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AND THEY CAME TO ELIM, WHERE WERE TWELVE WELLS OF WATER, AND THREESCORE AND TEN PALM TREES. — — — EX. XXV 27

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DECEMBER 25th and 26th

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Passion

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

"Your spirits should be fairly seething with enthusiasm while you are toiling as the Lord's bondmen"
—Romans VIII. 11, A. S. Way.

FOR life to achieve its greatest glory and reach its highest spiritual consummation it must first of all be invested with the sovereign passion of love for the Master. This must become the dominant and directing force, the all-sufficient energy, the driving impulse, the propelling power,—the sceptre that holds the throne of the heart and brings the whole being under its blessed sway. This princely passion will make the stammering tongue eloquent, giving courage to the timid heart, and steadiness to the faltering feet. And then issuing from this passion for Christ must come a passion for souls—a passion to serve and save. Zinzendorf's great love for Christ is expressed in those historic words, "I have but one passion—it is He." And this saintly man became the founder of the Moravian Mission.

The Holy Spirit as a driving energy is

SYMBOLISED BY WIND AND WATER.

In this connection think of Niagara's mighty falls, and the terrific and terrible force those waters represent. That vast power has been harnessed by man to such an extent that to-day it drives the machinery and supplies the light of many a distant city. How much greater is the dynamic of the Holy Ghost. When man is in contact with this heavenly dynamo, a spiritual voltage is generated which, in the execution of the Divine will, makes him proof against all opposition.

And then how blessedly contagious is this heaven-born passion. How it thaws the frostbound atmosphere, melting indifference, indolence, and indulgence. Like a gushing fountain of sparkling water it rises up and cleanses every fellowship which it adorns. How quickly it transforms the impassive, irresponsible community into a glad and genial assembly.

The Word of God declares, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Would it not be equally true to add that without this God-breathed passion it is both impossible to please Him perfectly or satisfy Him fully? If we are to form an estimate of the Divine mind from the words of the risen Lord in Revelation iii 16, then certainly we shall conclude that He loathes lukewarmness; that the tepid type of

Christianity, of which alas, there is all too much, is something most offensive to the mind of God. It is the boiling, blazing, bubbling believer that honours God and whom God honours. Half-heartedness brings discredit upon the Name of Christ and disqualifies those in whom it is manifest. Christianity is more than a profession, it is a passion—a possession.

Shew me the man, in any realm, who has

FORGED TO THE FRONT,

who has made his ministry a memorial for generations to come—the man who has defied difficulties, overcome whole legions of obstacles, and even attempted and achieved what others counted impossible—and you will discover in that man one who was possessed of an invincible and irresistible passion. He may have had severe handicaps: failings that placed him at a considerable disadvantage and gave his fellow competitors in life's race distinct and decided advantage, but the one redeeming and qualifying feature was his burning passion. He may have made mistakes, and his too precipitate action nearly involved him in disaster, yet his unquenchable and unconquerable passion saved him from defeat. It carried him through when others staggered and succumbed. Perhaps driven a score of times from his heart's objective, and yet on-borne by the overmastering passion, he returns to the conquest of his goal.

Who were the men that lit world fires? Who have moved and melted thousands? Whose voice stirred the sleeping conscience of nations?—men in whom all those magnificent and heroic Christian virtues found their highest and utmost form of expression? Who are these that have scaled achievement's most dizzy heights, and descended to the deepest depths of sacrifice, drinking the bitter cup of reproach and rejection to the very dregs? Are they not those who were mastered by this love-passion for Christ? souls who feared not to face death in the cause of their Master? men who blazed the path for the Gospel, and planted the blood-red banner of the Cross in the very heart of the enemy's territory? Were they not passion-possessed men? men whose beings burnt for God with undying flame? Thomas Cook says that "passion stirs passion,

emotion kindles emotion, and only men who are at white heat make any deep and lasting impression."

JOHN WELSH, THAT SAINTLY SOUL-LOVER

and soul-winner, would sometimes awaken his wife in the night by his weeping, and when she asked him why he wept he would answer, "I have the souls of three thousand persons to answer for, and I don't know how it is with many of them." It is recorded of Alexander Duff, who, as Dr. A. T. Pierson tells us, "ranks with Carey and Livingstone as one of the great missionary triad of the nineteenth century," that he "made the very pulse of missions to beat quicker, shaping missionary effort and moving hundreds to go, as well as tens of thousands to give. His short career was like a prairie fire, sweeping hot and fast over the land. The enthusiasm he kindled was intense and glowing."

Of Raymond Lull, pioneer to the Mahometans it is recorded that "he dared a Red Sea of blood for the sake of following the 'vision.'" Ignatius, one of the noble army of martyrs, cried, "Come, fire and iron, and grapplings with wild beasts, cuttings and manglings, wrenching of bones, hacking of limbs, crushings of my whole body; come cruel torture of the Devil to assail me,—only be it mine to attain unto Jesus Christ." Francis Xavier, that red-hot missionary, cried out in his magnificent zeal, "Whatever be the form of torture or of death that awaits me, I am ready to suffer it ten thousand times for my Lord's sake." Then think of Wesley and Whitefield, of Bunyan and Brainerd, of Moffatt and Martyn, and a host of others.

Do you wonder that such passion, such devotion, such surrender, led to triumphs that have helped to make Christian history of which the perusal thrills us in the twentieth century?

Nothing can compensate for the absence of this vital passion. It is written of

ONE WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL FIGURE

that he possessed "every quality for the first rank, and for the foremost place in that rank, save the one urgent passion of enthusiasm." This disqualified him for leadership. C. H. Spurgeon says in his lectures to his students: "In many instances ministerial success is traceable almost entirely to an intense zeal, a consuming passion for souls, and an eager enthusiasm in the cause of God." How powerless is passionless preaching—'tis true it may be theologically correct and doctrinally sound, and couched in the finest language, yet it resembles the cold beauty of the lifeless marble. It invites indifference and induces somnolence. It fails to move the people to whom it is preached because it has failed to stir our own souls. O servant of God, ask Him to make you desperate in your endeavour to win those who are drifting to their doom!

When we speak of passion we have in mind that Divinely-imparted quality which is permanent in the life. Not the result of some stirring of life's surface, but the steady glow of an inward fire, lit by the hand of God and fed from the same Source. A Divine heat that radiates from within, and therefore strong enough to resist all the freezing, hardening influences without. To be enduring it must be born of a great

and growing conviction and constantly fed by an ever-deepening apprehension of the faithfulness of God. Something that grips life at its very centre. Not that which is merely fitful, that bursts into brilliant flame for a season, giving an occasional upheaval of fervour, and then anon disappoints by its sudden disappearance. Passion is the antithesis of sentimentality, and it burns up all that which nauseates. There is a healthy tone about it. Speaking of enthusiasm, Sterling tells us that it is "grave, inward, self-controlled, while mere excitement is outward, fantastical, hysterical."

Then also our giving should be instinct with passion. The giving of our time, our talents, our children, our money,—ourselves. Think of God's great passion for

THE BESTOWAL OF HIMSELF

on the world which He loved. View it in the wonder-light of Golgotha, see it revealed in its crimson glory on Calvary's crest, look upon those blood-drops of anguish as they stream from the Saviour's thorn-crowned brow. And thus learn somewhat of the intensity of love's power to give without reserve or restraint. When the true love-fires burn within we shall develop a hunger for giving. Then the treasury of the temple will be full to overflow, and the work of the Lord will not suffer for lack of funds. We recently read of a poor Russian widow woman who gave a rouble to the Bible Society, and when asked whether such a sum was not rather too much for one in her circumstances, she answered, "Love is not afraid of giving too much."

O for a mighty wave of holy, heavenly passion! The pastor, the evangelist, the missionary, the Sunday School teacher, the open-air worker—they all need it. Perhaps you say, "My heart is cold and unmoved; no fire burns upon the altar within—I have no great mental power, no genius—had I but the pen of a poet, or the tongue of an orator—but I possess neither." You ask, "What can I do to procure and promote this passion in my life?" Seek a personal Baptism of the Holy Ghost, that will supply and sustain this "seething enthusiasm." And then go down to life's sea of suffering and sorrow, and look upon its heaving bosom, and contemplate those who are struggling in its depths. Look until the fountains of the deep within are broken up, until your message and ministry become charged with a passion to save, until your whole soul catches fire. Let

THE VISION OF A LOST WORLD

grip you. Go and look upon the fields already white unto harvest, behold the precious sheaves that are even now perishing for lack of labourers. Look until the holy compulsion seizes you, and you are constrained to plunge in to the rescue. Vision will bring passion, the Divine urge will be born out of the unveiled need. Mrs. Albert Head prayed, "Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, I care not how; but stir my heart in passion for the world." And Mr. Aitkin's prayer was, "Lord, take my lips and speak through them, take my mind and think through it—take my heart and set it on fire." Make this the cry of your heart, and God will answer with fire from on high.

Devoted, desirous,
Lord, we yearn,
Fire us, inspire us,
Till we burn

Alas, how many burnt-out fires there are in the church to-day—places that while they still retain traces of a former glory, and bear marks of the "old-time" power, yet the fire has spent itself. The dead ashes of a departed Pentecost are the sad and silent witness of warning, urging us to cherish the Divine glow that we possess. How strange it is that the worldling and the professional Christian allow and approve of enthusiasm in every other sphere except "religion." Directly anyone shows even a little fervour with regard to the things of God, at once they are dubbed as "peculiar," "queer," or there is even a hint of "bats in the belfry."

