sting I am free,
All because Jesus has risen for me

THE resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest and grandest demonstration of Divine power that this age has witnessed, revealing as it does the majesty and magnitude of the plan of God. It represents God's answer to the Satanic challenge. In that resurrection scene Jehovah is seen proclaiming Himself Sovereign in the realm of death. The Resurrection is the blessed complement of the Crucifixion, the former without the latter would be incomplete and inadequate. It is heaven's eloquent estimate of Calvary's work. The gaping grave tells us in thrilling terms of God's acceptance of the vicarious sacrifice of His Son on the Cross. It is the full vindication and verification of the claims that Christ made in the days prior to His decease. Here we behold Him, the despised and rejected One, "declared to be the Son of God with power." Did ever relationship receive such real ratification? The open wounds and the open tomb are the gracious and glorious guarantees of blessing, unmeasured and unmerited, from their depths there has risen a river which shall girdle the globe with hope eternal. Through these precious portals we pass into all the wealth of God's Kingdom; we are admitted to the very heart of God. Blessed Easter morn! Thou art the breaking of God's new day! Through the black death-clouds there bursts the Divine Sun in meridian splendour. Through the unsealed tomb Christ comes to me in newness of life.

The Crucifixion represents Satan's supreme attempt to thwart God's redemptive purpose—the resurrection reveals God's unchanging determination to carry that redemption to its glorious consummation. The same hand which had rent the vail, is now seen removing the stone. It was the magnificent exhibition "of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead." Or that radiant Easter morning the forces of hell were thrown back in complete confusion. It was a debacle of the Devil's battalions. Christ came forth the conqueror of the dread power of death, having

"spoiled principalities and powers." The dominion of darkness and death gone for ever. So that those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ should no longer be subject to its terrible thralldom. His was a *representative* victory. He overcame death *for us*. A world lay in helpless, hopeless captivity; it was impotent to effect its own deliverance; it needed a champion, one who could fully and finally accomplish its emancipation. Christ's resurrection has not only stripped the grave of its triumph, but also of its terror. History tells us that, until Vasco De Gama, the Portugese discoverer, had sailed in safety around the Cape of Good Hope, it had been called Cape Death, but afterwards its name was changed. And so my Lord passed through the dark and angry waters of death, and now the character of the grave is changed for His followers.

That there was tremendous resistance to the resurrection from the "rulers of the darkness of this world" is certain. Tragic and tremendous were the odds against Him in that dread encounter. So much depended upon the miracle of the resurrection. It is the very keystone of the whole temple of truth. The tomb was the final test of His Deity. If He remained the prisoner of the grave, then mankind still lay under sin's awful and horrible power. Blessed evangel of the conquered tomb! How sweetly the Holy Spirit continually re-affirms the glad assurance, 'He is risen!' Hallelujah! Glorious grave! in which lies buried my sins! Such Spirit-breathed conviction creates Easter in my soul, and makes me sing the Easter song.

Very clearly do the scriptures teach that it is according to Divine plan to reveal the power of the resurrection here on earth to-day. And it is in the members of the Body of Christ that God proposes to display the glory of the resurrection life and virtue of His Son. That "now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." Thus the church becomes the medium of manifestation in the world. That in her corporate and individual experience "the life of Jesus might be made manifest." That she might live in "the likeness of His resur-



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rection" That just as the literal Body of Christ became to the disciples the great proof of His resurrection, so it is intended that the Body of believers should, through the quickening power of the Holy Ghost become the living demonstration of His resurrection in these days. Thus the people of God may be possessed of the very same energy that raised up Christ from death. It is the resurrection *dunamis* of Christ working within that will lift the believer out of discouragement, depression and despair, continually operating to keep him in victory. It will give a Divine momentum to all his ministry. This is the power that makes the 'things that are not' to confound the 'things that are,' and enables the 'weak things' to bring to naught the 'things which are mighty.'

Think how rich is the experience of some sections of the Christian church to-day in proofs of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Churches whose life abounds with wonderful answers to prayers, and full of those glorious anointings and immersions in the Holy Ghost. Why every supernatural sign that the Church possesses to-day is a further proof of the presence of a living Lord in her midst. Are not those blessed miracles of healing which are continually taking place, wonderful witnesses of His resurrection? Are they not evidences of the performance of the inspired promise, "if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." And again it is upon this truth that the question of salvation hinges, for the Apostle tells us "that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that *God hath raised Him from the dead*, thou shalt be saved." Prior to Calvary the chief point of attack had been the Deity of Christ, now it is His resurrection which is assailed. And so we are not surprised to find that this was the fact emphasised by the Holy Ghost in the Apostolic ministry. "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

Is not the new creation a striking picture of resurrection in the realm of human life? "Old things are passed away; . . . all things are become new." "Ye who were dead hath He quickened." It represents the resurrection of a new race; the foundation of a new kingdom.

And so God wants His people to live in triumphant union with Himself. To live on resurrection ground and enjoy resurrection privileges and power. To regard all things from the resurrection view-point. To seek a constant renewal of that life which is found above, to be clothed daily with that glory which can alone flow into the vessel that is walking with God.

All around us in nature may be heard the voice of resurrection. Who would have dreamt that the sombre-clad countryside of a few weeks ago would to-day be so instinct with the glory of abundant life? And yet out of the womb of winter hath God brought the wonder of a new world of beauty. The transformative touch of the Divine hand has turned the garden of gloom into the sunlit presence-chamber of the Risen Galilean. Each new-born blade of grass that dances in the sparkling sunshine, every hedge-row that is so newly and gaily adorned in garments of green, every fragrant flower that wears the smile of spring upon its blushing petals, each tree with its thousands of bursting buds, straining to come forth into splendid foliage, tells the rapturous story of resurrection. Why even the birds from their woodland aviaries roll out their glad choral annunciation of nature's resurrection. The heavens declare the glory of that open tomb, and shew forth their jubilant appreciation of those broken prison bars. All creation seems in the mood to magnify the Lord. O my soul, take up the triumphant strain! Lift up thy voice O redeemed of the Lord and proclaim that "He is risen!" Pour it into the bleeding wounds of the oppressed and obsessed! Let the glad message find its way into hearts and homes where darkness long hath reigned! Tell the distressed and the diseased that "He is alive for evermore." Say unto them that are of a fearful heart that the promise is "because I live ye shall live also." Remind those who are in the school of sorrow and suffering that "He is the resurrection and the life." Whisper in the ear of those who mourn that "He hath led captivity captive," and that He is now "crowned with glory and honour." Let thy lips give forth the wondrous news that "God hath put all things under His feet." Let thy face reflect the resurrection radiance of thy Lord. Let thy life bear the fruit of that Easter conquest. Be of good courage, thou that walkest the winepress of loss and loneliness. Remember that God "hath begotten us again unto a *living* hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." His conquest of the grave is the sweet assurance that thou shalt also prevail o'er its power, and that He shall change this body of thy humiliation that it may be fashioned like unto the body of His glory. Dry thy tears and cease thy sighs! Let not 'gloom bar thy way' to God's fuller manifestation of Himself to thee and in thee! Take thine eyes off dark Golgotha and behold the throned Lamb! The pierced One is now thy Princely, Priestly Intercessor. It is the thought of the Enthroned Emmanuel that will produce the revivication of thy drooping spiritual powers, and render thee efficient in the conflict. It is this blessed revelation that will invest thy whole life with the virtue of holiness. Forget not that thy fellowship is with the risen and reigning One. That thy authority is from Him.



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that thine expectation is from Him; that thy witness is of Him, until the day break and the shadows flee away. O thou who livest but on the surface of life, let Him pour the riches of His resurrection energy into thee! Move out of the small self-circle in

which thy life habitually revolves, into the larger orbit of His wonderful will.

"Risen with Christ" my glorious Head,
Holiness now the pathway I tread,
Beautiful thought, while walking therein
"He that is dead is freed from sin"

Modernism—The Harbinger of Antichrist

BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world . . . and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: but this is that spirit of antichrist" (I John iv. 1, 3).

There was a herald announcing the coming of the Lord Jesus, proclaiming Him as the One who was greater than the herald—John the Baptist. And so there is to be another herald in advance, announcing the coming of the antichrist—the spirit of antichrist.

"Many false prophets"; and their number is increasing! They have a twofold message, and they are not conscious of the extent of their message. They deny the incarnation and by that very denial they are preparing the way for another incarnation—that of the antichrist. They deny the true Christ and herald the coming false christ. They would be shocked if they were told that they were preaching antichrist. But there is only one Christ, the only begotten of the Father, the only begotten Son of the living God. To preach a christ apart from this relationship is to preach another christ, and the other christ is the antichrist.

