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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PITTINGTON. On Sunday, May 3rd, the services in the old Church at Pittington were very well attended. At 6 p.m. the Church was crowded. The sermon was preached from words which the choir had just song as their anthem. (1 Peter 1, 3.) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope, by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

The subject that evening was "The New Birth." Every Sunday (being the first day of the week) is in a way an Easter Day. Sunday might be known as "The Day of the New Birth," for it is true—

Christ is Risen, so we've all Risen,

God sees all His saved ones in the Risen Jesus Christ, the Federal Head of the redeemed race. Christ is our life indeed, by the power of the Holy Spirit. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Pet. i., 23.)

There is life for a look at the Crucified One.

Conversion (or turning to God) is our part. Regeneration, or the Birth from Above, is God's part, which He is willing to do when the soul reaches out to Him.

Jesus said, "Marvel not that I said unto you, Ye MUST be born again." (John iii., 7.)

Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter i., 18, 19.)

In December, 1922, the Editor of "Confidence" came to live at "Prior's Hallgarth," the Vicarage of Pittington. He and Mrs. Boddy have both benefited by the change. Mrs. Boddy holds a Women's Bible Class each Monday afternoon in the Vicarage at 245. Miss (J. V.) Boddy does a

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good work among the girls and others in the parish.

The Church is some distance from the neighbouring hamlets, but it is very well attended, especially when the weather permits. It is a celebrated historic building, and very beautiful. Visitors come to see it from all parts of the country and beyond.

Durham City is about five miles away, and its Catheoral tower can be seen from the Vicar's window. In still weather its bells can just be heard in the distance.

Mrs. W. R. O. Taylor and her husband (Rev. W. R. O. Taylor) are stationed at Mienchow (Sze.) in Western China. Mrs. Boody receives a letter every week. They are always cheery and bright, though they have their difficult times like other missionaries in China.

WEEK OF PRAYER. In the autumn we expect to hold the Parish Week of Prayer, Sept. 23-30. A Missionary Campaign follows in October. conducted by Durham Students.

"CONFIDENCE." It is nearly six months since the last issue. The next issue will just be when sufficient funds have been given. There are those who love to receive it, and who have forwarded their gifts. The Editor will be very giad to receive help. Note the address: Rev. A. A. Boddy, The Vicarage, Pittington, Co. Durham.

"THE ELIM EVANGEL." The first May issue is very thrilling, with its illustrations of the Convention in the old Surrey Tabernacle. Readers should send 3d. in stamps for a copy (post free). Elim Publishing Office, Park Crescent, Clapham, London, S.W. 4.

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To EDITORS AND OTHERS.—Any matter in this Paper may be re-printed on condition that full acknowledgment is made thus:--"From 'Confidence,' Pittington, Durham."

"Ever-Increasing Faith."

A Valuable Work on Divine Healing.*

By EVANGELIST SMITH WIGGLESWORTH.

(We print a specimen Chapter from this work.) HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

"For verily Lsay unto you. That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; ne shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark xi., 23, 24).

These are days when we need to have our faith strengthened, when we need to know God. God has designed that the just shall live by faith. Any man can be changed by faith, no matter how he may I know that God's word is be fettered. sufficient. One word from Him can change a nation. His word is from everlasting to everlasting. It is through the entrance of this everlasting Word, this incorruptible seed, that we are born again, and come into this wonderful Man cannot live by bread saivation. alone, but must live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. This is the food of faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Everywhere men are trying to discredit the Bible and take from it all the miraculous. One preacher says, "Well, you know, Jesus arranged beforehand to have that colt tied where it was, and for the men to say just what they did." I tell you God can arrange everything without going near. He can plan for you, and when He plans for you, all is peace. All things are possible if you will believe.

Another preacher said, "It was an easy thing for Jesus to feed the people with five loaves. The loaves were so big in those days that it was a simple matter to cut them into a thousand pieces each." But he forgot that one little boy brought those five loaves all the way in his lunch basket. There is nothing impossible with God. All the impossibility is with us when we measure God by the limitations of our unbelief.

