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THREEPENCE

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Pastor A. Biddle conducts the devotional session at the Elim Sunday School Conference in Nottingham, organised by the North Midlands District Presbytery. Pastors H. W. Greenway and L. C. Quest (members of the Elim Youth Committee) who were guest speakers and who also answered questions raised by teachers, are on the platform, together with Pastor S. Penney (Sheffield). Report on page 520.

(Picture by courtesy of the "Nottingham Guardian.")

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

"He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth" (Proverbs x. 17).

WOMEN'S PAGE

A WORD OF LIFE

"For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt Thou compass him about as with a shield" (Psalm v. 12).



THINK OVER THIS

"Husbands love your wives" is the scriptural injunction for a happy married life. It would not inconvenience some husbands to remember that presents make the heart grow fonder!

From a Nurse's Scrap-book

THE RIGHT ANSWER

By Mrs. M. Coull (Dundee)

A nurses' duties are not always those performed in the Sick Ward only. Temperature etc. charts, medical records and reports, drug lists, linen and equipment inventory, all require attention as well as the patient. I was thus engaged one day, and as I sat in the Duty Room with a pen in hand and sheaf of papers before me, Doctor's small son strayed into the room. After a moment's watching he asked, "Nurse, have you got lessons to do?" I replied in the affirmative and was at once assailed with another question: "And do you always get your lessons right?"

It matters not how the talk went after that. But after the little boy went his way, the little boy's words kept repeating in my thoughts. "Do you always get your lessons right?"

It has been said that life is a school and it might also be said that many never get their lessons right. Life presents problems and difficulties, and the answer, or solution, is never found. Such lives are uncertain, aimless and oft-times fearful. What peace and satisfaction is there for one who has never discovered life's true purpose and missed its goal? Oh, that men might learn that God alone can supply the right answer to life and living! In His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the solution to life's inherent sinfulness. If men would only get in line with God, find His peace through faith in the name and blood of Jesus; seek FIRST the Kingdom, then ALL other things will be added unto them.

Our first lesson then is seeking God and His salvation, and with His pardon and peace we move up to a "higher class" or standard. We can progress in the school of faith and need not always stay in the primary. Paul was an adept pupil; he passed with Honours, and all because he loved most devotedly, obeyed implicitly, trusted completely, and questioned never the dealings of His Divine Master. "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. iv. 11); "I know whom I have believed" (II. Tim. i. 12); "I have finished my course" (II. Tim. iv. 7), and many other such statements were spoken by the man who had found in Christ Jesus the answer to every need, the satisfying portion for heart and soul.

Some children are slow at learning and some of God's children can be thus described. The hymn-writer says, "Bitter lessons sadly learning from the shadowy page of

woe." It need not always be. God teaches in love, mercy, truth and grace. We in our folly and waywardness make mistakes and thence come the pain and woe. Jesus had to say once to His followers, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe." "Where is your faith?"

Little boy, you may not always get your lessons right. May I, as a child of God, learn like Paul, to love, trust and obey without questioning all Thy commands. I want to excel in spiritual lessons; add to my faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, kindness, and love; multiply grace and peace for myself and others; and never by word or deed bring reproach to Thy dear name. I do not want to be ashamed at Thy coming. I want to gain "an abundant entrance" on that Graduation Day!

Some day the bell will sound
Some day my heart will bound,
As with a shout that school is out
And lessons done I homeward run.

Alleluia!

—SEL.

SISTERHOOD NEWS.

GREAT WOMEN'S RALLY AT BRISTOL

By Mrs. J. V. Hathaway

About 220 sisters from the churches of our Presbytery gathered at Bristol recently. It was the second Women's Rally of our Presbytery, and with the happy memories of

Mothers' Corner

RECIPE FOR A HOME

Half a cup of friendship
And a cup of thoughtfulness,
Creamed together with a pinch
Of powdered tenderness.

Very lightly beaten
In a bowl of loyalty,
With a cup of faith and one of hope
And one of charity.

Be sure to add a spoonful each
Of gaiety that sings,
And also the ability—
To laugh at little things.

Moisten with sudden tears
Of heartfelt sympathy.
Stir it with a happy smile
And serve repeatedly.

—Evangelical Visitor.

our first Rally fresh in our minds we entered upon the second. Mrs. Jones from the Bristol Assembly was our very able leader, and Miss Munday was the special speaker for the day. We were privileged to hear Miss Munday's testimony and our hearts were stirred as she related her experiences. The Lord Jesus Christ was uplifted and we were brought face to face with the fact that our Risen Lord had manifested His mighty power in her body and claimed her life in His service.

The evening service was a united rally and over 400 were present. Each Sisterhood represented took part in these gatherings with musical items, recitation and stirring testimonies. We all realised afresh that the Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. About 100 women stood to their feet in answer to an appeal for re-consecration of their lives to His service.

TORQUAY SISTERHOOD OUTING

By Mrs. P. Bawtree

With a thankful heart I am privileged to write about our Sisterhood outing. It was indeed a Red Letter Day for all. The coach arrived and a happy crowd of sisters and friends (42 in all) trusted our lives to the driver, "Billy Bray." Yes, that was his real name, and, praise God, the sun came out, as though in blessing. We toured the coast, calling at several notable places. We were lost in wonder, love and praise, and before long, we were singing the praises of God as we looked upon His glorious handiwork. We journeyed on to Plymouth where there was a lovely tea prepared for us. Before leaving this Café, we all stood up and sang, "He showed me His hands that were marred for my sinning." The staff stood and listened to this beautiful chorus—it did one's heart good. Even Wesley himself would have been thrilled.

We could not have had a better finish up than in the House of God; for we were blessed to hear Pastor and Mrs. Cantelon and their little girl singing, and also to hear the Gospel message go forth in power to the salvation of many precious souls. Hallelujah!