You cannot have two Christs. The Man Christ Jesus was the Son of God, and the Son of God is the Man Christ Jesus. You cannot have his humanity without His deity, and you cannot have His deity without His humanity. Separate them and you have a man. Call him what you like, he is only a man. If you exalt Jesus as a man apart from His deity, you are yielding to the spirit of antichrist; whose one business is to despoil Christ of His deity. You are worshipping an ideal man, which is preparatory to worshipping the superman when he appears. This is plain language and may be considered hard and uncharitable. It is not so straight as John wrote as inspired by the Spirit of God. John's epistle is the last-day warning for last-day apostasy.

Fundamentalists talk of fighting the Modernists. The Modernists say, "We have scholarship on our side." They may have scholarship, but we have the Holy Spirit. Speaking through the apostle, indicting a warning, and more than a warning, He gives a statement of the two classes who are to appear in the last days.

They delight to call themselves Modernists. The Word calls them false prophets. What is a prophet? One who holds an exalted position to proclaim the

truth of God. And in the last days there will be people, holding the office of prophet, set forth and set aside to preach the Word, the truth of God. But they betray their office, their calling. The Holy Spirit calls them false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing, ravening wolves who will seek to destroy the flock, and in virtue of their position and office they will destroy the flock.

See that sheep eating the grass contentedly and getting fat on it; and there comes up another "sheep," strange in its behaviour, not eating the grass. What is it living on? It lives, preys upon, exists by devouring other sheep. Is it a sheep? It is like one outwardly, but it is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It lives by destroying the flock. That wolf, dressed as a sheep, will be treated in a harsher manner and punished to a greater extent than the ordinary wolves who prowl around outside seeking to find a sheep here and there. They are outside the fold and do not do so much damage because they are seen and known. But the wolf dressed in sheep's clothing can and does do untold harm. This is the spirit of antichrist which has leapt the barriers of the fold and is harassing the sheep. False prophets, denying the Lord who created them! This is one of the sure evidences, and is the harbinger, of the coming antichrist. This is the spirit of antichrist heralding the antichrist himself. The antichrist has placed his guns within the citadel itself.

Is there no remedy? To be forewarned is to be forearmed. This same epistle tells the young men that they have overcome the wicked one, that they are strong, because the Word of God abideth in them. The Word of God removes the fleece from the wolves. At the same time it strengthens the children, the fathers, and the young men, so that they are more than a match for the false prophets and the wolves in sheep's clothing. The Spirit of Christ in them, through the Word of God, is effectual, not only in unmasking the enemy, but in strengthening them so that they shall not be a prey to these disguised wolves.

"Little children, it is the last time and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby ye may know that it is the last time" (I John ii 18). The multiplication of the spirit of antichrist emphasises the fact that we are approaching the last of the last days.

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Elim Summer Bible School

AN innovation at the Elm Bible College this year is the introduction of a Summer Bible School. From all parts of the country visitors will come to combine pleasure with profit, and doubtless will go away refreshed and strengthened in spirit, soul and body.

From the point of view of health, Clapham Park is unequalled. Right in the heart of Clapham Park is Elm Woodlands, a commodious house, with its own woods and garden extending to $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres. In such surroundings, the splendid Bible teacher, Mr. Thomas Myerscough, of Preston, will conduct a fortnight's Summer Bible School from August 15th to 27th. Two studies will be given each day. Special times will be set apart for the consideration of any scriptural difficulties which visitors may have.

Those desiring to spend their summer holidays in this profitable way should write early for charges for accommodation to the Superintendent, Elm Woodlands, Clarence Road, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4



MR. THOMAS MYERSCOUGH

Elim Services in London

The Foursquare Gospel—Jesus Christ as Saviour, Healer, Baptiser and Coming King—is preached every week at the following Services. The sick are ministered to at many of the meetings

The following abbreviations are used—B.B., Breaking of Bread B.R., Bible Reading C, Crusaders. G, Gospel Service P., Prayer Meeting S.S., Sunday School W, Women's Meeting. Occasionally, Breaking of Bread Services are held on Sunday evenings

FARRINGDON STREET, E.C.4. MEMORIAL HALL
Friday, Central Rally, 7.15 p.m.

CLAPHAM ELIM TABERNACLE, Park Crescent, Clapham Park Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. S.S. 3 p.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, P. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, C. 7.45 p.m.
Thursday, Divine Healing, 3.30 p.m. B.R. 7.30 p.m.

BARKING ELIM HALL, Ripple Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. S.S. 3 p.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Monday, C. 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, P. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, B.R. 7.30 p.m. Saturday, P. 7.30 p.m.

EAST HAM ELIM TABERNACLE, Central Park Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. S.S. 3 p.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, P. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, W. 2.45, C. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, B.R. 7.30 p.m. Saturday, P. 7 p.m.

CANNING TOWN CENTRAL HALL, Barking Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, C. 7.15 p.m. P. 8 p.m.
Thursday, W. 2.45 p.m. B.R. 7.30 p.m.

ILFORD. ELIM HALL, Scrafton Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. S.S. 3 p.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, P. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, W. 3 p.m. C. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, B.R. 7.30 p.m.

FOREST HILL FORESTERS' HALL, Raglan Street, off Dartmouth Road.

Sunday, B.R. 11 a.m. S.S. 3 p.m. L. 7.30 p.m.
Monday, C. 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, P. 7.30 p.m. Thursday, B.R. 7.30 p.m.

BERMONDSEY ELIM CHURCH, corner of Grange Road and Upper Grange Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. S.S. 3 p.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, P. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, C. 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, B.R. 7.30 p.m.

HENDON Merton House School Hall, Station Rd

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. Monday, P. 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, B.R. 7.30 p.m. Thursday, C. 7.30 p.m.
Brotherhood Hall, Edgware Road, Sunday, G. 6.30 p.m.

WATFORD. ELIM HALL, opposite the Coliseum, St Alban's Road

Sunday, B.B. 11 a.m. B.R. 3 p.m. G. 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, P. 7.30 p.m. Thursday, B.R. 7.30 p.m.

BATTERSEA ELIM HALL, Plough Road

Sunday, G. 6.30 p.m. Monday, B.R. 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, W. 3 p.m., B.R. 7.30 p.m.

Further information with regard to the above meetings, as well as special revival campaigns, may be obtained from the Secretary, 'Elim,' Park Crescent, Clapham S.W.4.

Advances in America and Australia

Canadian and Californian Conquests

THE following is a report of a series of campaigns conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Charles Kingston:—

At Victoria, B C., we held a two weeks' campaign, where we found a fine assembly of very spiritual people, and the Lord wonderfully blessed our visit in their midst, especially amongst the young people, many of whom reconsecrated themselves to the Lord during our visit. A special young people's work similar to the Elim Crusaders was commenced as the result of our meetings. We held afternoon services, giving chart talks on "The Second Advent of Christ and Events to Follow," and at these meetings the numbers increased daily. These meetings were a great blessing to the saints, in preparing them for the Coming of Christ, and in provoking them to a soul-saving ministry.

From Victoria we proceeded south to San Francisco, the scene of a terrible earthquake about twenty years ago, and felt in our own spirits the awful power of the devil in this cosmopolitan city. From San Francisco we went to Los Angeles, where we spent a few days, meeting Evangelist Wm Black and his wife, and visiting Angelus Temple. As Sister McPherson was away we have not had the pleasure of meeting her again.

Our next campaign was in San Diego where we were met by Mr and Mrs Thomas, well known to the readers of the *Evangel*. They are very busily engaged in the Mexican work, teaching in the Bible School, preaching in different parts around San Diego and in learning the Spanish language, in which they are now quite fluent. They both send Christian greetings to all the Elim friends.

In this place we held a ten days' campaign with Pastor Harris who is also a teacher in the Berean Bible School. The Lord wonderfully blessed our meetings and it was much against the people's wishes that we closed the campaign as early as we did—other engagements, further east, however, compelled us to hurry on. One case deserves special mention. A young woman who had never been into a Pentecostal meeting before and was a hungry Church member without a definite experience of salvation, came to the altar and found the peace and satisfaction she had long been looking for. A few nights later she brought a girl friend to the altar to find the same experience she had found. It was with reluctance we said "good-bye" to the Thomas's and to San Diego to proceed to our next appointment, which was Oceanside, Cal. This is only a new work and we could only spend three days with them. However, the Lord blessed the messages to the saints and on

the closing night the altar was full of souls seeking a closer walk with the Lord and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One brother got so full, he said "This is just like heaven."