We have a wonderful God, a God whose ways are past finding out, and whose grace and power are limitless. I was in Belfast one day and saw one of the brethren of the assembly. He said to me, "Wigglesworth, I am troubled. l have had a good deal of sorrow during the past five months. I had a woman in my assembly who could always pray the blessing of heaven down on our meetings. She is an old woman, but her presence is always an inspiration. But five months ago she fell and broke her thigh. The doctors put her into a plaster cast, and after five months they broke the cast. But the bones were not properly set and so she fell and broke the thigh again."

He took me to her house, and there was a woman lying in a bed on the right hand side of the room. I said to her, "Well, what about it now?" She said, "They have sent me home incurable. The doctors say that I am so old that my bones won't knit. There is no nutriment in my bones, and they could never do anything for me, and they say I shall have to lie in bed for the rest of my life." I said to her, "Can you believe God?" She replied, "Yes, ever since I heard that you had come to Belfast my faith has been quickened. If you will pray, I will believe. I know there is no power on

^{*} The book. "Ever-Increasing Faith." by Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth (with portrait) can be obtained from him at 70 Vietor Street. Bradford. Yorkshire. The price, including postage, is 3/6. Quantities can be obtained on trade terms. "Cash always to accompany orders. (One shilling on each copy goes to Missionary Funds.)

earth that can make the bones of my thigh knit, but I know there is nothing impossible with God." I said, "Do you believe He will meet you now?" She answered, "I do."

It is grand to see people believe God. God knew all about this leg and that it was broken in two places. I said to the woman, "When I pray, something will happen." Her husband was sitting there; he had been in his chair for four years and could not walk a step. He called out, "I don't believe. I won't believe. You will never get me to believe." I said, "All right," and laid my hands on his wife in the name of the Lord Jesus. The moment hands were laid upon her the power of God went right through her and she cried out, "I'm healed." I said, "I'm not going to assist you to rise. God will do it all." She rose and walked up and down the room, praising God.

The old man was amazed at what had happened to his wife, and he cried out, "Make me walk, make me walk." I said to him, "You old sinner, repent." He cried out, "Lord, You know I never meant what I said. You know I believe." don't think he meant what he said; anyhow the Lord was full of compassion. If He marked our sins, where would any of us be? If we will meet the conditions, God will always meet us. If we believe, all things are possible. I laid my hands on him and the power went right through the old man's body; and those legs, for the first time in four years, received power to carry his body, and he walked up and down and in and out. He said, "Oh, what great things God has done for us to-night !"

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Desire toward God and you will have desires from God; and He will meet you on the line of those desires when you reach out in simple faith.

A man came to me in one of my meetings who had seen other people healed and wanted to be healed too. He explained that his arm had been fixed in a certain position for many years and he could not move it. "Got any faith?" I asked. He said he had a lot of faith. After prayer he was able to swing his arm round and round. But he was not satisfied and complained, "I feel a little bit of trouble just there," pointing to a certain place. I said, "Do you know what is the trouble with you?" He answered, "No." I said, "Imperfect faith." "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Did you believe before you were saved? So many people would be saved, but they want to feel sated first. There was never a man who felt saved before he believed. God's plan is always this, if you will believe, you shall see the glory of God. I believe God wants to bring us all to a definite place of unswerving faith and confidence in Himself.

Jesus here uses the figure of a mountain. Why does He say a mountain? Because, if faith can remove a mountain, it can remove anything. The plan of God is so marvellous, that if you will only believe, all things are possible.

There is one special phrase to which I want to call your attention, "And shall not doubt in his heart." The heart is the mainspring. See that young man and voung woman. They have fallen in love at first sight. In a short while there is a deep affection, and a strong heart love, the one toward the other. What is a heart of love? A heart of faith. Faith and love are kin. In the measure that that young man and that young woman love one another they are true. One may go to the North and the other to the South, but because of their love they will be true to each other.

It is the same when there is a deep love in the heart toward the Lord Jesus Christ, In this new life into which God has brought us, Paul tells us that we have become dead to the law by the body of Christ. that we should be married to another. even to Him who is raised from the dead. God brings us into a place of perfect love and perfect faith. A man who is born of God is brought into an inward affection, a loyalty to the Lord Jesus that shrinks from anything impure. You see the purity of a man and woman when there is a deep natural affection between them; they disdain the very thought of either of them being untrue. I say that, in the measure that a man has faith in Jesus, he is pure. He that believeth that Jesus is the Christ overcometh the world. It is a faith that worketh by love.