SISTERHOOD RALLY AT LANGLEY GREEN

The Lord was in the midst, and we felt His presence in a very real sense during our recent Sisterhood anniversary



Sisters of York, with Mrs. Chapman, enjoy a day's outing round the Lakes.

services at Langley Green. In the church, lovingly decorated by the sisters, Mrs. A. Woodhead (Salford) ministered in both word and song under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Supporting items were rendered by the sisters on Sunday, and Monday we were joined by other churches in a Rally. According to remarks, the services were a real blessing.

The following Sunday we held a Baptismal Service when four brothers and four sisters bore witness to their faith in Christ. Two of the former had just previously had another baptism, according to Acts ii. 4; whilst each gave an inspiring testimony of salvation.

EAST HAM SISTERHOOD

By a Member

The Lord is blessing this section of the work. Weekly gatherings are a source of help and uplift. Up-to-date testimonies have recently been given by some of the sisters, telling of the Lord's blessing in their lives.

During the past year numbers have greatly increased under the able leadership of Mrs. Haith, the minister's wife.

Mrs. Arnold (Secretary), worked very hard to make the annual outing a success. This year we went to Eastbourne and Polegate, and a real time of happy fellowship was enjoyed.

Mended Earthenware

CAVITY OF LUNG HEALED

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

I have much to praise the Lord for restoring me to health and strength. Many times I have been healed, thanks to God. This healing has been more wonderful than ever.

Nine months ago I was X-rayed and the doctor told me I had a spot on the lung. He advised me to go to bed for six months. Later, I was asked to go into Sanatorium. I trusted the Lord, was prayed for and anointed with oil by Pastor Allen. One night the Lord gave me a promise: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who healeth **all** thy diseases." Praise His wonderful name, He kept His promise and healed my body.

Pastor Allen prayed in a prayer meeting and had the assurance that the Lord had healed my body. The following morning his wife visited me and said her husband had prayed with compassion, and she too felt the work had been done. Later I was again X-rayed and a special series of eleven plates was taken. Thanks be to God, He had already completed the work, for my report was "Cavity of lung healed."

We have a great God and greatly to be praised. It is no secret what God can do.

—(Mrs.) M. DOWN.

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EDITORIAL

JESUITICAL JANSENISM

The sardonic reply of the Jesuit priest, Father Joseph Christie, to the recent statements of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Fisher) regarding the proselytising propaganda of the Roman Catholic Church and his support for the pamphlet published by certain Anglican clergymen accusing the Roman Church of "duplicity, recklessness and impertinent propaganda, and the wholesale exploitation of simple people's credulity," will give rise to serious thought among Protestants throughout the land. "No one who has been engaged in receiving converts into the Roman Church," he said, "can have failed to notice that the first impetus comes not so much from the proselytising efforts of Catholics as from the deficiencies of the Anglican Church." Whether he thinks the deficiencies are mental or ceremonial, either will make our friends of the Establishment think furiously.

The patronising request of this priest that Catholics should pray for Protestants who are "good people in distress," must be measured against the treatment meted out to Protestants in countries where Rome is in the ascendancy, and in the ages when the scarlet of the Vatican hierarchy coloured the ecclesiastical scene. Rome has shown too much avidity in the habit of burning heretics in days gone by for us ever to be deceived by this change in technique ; the *auto-da-fé* seems more in keeping with her authoritarian intolerance than the smooth-tongued prayers of Jesuit intercessors. These words would be better addressed to the priests who deny common liberty to Protestants in Spain, who have stirred up murder gangs to set on innocent worshippers in Columbia, who have led the assassins in Mexico. We are not deceived by conciliatory speeches from a system which has practised the most exquisite tortures and which still incites the unlearned to deeds of violence.

There is a sting of truth, however, in the accusation that many of the converts to Romanism are being driven that way by "agnostic clerics within" the Anglican establishment. It is an unfortunate development of the clerical independence enjoyed within the Church of England, that many clergy pronounce their own doubts and disbeliefs rather than the grand themes of God's holy Word. The dishonesty of ministers who have made vows to maintain the Thirty-nine Articles, and yet who deny these very doctrines in their preaching and writing, has made mockery of the claims of the Anglican Church. These men often make their vows with mental reservations, a form of hypocrisy equalled only by the duplicity of international politicians. There are men within the Church of England who deny the veracity of the Word of God, the deity of Christ, and other great doctrines ; there are men who sprinkle infants with water and pronounce, "Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that this child is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church," and who do not believe a word of it, professing themselves to be evangelicals. How can this Church expect to hold its followers when it hesitates and equivocates, when its ministers disbelieve the things they are ordained to preach and promise to uphold? The high calling of the ministry is thus entered into by men who are crooked in their approach to the standards of the Church they join. If they do not believe these articles of religion as taught in the Prayer Book, they would be better among the groups of people who do believe their particular ideas.

There can be no doubt that this handling of religious matters as a profession rather than a conviction has caused many people to turn to the apostate system of Rome, for this Church claims absolute authority and demands servile obedience. This prostration of the intellect to a superior religious claim satisfies those who have become too weary to think for themselves. Consenting to the belief of Cornelius Jansen in the perverseness and inability for good of the human will, they surrender it entirely to the dominance of a priestly caste.

In all this controversy, and undoubtedly there will be much said from both sides now that the Archbishop has set the ball rolling, we must not forget the great principles of Scripture, the principles which have brought us freedom and blessing. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. v. 1), and "There is one Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus" (I. Tim. ii.).

Successful Sunday School Conference

Members of Youth Committee visit Nottingham

By Pastor S. PENNEY (*Presbytery Secretary*)

As the secular Press reported various conferences, it would appear that the North Midlands District Presbytery chose an opportune time for the holding of their first Sunday School Teachers' Conference when they decided that the dates should be from Friday, October 2nd, to Sunday 4th. The venue was the City Temple, Nottingham,

and as we discovered on the second day of the Conference, that near to this Elim Church is the very place where General Booth gave his heart and life to God, we too offered a silent prayer, that to us gathered for discussions on Youth work, this very city might become the place of hallowed ground.