Immediately after the Oceanside meetings we commenced in San Bernardino yesterday. The Lord was wonderfully present at both the morning and evening services. At the close of the evening service the altar was crowded three or four deep and many knelt in the aisles not able to get to the front. Amongst this number there were several backsliders who got through to the Lord. Others were seeking the baptism and others a deeper walk with God. We shall be able to give you further details later on with regard to the San Bernardino meetings.

Baptists Baptised in the Holy Ghost

GOOD news comes to hand from Australia, from a young Evangelist, Pastor J. H. Hewitt of Sydney, who is well known to Pastor George Jeffreys. For the past three years this good brother has been preaching the Foursquare Gospel in Queensland, with really splendid results. For some time, owing to the absence of any really Pentecostal work, Pastor Hewitt was associated with the Baptist Denomination. During the first year of our brother's ministry in Australia, he visited Brisbane, conducting a full gospel campaign, during which a number of souls were led to Christ, many others were healed, and some baptised in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 11.

From Brisbane our brother was called to a Baptist Church, where for three weeks the place was packed and over 100 souls were saved, and many healings took place, whilst a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, including two of the Church deacons. As a result of this campaign, Pastor Hewitt was called to the pastorate of the Church. After a period of pastoral work, he received so many calls to conduct evangelistic services in various parts of the country, that it was evident that the Lord wanted him to launch out once more in this direction, and so in obedience to God's call, he once again took up campaign work. Since taking that step God has wonderfully blessed our brother's efforts and many souls have been won for Christ, bodies have been healed, and saints immersed in the Divine Spirit.

At the present time Pastor Hewitt is working in conjunction with an established body of Pentecostal people, and is engaged in spreading the Foursquare Gospel message throughout the Commonwealth. May God continue to set His seal upon the labours of His servant.

The Branch of Jehovah

By PASTOR GILBERT T. FLETCHER (*Elim Evangelistic Band*).

THE Old Testament Scriptures abound with beautiful types and prophecies concerning Christ the promised Messiah. No matter what book of the Old Testament we study, we surely discover Christ. We recall that the Lord Jesus Himself, after He was risen from the dead, met two disciples on their way to Emmaus, and getting into conversation with them and discovering the reason of their dejection and disappointment, He expounded to them in *all* the Scriptures, "*the things concerning Himself*" (Luke xxiv. 27).

The Holy Ghost is given unto the Church to be a guide and teacher of all truth, and He takes of the things of Christ and shews them unto us (John xvi. 13-15). He still loves to take us strolling through the old paths of God's Word to shew us Jesus.

In the study now before us, we shall meditate on one of these Old Testament titles of Christ, and shall clearly mark the link between Old Testament prophecy, and New Testament fulfilment. In the Old Testament we read of someone called *The Branch*. Who is this? Can we identify the one meant? Let us turn to the Word and see.

In Zech vi. 12, we read that the Branch of the Lord is a *man*. Who is this man? Jer xxiii. 5, says that this Branch of the Lord is a *righteous Branch*. Also Jer. xxxiii. 15 calls Him the *Branch of Righteousness*. Now where can we find this *righteous Man*? The Bible says, there is none righteous, no not one. Isaiah xi. 1, says that this Branch is to come forth out of the *stem of Jesse*, and out of his roots. So that the Branch will be the *seed of David*. Isaiah iv. 2, says that this Branch shall be the *Branch of the Lord*. So that we see Divinity and humanity blended together in the One Person. A Man, righteous, of the seed of David, and yet Divine.

This Man or Branch is also called the *root*. See Isaiah xi. 10. This Scripture declares then, that He *has life in Himself*. The branch is dependent upon the root, but this wonderful Person is not only the Branch, but *He is the Root also*. This Branch is also called '*Jehovah-Tsidkenu*—the Lord our righteousness, i. e., He bears one of the great titles of Jehovah. But not only is He righteous in Himself, but Israel, His people are said to be made righteous in Him (Jer xxxiii. 16).

This Branch is also declared to be the *Servant of the Lord*. See Zech iii. 8.

Again, this Branch is said to be the *Builder of the temple of the Lord* (Zech vi. 13).

This Branch is also to bear the *glory of the Kingdom* (Zech. vi. 13).

This Branch is also to sit and rule upon His Throne, so will be a *King* (Zech. vi. 13, Isaiah xi. 1-10, Jer xxiii. 5; Jer xxxiii. 15-17).

This Branch is also to occupy the *priestly office* (Zech vi. 13).

In Him also, the Kingly and Priestly offices are to be combined. He is to be a *King-Priest* (Zech vi. 13).

This Branch is also to be a *fruitful Branch*. Not useless—not a failure, but useful, fruitful, beautiful and glorious (Isaiah iv. 2).

Such then is the description of the *Branch of Jehovah* as set forth in the Old Testament. Do we know anyone who meets this description? Do we know anyone who meets these requirements of Jehovah? Thank God, we have not far to seek. We know One, the only One, who can be the Branch of Jehovah. Let us now turn to the pages of the New Testament, and answer our questions one by one.

Who is this Man? The Man Christ Jesus (I Tim ii. 5).

This righteous Man? (Luke xxiii. 47).

This Man of the *seed of David*? (Rom i. 3, II Tim ii. 8; Rev v. 5, Rev xxii. 16).

This wonderful Man, in whom the Divine and human natures blend? (John i. 14; Matt i. 23).

He who has life in Himself, as the *Root*, as well as life derived as the *Branch*? (John v. 26, I Cor xv. 45). (Adam had life given him, Christ is a *Life-Giver*).

This Servant of Jehovah? (Matt xii. 18).

The Builder of the Temple of the Lord? (Matt xvi. 18, I Cor. iii. 11; Eph ii. 20-22. I Peter ii. 4-8).

The future King of Israel, and of the whole earth? (Luke ii. 32; Rev. xix. 11-16; Rev. xx. 4).

The Priest? (Heb. ii. 17, Heb. iii. 1, Heb. iv. 14-16).

The King-Priest? (Heb. v. 1-10, Heb. vii. 1-28). (Christ has not a priesthood like Aaron, handed from father to son, but a priesthood, like unto that of Melchisedec, without predecessor or successor. Jesus does not hand us over to another priest, He watches over us and cares for us Himself.)

Himself righteous, and making His people righteous in Himself? (II Cor. v. 21).

A fruitful Branch, living and glorious? (John xv. 1). Those who abide in Him are fruitful also (see verse 4).

Thus in our study we see that the Branch of the Lord is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ. *Spirit-anointed eyes cannot fail but recognise Him*



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He is set before us here in His earthly life, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. As the Servant of the Lord He went about doing the will of God What a stoop for Him who was the Word of God Himself! Girding Himself with our human nature, girding Himself with the mean garments of a slave!

We view Him in His devotion unto death, even the death of the cross, shedding His blood that we might be saved from sin and made righteous in Him. We see Him rising again for our justification. We

view Him in His exaltation at God's right hand, our great High-priest and Advocate, the Head of the Church which is the spiritual temple of the Lord. We view Him in His second advent, after He has come for His saints, returning with them to reign over His people Israel, and over all the earth.

What a wonderful Jesus He is! May God by the blessed Holy Spirit, teach us to love Him more, and serve Him more faithfully, profiting by the example He has left us, that we might follow in His steps.

Elim Bible College

BY the time this *Evangel* appears in print, the Easter Term will be over, and we will be looking forward to the Summer Term which commences on Monday, May 2nd.

The Easter Term has been one of much blessing. The special lectures by Pastor P. N. Corry, who was with us for about six weeks, were much appreciated. Students have been happy in their studies and in their practical work for the Master, both in the open-air and in the various assemblies in London and district. A student who has just completed six months' training writes: "The name of Elim Woodlands will ever bring to my memory six happy months spent in true fellowship round the Word of God. It has been a great privilege to be at the College, and I shall always consider it a blessing from the Hand of our loving Father. Truly the Bible College answers to the name of Elim, for it is indeed a glorious place of refreshment and spiritual recuperation."

Another student writes: "Out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." It is pleasant to recall times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and happy hours in the company of the people of God at Elim Woodlands—a sweet home away from home. All things have worked together to produce an environment where growth in grace has been a constant experience. The studies have been interesting and satisfying—not by any means a weariness to the

flesh. My stay here has been a delightful experience which I shall carry away as a fragrant memory."