Paul's passion is seen in his

MAGNIFICENT CHALLENGE IN ROMANS VIII 35,

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" No power could fight this dauntless soul in whom burned this holy love-fire. He writes to Timothy and the word he uses is of a fierce struggle—Young translates it "agony"—passion, the old word used for our Lord's agony. In the next chapter he urges still further, "Stir into flame the gift within thee." It is said of Praying Hyde, the man whose intercession "changed

things" for the Salkot Revival, that "it was evident to all that he was bowed down with sore travail of soul. He missed many meals, and when I went to his room I would find him lying as in great agony, or walking up and down as if an inward fire were burning in his bones. And so there was that fire of which our Lord spoke when He said, 'I came to cast fire upon the earth and what will I if it be already kindled?' But I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished."

We are living in an age when there is an abundance of the artificial; almost anything can be imitated in these days. And we are in danger of being satisfied with a merely imaginary enthusiasm. But of what use is an imitation fire? You will get no real warmth from it. It will not arrest the progress of unbelief. It takes real Holy Ghost fire to change the frozen conditions that often obtain in so many circles. We must have meetings that are permeated with power—testimonies that are throbbing with life—lives that are lit with the glory of God. Anything but this deadening, damning nonchalance. The period in which we live demands a personal, positive, passionate, and aggressive evangelism—an enthusiasm that will sweep its way through every opposing force.

Burn on, O fire within my heart,
Burn fiercely night and day,
Till all the dross of earthly love
Is burned and burned away

Foursquare Revival Spreading in Wales

Hunchback from Birth Miraculously Healed

GOD is again working mightily in Principal George Jeffreys' revival campaign in Swansea. Souls are weeping their way to the Cross, and miraculous healings of an astonishing nature are confirming the ministry of the Word. The old-time revival fire is burning. The Welsh singing is simply thrilling.

The following is from the *Cambria Daily Leader* of 19th November:

CROOKED BACK MADE STRAIGHT.

Swansea Youth's Story of Mission Cure

A young man, Glyn Thomas, of St. Thomas, Swansea, walked into the "Leader" Office to-day, claiming to have been completely cured of a spine complaint at the hands of Principal George Jeffreys, who is conducting a healing campaign at Swansea.

Thomas is 21 years of age, and the change in his physical condition was first noted by the "Leader" publishers, who remembered him as a news-vendor who was a hunchback from birth.

Later Thomas told a "Leader" man that he had been to each of the meetings held by Principal Jeffreys, and on Thursday evening last he drew the latter's attention to his condition.

"Principal Jeffreys placed his hand on my head," said Thomas, "and stated, 'I anoint you in the Name of the Lord.' I had a feeling as if an electric current passed through me."

Thomas held himself erect, and there was certainly no suggestion of spinal trouble, though he appeared abnormally big-chested for a lad of 21.

The hump on his back, he added, was from birth, and since receiving a blow on the head about four years ago he had been subject to fits.

Thomas has been a hospital patient.

LATE NEWS

As we go to press, the following message reaches us from Rev. R. J. Jones, J.P. —

Swansea Central Hall is packed to capacity, where Principal George Jeffreys and Revival Party are in the midst of a mighty revival. No description can do justice to the singing. The chorus "Bread of Heaven" is sung to the tune "Cwm Rhondda." The Principal's ministry is anointed by the Holy Spirit's power. In his masterly exposition of the Scriptures he evidently fulfils the office of a great preacher whose mission is to pull down, and build up the Foursquare Gospel. The message has gripped the people of Wales because it has been attested by miraculous signs warranted in the Scriptures, and there are irrefutable evidences of physical healing. Over 300 have been converted. Principal Jeffreys has been the instrument in God's hands to re-kindle the dying embers of the Welsh Revival of 1904. The foundations of a deep and lasting work for God are being laid.

The secret of the Lord is imparted to those who have no secrets from Him.

Bible Study Helps

ISAAC'S QUESTION, JOHN'S ANSWER.

"Where is the Lamb?"
(Genesis xxii 7).

"Behold the Lamb!"
(John i 29)

1 The proof of Divine love (John iii 16; Romans viii 32)

2 Provided in a mysterious way (Matt. i 21).

3 Placed for substitution (Rom iv 25)

4. Planned for acceptance (John i. 12)

5 Perceived as fit (Heb iv 15)

6 Proclaimed for all (John iii. 17)

Conclusion God will provide Himself a Lamb—Abraham's faith

HOPE.

Hope is found to be

1 Twin sister to faith (1 Cor xiii 13)

2 The Pilgrim's staff (Heb xi 13, 14)

3 The anchor of the soul (Heb vi 19)

4 The key to open Doubting Castle (Heb x 23)

5 The Christian's helmet (1 Thess v 8)

6 The Christian's anticipation (1 John iii. 2, 3)

7 The great hoifdast of life (1 Peter i 13).

THE

VALUE OF SUFFERING.

I. Determined by

1 One's point of view (Heb xi 24-27, 11 Cor iv 17, 18, Phil ii 8-11)

2 The spirit in which borne (11 Tim ii 3, James i 2-4, Rom v 3-5).

II. Realised in its making for

1 Knowledge of God (Deut viii 3, Psalm cxix 71)

2 Purity of life (Job v 17, xxiii 10, Prov iii 11, 12)

3 Perfection of character (Heb ii 9, 10, 1 Peter iv 1, 2, 1 John iii 2).

4 The glory of God and His saints (Rom viii 18, 1 Peter i 6, 7)

III. Manifested by Christ's work in the believer.

(11 Cor iv 8-11, 11 Tim ii 11, 12)

IV. Enhanced when borne for Jesus' sake.

(Matt v 11, 12, 1 Peter ii 20-24, iii 17)

What joy it will be to be there

Words by **R. J. SILVEY.**

Not too quickly

Revelation, 22, verse 4

Music by **MR. and MRS S. SYKES**

1. We read in the Bi-ble a promise so free, That Je-sus has gone to pre-pare . . . A
 2. No sin and no crying, no sickness or pain, Will en-ter these mansions so fair, . . . For
 3. The ci-ty we'll see, and the streets of pure gold, The ci-ty that li-eth four-square, And the
 4. No sun will be needed, or moon to give light, No darkness can be in that air, . . . And
 5. The sav'd from all coun-tries with us will u-nite, A white robe of glo-ry to wear, . . . From
 6. Our Je-sus is coming, is coming a-gain, To meet with His own in the air; . . . There's

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place in the Glo-ry for you and for me, What joy it will be to be there .
 Je-sus Him-self in the midst will remain, What joy it will be to be there . .
 saints who shall dwell there will no-ver grow old, What joy it will be to be there . .
 faith will be turn'd in-to glo-ri-ous sight, What joy it will be to be there . . .
 A - fri - ca, Chi-na, red, yellow, and white, What joy it will be to be there . .
 no doubt a - bout it, His word we explain, What joy it will be to be there . . .

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CHORUS.

What joy it will be to be there, A place in His presence to share; To

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look in His face, Re-deem'd by His grace, What joy it will be to be there.

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Healings at the Cardiff Revival

THE following are a number of the evidences of Divine healing which took place during Principal George Jeffreys' Revival and Healing Campaign in the Welsh capital

MRS. CROCK, Roath. Healed of an internal growth after nine years

MRS. FRANCIS, Cardiff. Normal grip returns to hand.

MRS. CROYDON, Roath. Neuritis and internal trouble

MISS CORRY, Roath. Fluid on the knee

MISS EDWARDS, Splott. Dropsy healed.

MISS BEALE, Cardiff. Asthma for six years. Given up as dead twice.

MISS WRIGHT, Splott. Tuberculosis gone, after five years' suffering

RONALD DAVEY, Cardiff. Six years' infantile paralysis. Can now write with the arm that was paralysed.

MISS PRITCHARD, Splott. Leg in irons for ten years

MISS PALMER, Cardiff. Rupture and heart trouble

MRS. THOMAS, Splott. Goitre and headaches.

MISS MAY THOMAS, Splott. Seven years' growth on the elbow

MISS LILY THOMAS, Splott. Deafness for eight years

MRS. MILLER, Cardiff. Growth on the nose

MISS CASSEMBLE, Cardiff. Internal trouble. Able to sleep now.

MRS. CASSEMBLE, Cardiff. Four or five fits a day for six years. Also healed of a paralysed arm.

MRS. BELDEN, Cardiff. Internal trouble, and displacement causing hæmorrhage.

MISS LYONS, Cardiff. 16 years' paralysis.

MR. REES, Cardiff. Recovered grip of his hand.

MRS. GEDDY, Roath. 14 years' deafness

MISS DANNY, Roath. Six years' gastric ulcers. Can now eat ordinary food.

MRS. ROWE, Pengan. Fluid under the lung for 5½ years

MRS. HARWOOD, Cardiff. Tumour for 11 years

MISS LISSELL, Cardiff. Heart disease, paralysed down left side, dropsy and rheumatic fever.

MRS. WILLIAMS, Cardiff. A growth causing bodily weakness, also dropsy.

MRS. RICHARDS, Cardiff. A growth causing bodily weakness, also dropsy.

MRS. WHITING, Cardiff. An internal tumour.

