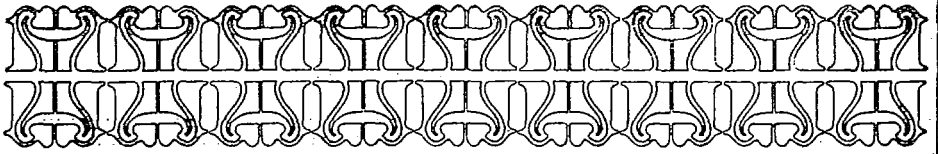


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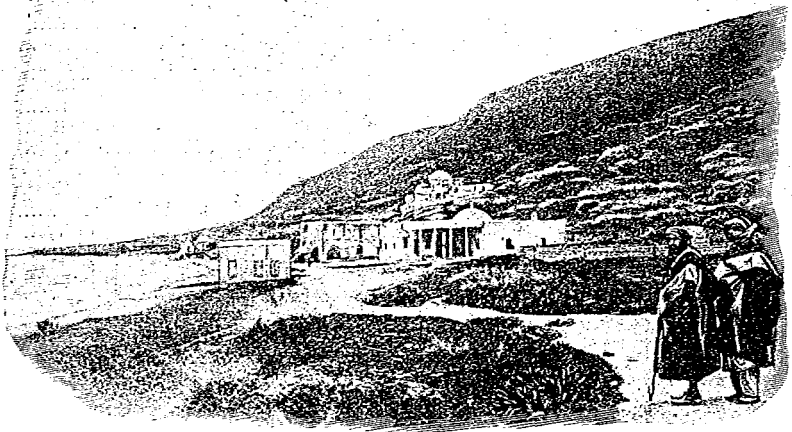
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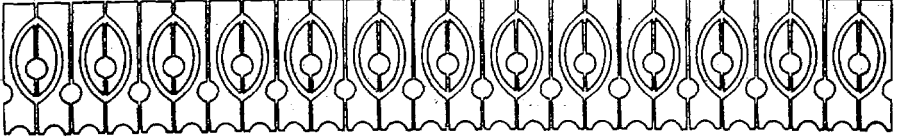


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These are Bathing Buildings near Tiberias, above some hot medicinal springs.

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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,' Sunderland, England."

The first number of "Confidence" was issued in 1908 by the present Editor. It was welcomed by very many. He has gladly continued, therefore, to edit and issue it each month since. It was the outcome of a Spiritual Revival which commenced at All Saints', Sunderland, September, 1907. Visitors journeyed from all parts of Great Britain and from the Continent to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. In most cases they returned joyfully, to become centres of blessing. A yearly Conference has been held at Whitsuntide. Visitors from home and foreign lands came in large numbers, and returned to spread the blessing further. "Confidence" was the first British Pentecostal Paper which told of this Outpouring with the Sign of Tongues. This Paper travels to nearly every country on the Globe. "Confidence" advocates an unlimited Salvation for Spirit, Soul, and Body; the Honouring of the Precious Blood; Identification with Christ in Death and Resurrection, etc.; Regeneration, Sanctification; the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; the Soon-Coming of the Lord in the air (1 Thess. iv., 14); Divine Healing and Health (Acts iv., 13). The issue of "Confidence" has been greatly blessed, and the Editor is thankful to the many friends around the world (see list) whose prayers and help have been used of God to encourage him month by month. His desire, and that of his helpers, is that ever in this Paper "He (Christ Jesus) may have the pre-eminence." "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified"—2 Thess. iii., 1.

ADDRESS:—HON. SECS., ALL SAINTS' VICARAGE, SUNDERLAND.

Evangelistic Work Among Soldiers.

(An Address at the Westminster Hall.)

Mr. Welsh said: I want to tell you how I was led to take up this work amongst the soldiers. A year last November I was in London. I usually come up from Carlisle to London for the winter months. Previous to that I had been spending my time in the villages, trying to bring village people into the light that you and I have entered into—trying to bring villagers to Christ. I had come up here in November, and one day, in Walthamstow, God spoke to my heart, as He did to Elijah, and He said, "What doest thou here? Why not go and work amongst the soldiers?" I heard that voice, and I looked up to God and said, "Lord, I am quite willing to go, but where shall I go?"