Just as we have heart fellowship with our Lord, our faith cannot be daunted.

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We cannot doubt in our hearts. There comes, as we go on with God, a wonderful association, an impartation of His very life and nature within. As we read His Word and believe the promises that He has so graciously given to us, we are made partakers of His very essence andlife. The Lord is made to us a Bridegroom, and we are His bride. His words to us are spirit and life, transforming us and changing us, expelling that which is natural and bringing in that which is divine.

It is impossible to comprehend the love of God as we think on natural lines. We must have the revelation from the Spirit of God. God giveth liberally. He that asketh, receiveth. God is willing to bestow on us all things that pertain to life and godliness. On, it was the love of God that brought lesus. And it is this same love that helps you and me to believe. In every weakness God will be your strength. You who need His touch, remember that He loves vou. Look, wretched, helpless, sick one, away to the God of all grace, whose very essence is love, who delights to give liberally all the inheritance of life and strength and power that you are in need of.

When I was in Switzerland the Lord was graciously working and healing many of the people. I was staying with Brother Reuss, of Goldiwil, and two policemen were sent to arrest me. The charge was that I was healing the people without a licence, Mr. Reuss said to them, "I am sorry that he is not here just now. He is holding a meeting about two miles away, but before you arrest him I would like to show you something."

Brother Reuss took these two policemen down to one of the lower parts of that district, to a house with which they were familiar, for they had often gone to that place to arrest a certain woman, who was repeatedly put in the prison because of continually being engaged in drunken brawls. He took them to this woman and said to them, "This is one of the many cases of blessing that have come through the ministry of the man you have come to arrest. This woman came to our meeting in a drunken condition. Her body was broken, for she was ruptured in two places. While she was drunk, the evangelist laid his hands on her and asked God to heal her and deliver her."

saved me, and I have not tasted a drop of liquor since." The policeman had a warrant for my arrest, but they said with disgust, "Let the doctors do this kind of thing." They turned and went away, and that was the last we heard of them.

We have a Jesus that heals the brokenhearted, who lets the captives go free, who saves the very worst. Dare you, dare you, spurn this glorious Gospel of God for spirit, soul, and body? Dare you spurn this grace? I realise that this full Gospel has in great measure been hid, this Gospel that brings liberty, this Gospel that brings souls out of bondage, this Gospel that brings perfect health to the body, this Gospel of entire salvation. Listen again to this word of Him who left the glory to bring us this great salvation, "Verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, . . . he shall have whatsoever he saith." Whatsoever!

I realise that God can never bless us on the lines of being half-hearted, critical, or unforgiving. This will hinder faith quicker than anything. I remember being at a meeting where there were some people tarrying for the Baptism-seeking for cleansing, for the moment a person is cleansed the Spirit will fall. There was one man with eyes red from weeping bitterly. He said to me, "I shall have to leave. It is no good my staying without I change things. I have written a letter to my brother-in-law, and filled it with hard words, and this thing must first be straightened out." He went home and told his wife, "I'm going to write a letter to your brother and ask him to forgive me for writing to him the way I did." "You fool !" she said. "Never mind." he replied, "this is between God and me, and it has got to be cleared away." He wrote the letter and came again, and straightway God filled him with the Spirit.

I believe there are a great many people who would be healed, but they are harbouring things in their hearts that are as a blight. Let these things go. Forgive, and the Lord will forgive you. There are many good people, people that mean well, but they have no power to do anything for God. There is just some little thing that came in their hearts years ago, and their faith has been paralysed ever Bring everything to the light. since. God will sweep it all away if you will let The woman joined in, "Yes, and God Him. Let the precious blood of Christ

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cleanse from all sin. If you will but believe, God will meet you and bring into your lives the sunshine of His love.

BRO. SMITH WIGGLESWORTH. A letter arrived at Pittington Vicarage written by our brother on the White Star vessel which was bringing him home after 18 months ministry in New Zealand and the United States of America. He wrote: "I crossed the States four times from East to West, and had meetings in Arizona. Came through the Desert from San Francisco by motor car.

"At one place, for four weeks, I had 2000 persons on an average, and held meetings morning and night. My closing meetings in New York (two weeks) were held in a place holding over 2500. It was packed, and the interest increased."