MISS TREFOLD, Cardiff. Rheumatism, heart trouble, and St. Vitus' dance in right arm

MR. COLE, Cardiff. Injured hip, received while in Royal Navy

MRS. HAWKINS, Roath. Skin disease for seven years

MRS. EVANS, Caerphilly. Reynolds disease

MISS WILBER, Cardiff. Internal complaint and heart trouble

MISS WARICK, Senghenydd. Stomach trouble and skin disease

MISS RICH, Cardiff. Rheumatism

MRS. WOODS. Four years on crutches

MRS. DRAY, Canton. Varicose veins

MRS. GRIFFITHS, Penarth. 14 months in spinal carriage, lying on back.

MR. PUGSLEY, Roath. Three years' rheumatism. Can now kick with his leg.

MRS. JONES, Abertridwr. Ten months' tumour.

MISS FONTO, Penarth. Double rupture for 16 years.

MR. THOMSETT, Cardiff. Internal trouble

MR. TIER, Splott. Had not walked for 12 months

MRS. SOMERS, Broadway. Nine years' cancer. Absolutely gone

MRS. CARPIN, Cardiff. Paralysis for 16 years. Completely healed

MRS. MILSON, Roath. Goitre for ten years

MRS. PARTIN, Maindy. Rheumatoid arthritis for 16 years.

MISS HOMICK, Roath. Three years' rheumatism.

After the Great Campaign

Evangelist P. H. Hulbert at Cardiff

THE crowds were sorry to say farewell to Principal George Jeffreys, by whose ministry God has wrought signs and wonders in Cardiff, but this living Foursquare Gospel message must be taken to other places in the land, so the revival party left for Swansea. Monday was one of the stormiest days for years in Cardiff, the rain incessantly beat down upon its almost deserted streets, but the pangs of spiritual hunger had fastened upon the people. Through the pouring rain and cold wind between eight and nine hundred people made their way to the Splott Road Baptist Church to listen to Evangelist P. H. Hulbert minister the Word of God.

His subject was appropriate to Armistice Day. "There was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour" (Rev. viii. 1). As the short mission on wings of joy and praise sped onward God blessed the ministry of the Word, so that at the end of the six days over a hundred souls professed salvation. In the afternoon meetings hundreds of sick came to be prayed for, and one's heart was moved to pray for yet a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that more of these suffering ones might be set free. And, praise God, bodies are being healed, blessing abounds, souls are being saved, hungry hearts are feeding upon the Bread of heaven, and the joy of the Lord is bathing the congregations who listen to the Word of God preached in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Sunday was a blessed day. Pastor J. Smith gave a message in the afternoon on "Christ the Living Vine," to about 800, and eleven hands were raised for salvation at the close of the address. In the evening meeting there was a gathering of over 1,100, when Pastor A. Longley spoke on "A Short-sighted Business Man." 18 professed salvation. After the Gospel service over 800 remained behind to a beautiful breaking-of-bread service. God's presence stole over the meeting softly and in gentleness, and heaven came down upon the souls of those who broke bread at Christ's command.

Praise God for His blessing, the tide of revival rises, and Christ is in the midst.

Concise Comments and Interesting Items

The Bible Society progress is vividly shewn in the following figures "Five years after its foundation (1804) the Society sent out on an average nine volumes every hour, fifty years after its foundation it sent out 156 volumes every hour, when it was 100 years old it sent out 650 volumes every hour, in 1928 the issues reached the record figure of 1,301 volumes every hour

"How big is heaven?" is a question which has exercised a recent writer. His method is fanciful. He calculates that heaven was filled up 700 years ago, or about the time that Columbus was discovering America. We are glad that heaven is not limited by the calculations of modern mathematicians. The New Jerusalem is simply heaven's capital. There will be limitless spaces in which the multitudinous children of God will be able to move.

Songs bury themselves deeper than sayings in the heart of man. The author of "It's a long, long way to Tipperary" was a cripple—unmarried—and buried in the quiet country cemetery of Balsall. To the Christian who delights in the songs of Zion this song of Tipperary is not attractive. But it meant a great deal to some of the soldiers in the Great War. But the special point of interest to us is that over the grave of this lonely writer is the inscription:

"Give me the making of the songs of a nation, and let who will make its laws."

The statement has its exaggerated thought, and yet it is certainly true that song has a marvellous formative influence. Let us then rejoice in the present singing revival. Foursquare Gospellers love to sing. Wales is beginning to sing again with the fervour of the Welsh revival. "Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God." As for us we must sing for God has put a melody in our hearts.

Prayer for missions will be stimulated by the following utterance of General Smuts, made when giving the first of three Rhodes Memorial Lectures at Oxford.

The Christian missionary has, after a century of ceaseless effort, not yet succeeded in making any deep impression on Africa. Mohammedanism, is already in solid and uncontested possession of Africa from the Mediterranean to the tenth parallel of north latitude, and to the south of it is spreading more rapidly than Christianity. The true ruler of Africa today, as in the past, is the medicine man, and the only man to fight him effectively is the scientific medicine man. The medical mission is the mission for Africa.

We are not going to criticise General Smuts' reference to the need of medical missionaries. They have been greatly blessed of God. But we do feel that an even more crying need is for those who in simple faith will lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. The African medicine-men are no doubt in touch with miraculous evil powers. We need to see the operation of the miraculous powers of God.

Saved from Spiritualism

A Personal Testimony

By WILLIAM GOODWIN

TWENTY-FIVE years ago whilst the Lord was speaking to my soul at open-air meetings, I chose the downward path from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped me of all the knowledge I had that Jesus was the Son of God. From that time onward I read continually in the Word of God, that I might find in it justification for my being a spiritualist. My eyes were blinded, my heart was hardened, and I only saw what I believed to be contradictions, that I might win souls from the Gospel to spiritualism. I continued in this way 23 years holding various offices connected with

A SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

teaching spiritualism from the *Lyceum Manual* to children from three years old up to men and women over sixty years of age, yet at the same time I dare to say there was not on the face of God's earth a greater hypocrite, but, glory be to God, the Lord came where I was and saved me.

My wife had been attending some evangelistic meetings, but received very little encouragement from me when telling me of the remarkable way in which the Lord was healing those who believed. I prayed, "Oh, God, if what I believe in is not the truth, shew me the truth." A few weeks after I went to a meeting, and the Lord took me in.

For a time I continued to see spirits and wondered why I still saw these, and why these thoughts continued, now that I was a Christian. I soon learned their source, for these thoughts were too sudden to be my own. Calling out to these spirits, "If you are not who you represent yourself to be, then, in the Name of Jesus Christ, go!" That was enough

to make him waver, and after the fourth or fifth command in this way, with all the hatred I could put into the words, he went with such a scowl as only those who are evil can give. I knew then that

THESE SPIRITS WERE NOT OF GOD,

but I was not strong in the Word, and often found that my former arguments as a spiritualist became my own stumblingblocks, two of which Pastor Corry kicked away. But these spirits would force themselves upon me until I cried, "Oh Lord, if what I see in these visions are the duplicators of the Devil, or if it is against Thy will that I see them, Lord, don't let me see any more." That was nearly three years ago, and from that day to this I have not seen any of these familiar spirits, but still I know they are there, which brings to my mind John xvii, where the Lord said, "I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one."

I thank God through Jesus Christ for the baptism by water and of the Spirit, and for power to convince Christians who are dabbling in spiritualism. They are warming their hands at the Devil's fire.

Please pray that God will protect me from the evil attacks, whilst I endeavour to witness against the snares of spiritualism.

Why not keep a book; and write in it your sins and failures, and bear them daily before the Lord in prayer until you are delivered?

A Black Diamond of Africa

A REVEALING window from which to view an important sector of Central African missionary work during recent years is provided in a striking new book by that God-honoured missionary pioneer, Pastor W. F. P. Burton, of Congo fame, in *When God Changes a Man*, just published by the Victory Press, Park Crescent, Clapham, S W.4, 3/-nett).

We are used to biographies of great missionaries—white men who dare all for Christ and His Gospel in lands where they are strangers and foreigners. But biographies, or even considerable sketches, of their native converts, the fruits and trophies of their work, are all too few; yet the experiences of the latter, as new-born men and women carrying on in the strange heathen environments of their native lands, would be as fresh inspiration to Christians at home. This book is one of these exceptions—the life story of Shalumbo, a true thriller drawn from the fiery bosom of the original Africa (if your courage to look at heathenism in the real is poor, don't read it). And it is calculated truly to glorify our Lord in the wondrous grace which drew to Himself the cruel and hardened slave-raider who is the central figure of the book and the side-narratives of other striking heathen characters whose lives touched his and were born again on the impact.

We do not think we have ever read a missionary book so extraordinarily vivid—with a vividness enhanced by the utter simplicity and directness with which the author brings home to the reader these gripping pictures of the real Africa, and its "black,

but comely" trophies of Pentecost. Here was a man utterly submerged in the hardening and debasing passions which rise rampant in the sickening cruelties of the traffic in his own black flesh and blood, yet "snatched from the burning" by the love of Christ reaching him through the faithful testimony of the flogged and persecuted slave-wife, whom he owned, as he thought, body and soul, progressing through further to the highest Pentecostal experiences, and to a truly apostolic service of pastoral evangelism in that savage heart of the Dark Continent where he had once raided for slaves.