Not long afterwards a call came, "Would you come to B—?" I went, and I began working at B—. On the Saturday my work was upon the street, and the first three young men that I spoke to professedly gave themselves to God. There was an evidence that I was in the right place; signs were following. That was my starting-point. I had got to find my audience, and I started finding them on the street. Then the Lord led me, step by step, until He took me into their houses. At B— there are untenanted houses where forty to eighty men are sleeping. You go there and find them in all sorts of conditions, and you make yourself known and speak a kind word to them. They have been, as it were, pitchforked from comfortable homes into places like that, and there they are lying upon the floor with

only a blanket to lie upon. I got into these places step by step, day by day, and got to know the men, and they got to know me, and so I gained their confidence. I have heard them in their billets singing "It's a long, long way to Tipperary," and I have stepped in amongst them and said, "Yes, lads, it's a long way to Tipperary, but has it ever struck you that it's a short way to eternity?" Then there was silence, and I would say, "Won't you sing? I've got some hymn-books in my pocket. Can't we have a nice service just now?" God so arranged that we would have twenty to forty men sitting on their beds, and we began a religious service. After the service we would appeal to them for real, definite acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ, a real surrender to him, just as real, more real than already they had surrendered to King George. I put before them the claims of God, and very often men would come out in the midst of their fellows and professedly take Christ as their Saviour.

Just one meeting I want specially to bring before you. About twenty-four of us had met in a room, and I had given all of them a little Gospel, and we commenced our service. There was one young fellow who still kept smoking, and I said, "Would you mind giving up your cigarette for a little while?" "Yes, sir," and down it went. We had our service, and after the service two young fellows came up to me and said, "We are all Roman Catholics in this room, but we have enjoyed your service. Will you come again?" I did not know previously that they were Roman Catholics, and, when I knew, my heart went up to God with thanksgiving. You say to me, "Did they give their hearts to Christ?" God knows; I left them there.

(Evangelistic Work among Soldiers—continued.)

Just one more case at — before I go on to another place. Passing down the street I would buttonhole soldiers as I came to them. Ninety-five out of every hundred men that you speak to will stand and listen until you put the claims of the Gospel before them. As I went along the street one morning I saw a young fellow fifty or sixty yards away. I could see from his face that he had been imbibing too freely. I offered him one of my little Gospels. That is a wonderful stepping-stone to get conversation. The men readily take Gospels from you. I offered that man a little Gospel, and I said to him, “Are you a Christian?” “No, sir, I’m not a Christian. I used to be a Christian before I mobilised, but since I’ve come here I’ve given way to drink.” Then he said, “Before I met you I decided to turn over a new leaf.” What a lovely door to enter! I was able by the grace of God to point him to Jesus, to show him that the past could be put away, and that power could be given him for the present to deliver him from that awful drink demon. There and then he professedly took Christ.

After spending ten weeks in B— I went up to the North to B— where there were thousands of men. I received signs that I was in the Lord’s will at —, for I went into the street again, and the first three men to whom I spoke trusted the Lord Jesus Christ. Weeks afterwards I met two of these young fellows at a little village six miles out from B—, and I found them bright and happy in the Lord. They had caught a vision of Christ through my speaking to them that day.

I went on to L—. There are not many privileges at that place for Gospel work. I had to be careful. I never like to run against the laws that be; I like to ask the Lord to remove the hindrances. The men were not allowed to have Gospels there, unless under the nose of the Council. But the soldiers themselves opened out the way. One morning I was going amongst the men as they were resting between their drills. About one hundred of them came around me and got tracts and Gospels. Then they said, “Let’s have a sing.” I said, “I don’t know whether they will allow us to sing, but if you will wait till to-morrow morning, I hope we shall have a Gospel service.” That was the way we commenced work there, and for months we were able to have a little service in the afternoon at that place where, until that time, no such service had ever been allowed.

On Sunday night we had about two hundred men around us, and it was a blessed time. I never had a service without I appealed to the men for decisions for Christ. In speaking to them you are talking to men who know the Gospel in their minds; they have heard it at their mother’s knee, they have been taught it in the Sunday School. But what is needed is decision for Christ. One Sunday I was going away from the morning meeting when a soldier ran after me and said to me, “Have you got one of those little Testaments that you gave to those other men while they were here?” These particular men had gone off to G— seven weeks before. He added, “I found a lot of

them reading Gospels and Testaments that you gave to them while they were here. There have been several of them wanting to write to you to tell you how thankful they are for the work you did amongst them.” After a time that man, a Lieut.-Colonel, wrote thanking me for the work done amongst them. The men were so grateful; of course they are. Do you know why? Because the soldier has got within his mind this thought: “They want to be kind to us.”