As this was the first Conference of its kind in the area, naturally there was some apprehension as to its success. Any such fears, however, were dispelled at the opening meeting on the Friday evening, when over fifty delegates, representing ten churches, responded to the roll-call. Pastor A. A. Biddle (District Superintendent), who ably convened all the sessions and was loyally supported by the ministers of the Presbytery, introduced the programme for the Conference and welcomed the delegates, including our two guest speakers, Pastors H. W. Greenway and L. C. Quest. Who of us present will quickly forget the challenging message given by Pastor Quest, and which created the atmosphere for the whole Conference: the Sunday School Teacher must know himself or herself, must know God, and must know their job. With a deep sense of the presence of God, and a longing desire for a fuller consecration, we joined in singing our closing hymn: "I want my life to be all filled with praise to Thee." This was indeed a good omen for the next day's gatherings.

On Saturday morning at 9.30 the Conference, with numbers now augmented, assembled for a short period of devotions. Then followed the announcement of the various subjects for discussion throughout the day, which included: "The Importance of the Child"; "Making Sunday School Interesting"; "The Sunday School in Action"; "Teen-agers and the Church." With adaptability and that evident touch of the master-hand, Pastors Greenway and Quest thrilled all our hearts as they gave the opening talk on each subject, which was then followed by questions and answers. As the Conference proceeded one could feel the tide of interest and blessing mounting, and in each heart the desire was being intensified—"We must win at all costs the children for the Lord Jesus Christ." As a finale to the day's discussions a public rally was held in the evening, supported by the churches in the area. The subject chosen was: "The Child and the Home." With powerful statements of facts, Pastor Greenway exposed the modern enemies of the child and the home, and proclaimed the Christian Faith as the one and only remedy. On the Sunday there were practical demonstrations of conducting and teaching classes at the Sunday Schools of the City Temple and the Elim Church, Beeston.

The Conference is over, but its results will continue to gather momentum in the coming days, and must surely bear much fruit in all the departments of our Youth work.

A special word of thanks to Pastor and Mrs. F. Day, and the workers and friends at the City Temple, for their splendid help and co-operation, not forgetting those many kind friends who accommodated the delegates.

It was encouraging to note that the interest of the secular Press was such that they sent a reporter to cover all the discussions.

Impressions of Elim Bible College

The student about to commence training for the full-time ministry approaches the Elim Bible College with an air of expectancy. He knows that God has called him, and in the light of this, expects the Lord's richest blessing in the coming days. As he walks up the drive of the stately old mansion which for many years has been known as Elim Woodlands, a place where many men and women have been educated in the deeper truths of God's Word, he is conscious that the call of God which he has felt for so long is at last beginning to materialise. This was the experience of more than twenty young men and women at the commencement of the College term in September, 1953.

One feels rather nervous on entering the hall of the College for the first time, but warm words of welcome from the Dean and fellow students immediately put the heart at rest. The atmosphere arrests the attention and one is very conscious of the presence of God. This brings home very clearly the responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of each student. Each one has been called of God to preach the Gospel to every creature, to open the eyes of men and women and turn them from darkness into light and from the power of Satan unto God. No one could have greater responsibility especially when the value of one soul is realised.

The College day commences at 7.30 a.m. with the students' prayer meeting and continues until 8.45 p.m. with breaks for dinner and tea. Most of the week-days are taken up with lectures on various theological subjects during the mornings and afternoons, whilst the evenings are generally given over to private study of the day's lectures. Saturday afternoons and evenings and Sundays are free, unless one has the privilege of preaching in some local church.

Open air meetings are normally held every Thursday evening at Hyde Park and every Sunday afternoon at Clapham Common. Those who are acquainted with "Speaker's Corner" at Hyde Park know that it is not easy to sound forth the glorious news of a full and free salvation against the opposition of men and women whose eyes have been blinded by the the god of this world. The Psalmist says, however, that "The entrance of Thy Word giveth Light," and at least one soul has been gloriously saved as a result of the Hyde Park witness.

Although the open air meetings have been well attended and blessed of God, the importance of personal witness has been forcibly impressed on our minds. Many contacts have been made since the term began, on buses, trains, and in the street, and as a result more than thirty precious souls have come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Praise God, the end is not yet, with each soul brought out of nature's darkness the desire in our hearts to see the lost saved is intensified. Saturday afternoons and evenings find students mingling with the crowd in Clapham and the surrounding districts distributing tracts, and seeking to point men and women to the Saviour.

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THIS IS A QUESTION which is puzzling Christians the world over. We are praying for revival, talking about revival, and reading everything that comes our way about the subject. We say that we are expecting revival showers, that these are the days for a mighty moving of the Spirit of God, and yet, except in a few areas, the blessing does not come. Are we justified in expecting such things in the Twentieth Century? Can we expect God to give times of refreshing, and to confirm His Word by unleashing His power upon the souls and bodies of men today?

We have many promises in the Word of God that He will bless efforts put forth to extend His kingdom, and that He will work with those who go forth with the Gospel: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. xxviii. 18-20). If we need to remind ourselves further of the promises of God, here are a few: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father" (John xiv. 12). "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. lv. 11). In addition, because we believe Hebrews xiii. 8 to be true, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" we look for the "signs" which the Lord has promised "shall follow them that believe" as listed in Mark xvi. 17, 18: "In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands upon the sick, and they shall recover."

Now here is our difficulty, while we believe all the promises, and look for their fulfilment, we are so often disappointed. Why? There must be a reason, or perhaps a number of reasons. May I suggest a few?