And still another: "As one walks up the beautiful drive, and enters the large hall, one becomes conscious of the Lord's presence. In the words of the large scroll which hangs on the wall—"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"—is found the secret of the spirit of unity here. Pastors, students, visitors, staff, are all knit together in the bonds of love through Christ Jesus. Indeed to us students it is a home away from home, for we are just one big, happy family. When this term has drawn to a close, and we leave to work in the Master's vineyard, we will take with us memories of the real spiritual fellowship which we have had one with another. Morning, afternoon and evening we feast on the Word of God. The Lord has indeed used this College to draw us very near to Himself."

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Items of Interest

The Friday night meetings in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, will be resumed on April 22nd. This provides a central meeting place in the heart of the city for believers in the Foursquare Gospel. The service commences at 7.15 p.m.

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Special reports of the Easter Convention and the Demonstration in the Royal Albert Hall will appear in the *Elim Evangel* of May 16th.

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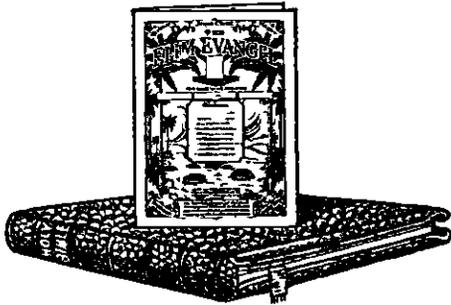
A stone-laying service was held on the site of the new Elim Tabernacle at Hendon on Saturday, April 2nd. A report will appear in our next issue.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the announcement on the cover of this *Evangel* of four Foursquare Gospel Conventions to be held during the Whitsuntide holidays. A General Presbytery meeting of the Foursquare Gospel Churches of the British Isles will be held during these conventions.

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Pastor Gomer Jones of Wales is to conduct a Revival Campaign in the Salem Tabernacle, Coulsdon, commencing Tuesday, May 10th. The Sunday services will be at 11, 3 and 6.30, week-night services at 7.30. Wednesday afternoons at 3.30.

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Looking unto Jesus

"I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" Those who are able to read the Scriptures in the original Hebrew tell us that this text should be rendered, 'Shall I lift up mine eyes unto the hills? From whence cometh my help?' and the answer follows, "My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth"

In these restless days, nearly every serious soul stands with shaded eyes scanning the horizon. With dread and apprehension the lips whisper, "what next?" Not only saints, but men of affairs admit that the days presage something ominous. Truly the time has come when "men's hearts are failing them for fear of these things which are coming upon the earth"

It is but natural to turn to things seen, things visible, that can be reached and handled. We turn away to the hills—our surroundings, our present relationships, "O cannot these help us? Surely the hills stand fast." However strong they may be they are but natural and the natural passeth away. Even mountains may be "carried into the midst of the sea." Surely, friends and relatives will prove dependable and helpful in the hour of need! Alas! They may be willing, but lack the ability to help. Yea, every tangible thing is fleeting—changing—passing. We may not lean on any prop. If at any time we settle down comfortably, expecting rest for a time, saying, "Soul, take thine ease," we shall soon learn the uncertainty of all things material. There is absolutely nothing in this world to be relied upon.

Because we are creatures of sense, we must be separated from the natural and that is a real weaning process—a process often so painful that the human quivers and shrinks under every stroke of separation.

"From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." God—the everlasting God, is our only source of help and strength and comfort. He is the alone foundation on which we may rest in perfect safety. He is the soul's Gibraltar, strong, enduring, immovable. The eternal God is our helper. "I have laid help upon One that is mighty." If we look to the hills of our surroundings we shall be disappointed; if we look to the Lord we shall be delivered, reinforced, established. All depends upon the outlook.

Our Conviction:

That Jesus Christ is able to save to the uttermost (Heb vii 25)

Our Commission:

To preach Jesus Christ to every creature as—Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, Coming King (John iii 16, Matt x 1, Matt iii 11, John xiv 3)

Our Contention:

That the whole Bible is inspired (God-breathed) (II. Tim. iii. 16)

Our Confidence:

That the coming of Christ is Imminent (Heb x 37).

Our Creed:

The faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3)

PASTOR E C W BOULTON

Glasgow in the Grip of a Remarkable Revival

Unprecedented Scenes in Scottish Foursquare Gospel Revival

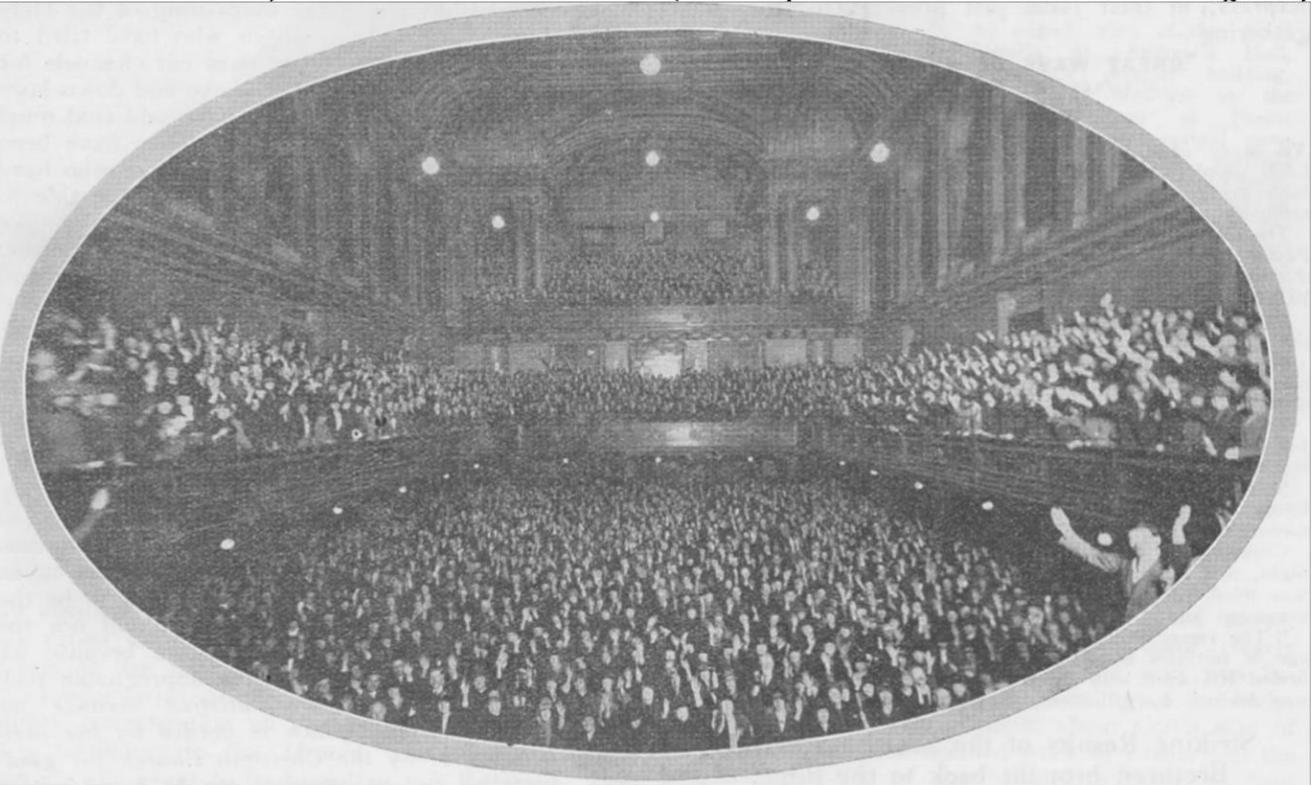
By PASTOR GILBERT T. FLETCHER

A GLORIOUS Victory! A mighty triumph for the Foursquare Gospel! Such is our final summing up of this Revival in Scotland, conducted by Pastor George Jeffreys and his able assistants

From a small beginning in St Mungo Hall, the meetings grew and grew until the St Andrew's Hall—Scotland's premier hall—failed to accommodate the thousands seeking admission

Over 1,500 souls have been saved in Glasgow and Paisley. Hundreds of bodies have been healed. God has indeed been confirming His Word with signs following. God set free those who had left the "old paths" and had been side-tracked into roads cut by the hand of man. The Bible has now become more precious than ever to these liberated ones, and they are rejoicing once again in the "Liberty of the Truth of God"

What a sight to see these great meetings at the St Andrew's Hall during the final rally. Looking from the body of the hall one gazes at the huge platform packed with over 600 earnest-looking men,



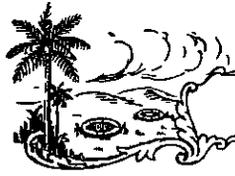
A Flashlight Photograph of one of Pastor George Jeffreys' meetings in the Town Hall, Paisley