After a time I came back to B—, and I am still at B— carrying on that blessed work there. But the men are not so thoughtful as they were at the beginning. Christians are not praying so much as they did. The war has gone on too long, it is becoming an everyday term, and so the difficulties are greater than they were. But God has wonderfully answered prayer. I was not able to get into the places so freely as on my previous visit. But a fortnight ago God seemed to open those billets again, and I was able to enter into them. I want to tell you of one lot of men I visited. Last week a sergeant and three privates were in one room that I entered, and after a time we got into real, serious conversation. They sat there on their beds on the ground and drank in the words that I spoke. After a little talk together, lasting twenty minutes or half an hour, I said, “Is there a man here who will take Christ? You have surrendered yourselves to King George, and he has taken you at your word. You have given yourselves away to him, you do not belong to yourselves. Will you do the same with Christ; will you take Christ?” One young fellow said, “I will take Christ.” I said, “Is there another?” Presently another said, “I will take Christ.” Then I said, “Is there another?” until all the four professedly accepted Christ.

I went in the next day, for I had a little Testament to give to one of them, and as I gave it I said, “Did you take Christ last night?” “Yes, sir, praise God!” They were being turned out to go to camp, but they had had to come back, after taking their beds away, and lie on the boards. That is what they are doing for King George and their country. As the sergeant took me by the hand and gripped it, I knew what that meant; I knew that that sergeant and those three others had taken Christ. That work is needed, and there is much other work being done. There is a door open for you and me to labour for the Lord, a door open for the Church to-day, that will soon be shut; and it is for you and me who believe in eternal destruction, and who believe we have got the blessing and the power, to go forth and seek to bring these men to the Saviour.

Some people say, “You cannot get the men to come and listen to the Gospel.” I find they will listen to you wherever you go. I have spoken to thousands, and I cannot remember two cases that refused to be spoken to. If these things are so, they speak one thing to you and me—possess the land, give them the Gospel, give them the Word of God. The Lord wants to co-operate with you and me. That is why He has baptised us—that we might enter into the blessing of seeing souls being brought to

Him. May the Lord send out streams of men and women from this place that have got compassion for those men, and others, and, I tell you, God will reward you and bless you in eternity, and you will meet there with those whom God in His infinite love and grace used you to bring to Himself.

The Last Message of a Christian Officer.

The brave writer of the letter given below was known to the Editor of "Confidence." He was an earnest Christian officer. He was killed in action on Nov. 11th, 1916, and buried in France at Eaucourt l'Abbay.

Knowing the great danger he was going to face, he wrote this letter and left it with his colonel. After his death it was forwarded home to his wife. She has been wonderfully upheld. She realises that only "in the body" are they parted. In Christ they are precious near to one another.

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Letter left with the Colonel to be sent to his Wife if killed in action.

MY DARLING,

I hope you will never see this letter, my own darling, for it will not be posted unless God sees fit to call me home.

If in His Providence He sees fit to allow this to happen, I want you not to grieve as one without hope, for we have a great hope, a hope that can carry us through all things to its fulfilment, which will exceed all our hopes, and fill us both with joy everlasting.

In this life parting must come some day for the one who goes first; a time of blessing, and waiting to welcome that other one, so dearly loved. Let this dear hope of re-union nerve us both, my darling, to "carry on" in humble trust and faith to the end. Here it is only "a little while" that we can be separated, and the everlasting re-union will compensate more fully than we can now conceive. Sorrow cometh with the night, and fleeth away with the morning. To that morning let us look, certain of its dawning, and though we are not worthy (none are), sure of God's love, and pardon for all offences, if we have truly repented of them and sought forgiveness through His most Blessed Son, who died for our sins,

and will yet come to earth to judge the quick and the dead.

From wherever I am my love will reach out to you, my darling, to our dear boys and girls, who will, I hope, grow up noble men and women, keeping fast ever the faith we have endeavoured to instil into them.

I am conscious of many imperfections in my conduct towards you and our children, but you who love me have pardoned them, I know, and in that I rest my hope of God's pardon too. Let us all, then, trust Him who is Love, sure that whatever He brings to pass is for the best, and that joys are to be ours which will make our sorrows seem like a passing cloud, a misty morning, or dark night, so soon will they pass away and be gone.

To my dear girl, whose love has lightened every day since I met her, to the dear children, who have blessed our married life, I send my love, deep and true, now and for ever, and will, God willing, be looking for, and awaiting each and all "on the other side."

Your loving husband,
H.

[The Editor of "Confidence" feels that this letter has a solemn message which some who read it will be thankful for. He prays that this may indeed be the case. May He bless this dear, brave wife and her four precious children. "The memory of the just is indeed blessed."]

Scottish New Year Conferences.

LEITH (Edinburgh).

Mr. and Mrs. Beruldsen reside at 8 Laverockbank Terrace, Trinity (one of the Edinburgh suburbs). They have a good soul-saving work going on in their Mission at Leith. Since their first visit to Sunderland in 1907 three of their family have offered and gone forth to the Mission field (N. China), and Mrs. Beruldsen has led the good work which is now conducted in their Leith Mission. Wonderful have been some of the blessings and conversions there. Mr. Beruldsen is in business at Leith (connected with shipping). Recently he has been absolutely at death's door, and was raised by the prayers and faith of those around him. He was present at the Conference looking better and brighter than ever. He said to the writer that he had often wished to testify to God's dealings with him at and after his first visit to

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The Editor has very many other duties.)