About three thousand five hundred years ago, God was doing a very important job of work through the instrumentality of a great leader, Moses. God's plan at that time was to deliver a vast multitude of people from bondage and to bring them into a land of plenty, where there was an abundance of everything they would need, and where they would be free to serve God to the utmost. Hitherto, they had lived as slaves in a land that was not only not their own, but which was definitely hostile to the worship of God. One lesson stands out clearly in the reading of this old story, and it is this: as long as God's man kept God's will as his object and the people under his command were obedient, all went well. But often all did not go well, either because of rebellion amongst the people, or because someone thought that he could do the job of the leader better than Moses. In Numbers xii. we have an example of this. Miriam and Aaron began to criticise Moses because of his marriage to an Ethiopian woman. **They began to find fault.**

Here, perhaps, we can put our finger on one reason why God does not, or rather cannot, give us mighty times of

What is hindering

By Pastor GEORGE BAR

blessing now. We are guilty of fault-finding. Some folk find fault with their minister or pastor; they are not satisfied with the way the Sunday School teachers are doing their work; they grumble about the elders or deacons. If we are to see a time of revival before the Lord returns for His Church this fault-finding must stop. For her sin Miriam was cast out of the camp for seven days, a leper: and the Children of Israel could not journey on until she had been restored. God is very gracious to us today. He does not pour out His judgment like that now; sometimes we think that He is too longsuffering with us, but we must realise this, that the Church of today can make no progress until the sin is put right. James in the third chapter of his Epistle tells us something of the power of the tongue. We can use that power for the benefit of the Church and the welfare of our fellow-believers, or we can use it to mar the fellowship and rob the Church of blessing. The use of our tongue God has placed beneath our will, so may we be careful how we speak, watching that our words bring help and comfort to those who are in authority over us, and never in criticising or finding fault. Remember the words of the old Negro song:

"You may talk about me
As much as you please,
I'll talk about you
Down on my knees!"

Another probable reason for the absence of revival in our assemblies is the sin of self-exaltation. The Pharisee's prayer (Luke xviii. 11) is as deadly today as ever it was. Such a thought must never be allowed to enter the Christian heart or mind. Lucifer fell through pride, and many more have followed in the same way! The Bible is full of warnings about the pride of life that brings destruction.

Let us look at another story from the Book of Numbers. In chapter xvi. we find the account of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Now Korah was a Kohathite, which means that he had his share in the dismantling, carrying and erection of the Tabernacle. And note, his work was amongst the most holy things, the ark of the testimony, the table of shewbread, the candlestick and the golden altar (Numbers iv. 4-15). Yet he was not satisfied, but coveted the leadership of God's people, the work God had given to Moses. Oh, what a picture of some people we know in Christendom today! They have a job to do for the Lord but they are not satisfied with it, they want someone else's job as well. If only they could be leader

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AX (Elim Church, Millisle)

or pastor, how the work would prosper ! It is so very easy to forget that we all have our own little work to do for the Master, and that we must be faithful as the children's hymn says :

“ You in your small corner, and I in mine.”

Let us be true to the Lord in the work we have ; let us put all our strength into it ; let us do with our might what our hand finds to do. Humble obedience is what the Lord requires of us ; may we render it faithfully to Him.

Thus we come to a third reason for the hindrance to revival : it is disobedience. Achan coveted the treasures of Jericho and was disobedient to the command of Joshua. The Israelites lost the battle and fled before the enemy, but Joshua did not know the reason for the defeat. So, at God's command, every tribe, every family, and every home had to be searched until the transgressor was discovered. Think of it ! A whole nation defeated because of one man's disobedience. What if God were to search out all those who attend the prayer meeting, member by member, until He found the one who was disobedient to His will, until He made it known to all who it was that had been hindering the work of His Holy Spirit in the midst. Think what it would mean if every member of your church were obedient to the revealed plan of God in their lives ; think of the answers to prayer God could give, of the souls that would be saved, and of the blessing of the Lord in every meeting.

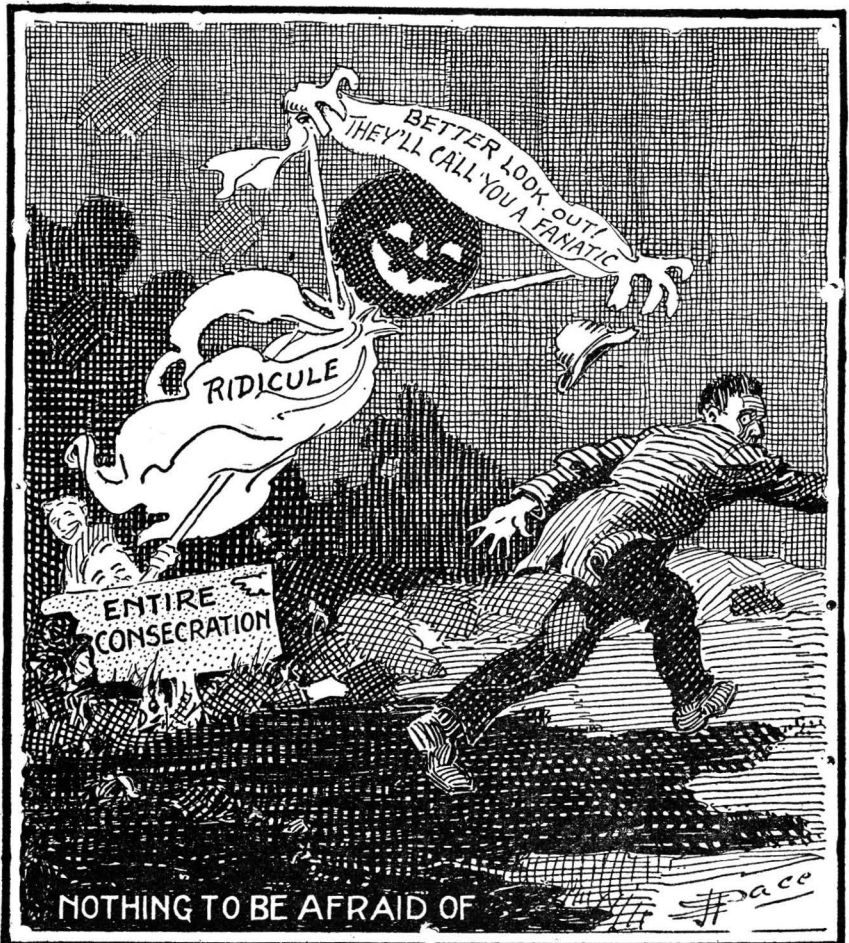
“ Trust and obey ; for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”