To those privileged to be present at the services, it was a time of heaven upon earth—*revival in flood-tide* was witnessed

Impressions gathered from old saints of God who have witnessed and participated in revival meetings of by-gone days, drew forth the testimony that in all their experience they have never seen anything like this! There was real revival emotion. Why deny it? But emotion under the control of the Spirit of God. Why should not men glorify God and employ all their powers to extol His Name?

both old and young. The subject of the address "The Faith once for all delivered unto the saints." The result, thousands of believers giving heartfelt expression to their holy determination to stand for the "whole counsel of God"

Ah! Scotland land of martyrs, once again a noble band of men and women are being raised up to proclaim the Truth of God. The old martyr-spirit is not dead—under the quickening breath of the Holy Ghost it is revived and the Bible is again enshrined in the hearts of men



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Another sight that lives in one's memory is the farewell meeting in Berkeley Square, outside the St. Andrew's Hall. It is immediately after the final service, and the vast crowd have left the building and congregated outside. The police have hastily been summoned to control them, and they are waiting for the arrival of the Pastor and his party. Think of it! *Five thousand* people packed together to say "goodbye" to those who had become dear to them in Christ. Suddenly the car arrives, and immediately the crowd turns eagerly toward the Pastor as he stands on the driver's seat to address them. Then an old Psalm, a final word of exhortation, and the benediction, and to the singing of "God be with you till we meet again," the car moves off.

The following is the report of the *London Daily Express*, in their issue just previous to the final gathering —

GREAT WAVE OF EVANGELISM.
 'MIRACLES' AT REVIVAL MEETINGS
 1,400 Conversions.

Glasgow, Wednesday, A wave of evangelism is sweeping Glasgow. More than 1,400 people have been converted, hundreds have testified to faith healing, and thousands have taken part in the revival campaign which is being conducted by Pastor George Jeffreys. The series of revival meetings which have been held by Pastor Jeffreys during the last four weeks here will conclude this week-end with a final rally which, it is expected, nearly 10,000 people will attend.

Pastor Jeffreys will hold two "gospel demonstrations" in the Albert Hall in London on Easter Monday.

Scenes in Glasgow and the surrounding towns during the past four weeks rival the most emotional incidents in Scottish history.

Vast crowds, moved by the passionate pleading of Pastor Jeffreys, have risen in a body in reply to the evangelist's request to "stand up for God."

Scores of people, blind, paralysed, deaf, suffering from all forms of "incurable" maladies, have been brought to the meetings to join in prayer for healing.

Crowds have been lining up at the doors to the hall each night, and hundreds have been turned away when the place was filled. Pastor Jeffreys admits that the first week of his campaign was "uphill work."

"The canny Scotch were not too quick to believe that the age of miracles is not past," he said. "But the Lord confirmed His word with signs and wonders, and soon all reserve was broken down."—*Daily Express*, March 24th, 1927

Striking Results of the Scottish Revival Brethren brought back to the Bible.

THE following article is written for the "Elim Evangel" by brethren, who were led to believe in and accept prophecy as a means of guidance. For years they continued in the practice of enquiring of the Lord through so-called "set prophets" and obeyed implicitly the messages and instructions given. This unscriptural practice brought them into bondage and despair and their timely warning should be heeded by those who persist in this most dangerous practice. We welcome the clear statement of these brethren and extend to them the hand of fellowship.—ED

Surely it must be the breaking of the day! The sick are being healed, the blind receiving their sight, and the lame walking. Sinners are being won to the Saviour in hundreds, Christians who had lost their former zeal and love for the Master are finding it quickened again. Sections of God's people who have been separated by man-made barriers have found them falling flat like the walls of Jericho. Saints who have been under the bondage of straight-laced movements within this glorious latter-day outpouring of the Holy Ghost are finding them melting away before the wonderful power of God's presence. 'How has all this come about,' someone asks? All because God has visited Glasgow and the surrounding districts with the spirit of Revival in the Campaign conducted by Pastor George Jeffreys.

Since the early days of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, many leaders have arisen who have tried to make the work exclusive, they have cut channels for the Holy Ghost to work in; they have laid down laws for Him to be governed by, they have said God must work in this way or in that way. They have been something like the children on the seashore who have dug their own little sandholes, expecting the tide to come in and fill theirs and theirs alone. But like the tide which comes in all its overwhelming power, filling all the little sandholes, filling every nook and cranny among the rocks, submerging all in its grand inflow, so has come this mighty outpouring of the Spirit in this revival.

The cry for unity is being answered and God is bringing together His people on the sound basis of a Foursquare Gospel. Old schisms are giving place to a glorious fellowship and unity. As for ourselves, God has restored to us the joy, the overflowing joy which was ours in the early days. The literal and personal return of Christ is once again our glorious hope. The more sure word of prophecy, has taken the place of that which has largely proved to be the unreliable prophetic utterances of men, and not the voice of the Holy Ghost. We rejoice because we are once again firmly fixed on the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture. *We are satisfied because we realise that everything which is needed by the individual believer or by the Christian Church for guidance, discipline and government can be found within the covers of the Book without any addition whatever.* The old fear which always lurked around us as we listened to prophecies from so-called 'set' prophets is dispelled and its bondage gone for ever. Hallelujah! A calm restfulness of faith in the blood of the Lamb is ours, for this is what God requires of His people, while any vain repetition of the mere word is unnecessary.

What a wonderful sight it was to see the St. Mungo Hall crowded with people seeking God. It was well that the visit of the Carlisle contingent of over six hundred people took place in the beginning

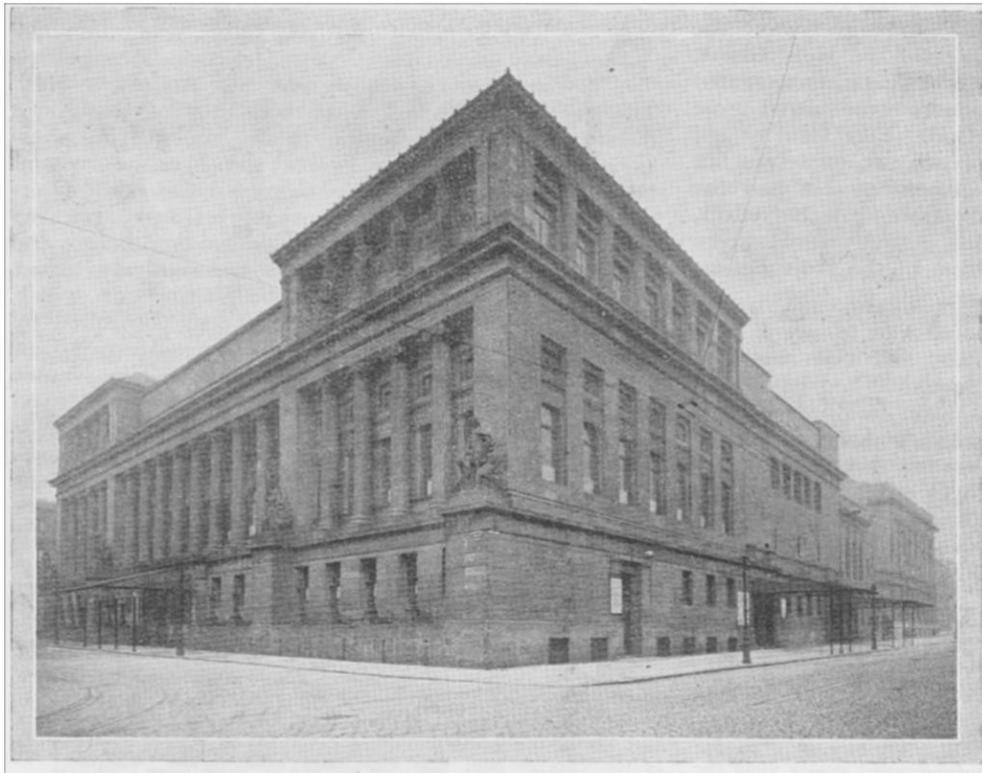
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of the campaign for in the closing weeks every seat was filled and the great hall crowded out. The Paisley Campaign in the Town Hall (which seats over two thousand) was a continuation of the Revival, the seating capacity of the hall being taxed to its utmost over and over again. Then the Final Rally in the grand St Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, was a fitting finale to a glorious campaign. On the Sun-

Glasgow Revival Campaign
Proves that Jesus Christ is the same to-day.