Striking interpositions of God's providence light up Shalumbo's story. The return of the emancipated slaves from Angola to their native Mwanza after years of exile is a true-life romance. The lurid picture of Mushidi's ragged empire and reign of vampire cruelty, first revealed in Mr Dan Crawford's *Thinking Black*, and the peal of Gospel triumph which rings forth in the conversion of that chief of sinners, the executioner Kapekele, are typical episodes in a record of extraordinary power.

The reader should be careful to distinguish the names borne by the hero at different periods of his life, referred to in the preface. His interest will be heightened by the useful series of photographs. Printed in good clear type and tastefully bound, Mr Burton's book is a contribution of first-class importance to our knowledge of the scriptural Pentecost in the foreign field—C.H.C. (Obtainable from the *Elim Book Saloon*, 7, Paternoster Row, London, E C 4.)

A Touching Incident

A POOR little fellow was picked up in the street, with both thighs crushed by a dray. He was carried to a hospital. By his side was temporarily placed, from the same slum, a little fellow who was very ill with famine fever, a disease caused by hunger and bad air. He lay side by side with this broken-legged little boy. Creeping up to him he said, "Bobby, did you never hear of Jesus?"

"No, I never 'eard of Him."

"Bobby, I went to the mission school once, and they told me that Jesus would take you to heaven when you die, and you wouldn't never be hungry any more if you'd av Him."

"Oh, I don't know no sich great big gentleman as He is, and if I did, He wouldn't speak to a little boy like me."

"In the mission school they told me He would Don't you want never to be hungry no more? Oh, just av Him."

"How could I av the gentleman if I don't know where He lives? and if I did know, my leg is broken, and I couldn't go."

"Bobby, they told me in the mission school that

JESUS PASSES BY.

and the teacher told us it means He comes round

How do you know He bean't coming round this 'ere hospital to-night? And if He should and you were watching for Him, you could see Him, and then you could av Him."

"I couldn't watch for Him, my legs ache so awful, and I couldn't keep my eyes open."

"But I say, Bobby, you can hold your hand up, and if He should come round and see your hand up, He'd know you was after something." He held his hand up, and it dropped. He held it up again, and it dropped. He held it up the third time, and it dropped, he burst out crying, and said, "I'll give it up, I can't hold my hand up no longer."

"Bobby, I don't want my pillow, you let me prop your elbow up with it."

And the child—whom perhaps you would sweep off your doorstep, or turn from with disgust—took his own hospital pillow, and, placing it under the elbow of his sick companion, propped up his arm. In the morning the little fellow lay dead, with his hand held up for Jesus. You may search the world over, and you cannot find a grander illustration of faith, trust, and confidence than was manifested in this little fellow who had been in the mission school but once.



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Persuaded

FAILURE by any of us always draws forth some excuse or other. We were influenced by someone to do it; we took someone else's advice against our better judgment. That is typical of human nature. Adam made the same excuse when he fell. "The woman persuaded me, and I did eat." How like people we know to-day. Persuaded into backsliding; persuaded into sin; persuaded into disbelieving God's Word. A friend once met another who had stayed away from meeting. "I haven't seen you at the meetings lately. Where have you been?" "Oh, was the reply, "Mr So-and-So persuaded me that it was all wrong."

But what a different side there is to things if we only face up to it. In the Word of God we read of men and women who lived in the midst of a faithless generation. Yet they heard, believed and embraced the precious promises of God. They could not accept Satan's suggestions; they could not be persuaded to evil. They chose rather to be influenced by the truth. They chose to be persuaded by the promises of God, and were led into living contact with Him. There is the memory that is evergreen in the Hebrews xi. "roll of honour." God's heroes, who fought the good fight of faith and triumphed, being persuaded into the life of faith by listening to God's Voice.

Bible Society Annual.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL is this year entitled *Another Milestone*. It is a special report, for it not only reviews the past year but also the past 25 years. 1904 was the centenary of the Bible Society. Thus 1929 completes a quarter of the second century—25 years. For this reason this year's report is of special interest. Here is a very interesting historical summary of the development of the last 25 years. It enables one to appreciate and pray over the new situations which have arisen in the circulation of the Bible.

"No period in human history has witnessed the invention and development of so many fresh means of communication as these 25 years. When the Bible Society was founded, the fastest thing on land was a galloping horse, and on sea a sailing-ship. The Society is 21 years older than the oldest railway in the world. When it was born, little advance had been made since ancient Roman days when a message from Egypt took from forty to fifty days to reach Rome. Now a message may be flashed from London to Singapore, India, and South Africa in five seconds, and to China within a minute. William Carey was five months, less two days, in going from England to India, eleven years before our society was founded; you can now fly thither in forty-nine hours.

Railways have developed enormously in recent years, our generation has seen the completion of lines across Asia and South America, and the construction of great trunk lines in Africa. It is now possible to cross Africa from sea to sea in under twelve days by means of railway and motor car.

The greatest progress has been made with inventions that were unknown to early Victorians. At the time of our centenary the petrol-driven vehicle, made possible by the production of the internal combustion engine by Gottlieb Daimler, was coming into its own. To-day there are over thirty million motor vehicles in use." The report goes on to mention flying, the cinematograph, wireless, and so forth. Conditions change—but the need for the Word of God is changeless. Hearts—perhaps unknown to themselves—are crying out, "Give us the Bible—give us the bread of heaven."

Humble Foursquare Christians in Mexico

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enough to have the use of knives and forks, these being kept specially for the Christian workers who visit the home. The

CHILDREN SAT ON THE FLOOR,

and like their parents ate with their fingers.

We would like to see a building erected in this district where the people could be gathered together to worship, and where others could be brought also to learn of Jesus the Saviour.

The laws forbid the conducting of public services in houses. For this reason these Christians have to come all the way to our church for fellowship and worship. Occasionally they walk all the way to our services (when they have not the money to pay for the 'bus fare) a distance of nine or ten miles. Pray for Mexico.

Filled!

By PRINCIPAL PERCY G. PARKER (of the Christian Workers' Bible Correspondence School).

"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost"—Acts 11:4

WILL you notice that this filling was preceded and succeeded by other fillings

I. A CROSS WAS FILLED.

Before that Cross was filled, *it was emptied*. It was emptied of Barabbas in order that it might be filled with Christ. No cross has ever been filled as Calvary's Cross was filled. It was filled with Christ, you say yes, that is true. But it was also filled with sin—for Christ was made sin. "He who knew no sin was made sin for us"; so says II. Corinthians v. 21. The sin of the whole world was massed upon Him. God caused to meet in Him the iniquities of us all. Calvary's Cross was filled with the weight of our sin. No other Cross has ever been weighted like that.

II. HEAVEN WAS FILLED.

Heaven was filled because a grave was emptied. The grave in which Christ's body was buried was emptied. He rose—He ascended. Then heaven was filled. Christ ascended back to the Father's presence. He had come from the glory—He went back to the glory. He arose and ascended far above all principalities and powers—and thus heaven was filled. I like the way the hymn-writer puts it

Lamb of God! Thou now art seated
High upon Thy Father's Throne,
All Thy gracious work completed,
All Thy mighty victories won
Every knee in heaven is bending
To the Lamb for sinners slain,
Every voice and harp is swelling,
"Worthy is the Lamb to reign."

III. A ROOM WAS FILLED

with praying disciples. That room was filled with prayer because it had been emptied of disobedience. The Lord had told His disciples to go back to Jerusalem and tarry. They were not to scatter to their homes. They were not to go out preaching His resurrection. They were to go back to Jerusalem and tarry. These 120 disciples had learned to obey. They knew obedience was better than sacrifice. So they did as the Lord told them. There in that upper room they continued together in prayer. Mark they were of one accord. That room was also emptied of strife. For ten days they prayed. When God intends to do something great He sets His people praying. The voices of the brethren and the sisters were mingled together in prayer.

IV. THAT SAME ROOM

was filled with the sound of the presence of God.

Notice—the room was filled—"there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

Surely in that moment that room was emptied. It was emptied of all demon powers, and the Holy Spirit filled the place. God was in the atmosphere. The room was filled—filled with God. Filled as surely as

the Tabernacle of Israel was filled, when we read, "And the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" (Exodus 41:34). Filled as surely as the temple was filled, when we read, "For the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God" (II Chron. v. 14).

V. THE DISCIPLES WERE FILLED

with the Holy Ghost.

First the room—then the disciples. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 11:4). Yes, their bodies had become the temple and tabernacle of the Holy Ghost. The Lord had come to His temples of flesh and blood, and filled them with His glory.

But what had happened before He filled them? They had been emptied. Emptied of self—in order that they might be filled with God.

But the fillings are not finished.

VI. THEIR MOUTHS WERE FILLED

with heavenly languages.

God suddenly emptied their mouths of their own language, and gave them a heavenly language. "They began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (verse 4). Instead of their earthly language, God gave them each a language from heaven. It was a language of praise. They began to praise the Lord for His wonderful works, and the noise soon drew the crowd together.

But that was not all.

VII. JERUSALEM WAS FILLED

with Holy Ghost preachers.

Crowds were gathered in groups to hear the wonderful works of God declared in their own adopted language. The multitudes ran together. The houses were emptied and the streets were filled with eager listeners.

But still there was more.

VIII. THE HEARERS WERE FILLED

with remorse. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Holy Ghost preaching brings conviction of sin. These people were emptied of their antagonism to Christ, and filled with love to Him.