There are many other hindrances to revival, but one more only must suffice. What shall it be ? It could be hypocrisy : that is, pretending to be something that we are not ; putting on a good appearance before others ; carefully placing all the good apples on the top of the barrel.

Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, tried to do this. They had a piece of land, and in order to appear at least as good as Barnabas, sold it, and brought money to the apostles. Their sin was not in keeping back part of the price, as so many seem to think, but in their falsehood over the price they had got for their possession. They had agreed to say that the money they brought in was all they had realised on the deal, so that others would think them to be so generous, while all the time some of the money was kept at home for their own use. This sin was discerned and judged. It must have been an awful sight to witness the two erring Christians falling dead at the feet of Peter, but read on in the chapter (Acts v) and see the blessing that followed. Revival came ! Souls were saved ! Sick bodies were healed !

Much remains to be done if we are to see revival in our time. Sins have to be confessed, restitution has to be made, wrongs have to be put right, pride has to be abased, but it will be worth it all. To see our own loved ones brought into the fold will well repay all our efforts to be obedient to the will of the Lord, and to live as He would have us live. Let us then get back to God, back to the place of blessing,

BACK TO REVIVAL !



There can be no revival while we fear to consecrate ourselves fully to the service of Christ.

TRIUMPHANT SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

London Crusader Choir in Norway, Denmark and Sweden

◀ By Pastor D. B. GRAY ▶

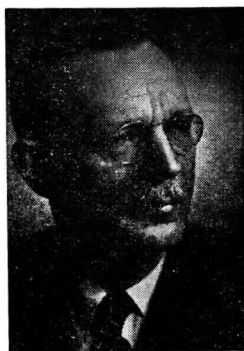
THE fifth overseas visit of the London Crusader Choir since the war was a wonderful occasion. At the invitation of the Scandinavian Pentecostal Churches an extensive itinerary was programmed, and from start to finish not a hitch was encountered. Over 2,500 miles were covered by land and sea. Ten towns and cities were visited, and thousands welcomed the Choir in a manner never previously experienced. The kindness and generosity of the people are impossible to describe, and the warmth and sincerity of their fellowship and Christian love are beyond words.

It is obvious to all visitors to Scandinavia how remarkably the pentecostal work has grown and advanced. Church buildings are magnificent and modern. Lighting effects, that on first impression somewhat startle and maybe would stun some more conservative minds, compare with any of Britain's leading public or Concert Halls.

Music plays a big part in their services and acts of worship. There was a noticeable dearth of chorus singing, music and melodies were by first-class orchestras and choirs. Soloists are of the highest grade and some are fully engaged in singing the Gospel. Brass bands, too, are finding their way into many of the pentecostal churches. In all these musical groups it was an inspiration to witness so many young people fully active and being employed in the service of the Lord in such a useful and worthwhile manner. There was no lack of organisation in evidence. Each church has every department on a fine businesslike basis and under appointed leaders. The devotional sessions, too, were times of great uplift, and despite some language barriers the affinity of the Spirit and sense of His presence melted and moulded us all in worship to Him.

Both radio and Press gave prominence to the visit of the Choir representing the Elim Movement in England. Pastor Douglas Gray was continually confronted by the Press about the ministry of the Choir and the work of Elim in the British Isles. Never has the Choir received such sincere sentiments of welcome as were afforded them by Dr. Lewi Pethrus and his ministerial colleagues throughout the three countries. Special mention, too, must be made of the excellent arrangements made by Pastor William Sawe of Malmo, in planning the tour and programme.

The following are brief notes from the "Choir Diary" covering the tour:



Lewi Pethrus

Sept. 5th, Saturday. Sailed from Tilbury on m.s. *Saga*, a lovely ship. Everyone in best of spirits and fine cabins. Sea calm. Sunday. Glorious

weather and warm sun. Held service on board. After evening dinner Choir sang on deck for over an hour. Many passengers interested and talkative. Several met us again at various places during the tour. Have the whole run of the ship—no barriers erected!

Sept. 7th, Monday. Arrived Gothenburg. Coach alongside ship. On to the Smyrna Church, a magnificent building seating over 2,000. Sang a few numbers to get the feel of the hall. Attended the evening Church meeting—unofficially. Receiving-in of new members by Pastor H. Gustafson. Like method employed. Sang several times.

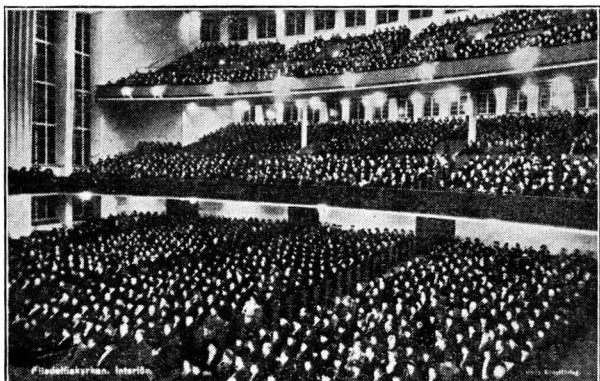
Sept. 8th, Tuesday. In Gothenburg. Sight-seeing. Second largest city in Sweden. Official welcome at night. Church nearly full and a great meeting. Choir now rested and in good form. Testimonies go over well. Pastor John Lancaster preached.