By REV. ARTHUR E. WALLACE
(*Blochearn U. F. Church, Glasgow*)

MANY will live to thank God for the visit of Pastor George Jeffreys to Glasgow. During the Mission we were made to realise afresh how true were the words of Dr. Gray



An outside view of the great historic St Andrew's Hall, Scotland's premier building, which was crowded at the final gatherings of Pastor George Jeffreys' revival campaign. The large, spacious platform behind the Pastor, seated with 600 men, was an imposing sight. Revival enthusiasts queued up four hours before the announced times of services. Over fifteen hundred people were converted and hundreds of people were healed of all kinds of diseases.

day evening every seat was filled before the service was timed to commence. What a wonderful sight it was to see that vast hall seating 4,500 filled to overflowing with people seeking God. To see that mighty congregation all standing with hands raised as a testimony to the blessed Foursquare Gospel was a sight never to be forgotten. A Revival! Yes more than a revival, for the whole of the spiritual life of Glasgow and the surrounding districts has been shaken to the very foundations. Individuals, missions, churches, and organisations have been stirred, and much that can be shaken is dropping away, while the firm structure of Truth and Grace, and the Kingdom of our God is remaining, to the everlasting glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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of the Moody Bible Institute that "God saves, God keeps, God heals." Yet the Pastor clearly emphasised that the salvation of the soul was infinitely more important than the healing of the body. He left his hearers in no doubt about God's way of salvation through the finished work of Christ and the absolute necessity of the new birth before a man can enter into the kingdom of God. We were delighted to see the uncompromising stand he took for the Bible as the inspired Word of God and for all the other fundamentals of the faith. The whole atmosphere was charged with the quickening breath of the Spirit of God. The Gospel was preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, and very many indicated their acceptance of Christ as their own personal Saviour. Sinners were saved, saints blessed, bodies healed—what more proof do you want that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Impressions of the Glasgow Campaign

By a Scottish Evangelist.

ALTHOUGH Pastor George Jeffreys was unknown when he came to Glasgow he quickly endeared himself to us by his gracious and humble bearing, and his deep love for precious souls, his compassion for suffering ones, and especially his unwavering faith in the Bible, in its entirety as the Word of God.

One grand feature of the campaign was the vigorous preaching, in the power of the Holy Ghost, of the Gospel in all its fulness. The saints were fed on the finest of the wheat, sinners were urged most earnestly to take the gift of God. Like Paul of old it could be truly said 'We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord.' In all things He had the pre-eminence. There was no straining after effect, fuss or sensationalism, but the sound word given forth in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost.

Hundreds of souls were born again, and bodies were healed every day. I should like to say I have passed through several Revivals, and been engaged in many Special Missions in Scotland, and have seen God working in a marvellous way, but personally I have received a greater blessing and uplift to my own soul, than ever I did since my conversion over forty years ago, and many others have expressed the same feeling to me during these last few weeks. We owe a debt to Pastor George Jeffreys for bringing prominently before us the fact of the ability and

willingness of the Lord to be our Healer, as well as our Saviour. Never before have we witnessed God working miracles of healing in public gatherings. No one can gainsay the fact that great numbers of people have been healed, and set free from their infirmities, and are now praising God as they never could before.

The Revival in Glasgow

By Mr GEORGE BELL. (Elder of the Elm Tabernacle, Belfast)

A NEVER-to-be-forgotten sight was the final rally of Pastor George Jeffreys' Evangelistic Campaign at the great St. Andrew's Hall. The great hall packed with thousands of Glasgow's thirsty multitudes, listening to the soul-stirring messages delivered by the Pastor will ever be remembered, the hands lifted to signify belief and determination to stand for the Foursquare Gospel appeared like a great field of ripened grain waving before the wind. The last meeting over I am suddenly thrust with the Pastor and party into the waiting car, which is surrounded by countless multitudes, controlled by a special draft of police. What happened created an impression that will remain indelible. Two verses of the hundredth Psalm are sung followed by "God be with you till we meet again," then comes a chorus "Go on, go on," the Pastor's parting benediction, and the car conveying the party passes through the long open avenue of enthusiastic thousands, standing with bared heads and with arms waving, as though royalty are being honoured.

Gathered Gold from
the Treasury of Truth

Morning Meditations

By Pastor
E C W BOULTON

Sunday, May 1st "Thy Name is as ointment poured forth"
—Song of Solomon 1:3

O the inestimable value and virtue of that Name! Its fragrance will flood the whole life until it becomes as a garden of sweet scented graces, whose dew-bespangled petals yield the richest, rarest and most refreshing consolation to those who pass along life's dusty highway. Then, think of the healing aspect of that wonderful Name! Into the bleeding, smarting wounds of humanity may be poured the precious elixir which the Name of Jesus holds, until every inflaming influence is destroyed and all the poison is removed. What marvellous spiritual antiseptic qualities the Name of Jesus contains!

Monday, May 2nd. "This thing proceedeth from the Lord"
—Genesis xxiv 50

Happy are we if such a conviction as this fills our hearts concerning that undertaking which we have in hand. We may be fully assured that, no matter how dangerous or difficult, a successful issue is guaranteed. We need have no fear of entering into those engagements which bear the stamp of the Divine will, they cannot possibly bring us ought but gain and good. Perhaps it would be well if we took more trouble to ascertain the source of many of those things which clamour for admittance at the entrance to our lives. Let us examine the credentials of all that seek a welcome to our hearts.

Tuesday, May 3rd. "My heart is fixed, O God"—Psalm lvii 7

Thus the heart is seen under the power of an irresistible attraction. In other words it is glued to God by the adhesion

of love. It is only as the life is thus magnetized by contact with Christ that it can become magnetic in its ministry. It is the Spirit-charged vocation that yields the wide attraction and exerts the greatest influence for the Kingdom of God. It is the captive soul that captivates other souls. Therefore O Lord I pray Thee that no counter charm may enter my life to break the spell of Thy wondrous love! Let new and stronger love-links be forged each day!

Wednesday, May 4th "Blessed are ye that hunger"—
Luke vi 21

The Beatitude of want! And yet are we not, as believers in Christ, called to fullness? Hunger! Why surely this cannot be a condition of blessedness? Surely hunger and happiness are contradictions! When this thought is raised to the spiritual plane then we see it in its right perspective. Why is not hunger an evidence of health? Does not the hearty appetite denote physical vitality? And so it is that when I approach the table of the King with earnest desire and intense longing for spiritual food, I am proving that I possess a vigorous soul. My hunger qualifies me for the feast—without this my appearance at the banquet must be an empty form.

Thursday, May 5th. "Rise up and come
mence to possess"—Deut ii 24 (Spurrell)

How slow we are to seize our inheritance! How much of it lies in the chancery of unbelief! Perchance our long sojourn in the wilderness has benumbed our power of appropriation. God would fain awaken within us the impulse of holy ambition! He seeks to stir us to aggressive and possessive action—too

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long we have lain in the groove of passivity 'Commence to possess!' Then possession is progressive My claim is according to my capacity The enlargement of my possessions is proportionate to the growth of my inner life This then demands continuity of acquisition, 'continue to possess!'

Friday, May 6th. "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night"—Rev vii 15

Then I am to understand that heaven is a sphere of service—that the Rapture will not terminate my labour for the Lord But as the translated servant will also be transformed, so will his service also be changed The employment of heaven will not end in weariness, neither will the toilers in that vineyard suffer from exhaustion Each service performed will produce an ever deepening delight Yonder we shall labour in the light that streams from that glorious throne and under the unfailing inspiration of the consciously enjoyed presence of Jehovah

Saturday, May 7th "Let us pass over to the other side"—Mark iv 35

Often it is on the 'other side' that the real explanation of the experience on this side will be found Even the highest types of Christian life are composed of light and shade The bitter and the sweet both find their place in the cup of the disciple Canaan, the consummation of Israel's earthly hopes, was to be a land of 'mountains and valleys' And so it comes to pass that in the eminence we learn the value of the valley, and in the friendly dawn of day we discover the meaning of the midnight mystery Judge nothing before the time—on the 'other side' your vision will be clearer and there you will understand

Sunday, May 8th. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"—Matt vi 21

What is my treasure? Of what does it consist? Is it not that which holds me as its prisoner, that moves me at its will? That which dominates my affections and rules in the realm of my thoughts? Watch the gravitation of a life and you will soon discover wherein its wealth lies As the steel flies to the magnet so will my soul respond to that overmastering passion which occupies the citadel of my heart If Christ is the Transcendent Treasure of my soul, then He will be the Master of my movements, the Moulder of my meditations Alas, how many are willing to exchange enduring treasure for the tawdry toys of earth