Bro. Smith Wigglesworth hopes to speak at the Whitsuntide Convention in the Kingsway Hall, Monday, June 1st, to Thursday, June 4th. The meetings each day are to be at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. There are many other speakers. Write for further particulars to Mr. J. Neison Parr, Broadstone Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport.

Spiritual Healing.

SPIRITUAL AND BODILY VITALITY.

A POWERFUL PLEA.

Experience is a factor that we cannot put lightly aside in our life.

What a man or woman has actually experienced and realised as a fact cannot be ruled out. It has become part of one's being. People who have not had that particular experience may ridicule it, or attempt to explain it away, but the experience remains as a fact to the person which has had it.

Such is emphatically the truth about spiritual healing. There are thousands to-day all over the world who have experienced the "living touch" of the Risen Lord of Life, and they know it. Usually that touch has come when all human remedies, either by theropeutic or mental healing, have failed. There are, we believe, multitudes of sufferers to-day who would gladly respond to this touch if they understood what it is and what it means.

The great army of scientific men, doctors, and psychologists, who are giving their lives to this great subject of healing and the power of mind, know full well that there comes a point when human skill can do no more. True, it may be, that the death-rate has decreased tremendously in recent years, which is partly due to the sanitary conditions of towns and villages being vastly improved. The housing condition has to be yet more drastically dealt with, yet the fact remains that disease has not yet been overcome. A clever surgeon and physician can do almost anything with the human body, specialising in its various parts. The psychologist can do a great deal by suggestion. But the spirit and soul are beyond their power, and that is where the spiritual healing is needed.

WHAT SPIRITUAL HEALING IS.

In other words, spiritual healing is Life —Life that can only be given by Christ. He can do it, and does do it without human instrumentality, but as the Risen and Ascended Son, the Head of the Body, the Church, He has used, and does use, human instruments.

His own commission as Jesus the Christ was "to do the Will of His Father." God anointed Jesus, "Who went about doing good and healing all that were sick." As that mighty power of God passed from Him into the sick, that Life killed the germ of disease. At His command the demons left those possessed.

He commissioned 70 of his followers to go out and heal the sick, and they returned to him with great joy, telling of the power of His Name. After His resurrection He commissioned the disciples, who after Pentecost founded the Church, with the words, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

A little earlier He had said :: "Werily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth the works that I do, shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do because I go to My Father."

YESTERDAY, TO-DAY, AND FOR EVER.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. Jesus is alive and on the Throne to-day—not in mortal flesh, but in a glorified spiritual body. He has the same compassion for the sick and weary to-day, and so through all the ages He has called, and still calls, men, and women, too, to be simple channels through whom He can, by the Power of the Holy Ghost, transmit His Life to the weak and sick.

"Out of you shall flow rivers of Living Water." That life or vitality kills the germ of disease. The healing of the whole being may be slow, for when the Holy Spirit begins to work He begins at the

centre of our being, our spirit. He gives light, and this light shows the sin of the soul. Obedience to this light involves repentance and confession of sin, so the peace that true contrition brings affects the nerves and quietens the whole The new life produces new system. thoughts about God and man.

"Go and sin no more," said our Lord to a man whom He healed. This places spiritual healing on a much higher plane than any other healing, for it permeates the whole man-spirit, soul, and body.

A PLACE FOR AUTO-SUGGESTION.

It may be sudden; it may be, and usually is, slow, but to all who receive in faith, a new hope, a new vitality, a keener intelligence is granted, which develops as speedily as the soul obeys and the mentality is fixed on Christ and His power. Auto-suggestion and suggestion have their place in this work.

There is no reason why the doctors, and those who are "called" and obey the "urge" to help their fellow-sufferers, should not work together.

Surely the vital difference between true Divine or spiritual healing is in the willing co-operation of our will with the Will of God. All other occult healings, such as Spiritualism, Christian Science, etc., are widely different. We are glad to be able to add our testimony to countless numbers of people to-day who have taken God's

word at its own value and proved it absolutely true.

We find it written that "if any man is in Christ Jesus there is a new creation," and nothing else avails. It tells us that the old sin-burdened, sick humanity was crucified with Christ, Who in the likeness of sinful flesh (but without sin) condemned sin in the flesh. 🚦

Having accomplished this great work of setting man free, He rose from the dead and has become the life of the world. Life, intense vitality, energy, light, perfect intelligence, and spiritual understanding and, above all, love which conquers every enemy and binds humanity together in willing service and longing to help other suffering ones.