Sept. 9th, Wednesday. Off to Oslo. Two hundred miles to cover. Temperature falls as we go towards the Pole! Over the frontier where typical Norwegian scenery comes into view. Fiords, forests, mountains. "How manifold are Thy works." Arrived at 5 p.m. Welcomed by Pastors Paulsen and Tollefson. British and Norwegian flags everywhere. Dined in the lovely church restaurant. Filadelfia Church a most imposing building. Excellent choir and grand congregation. British Consul publicly welcomes Crusader Choir, and with the first Secretary of the British Embassy stays throughout the meeting. Billy Snowden (deputy leader), ministers the Word. Stay in Oslo far too short. Invited back to Norway whenever we can go.

Sept. 10th, Thursday. Left Oslo 9 a.m. Two hundred miles to Karlskoga. A lovely new and modern city alongside large lake and surrounded by miles of dense forests. Home of the Bofors Armament works. Pastor Olsson welcomes us. Meeting held in large public hall. Very warm and fine appreciative congregation. Eddie Stevens is the speaker.

Sept. 11th, Friday. Toured around Karlskoga in the morning. What a delightful centre! Would have enjoyed a day's rest here! However, a short run today (only 2 hours) to Orebro and to the Elim Church. Pastor Blomgren, just back from Germany on relief work, warmly welcomes us. To hotel for meals. Time here for shopping. A delight to some of the ladies (and brethren). Orebro Church, new and finely equipped, is well filled. Many leading musicians of the city present. Press is highly complimentary on the standard and deportment of the "English Pentecostal Choir." Local Choir and orchestra sing songs of welcome. How these groups delight us.

Sept. 12th, Saturday. Meet at Orebro Church at 6.30 a.m. What a week-end ahead. Left 7 a.m. for Stockholm. Four hours run. Arrived 11 a.m. A welcome banquet in the great Filadelfia Church. Head of every department of this great Church present. Each gives a word of welcome and greetings from their respective



Filadelfia Church, Stockholm

departments, and express delight at having present for the first time "An English Choir." Dr. Lewi Pethrus captures our hearts by his sincere welcome and graciousness. Truly a great servant of God. Pastor Douglas Gray replies on behalf of the Choir and the Elim Movement at home, which he represents. 1 p.m. Swedish Broadcasting staff arrive. Balance tests and rehearsal followed by some two hours of recording. A break, then another recording session for the Gramophone Co., for their Christmas releases. Evening meal, then a tour of the city. Service held on south side of the city. Sunday morning some three thousand people present. Dr. Pethrus preaches with power. Message is interpreted for us. Sunday afternoon, Choir gives a recital of song in the English Church. An *élite* congregation—mostly English. British Consul and his wife present. Following service, Choir entertained to tea by the Consul and Chaplain to the British Embassy.

Evening service taken entirely by Choir and recorded. Unique item was united singing by the Filadelfia Choir and Orchestra and the London Crusader Choir. Pastor John Lancaster preaches with great acceptance, and the testimonies by Choir members are especially enjoyed. After supper Choir sings to the splendid band of Church workers a series of Negro Spirituals. What a week-end, enough to test our resources to the limit. Yet an occasion we would not have missed.

Sept. 14th, Monday. A few glorious hours in Stockholm. Some go to the Royal Palace, and to cultural centres, sailing the wonderful waterways, and others—shopping! Left at mid-day for Norrköping and to Sion Church (Pastor Ericson). A fine city. Tours arranged by City Council. Glorious weather and a great meeting.

Sept. 15th, Tuesday. To Huskvarna. A most delightful journey and exquisite scenery. Miles of lakeland and endless forests. Pastor G. Lindahl (known

to many Elim ministers) greets us in his usual happy manner. Meeting in the Riding School. Packed out. Here the boys' brass band belonging to the Church play to us welcome music. They did well. Press reports the finest Choir ever to visit Huskvarna!

Sept. 16th, Wednesday. Off early to Malmö at the southern tip of Sweden. Now nearly 600 miles south of Oslo. A joy to meet Pastor Wm. Sawe who set in motion this tour. Malmö Church is a breath-taker. Once a theatre, but now a magnificent modern church. Choir and orchestra greet. Lovely music and Crusader Choir in good form. Repeats called for, and a very full meeting.

Sept. 17th, Thursday. Off early in the morning to catch steamer for Denmark. Copenhagen is a great city, and the Elim Church is in the heart of the city with shops and restaurant attached. In the absence of Pastor Enderson we are welcomed by Pastor Neilson. Here we met Pastor Kyvik leader of the Pentecostal work in Iceland. He invites us there for next year! A wonderful meeting at night. Church packed. Many understand English and join in our songs and choruses.

Sept. 18th, Friday. Morning sight-seeing in Copenhagen. So much to view. Back to Malmö by sea and then for our final meeting in Halsingborg where Pastor Ekman ministers. A grand finale to a wonderful tour. Reluctantly say farewell to our many Scandinavian friends.

Sept. 19th, Saturday. Back to Gothenburg. Sail at 7.30. Hundreds of pentecostal friends at quayside. For nearly an hour before sailing those on board the *Saga* and those ashore join in singing the songs of Zion. Pastor H. Gustafson of Smyrna Church and his colleagues wave us off. Slowly the lights dim. The ship increases its knots and soon we are again in deep waters. Sunday morning dawns with rough seas and high gales. Nothing, however, could rob us of the wonder of this tour. The Choir have been magnificent in their arduous duties, have carried through their charge with great decorum, and left an impression of highest merit both within and without Christian circles. Monday at noon the Swedish Lloyd Express steams into St. Pancras Station, London, with its ministers of music and messengers of goodwill.