Monday, May 9th. "Let all your deeds be done in love"—I Cor xvi 13, 14 (Diaglott rendering)

How many mighty deeds are discounted because they are unmixed with love, excellent exploits of which one might well be proud, and still they lack that essential adornment of love The grandeur and glory of Calvary lies in that it was pre-eminently a Love-offering And if our deeds are to possess and beneficent, benevolent virtue, then love must be their mainspring All loveless ministry may be likened to a sunless sky or a scentless bloom—it yields no lasting power, it brings no abiding blessing Its beauty is deceptive and disappointing

Tuesday, May 10th. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now"—John xvi 12

Blessed wisdom that withholds that which is beyond my spiritual intelligence to-day The fuller vision, the deeper teaching is reserved for to-morrow To-day I should stumble at the revelation and in my ignorance give to it some false interpretation. In my impatience I would have the message now, but it best that I should wait until His hand hath wrought in me the disposition to appreciate to the full that which He hath to say unto me In the light of tomorrow I shall discern the incapacity of to-day, and shall rejoice that He retained the secret which will then be my priceless possession,

Wednesday, May 11th. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit."—Ephesians iv 30

How sensitive is the Divine Dove to any coldness on my part If I evince a spirit of indifference, He at once is wounded thereby If I am lethargic in my devotions, He immediately feels it If I become roving in thought when I enter the sanctuary, then He instantly is grieved My disobedience pains Him, and my unbelief checks the manifestation of His pleasure and power Whatever I allow in my life that is out of agreement with the Divine purpose, is a source of displeasure to Him And just as I may grieve the Holy Spirit by waywardness and weakness, so I may gladden Him by my attention to His direction

Thursday, May 12th. "Jesus saith unto her, Mary! She saith unto Him, Master!"—John xx 16

What a morning that was for Mary! The revelation which her eyes failed to find came to her heart in vocal form It was the conquest of a spoken word! That term of tender intimacy brought back all the sacred past, lifting the veil of sorrow which had flung its folds about her That one word let in all the radiant light of that glorious resurrection morning What volumes of meaning that one word 'Master' contained! Through it there rushed all her heart's deep love and longing—all the pent up feeling of those three long, lonely days found expression in this precious epithet

Friday, May 13th. "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress"—Psalm iv 1

When I mourned the absence of earthly comforts and joys, and the cruel winds of adversity howled around me, then it was that God wrought the miracle of enlargement in my soul! When sailing amid pleasant and prosperous waters my life seemed to find no time for spiritual expansion, I was content with 'such things as I had' and sought no larger land of promise But when I was plunged into the trough of the sea of sorrow, somehow there I found God in a new way The Lord permitted me to enter the developer of distress and it was here that there appeared a fresh likeness of the Divine in my hitherto shallow soul

Saturday, May 14th. "And Peter followed afar off"—Luke xvii 54

What a humiliating failure Peter made of this opportunity to stand true to his Master He who should have led the van in the day of fierce onslaught is now found 'afar off' His zeal has evaporated and his faith has fled This marks one of the saddest phases of an otherwise brilliant and devoted life And out of this temporary disloyalty emerged a steadfastness even 'unto death' O my soul, see to it that thou dost not allow much distance to come between thee and thy Lord! Keep in close company with Him! Once separated from Him and thou wilt surely lose thy way! Thy greatest safety is nearness to Jesus!

Sunday, May 15th. "Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you"—I Cor i 6

What a glorious tribute for the Apostle to pay this church. So truly had the Gospel been received by them that its teaching had been translated into rich experience, so deeply had it penetrated that they had become living testimonials to its power, their consecration was a striking corroboration of its claims Surely this is a period when we could do with many more churches answering to this description, whose corporate life confirms 'the testimony of Christ' Who, both in polity and practice conform to the pentecostal pattern Churches whose pulpits are purged of all doctrinal defilements

The reason so many of God's children lose in battle is because they endeavour to defeat the enemy with carnal weapons, and they never can win in that way.

The Signs of our Times

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

HOW few there are, even of God's elect, of whom it could be said that, "By reason of use (they) have their senses exercised to discern good and evil" Yet never in the world's history has there been such an imperative necessity for

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as that of the present moment, for never before have the ministers of Satan been able so effectually to clothe themselves as angels of light as at the present time. For just as the natural visible world is full of a seething activity such as was never before seen, so is the spiritual world. The spiritual powers of evil are exerting themselves and putting on forms of the utmost attractiveness to the world, and preaching a gospel which promises release from every evil "with all deceit of unrighteousness," but with such an appearance of truth that all but the elect will eventually be deceived, and some even of them will be held for a time in its meshes

For to them who have no spiritual scent "the powers and signs and wonders of falsehood" (Gk.) which are being, and will be, wrought by the "energy of Satan" (II Thess. ii 9), appear to be positive proofs that those who present them as credentials are heaven-sent messengers.

One man comes saying, "I am Christ," and there are not wanting those who testify that they fully believe that what he says is true. Another says, "I am Elijah, the restorer." Another says, "I am John the Baptist," and stands up to refute Elijah's claim.

Our Lord said that such as these would come, and would deceive, if possible, the very elect

ELIJAH WILL SURELY COME

after the rapture of the Church which is His Body, and "before the great and terrible Day of the Lord," and together with Moses will prophesy during the 1,260 days of the Great Tribulation, as expressly stated in Rev. xi 3. So that no one needs to be under any kind of doubt—the two witnesses, Elijah and Moses, will appear together as they did on the Mount of Transfiguration, at the time of the Great Tribulation. Let us beware at this time of accepting miracles as credentials of truth, because the Lord has expressly told us that great signs and wonders are to be wrought during these latter days, through

THE POWER OF SATAN.

And those who have their spiritual senses exercised to discern can see a myriad ways in which Satan is preparing the world for the advent of the Antichrist. Spiritualism is certainly one of these ways, as the Apostle Paul predicted, through the spirits and teach-

ings of demons; and backing up their impostures with all sorts of signs and wonders, such as miracles of healing and every kind of spirit-manifestation, not one of which is calculated to make men any better, or to cause them to believe in God or in Christ, but on the contrary, is leading up to a world-wide

WORSHIP OF THE DEVIL,

which worship is now actually carried on in more than one country of the civilised world, proving that the time is really approaching when "all that dwell on the earth shall worship" the dragon, "every one whose name hath not been written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Rev. xiii 8). All these things tend to prove that the coming of the Lord is at hand, and that we ought to be ready at any moment for the coming of the Lord into the air, to take away all His ready and waiting saints—those who are members of His Body, who will be changed "in a moment" into the likeness of His glorious body, and "caught up" to meet Him in the air, to be "for ever with the Lord," and to reign with Him unto the ages of the ages. This being so, "what manner of persons ought we to be in

ALL HOLY LIVING

and godliness." All the spiritual faculties should be kept in constant exercise. Those who are baptised into the Body of Christ may be always hearing the voice of God, and when the spiritual eyes are opened and we are pure in heart we may

ALWAYS SEE HIS FACE

With the spiritual organ of speech we may be constantly giving out what we hear from God—for then it is not we ourselves who speak, but the Spirit of

OUR FATHER SPEAKING IN US,

and His words will be sweet to our taste, "sweeter than honey or the honeycomb"

But we shall also have, what so many lack—

SPIRITUAL SCENT

to discern good from evil spirits, and will know directly we read or hear anything, whether it is from God or from the "powers of the air." By reason of use the faculty itself will increase, until we become of such "quick scent" in the fear of the Lord, that we shall always perceive the presence of the enemy and be able at once to "put him to flight." In this manner alone can we be able to read "the signs of the times" and so be ready at any and every moment for His appearing.



THE ELIM EVANGEL

The Believer's Stock Exchange

Prayer uncloses the bountiful hand of God,—opens the door of mercy, retains Christ on the throne of the affections,—and covers every rival and usurper with shame and confusion of face. It is the believer's royal exchange, where he may take his cares, burdens, snares and troubles,—his vexations, temptations, doubts and fears,—his misgivings of heart, sorrows of mind, hardness of heart and ingratitude,—together with his faintness, unbelief, spiritual jealousy and rebellion;—also all his disorders—the leprosy of sin, the evil within, the plague of his heart, or the plague of his head,—with deaf ears, blind eyes, feeble knees, languid hands, halting feet, and a stiff neck. He may there take all his oppositions, persecutions, false charges, slanderous accusations, vile reproaches, and there get rid of, and leave them all. Our Saviour compared His followers to 'ex-changers' (Matt. xxv. 27); and such they are, for in return for these troubles they receive from their heavenly Banker, numberless deliverances, blessings and mercies,—many refreshings, renewings, revivals and restorations,—large returns of comfort, peace, love and joy,—together with fresh discoveries, love-tokens, wholesome truths, profound mysteries, glorious glimpses, bright prospects, terrestrial views, undoubted evidences, infallible proofs, heavenly les-

sons, confirming visits, conspicuous deliverances, earnest, pledges and foretastes,—reviving cordials, valuable banknotes in 'exceeding great and precious promises,' payable this very day and every day through life, and even to millions of ages after date, signed, sealed and delivered by Jehovah Himself, the "God that cannot lie" (Titus i. 2).—WILLIAM HUNTINGDON.