But then a further marvellous thing happened.

IX. THE POOLS OF JERUSALEM WERE FILLED.

Filled with people being baptised in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The pools of Jerusalem were emptied of earthly bathers and filled with heavenly bathers. "Repent," said Peter, "and be baptised everyone of you in the Name of Jesus Christ."

And now for one closing filling.

X. THE CHURCH WAS FILLED

with love. "And all that believed were together,

and had all things common. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people" (Acts ii. 44-47)

What a beautiful Church it was. Emptied of envy, selfishness and strife—filled with wondrous love.

Ten marvellous and lovely fillings! The Divine ground of all these fillings—the filling of the Cross. The human experience, because of the Divine ground—the filling of the Spirit.

But is this filling for all? Yes, for Peter said, "For the promise (of the Holy Ghost) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off."

Listen to the experience of one who received this baptism, as it was personally written to me.

"I know you will rejoice to hear that I have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. All glory to God. I can't tell you what it means to me. It is

wonderful how it has altered my daily outlook to everybody. I went to Cornwall with a Foursquare family and it was while there that I received my baptism, out on the rocks overlooking the great Atlantic Ocean. Wasn't it a wonderful place? But I didn't have as wonderful an experience as I had longed for that night, because the others had to disturb me and almost drag me home as it was getting late.

"However the Lord knew and on the Monday after I got back home, I had a wonderful experience as I was praying before going to bed. I believe I really received my baptism then, although I had spoken in tongues before that. I can never tell anyone my experience. It was too wonderful to put into words."

This sister had been seeking her Baptism in the Spirit the year before when she was on holiday with us—but she did not receive until nearly a year later.

One word in closing—because the Son of God filled the Cross of Calvary, the Spirit of God longs to fill your heart. Have you let Him do so yet?

That Wonderful Name

THE Name of Jesus Christ alone will beat back the waves of darkness that are settling on the earth. It is only the Name of Jesus that will protect the people in the days ahead. It is only where His Name is placed above every name that there will be perfect victory and perfect deliverance from the things with which Satan is trying to crush us down.

If you possess that Name, you must be an embodiment of that Name and the Name must possess you, and if you possess that Name and that Name possesses you everything that now possesses you will have to go out of your body. The early saints knew how to possess that Name. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Such as I have! Some have nothing and are dead.

IF YOU HAVE THAT NAME

possessing you, you can possess the Name and pass it on, and you will be able to say, "Silver and gold have I none, but I have the Name, the Name of One who created all the silver and the gold, all the world, and all the stars of the universe." Pray for faith to realise the meaning of that Name. You possess that Name, may the Name possess you.

"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Are you hiding in that Name—the tower on the rock? All the gates of hell cannot prevail against that Name. Samson took the gates of the city away. If you possess that Name, you can take hold of the gates and you can remove them, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you. The suffocating gates of hell cannot stifle you, suffocate you, or prevail over you. You are more than conquerors through Him who loved you.

"Enter your heritage, claim your prerogative, act on your faith. Christ is depending on His people

to make His Name act all its power that is behind it. God has given that marvellous

NAME OF HIS SON,

but He limits Himself to make it manifest through His people. The Name was coined in heaven, minted on the earth, and impressed in hell. The devils believe and tremble.

God loves him who loves the Name of His Son. Reverence Him, reverence His Name, use His Name, magnify His Name. When the fiery darts of hell are hurled against you, hurl back the Name. "Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies." You can use this arrow. Ask God to take you into His school to teach you the rudiments, the alphabet of the meaning of that Name. God has declared, "Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion"—on the place of authority, the place to be seen, the place of power, and the saint is seated with Him on that seat of power.

That Name is also an antidote for disease—a living Name. That Name penetrates farther than your mind can penetrate. It is high, it is deep. It is effective in heaven, for the saint asks in that Name; and it is effective in hell, for the demons are bound in that Name. This is the midway place where the Name is used with mighty power—heaven—earth—hell. And the redeemed ones use that Name as no others can. "These signs shall follow them that believe. In My Name, etc." The believers have preference—not the angels. Learn the value of the Name, learn how to use the Name, find it in the Word, carry it out in your life. God will honour you if you will honour His Name.

The Name of Jesus paralyses all the power of the enemy, and everything Satan brings against His redeemed. Will you not pray, "Father, teach us the power of that Name, that from this day we may use it?"

Humble Foursquare Christians in Mexico

By Pastor GEORGE THOMAS

A FEW days ago we visited one of the suburbs of the city, about ten miles from where our church is situated, to see some of our Christians who frequently attend the services. This district, like many others into which the city is divided, bears the name of a saint. The outstanding personality among the small group of Christians at this place is a woman of large stature, illiterate and poor. We visited this woman first, and on nearing her house were met with the welcome words, "*Pasen hermanos,*" being the invitation to enter. The woman and children were all barefooted, while the house which consisted of one room was made with rough boards with spaces between almost every two, through which the light penetrated. There was a doorway but no door, the floor was just the ordinary earth;

CHICKENS, PIGEONS AND DOGS SHARED

this one room with the man, his wife and children, while a few yards away were a number of pigs in a sty.

Although this woman is unable to read, she possesses two Bibles which are constantly in use, as she lends them to different persons after explaining to them the way of salvation. She had memorised a number of verses of Scripture, and knows where to find them in the Bible, and when she wants to draw the person's attention to a particular verse she says, "Look in chapter so-and-so of such-and-such a book," and as the person reads she explains the verse. She has a simple faith and a courage born of God and is always busy for the Master, testifying and inviting people to the services, many are those that she has induced to come and hear the Gospel. When the persons invited say they cannot afford to pay the fare for the 'bus, she sacrifices and pays it for them, when she sees they are sincere.

Recently a Seventh Day Adventist preacher told her that he was hoping to build a church and clinic in the district, that he would be able to attend to the people who were ill, and they could go to him for advice and medicine. She replied saying that she would never buy any medicine from his clinic, and when asked why, said that she had a Divine Doctor, who, when she was ill and prayed to Him, healed her free of charge.

AT THE NEXT HOUSE VISITED

we saw the woman on her knees on the earth floor, grinding red peppers between two stones, the lower stone on which the peppers were placed was about 24 inches by 12 inches, having a smooth surface; the other stone which she held in her hands was shaped very much after the fashion of our rolling pins at home, which are used for rolling our pastry. These peppers were ground into a paste, then put into the pot with the meat, etc., to add relish to the food. The Mexicans are very fond of hot peppers with their food.

This woman had suffered with very sore eyes, but

in answer to prayer had been delivered and now attends the services.

From here we went to another house, which was merely one small room made of adobe (mud mixed with straw), and the dirt floor which we usually see in this district, here too the chickens shared the room with the people, and while we were talking, a pig pushed its head over the low partition which separated its sty from the room in which the people lived, and began to grunt. There were three large pigs in this sty, and as was to be expected the place was not pleasant. In these homes, however, where there is so little material comfort, we find blessed opportunities



A
Mexican
Country
Fair

to explain the way of salvation, and to our joy they usually receive the Word gladly.

While at this house we were asked if we would not care to speak to the people in the adjoining house, who were Roman Catholics, but were making enquiries about this *religion protestante*.

WE WERE KINDLY RECEIVED

and invited into the house, where we were again able to explain the Gospel, after which we had a time of prayer.

Thus it was in every house visited—the people seemed eager to listen to the Gospel, our regret being that we could not spend more time visiting other houses.

On our return we had to pass the house first mentioned, and were obliged to stay as the woman had prepared food for us. The majority of the poorer Mexicans do not use knives and forks to eat, but are wonderfully adept with their fingers, and their *tortillas* (the flat cakes made from Indian corn ground into a mass and baked on the fire—in appearance much like our pancakes, but not nearly as palatable). They tear off pieces of the *tortillas* and use them as we would use a spoon to pick up the pieces of meat or vegetable. Thus they get along wonderfully well; we have tried eating in this fashion, as occasionally we have had to eat at a house where they have no knives and forks, but have not been able to manage it so well as the Mexicans. In this case we were fortunate

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Fanning the Flames of Revival

Lurgan Convention—Baptisms at Hornsey—Fruitful Shepherding of the Flocks—Undaunted Evangelism

STRIKING WITNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Brighton (Pastor J Lees) On Sunday, 11th November, twelve souls were swept into the Kingdom at the close of the evening Gospel service at the Elim Tabernacle, Brighton. Pastor Jesse Lees preached, taking as his text Luke xi 23. "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth." An through a remarkably stirring and convincing sermon the power of God was so manifest that every word sank deep into the souls of his hearers. At times the atmosphere seemed almost electric as God spoke through His servant. It was not surprising therefore that twelve unsaved members of the congregation should have been brought face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ, and come to the decision to accept Him as their Saviour and the future Captain of their souls. But what was remarkable lay in the fact that, prior to the service, Pastor Lees while praying in the vestry received the assurance in his own heart that just that number would signify their decision during the meeting and upon this assurance, had written in the vestry memoranda, "12 souls, praise the Lord." The witness was true—God was speaking, and in speaking saved!