Acceptable items during the tour were rendered by Pastor John Lancaster at the piano; Harold Johnson, trumpet; vocalists were Joyce Harvey (Choir Secretary) and Violet Etheridge, with accompaniments by Elsie Medhurst. Speakers were William Snowden, Eddie Stevens and Pastor Lancaster; and the tour was directed by Pastor Douglas Gray, founder-leader of the Choir.

We appreciate the messages of goodwill and the prayers of those in the Homeland whilst we were away as ambassadors for Elim and the kingdom of God.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Herbert E. Ward, B.D.

SUNDAY, November 8th. Psalm cxix. 81-96.

"Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven" (v. 89).

God's utterances are indestructible and unchangeable. The thing that He has spoken shall He not perform and the promise He has given shall He not make it good? "God is not a man that He should lie: nor the son of man that He should repent (change)" (Num. xxiii. 19). Nothing ever happens to circumvent His purposes nor make Him change His mind. His word, like His love, is eternal: His promises are more stable than the universe: His truth shall outshine the sun. Can you not therefore trust your little life to Him who hath said, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee"? Remember that eternal love, veracity and omnipotence are behind those words!

MONDAY, November 9th. Psalm cxix. 97-112.

"How sweet are Thy words unto my taste" (v. 103).

These are the words of one who had been, on occasions, reprov'd and rebuked for his sin, yet he still feels the sweetness of the Divine utterances. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." Though sometimes God speaks in anger rather than love there is always a wise and beneficent purpose behind it all. God's highest will for us is our highest good and it is out of this regard for the ultimate in life that God speaks. Let thine ear be attentive to His voice, for when He speaks He shall speak comfortably to thy soul, and His words shall be the joy and rejoicing of thy heart.

TUESDAY, November 10th. Psalm cxix. 113-128.

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield" (v. 114).

Hiding in the cleft of the rock, covered by the hand of God, Moses beheld His glory pass by. Hiding in God David sees Divine omnipotence unleashed on his behalf and is compassed about with songs of deliverance. Men often seek unto themselves refuges of lies, and these the hail shall sweep away, but those who make the Eternal God their refuge shall never be moved. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about His children. He is a sun and shield; those who put their trust in Him will never be dismayed. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats and the rocks for the conies, but my soul shall make her boast in the Lord who is my refuge and my fortress—in Him will I trust.

WEDNESDAY, November 11th. Psalm cxix. 129-144.

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light" (v. 130).

God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. By it our souls are enlightened and our pathway illumined. Wherever the Word of God has come darkness and ignorance have fled apace. This is true of nations and individuals. Among the nations civilisation

and progress are attendant upon the free spread of the Book of God, and on the level of the individual life uplift and enlargement of heart come to those who admit its light-bringing message.

THURSDAY, November 12th. Psalm cxix. 145-160.

"Great are Thy tender mercies" (v. 156).

This is the cry of a pardoned soul. The ungodly are afraid of the anger of the Lord but the redeemed meditate upon His mercy. God hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities, but after His great loving-kindness hath provided a redemption for us. O my soul, call to mind the goodness of thy Lord and let His tender mercies be thy meditation day and night; let thy tuneful melodies be directed to His praise and let thy hours be devoted to His glory, for great is thy Lord and greatly to be praised!

FRIDAY, November 13th. Psalm cxix. 161-176.

"Great peace have they which love Thy law" (v. 165).

The most prolific disturber of peace is a wayward will and its attendant guilty conscience. A remembrance of wrongs committed prevents the soul from entering into deep tranquillity. But the soul that loves and honours the law of God is a soul that is born of God. The soul that is born of God sinneth not (I. John iii. 9) and therefore does not have those bitter regrets that fill the soul with anguish. A love of God's law establishes the soul in the eternal infinities where the pull of this world is unable to disturb.

SATURDAY, November 14th. Hebrews i. 1-14.

"Thou remainest" (v. 11).

The name that the mediæval mystics used for God was "The Same." They spoke of knowing "The Same," of taking refuge in "The Same." He is the mountain around which the clouds play. Amid all the changes that mark this earthly scene of things He sits in solitary splendour, unchanged and unchanging. Like the mystics of old we can find great cause for joy in this fact. Henry Francis Lyte in one of his lesser-known hymns writes:

"Whate'er may change, in Him no change is seen,
A glorious sun that wanes not nor declines:
Above the clouds and storms He walks serene
And on His children's inward darkness shines.
All may depart—I fret not nor repine
While I my Saviour's am, while He is mine."

Impressions of Elim Bible College—Continued.

What of the future? No attempt to prophesy is being made, but judging by the way the Lord has already blessed us, it seems that a revival is on the way. One cannot help but think that we are now passing through the period of calm before a storm, the storm of revival, when God's mighty arm is laid bare in the saving of souls, the healing of bodies, and the confirmation of His Word with signs following.

May all God's people everywhere, whether called to full-time service or not, consecrate themselves afresh, and prepare their hearts for the latter rain which seems about to fall. Pray for us, who are training for the ministry, that we may study to show ourselves approved unto God, and that we all may be used mightily in the extension of God's kingdom.

COMING EVENTS

BRADFORD. Oct. 24-Nov. 8. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Visit of Mrs. A. Parham (U.S.A.). Sat., 7. Sun., 10.45 and 6.30. Tues. to Thurs., 7.30.

CAMBERWELL. Oct. 25-Nov. 8. Elim Church, Benhill Road. Youth Campaign conducted by Pastor P. J. Rammell. Sun., 6.30. Tues. to Fri., 7.30. Children's Services, 6.

DUDLEY. Oct. 26-31. Friends' Meeting House, High Street. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor A. Brooks, supported by various Choirs. Each night, 7.30.