Surely this is the need of the world to-day. All deep thinkers realise it. - A greater power than man-that power is Christ, Who comes in the person of the Holy Ghost to all who will look to Him and trust Him. He offers life, which includes all that we mean by life in its richest measure. Righteous dealing between man and man, unselfishness, man rising to the position that God intends him to be-a child of God-a great fatherhood, a great brotherhood-unity in spirit, unity in love, unity in soul, and all this wondrous vitality expressing itself through a healthy body, for health is wholeness, holiness. M.B.

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The Monthly Prayer Meeting on behalf of the P.M.U. and our Missionaries is held at 5 p.m. on the last Friday in each month in the Y.M.C.A. premises, Tottenham Court Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh are still here on furlough, and are open to accept invitations They have been in very for Missions. great demand during their furlough, andfilled, and the meetings are attended with

are realising the need of a rest which they have not had since they arrived.

The Sion College Meetings were taken over in January by Messrs. A. H. and J. H. Carter, of the Missionary Bible School, and are held each Friday as usual from 7 till 9 p.m. The hall is usually well

* Gifts for P.M.U. should be sent to the Hon. Treas., Mr. E. W. Moser, "Hebron," St, David's Road, Southsea,

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much of the Presence of God, at the close of each large numbers coming forward for various needs of spirit, soul and body, which are wonderfully met by our wonderful Saviour.

One of the most thrilling stories of Missionary enterprise was told at Sion College by Miss Waldon, who has laboured faithfully under the P.M.U. in China for the last nine years.

She has been in the midst of robber bands, who have violently seized upon the city where she was labouring two or three times, bullets having struck the house and robbers voicing their intention to wreck the Mission work. Earnest prayer nevertheless prevailed, and not a single robber entered the premises.

At other times devastating floods have

swamped the lower parts of the house, causing the furniture which could not be carried to the higher storey to float about.

She has experienced times when the food supply has run low.

In the midst of epidemics she has laboured among the afflicted, preach-



IN THE VALLEY OF THE UPPER YANGTSE RIVER, WESTERN CHINA.

ing everywhere the unsearchable riches of Christ.

A fire broke out in the city consuming hundreds of houses, but it stopped a little way from the Mission house, for prayer prevailed.

After years of blessed and strenuous service she has returned to England on furlough, to tell of the Lord's goodness to those who have faithfully supported her in prayer, etc., and to recuperate her health.

Let us pray that those who are left out in China during these troublous times may be divinely protected and provided for.

Our Missionary in South America, Mr. J. F. Jameson, accompanied by his wife and child, has penetrated into the very heart of heathendom, to a place where provisions can only be sent under very great difficulties, and surrounded by uncivilised and most degraded people. He labours untiringly as a full Gospel Missionary, laying a foundation principles of our faith in the State of Matto Grosso, Brazil, seeking to make known to the heathen tribe of Nhamiquaries the wonderful words of Life.

Most of our friends will by this time have heard the news of the home-call of our dear Brother Arthur W. Richardson, who, after a severe attack of blackwater fever, passed away on the 20th January. He was the pioneer of our work in the Congo, and laboured with much zeal and blessed results. Before his life was sacrificed for Christ's sake he had laid a good foundation for the work upon which others are now building.

> Mrs. Richardson and her little son remain for the present at Kalembelembe. She has for some time bee in a weak state of health, and prayers are earnestly desired on her behalf.

We have just heard the good news that the Belgian Government have kindly granted

permission to our Missionaries at Kalembelembe to open a new out-station in a district where the chief and his people have for some time been urgently calling upon them to come and stay with them and teach them the "Words of God." It will be necessary at once to erect a dwelling house and school-room or church, for which the cost of building and furnishing is estimated at about $\pm .75$. We ask our friends to join with us in praise for this open door, and also in prayer that this need may speedily be supplied. The house when completed will be occupied (D.V.) by our Brother, Garfield Vale, and his future wife, Miss Taylor. Our Brother reports in his last letter just to hand that a number of the boys in his school have been baptised in the Holy Ghost.

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