Liverpool (Pastor J E Goreham) We praise and thank the Lord for the way He is blessing the ministry of Pastor Goreham. Sunday, 13th October, started a real time of blessing for the assembly. At the open-air service one brother decided for the Lord. The Monday started a week of prayer, the saints praying for a revival. As a result two souls came to the Lord. The saints are receiving great blessings from the special Bible class conducted by the Pastor on Wednesday nights. There was much joy at the Sunday School anniversary, the children providing solos, recitations violin solos, and a dialogue featuring the home of Lazarus. Praise the Lord for the way He is using the children. On Saturday, 9th November, the open-air meeting was greatly blessed. Two brothers came right out of a public house, and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Sunday night's Gospel service was a wonderful time in the presence of the Lord, when one soul decided for Christ. Monday night was the Crusaders' meeting, when a good number were present. Week by week the Lord continues to bless in this centre and the saints are full of expectation in Him.



Pastor
J. E. Goreham.

Barking (Pastor and Mrs Stoneham) Truly a foretaste of heaven was experienced on Monday, 18th November, at the Barking assembly when the Bermordsey Crusaders paid a special visit, and took charge of the meeting. An interesting and instructive programme was arranged, when the Crusaders gave forth the Word in the power of the Holy Ghost. There were three duets, and two sisters gave their testimonies, while two other Crusaders gave a message from the Word, all of which were encouraging and helpful. Thank God for these times of fellowship with His saints. Truly one could sing, "This is like heaven to me."

Annaghanoon (Evangelist E F Cole) All praise be to God for the work that is being carried on in this assembly. For the past six weeks the Lord has manifested His presence here. The prayer meetings are proving rich seasons of blessing from the Lord, while saints are wonderfully edified through the Bible studies. Numbers are increasing, especially at the Sunday night Gospel meetings. The last address given by the Pastor was something never to be forgotten. His message was based on the text, "In that night was Belshazzar king of the Chaldeans slain." God seemed to grip the meeting by His Spirit, right from the beginning. No doubt the unsaved have seen their standing in a way never before so impressive. Saints are asked to co-operate with the dear ones of this assembly, in praying God's blessing upon this part of His vineyard.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Hornsey (Evangelist A S Gaunt) The Lord still continues to bless His saints at Hornsey under the ministry of Evangelist A S Gaunt. Within the last month the following events have taken place, and have been greatly appreciated by all here. On Wednesday 30th October, the Herdon Crusaders paid a visit, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The message in word, and in song, was ably rendered by this band of happy young folk. Pastor Fardell led the meeting.

A splendid baptismal service was held on Thursday, 7th November, when seven sisters and four brothers followed their Master through the waters. Each of the candidates with beaming faces gave ringing testimonies to a full salvation just before being immersed. This meeting was one of exceptional power, during which two souls decided for Christ.

Another great service was held on Sunday evening, 10th November, when Pastor E C W Boulton gave the right hand of fellowship to over a hundred members. The message was a very fitting one both for believers and unbelievers, the leading thought of which was the need of a vision of Jesus, "Sir, we would see Jesus." The day closed with a beautiful breaking-of-bread service, all enjoying the manifested presence of the Lord.

Islington (Miss Kennedy and Miss Hawes) We praise God that the fire is burning brightly here, and that He is graciously honouring the prayers and faith of the saints by saving precious souls. During the past two weeks ten souls have accepted Jesus Christ as their own personal Lord and Saviour, and have decided to follow Him all the way. All the services are well attended. After the Gospel service on Sunday, 10th November there was as is usual, a prayer meeting, and the presence of the Lord was very much felt, and He graciously stretched forth His mighty arm and healed a sister of rheumatism.

The Sunday school work is now flourishing, and is being blessed and owned of God. Progress continues to be made in every department of this live church, and all are looking forward to greater things in the future.

Preston Park, Brighton (Mr E W Hill) The work in this corner of the Lord's vineyard has been difficult, but praise God, He is answering prayer. A company of redeemed children of God gather together, and though they have no permanent place wherein to worship, the Lord has graciously provided a temporary one. Prayer is ascending that they may have a larger place, that the unsaved may be gathered in. They have a steadily growing Sunday school, also two Bible classes, one for young men, and the other for young women, these being held in two members' houses, owing to limited space. A Crusader gathering too is conducted in another brother's house.

The Lord is blessing the faithful ministry of Mr Hill, from the Brighton assembly.

On a recent Wednesday evening, Mr Hill gave a very enlightening address on "The Manifestation of God to Man," first by a voice, as in the case of Adam in the garden, then by fire, e.g., Moses and the burning bush. Now, we know He speaks chiefly through the written Word. Praise God, the gatherings are well attended and He is blessing. Pray that much blessing may rest upon this growing assembly.

East Ham (Pastor H A Court) There is every reason to praise God for His blessing on this assembly, where the people truly have the privilege of continually hearing the Word proclaimed in its fullness. A few Sunday mornings ago Pastor Hathaway visited the church here and ministered the Word after all had remembered the Lord's death. The Crusaders took over the evening service on the same day, this being the first occasion on which they have done so here. The Tabernacle was full, in spite of the inclement weather, and the Lord's presence was manifested during the singing, preaching and testimonies. The next Sunday morning Pastor Boulton came down from Headquarters, when Pastor and Mrs Court's little daughter was dedicated to the Lord. It was a blessed time. The gifts of the Spirit were manifest, and Pastor Boulton's message afterwards inspired and helped all present. The saints

here are still "climbing mountains" during Pastor Court's Bible studies on Thursday evenings. They have been up Mount Horeb with Moses, and seen the burning bush, and the God who had come down to deliver. We have also companied with Elijah, and heard the "still small voice" after the strong wind, the earthquake and the fire (1 Kings xix). They have seen Abraham's great faith severely tested on Mount Moriah, and watched David build a new altar on the same mountain after Satan had moved him to number the people. They have also reached the mountain of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, typified by Elijah's experience on Mount Carmel, when the prophets of Baal were defeated, and Elijah's prayer of faith was answered. These studies continue to prove of much practical help and blessing to all week by week. Pastor and Mrs. Coates, who have been in China, visited the church here and the saints were clearly shewn the great need for workers out there with a message from God. His address was much appreciated. The collection on this occasion was set aside for missionary work. There is always a very large congregation at the Sunday evening Gospel services, souls being saved. These meetings are followed by a special time of prayer for the sick, and then generally by a meeting for those waiting to be filled with the Spirit. Prayer is being answered for intermingled with the requests for prayer at the various meetings, are often to be found notes of praise and thanksgiving to God from those who have "returned to give glory to God" for deliverance from sickness.

LURGAN CONVENTION

Lurgan (Evangelist W. J. Hilliard). On Saturday, 16th November, a glorious Foursquare Gospel Convention was held in the Town Hall, Lurgan, which proved to be a time of real blessing and inspiration for the saints in this part of the Lord's vineyard. At the afternoon service, Pastors Mercer and Knight ministered the Word in a very clear and convincing manner, which was both helpful and inspiring to the hungry souls assembled together. Mr. Knight, speaking on "Soul Thirst," urged the people to draw more fully from the unfathomable wells of salvation, while Mr. Mercer, rightly dividing the Word of Truth, raised up before his hearers the "Christian Altar" in all its magnificence and type. The tide of revival and blessing continued to rise at the evening meeting. Pastor Knight again preached the Word to a full house basing his remarks on Hebrews xii 22, "Ye are come to Mount Zion." Mr. Hilliard, Pastor of the Elim Church in Lurgan, in the closing message set forth the Foursquare Gospel in masterly fashion, the meeting being swept by the power of the Holy Spirit as God revealed the truths of the Foursquare Gospel to the vast congregation. The spirit of praise and worship prevailed throughout the services. Foursquare Gospellers came together from all parts of North Ireland, while the Lurgan Elim Crusaders rendered valuable assistance by their messages in song. Evangelist Cole convened, and by his brightness and earnestness on the platform, encouraged the congregation to praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

The special meetings were continued on the Sunday when Pastor Knight once again opened the treasure house of Scripture to the people. We are glad to report that not only were Christians blessed, but also sinners saved.

Greenock (Pastor Gorman and Evangelist Robinson). Blessings continue to be poured out upon the saints, here, for which we give God all the glory. Week-nights and Sundays the services are crowded, the combined labours of Pastor Gorman and Evangelist Robinson being used by God in a mighty manner to the edifying of His people and the saving of sinners. On Sunday, 3rd November, fourteen souls professed conversion as the outcome of Pastor Gorman's address. On the following Sunday evening, Pastor Gorman used the experience of Jonah to illustrate how mankind, forgetting the omnipotence of God, paid the price and penalty of their neglect. Since coming to Greenock Mr. Robinson has also given faithful ministry.

The Crusaders' section of the work is also in a very healthy condition, the classes abounding with enthusiasm, while the happy faces of the members are an outward sign of an inward experience. A few months ago, religion had no attraction for many of these young people, but now they are hungering after the living Bread. Old folks too are being instructed in the Word of God. One lady recently remarked that after many years of reading she was just beginning to understand her Bible. The saints are looking forward to a way being opened

for the work being enlarged here, as all feel that the fields are white unto harvest. But the work is severely handicapped for lack of accommodation, many would-be hearers being unable to get into the present building.

Grimsby (Pastor and Mrs. South). God's blessing is resting upon the work here. There were scenes of rejoicing on a recent Thursday night, when a brother surrendered to Christ after much prayer. Other recent seekers have in some cases been relations of members.