EASTBOURNE. Oct. 31-Nov. 5. Elim Church, Hartfield Road. 25th Anniversary Services. Speaker: Pastor E. F. Cole. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights, 7.30.

HAYES. Nov. 7. Elim Church, Keith Road. "Christ is the Answer" Rally. Programme by Southall Salvation Army Band, 7.

HOVE. Oct. 31-Nov. 5. Elim Church, Portland Road. Third Annual Advent Testimony Convention. Speakers: Pastors S. Gorman, J. T. Bradley, H. W. Greenway, H. A. Court, and F. A. Hodge. Convener: Pastor W. G. Hathaway. Sat., 7. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon. to Thurs., 7.30 (Baptismal Service, Thursday).

ISLINGTON. Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Special Bible Studies by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton. 7.30.

KINGSTANDING. Nov. 7. Baptist Church, George Road, Witton United Presbytery Rally. Speaker: Pastor R. Smith (Nuneaton). Convener: Pastor R. Morrison. 3.30 and 7 (cups of tea).

NEWTOWNARDS. Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Elim Hall, Court Street. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors W. J. Martin and T. Thompson, and Mr. J. Copeland. Convener: Pastor R. R. Taylor. Singing by Beersbridge Male Choir. Sat., 3.30 and 6.30. Sun., 11.30 and 7.

OLD HILL. Oct. 31—Nov. 2. Elim Church (Wayside Mission). Visit of Pastor I. R. Moore. Sat., 7. Sun., 11 and 6.15. Mon., 7.30.

OXFORD. Oct. 31. Elim Church, Botley Road. Visit of Sparkbrook Choir.

PONTYPRIDD. Nov. 1. Elim Church, Thurston Road. Divine Healing Service.

QUEENSWAY. Nov. 14. West London Christian Fellowship. Visit of Mr. F. B. Phillips to show Missionary Colour Film. 7.

WELLS. Nov. 8. Elim Church, Chamberlain Street. Pastor's Fifth Anniversary. Speaker: J. Newberry. 11 and 6.30.

PRESIDENT'S ENGAGEMENTS

Pastor J. J. Morgan will visit the following churches in the Scottish Presbytery:

Oct. 31-Nov. 1.—Greenock. 2, 3.—Glasgow. 7, 8.—Carlisle.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, will visit the following churches:

Oct. 31.—Treharris. Nov. 1.—Porth. 2.—Abercynon. 3.—Mountain Ash. 4.—Merthyr. 5.—Dowlais. 7.—Pontlottyn. 8.—Abertyssgg. 9.—Pantawaun. 10.—Brecon.

Miss F. Grossen, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following churches:

Oct. 31.—York. Nov. 1.—Harrogate.

Miss R. Simms, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal will visit the following churches:

Nov. 4.—Worthing. 5.—Portsmouth. 6.—Canada. 7.—Romsey. 8, 9.—Southampton. 10.—Eastleigh. 11.—Ryde. 12.—Petersfield.

ITINERARY OF THE McCOLL-GERARD TRIO

These talented Sisters from Canada will minister in the following centres. There will also be a showing of the Oral Roberts Film, "Venture into Faith," as indicated.

Oct. 31.—Wimbledon, Merton Public Hall, Kingston Road (Film). 7. Nov. 1.—Merton Public Hall, 6.30. 2-4.—Clapham, 7.30. 7.—East Ham. 7, 8.—Ilford, 11 and 6.30. 9.—Hayes, 7.30. 10.—Ealing Town Hall (Film), 7.30. 11.—Leyton Town Hall (Film), 7.30. 12.—Leyton Elim Church, 7.30.

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An Interesting Editorial

The following column appeared in *The Journal*, a Lowestoft newspaper, and refers to the Elim Tent campaign held in that town:

THE BIG TENT

Visitors and residents alike have been intrigued during the last week at the "Big Tent" erected on the bomb site in London Road North to provide covering for an evangelistic and "Divine healing" mission arranged by the Elim Church.

There is not in Lowestoft, nor in any other seaside town for that matter, anything unusual about an evangelistic campaign during the summer season. If the Church Army or the Cliff Trekkers were to miss Lowestoft from their itinerary one year, there would be a great deal of disappointment in some circles. If the Salvation Army were suddenly to be prohibited from holding their open air services near the traffic lights in Suffolk Road, Lowestoft would at once become the poorer for that prohibition. Superficially these seaside campaigns are among the attractions which are expected, though in reality they strike much deeper than that, for there can be few who will dare to say that no permanent mark is left in the lives of those who listen and take part.

The "Big Tent" campaign, however, has not been in quite the same mould as most others, for it has placed particular emphasis upon what it describes as "Divine Healing," a doctrinal and practical excursion which is not so generally accepted in some other denominations of the Christian Church. The missionaries claim that a number of remarkable cures have taken place—that a woman has been cured of arthritis, a boy with defective sight has been healed and that others smitten by deafness have ceased to need deaf aids after they have been prayed for. If this is so, then the position is one which merits serious consideration. Those who are responsible for the Divine healing sessions must be regarded either as charlatans whose works are to be deplored, or as sincere and responsible people whose effort to relieve suffering and to cure disease

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is to be commended. They cannot be dismissed with the superior and amused tolerance reserved for cranks.

There appears to be a growing interest in the healing of the sick "according to the Scriptures" in many denominations. High dignitaries of the Anglican Church and leaders of other denominations have expressed their belief in "this ministry," and there is undoubtedly an awakening interest in a doctrine which has for centuries been little heard of. The danger would appear to be that direct conflict and intolerance should arise between medical men and the exponents of "Divine healing," for it seems to us that all media which genuinely and effectively work towards the healing of mankind's bodily afflictions should do so in concert.

(See testimony next week)

Thought for the Week

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