Daily Bread

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

May 1st, <i>Sunday</i>	Job xxii 1-3, 21-30
" 2nd, <i>Monday</i>	" xxii 1-17.
" 3rd, <i>Tuesday</i>	" xxvii 8-23
" 4th, <i>Wednesday</i>	" xxviii 1-14.
" 5th, <i>Thursday</i>	" xxviii 15-28
" 6th, <i>Friday</i>	" xxix 1-18
" 7th, <i>Saturday</i>	" xxxii 1-13
" 8th, <i>Sunday</i>	" xxxiii 14-30.
" 9th, <i>Monday</i>	" xxxv 1-16
" 10th, <i>Tuesday</i>	" xxxviii 1-18.
" 11th, <i>Wednesday</i>	" xxxviii 19-38
" 12th, <i>Thursday</i>	" xli 1-14.
" 13th, <i>Friday</i>	" xli 1-17.
" 14th, <i>Saturday</i>	Psalm xci 1-16
" 15th, <i>Sunday</i>	" xcii 1-15

Making God a Partner

MANY years ago a lad of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune. As he trudged along, he met an old neighbour, the captain of a canal-boat, and the following conversation took place, which changed the whole current of the boy's life.

"Well, William, where are you going?"

"I don't know," he answered, "father is too poor to keep me at home any longer, and says I must now make a living myself."

"There's no trouble about that," said the captain. "Be sure you start right, and you'll get along finely."

William told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soap and candle making.

"Well," said the old man, "let me pray with you once more and give you a little advice."

They both knelt down upon the tow-path; the dear old man prayed earnestly for William and then gave this advice: "Some one will soon be the leading soap-maker in New York. It can be you as well as any one. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound, and I am certain you will yet be a prosperous and rich man." When the boy arrived in the city, he found it hard to get work.

Lonesome and far from home, he remembered his mother's words and the last words of the canal-boat captain. He was then led to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and united with the church. He remembered his promise to the old captain, and the first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. In the Bible he found that the Jews were commanded to give one-tenth, so he said, "If the Lord will take one-tenth. I will give that." And so he did, and ten cents of every dollar were sacred to the Lord. Having regular employment, he soon became a partner, and after a few years his partners died and William became the sole owner of the business. He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain, he made an honest soap, gave a full pound, and instructed his book-keeper to open an account with the Lord and carry one-tenth of all his income to that account. He prospered; his business grew; his family was blessed; He then gave the Lord two-tenths, and prospered more than ever, then he gave three-tenths, then four-tenths. He educated his family, settled all his plans for life, and gave all his income to the Lord. He prospered more than ever. This is the story of Mr. William Colgate, who has given millions of dollars to the Lord's cause, and left a name that will never die.

Fresh Foursquare Gospel Gains

Progress at Plymouth—Carlisle Converts—Sixteen Souls at Springbourne—Advances at Armagh

Mr Martin is holding a mission in the neighbourhood of Monaghan Mr Gough and Mr Campbell are conducting a campaign at Kilmore

Springbourne, Bournemouth. Pastor Trevor tells of the blessed victories in the work there The church is packed with people eager to hear the old time evangel of the Cross The other Sunday evening sixteen souls surrendered to Christ

Liverpool. God is graciously blessing the ministry of His word in this centre, and souls are being brought out of bondage into glorious freedom Pastor J Lees is at present pastoring the Foursquare flock in this place

Carlisle. Pastor Fletcher writes to tell of wonderful farewell services in connection with his recent departure for Glasgow, when many souls were saved He adds "place packed out, seats and standing room taken up at 5.45 p.m. for 6.30 service. At the Railway Station, the platform was literally crowded with friends who had come to say good-bye

Plymouth. Souls continue to seek the Lord at the weekly gatherings During the past fortnight nineteen have yielded to Christ, making a total of over forty decisions during the last few weeks

Iford. A real spirit of revival is being experienced here where Pastor and Mrs Stoneham are in charge The hall is crowded for the regular services, and quite a large number have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost during the past few weeks

Rochester. Mr Morgan, who is in charge of the church here, reports eight conversions on a recent Sunday evening The hall is almost full

Guernsey. Pastor W J Jeffreys held a most successful campaign here last month Much real blessing attended the meetings

Armagh. God is richly blessing the labours of Mr Gorman Quite a number of souls have accepted Christ of late

Lurgan. Pastor J Kelly has recently held a special revival and healing campaign in this church, assisted by Mr Walter Kelly and Mr C Davies of Wales Almost every evening witnessed real conversions, whilst others were healed and testified to immediate deliverance in their bodies Over thirty gave themselves to Christ during the mission The work here has, as a result of this campaign received a great impetus

Convictions Danced Away

"I DANCED my convictions away" What probability is there of serious impressions being retained for any length of time by those who frequent the giddy dancing school, the ball room, the theatre or other godless places of amusement? The practice of attending such places is generally formed, and the taste for them acquired, while under the eye of the parent, and a judicious exercise of authority will generally suffice to turn the mind to more wholesome and legitimate sources of entertainment Many a one who has fallen victim to parental indifference has bitterly lamented that he was not more carefully guarded on this point, and in some instances, perhaps, many dying souls have attributed their perdition to the mistaken kindness which indulged their youthful follies

Says a venerable minister "I was called in the early part of my ministry, to stand beside the bed of a beautiful young mother, whose life was fast ebbing away Anguish, deep hopeless anguish, was riveted on her countenance I asked her if she was willing that I should pray with her Her reply was, 'I have no objection, but prayers will be of no avail now, it is too late; too late, I must die I am lost! lost for ever!' I prayed earnestly for her, but her heart was untouched there was in it no fountain of love to its Maker and it was too late! She had been at a very early period of life seriously impressed 'But,' said she, 'my mother sent me to a dancing school, and I danced all my convictions away! As she lived so did she die without Christ in the world"

It may seem a trifling matter to allow a child for once to mingle in the society of the wicked and profane, or to visit scenes of unchristian amusements, but let the parent reflect that it is more difficult to prevent the second step than the first, and that the child whose principles are not yet matured, and whose impulses have not yet been modified by experience will quickly acquire those habits which may yet master him, body and soul and ruin his prospects for eternity

"The clay is moist and soft,

Now, now make haste, and form the pitcher for the wheel turns fast, and the pitcher once formed, may more easily be broken than altered"

IN WHAT DO YOU TRUST?

In what do you trust, asks Mr Ryle, for the pardon of your sins and the salvation of your soul? I suppose you trust in something, you are not a heathen You live in a Christian land Now, in what do you trust? Do you trust in sacraments and ordinances and rest in them? They cannot supply you with forgiveness however diligently you may use them By sacraments a faith is confirmed and a grace is increased in all those who rightly use them But they cannot justify the sinner, they cannot put away transgression You may go to Church regularly and yet never go to heaven, you may go to the Lord's Table every Sabbath in your life, but unless you look far beyond the sign to the thing signified you will, after all, die in your sins Will you trust in your own works and endeavours, your virtues and your good deeds, your prayers and your alms? They will never buy you an entrance into heaven They will never pay your debt to God They are all imperfect in themselves and only increase your guilt "When ye shall have done all these things which are commanded you," says the Lord Jesus, "say we are unprofitable" Unprofitable servants (Luke xvii 10)

Will you trust in your own repentance, and amendments? You are very sorry for the past, you hope to do better for time to come You hope God will be merciful, alas, if you lean on this you have nothing beneath you but a broken reed The judges do not pardon the thief because he is sorry for what he did To-day's sorrow will not wipe off the score of yesterday's sins

Reader, you must put your whole trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the atonement made for sinners on the Cross In Him is pardon, out of Him there is none Remember this! It is the very pith and marrow of the Bible Religion Put your whole trust in the Lord Jesus Christ