Seasons of power and blessing are experienced at the weekly prayer meetings. Members from other places of worship where prayer meeting is abandoned are uniting with us in prayer for revival. Many people gather round the open-air meetings on the Saturday night to hear the Gospel shots. An interesting departure was made on Sunday, 3rd November, when in the absence of Pastor South, who was away at Hull conducting services, Mrs. South conducted the services, assisted by some of the sisters Miss Saddleton, who has held the position of Crusader Secretary for some years, farewelled in the evening service.

The Bible studies in Genesis and Exodus given by Mrs. South on Thursday evenings have been a source of great blessing to all. Several have witnessed to healing in their bodies, including two bad cases of eczema, one having suffered for years. A local tradesman who knew him had told the Pastor that he would not like to be him for £1,000, but the Lord graciously healed him. A sister suffering in a similar way was told by the doctors it would take six months to effect a cure, but after being anointed and prayed for she was healed instantly. She rose from her bed and proceeded with her work, and afterwards testified in the meeting to complete healing. Praise the Lord.

The Crusaders are striving to live to their motto "Ambassadors for God," and their numbers are increasing by recent converts. A good gathering welcomed the Hull Crusaders recently, when they gave a special service here. Their singing and Spirit-filled messages were a real help and blessing to all.



Pastor W. F. South

Old Time Faith

MARY M BODIE

Deny me the vision, I perish
 Rob me of my faith, I die,
 For a life void of hope in God's promise
 Is a life without sun in the sky.

Oh blind my rapt eyes in your hatred;
 Submerge me with want and with care,
 But so long as you leave me believing,
 I will laugh at the demon despair.

No dungeon so dark or so dreary,
 Can bar me from beauty and light,
 So long as my faith is still active
 And my vision of Jesus is bright.

So leave me my faith, I beseech thee,
 In the God of the Christ and the Cross;
 For all that this world reckons wisdom,
 I can count but foul refuse and dross.

Oh, give me the faith of the fathers
 Oh, give me the joy it doth bring,
 And the vict'ry where nothing e'er bothers,
 Of its power and triumph I sing.

The Family Altar

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Sunday, December 8th. Revelation v 1-14

Redeemed us to God by Thy blood" (verse 9)
 "I am redeemed Oh, praise the Lord," is not simply an earthly song. It belongs also to heaven. The words "redeemed," "Redeemer," "salvation," and such like, belong to deity's vocabulary. Angels cannot sing them out of experience—but out of sympathy. They have needed no redemption. They have retained their first estate. But they rejoice in the redemption that has come to man. When Christ saved the world, into the angelic vocabulary, came words that had never been known before. Now angels as well as men are familiar with the old old story of One who died on a rugged Cross—in order to redeem to Himself a peculiar people. In heaven we shall look at the angels and rejoice because they never needed redemption. They in turn will look at us and rejoice because when we needed redemption—it was given. We are going to worship and praise that Redeemer to-day.

Monday, December 9th Revelation vi 1-17

"The wrath of the Lamb" (verse 17)
 The most terrible wrath there is comes from those who are not habitually wrathful. The wrath of the Lamb strikes home far deeper and harder than the wrath of a lion. Some people who may get angry with us only make us smile. We simply say, "Oh, it's just like them." But others when they get angry bring indescribable pain—even terror. We know they hate to be angry. They would far rather praise us than chastise us with words. When their anger does arise, then we are conscious that there is some just cause, and we shrink before it. So in great matters—the wrath of the Lamb will come with terrible power. The wrath of the meek and lowly Jesus will exceed all other wrath. Happy are those who eternally dwell in the sunshine of His smile. Tragic the lot of those who are the self-made victims of His wrath.

Tuesday, December 10th. Revelation vii 1-4 and 9-17

"They shall hunger no more" (verse 16)
 The world is full of hungry people. Probably hundreds of thousands die every year of physical starvation. It is impossible to calculate the vast number who, owing to being physically weakened through lack of nourishment, take on diseases which result in death. But—there is another hunger. Hunger for a friend. Hunger for a kiss. Hunger for a handshake. Hunger for a smile. Hunger for warmth. Hunger for a restful chair. Hunger for an invalid's bed. Hunger for —? So many hungers! Visualise the hungers if you can—physical, mental, spiritual. It is easy to blame the hungry. It is easy to point out that sin is the root of all. But this world is such a medley of inconsistencies, such a pathetic scene of broken lives, that rather than blame the hungry, let us feed the circle of hungry hearts around us. Ever leading them to see that in glory the redeemed "shall hunger no more."

Wednesday, December 11th Revelation xix 5-16

"King of kings" (verse 16)
 The need of the world is not simply an increase in kings. Already there is a multiplicity of kings. Kings have not succeeded in bringing peace to this storm-tossed world. In many cases they have only succeeded in increasing the storm. Our crying need is not for a king—but for a King of kings. One who can rule kings as well as people. Christ our Lord will be that King. Some power, some knowledge, some power of being in many places at once is not sufficient for a King of kings. He must be omnipotent—having all power. He must be omniscient—having all knowledge. He must be omnipresent—being present everywhere at once. These attributes can only be found in heaven's King. But, praise God, they are really there—really there! The King of all power, all knowledge, all presence, is coming. Then heaven's remedy will be provided for earth's wrong. Heaven's remedy is the only one, both for the world and for you and me.

Thursday December 12th Revelation xx 1-15

"Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (verse 15)

But we know that our names are there. Written in the Book of Life because we have believed in Christ, accepted Him as our Saviour, and His death as our death. His merit has become our merit. And now our names are written with eternal ink in the eternal book. "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there." We have a fortune that awaits us—the fortune of life. A few golden coins come into our hands—down here. The throbbings of immortal life that we enjoy now are indeed golden, but the inexhaustible fortune awaits us in heaven's unbreakable bank. Life! Can we imagine it? We cannot! Yet we know that the life of heaven will be so heavenly that the highest moments of earthly rapture will be as match-light to sunlight. Thank God for the match-light of life down here—but, oh, for the sunlight up there!

Friday, December 13th. Revelation xxi 1-14

"Neither shall there be any more pain" (verse 4)
 Pain is not merely physical. Physical pain is indeed distressing. All kinds of aches sadly disturb the world's peace and sleep. London would be an odd city of thousands of empty spaces if all the hospitals and houses built to deal with pain were suddenly blotted out. But vast as is the volume of physical pain, the volume of heart-pain is far vaster. Heart-ache is far worse than tooth-ache or limb-ache. Some hearts ache until they literally break. The heart of man knows both dull and sharp aches. Some live their lives in the daily agony of a heart of aching dullness. Others know the more or less frequent thrusts of spearlike pain that bleed the life of its courage and strength. In heaven there will be no more pain. Life's wounds will all be filled. Bereaved hearts will be lonely no more. Into the heart-life will come the fulness of the life of God. And in that fulness pain cannot find a niche on which to stand.

Saturday, December 14th Revelation xxi 15-27

"And the city lieth foursquare" (verse 16)
 It will be a stably built city. Its Builder and Maker is God. Its foundations will be secure. It will be a foursquare city inhabited by foursquare people—foursquare on the Word of God. Down on earth they may only have been one-sided, or two-sided or three-sided. But in heaven they will add another side—and be foursquare. We can picture some Christians as linear (one side). Others as angular (two sides). Others as triangular (three sides). But in God's city they will all become foursquare. Some of us rejoice that we are foursquare. Let us be sure that we are. Bulges and dents can easily appear in a foursquare Christian. Let us get the straight rule of the Word of God and place it alongside, and see if we really are what we claim to be.

Blessings

By PASTOR P. N. CORRY

The last five of the great doctrinal chapters of Romans give a good idea of the blessings that we receive through our risen Lord of glory. They are easy to remember.

1. Righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans iv. 24)
2. The reign of grace through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans v 21)
3. Eternal life as a gift through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans vi 23)
4. Deliverance from bondage through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans vii 25)
5. No separation from the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans viii 39)

“Acts” in Korea

IN a recent editorial we mentioned for prayer the work of Pastor Keel, the blind evangelist of Pyengyang. Here is an experience of his given by Rev. James S. Gale in the *Christian Herald*:

“Pastor Keel is a man of abounding illustration, example, and story. They pour forth from his memory-vaults in unstinted measure. Here is one he told me in a sort of Oriental whisper: ‘I do not tell this story in the pulpits,’ he said, ‘it would never do. Ignorant people would quite misunderstand it, and think me mad. It would do more harm than good, but I don’t mind telling you, Pastor—you will understand. It is a mystery to me that I have no explanation for. All I know is that the facts are as I state them. It is this: An acquaintance of mine,

A MAN NAMED KIM,

fell ill and died. He had been an average, un-influential church member for a year or two, and now he was gone. Great was the consternation in the home, for Kim was the support of the family, and was still a young man. Friends called to console. All the accompaniments of the greatest loss that can overtake a Korean were present, with tears and lamentations.

“But a startling thing happened. Five hours after the so-called death Kim suddenly rose up, shook himself back into consciousness, and spoke to the assembled mourners. ‘Friends,’ said he, ‘I’ve seen wonders. I have been all the way to heaven and back.’ With startled faces his hearers looked at him. Was it a dream, or was he really alive? For, of a surety, according to Korean knowledge, he had been dead. Inquiry was made as to where he had gone and what he had seen. ‘When I died,’ said Kim, ‘I was taken by an angel company up to heaven, and

there I met Yee Yodam, the leader of the church in Tamyay, who had just died also.’ The listeners knew of Yee Yodam, and the announcement of his death was a startling piece of news. ‘We were carried up to heaven,’ continued he, ‘beautiful beyond anything I had ever dreamed of, both of us.

LOVINGLY WELCOMED BY ANGEL BANOS,

especially Yee. Reaching a gateway that seemed to lead to the Great City, he was invited in, while I was directed aside to another. Separated from him regretfully, I was led along to a portico, also of exceeding great splendour. Into it I entered, but was stopped by an angel, who said to me, ‘Your companion has passed on to his reward, for, when on earth, he was a good and faithful servant, who earnestly told others of the love of God. You, however, must go back again for a new opportunity. Try to do better, be more faithful.’ My regrets at having to leave this region of delight were beyond words. I begged that I might stay, but it was not to be, and so I am back once more, and am determined to do better.’

“‘But what about Yee Yodam?’ asked the company. ‘Yee Yodam is in heaven,’ said Kim, ‘for I have just been with him, and we have walked the golden streets together.’ So emphatic was he that one of the hearers started at once for Tamyay, four miles off, to see how it really had fared with Yee Yodam. Arriving at the village, he inquired as to the leader of the church, where he lived, and how he was. ‘He is dead,’ said the man addressed. ‘Dead?’ Sure enough, signs of mourning were evident. On going to the home he found that the faithful leader of the church had passed away that day, according to the message brought by Kim on his return from heaven.”

15th December, 1929.

Reading: I. Samuel xvii. 32-51

Sunday School Lesson By Pastor P. N. CORRY

MEMORY TEXT: “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Romans viii. 37).

“CONQUERORS IN ALL THINGS”

FOR THE TEACHER.

Of all stories for boys in the Old Testament this is perhaps the finest, because at one period of life every boy wants to kill giants. The trouble is that so many wait for Goliath of Gath, and fail to overcome Eliab of Judah. They only look for foes from the Philistines, and fail to see the deadlier foes of their own household. They fail to meet giants, because they fail to overcome brothers.

The whole account lends itself to action as well as speech, so do not be afraid of letting yourself go, and if you can dress one of the children up in a man’s overcoat and hat, do so. Only make them see and feel how Saul and his courtiers tried to make David look a foolish boy.

I. David’s Victory at Work (I Samuel xvii. 33-37)

Before David went out as the champion of God before the enemy, he had proved the Lord in the daily task of keeping sheep. The lot and loneliness of the shepherd is no light one, and David had been faithful in that which was least before he was promoted to much. The sling used is made of goat hair. It is formed of a diamond-shaped pad, with a slit in the middle and two strings, one of which has an opening at

the end for the fingers. Shepherd boys practise for hours with their slings and stones, and I would not dare to take Goliath’s place even in the present day, because they are very accurate in their aim and can place a stone wherever they desire (Judges xx. 16) if it is within range. Impress upon them the fact that the lions and bears of the workshop and home must first be overcome, before they take on themselves to fight giants. Prove God as shepherd lad, delivering the flock, and the time will come when the Lord will use you to deliver the nation.

II. David’s Victory Over His Brethren (I Samuel xvii. 28-31)

David had not gone to see the show, but at his father’s command. He was there because he was sent, having been relieved from the care of the flock (I Samuel xvii. 17-20). Therefore it must have been very trying to the temper to be told that he was there without leave, and as a snicker from duty, running away to see shows instead of keeping the flock—a false shepherd. His answer was respectful and yet firm, he did not flure up as many of us would have done. See Proverbs xvi. 32. This is not an easy victory, but David won, and so must we, before we can fight giants. To be cool in the presence of danger, we must be cool when tempted to lose our temper.

III. David's Victory Over Saul (I Samuel xvii 38, 39)

Saul was head and shoulders taller than any other of the men of Israel, and his armour in consequence must have been very large (I Samuel ix 2). Yet Saul and his courtiers clothed David the lad in this coat of mail. Most boys and girls at one time in their life put on father's or mother's coat and hat, and look foolish, but for the king to do this in the court of Israel was nothing else than as a joke at David's expense. They tried to make him look and feel so foolish that he would run away home with the shouts of laughter for ever ringing in his memory. Imagine what a sight he must have looked—coat of mail down to his ankles, helmet burying him completely, sword too big to lift, and when it was all on, "David assayed to go." He had the courage to cry out, "I cannot go in these, for I have not proved them," and put the things off. The attempt to laugh him out of his challenge had failed, and he now arms himself with the weapons that he knows how to use, staff, sling and stones. The Devil has used this weapon of laughter and ridicule to turn many from the fight. He tries to get boys and girls to ape the man, or to borrow unproved weapons, or to use some big person's coat of mail, and the result is failure. You can only fight giants with proved weapons, but they are the best because proved every day. Overcome the fear of ridicule and the fear of the world's sneers, and the Goliaths of evil are as good as dead.

IV David's Victory Over Goliath (verses 41-51)

All the other victories, at work, at home or at court, over slackness, temper and ridicule, had led up to this final victory. There would have been no triumph without the tests, no victory apart from the valiant stand against little things, and now David is ready, the battle already won. Why? (1) Because his confidence is not in the armour of a king, but in the Name of the Lord of hosts (verses 45-47). (2) Because with his tested sling, practised against the foes of the flock, he was confident of hitting the giant in his one vulnerable spot (verse 49). (3) Because no temper disturbed his coolness of aim, his spirit was under control and he ran to meet the Philistine (verse 48).

The victory was certain because it was the outcome of a life of discipline and of confidence in the Lord.

LESSON.

It is so clear that it does not need labouring—prove God now in the home, in youth, and against the ordinary small things of life, and you will be more than conqueror when called to fight great evils and mighty foes. The training to fight giants is in overcoming bears, brothers and buffoonery, and in proving the Lord to be sufficient to lead in triumph in all things, the tiny as well as the great.

Conversion of an American Minister

I WAS "born again" in a revival. It was in an old country church in the south, just after the American Civil War, and the religious excitement was intense. Men and women wept aloud over their sins, and when they were converted they shouted, "Glory! Hallelujah!" and went around shaking hands with all their friends.

I was only a boy, and had read Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." I thought that I must have a burden like Pilgrim's, that I should lose it all of a sudden, and the loss of it would fill me with joy, then I should go on my way rejoicing.

But the burden would not come. I felt because I could not feel. I cried because I could not cry. I was burdened because I was not burdened. I was deeply

CONVICTED OVER THE LACK OF CONVICTION,

and in that state of mind I heard a simple sermon on the text "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi 31).

I said to myself "That does not say, 'Feel burdened or happy, get a pack or unpack.' It simply requires belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. I will do that and quit." There came to me a quiet mind and a peace of soul, but no ecstatic joy.

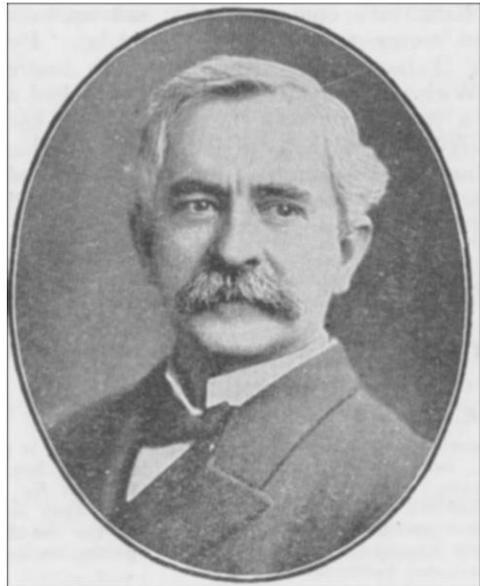
My father, who was one of the preachers in the meeting, put his hand on my head and asked, "Are you converted, my boy?" My reply was, "I do not know, but I am believing in the Lord Jesus Christ." "That is it," he said, "do not seek for any more." After a few minutes a Christian woman, a friend of our family, came to me, and, putting her hand on my shoulder, asked, "Are you a Christian?" I replied, "I do not know, but I am believing on the Lord Jesus Christ." "That is it," she said, "do not seek for more." So there were two witnesses, in whom I had perfect confidence, that I had met the requirement for salvation.

The next day there was more excitement than ever. No fewer than thirty persons, for the most part young men and women, professed conversion and made

GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS OF JOY

I believed that they were sincere. There was no sham about their happy faces. But their joy filled me with distress. I said to myself "If that is conversion, I have missed it, and must try again." And while I was meditating how I should try again, the Scripture came back to me with fresh force. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Closing

my eyes, and looking up to God in prayer, I said "Lord, they may beat me shouting, but they cannot beat me believing. I will take Thee at Thy Word." It was in this very exciting meeting that I accepted Christ in cold blood, and began the Christian life without a thrill of joy. Though I did not share the excitement, I believe to-day that if there had been no excitement I might have been unmoved. The earnestness of the



Dr. A. C. Dixon

prayers, the ecstasy of the converts, and the religious atmosphere of the whole place touched my impressionable boyish heart.

The work of salvation has been completed, Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary said, "It is finished," and now God is able righteously to save the vilest and this He does on one condition that men will believe on His Son. His Word says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Have you trusted Him? If not, do it now?—Dr. A. C. Dixon

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