No "Confidence" issued until March.

The Editor of "Confidence" sends his Christian greetings and best wishes to all the members of the "Confidence" family. May this year 1917 bring God's best blessing indeed to one and all. For 106 months, without a break, the Editor has been able to bring out "Confidence" punctually and regularly. But owing largely to the War, he has to announce that the next issue of "Confidence" will not be in February, but (D.V.) in March. The present number therefore must suffice for both January and February. War conditions probably largely account for a heavy adverse balance (see statement on page 2) which does not get completely wiped off. The expense of the issue of one number will be a saving to some extent, and disappointed readers will appreciate the reason. We shall be thankful if friends who are helped spiritually by "Confidence" will endeavour to give special help in this War-time. (In U.S.A., where the war-pressure is not so severe, there may be some who can thus assist. The copies despatched to neutral countries are now a heavy expense.) May our All-wise and All-loving Lord guide us in this and in all things through 1917, or until He comes.

A. A. B.

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Overcoming Life in Christ.

A Message from Australia.

The secret of it is, seeing Christ only, and nothing of the old Adam life. Christ is our Life, and He has a name above every name, "For in Him dwelleth ALL the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him which is the head of all principality and power." And as we see Him in all our daily life as the obstacles come up, which are all of the enemy, we fail to have victory because we see him instead of seeing Christ, and as the devil points us to the deadness in our own soul (which is caused by listening to his lies) we get discouraged, and we lose sight of what God had for us. He cannot bless when we don't believe Him and stand with the devil, for every discouragement, no matter what form it may take, is from Satan.

It is like two officers giving orders. *Which are we obeying?* We must WILL to stand with Christ in the fight, while HE works, and praise Him for the power. He has to break it all up; watch Him do it. "Then said they unto Him: What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them: This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent" (John vi., 29).

It is all in believing, but when we look at ourselves, or difficulties, we are not believing. Christ is above all our impossibilities; all things are possible with God, and all things are possible to him that believeth (Mark ix., 23). We have nothing to hope for if we don't believe; God cannot bless. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He that cometh to God must believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. xi., 6).

I would that your eyes were opened to see as I see this morning, a living Christ in us, walking with us, undertaking all for us, just no one but Christ, and praise going out to Him, who can do all things for us if we will let Him, by believing, not in a general way, but set your mind on Him, stayed on Him and on His power. "Transformed by the renewing of our minds." In Phil. iv., 8, we are told what to think on. We want to ask Christ, or rather take His mind. The carnal mind belongs to the devil, and that is the door

that he gets in at, so if we meditate on Christ and His thought and power we shut the door to the devil—he has no other entrance.

Now God has made us doorkeepers; you can let in the devil if you like by looking at discouragements and yourself, all that belongs to the enemy, and he wants you to obey him; but there is not discouragement in Jesus Christ, but **ETERNAL LIFE**. There is power, for He is the “Dunamis” of God. He conquered the devil, he conquered death, and all that is yours because Christ is your life. If you believe that Jesus took the old Adamic nature to death you have no other now, because there is no other life but Jesus Christ before God to-day. Ask yourself the question, and ask God to show you if you are standing in it. I am only beginning to see, and want you all to see that it may be a living Christ in our lives with nothing to hinder. We must not be deceived saying that He is our Life, but must let Him be a blessed living reality in all things. No persecution, no misunderstandings will hurt, because it is Jesus Christ. He has been despised, rejected, He knows all about it. Having passed through, He can feel that for you now. He is a risen Lord, that the world and the ways of the world and thoughts of the world cannot touch—that is the Christ who lives in His beloved. Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the Spirit there, because it is Christ the secret place of the Most High. Oh, praise and adore Him who hath lifted us from sin and Satan, to be able to say “Christ in us the hope of glory.” “And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure” (1 John iii., 3).

As we see Jesus Christ we are daily changed into His image. “Transformed by beholding. Every thought being brought into conformity to Christ,” and are able to say we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. If we shut the devil out of our thoughts our conversation will show it. Praise God, we have the power to shut the door, and he has no other entrance. When Christ is Lord in our lives we will have no unkind word, no idle words, for these are not of Christ; and if it is to be Christ manifest in us it will narrow us down—we have to make the choice, Christ or Barabbas? Not the Jews only, but every man and woman is saying (if they don't want Christ):

“Crucify Him, and release Barabbas”; he is a type of the evil nature *that wants evil*, idle or foolish talking, and all else that is not to the glory of God.

E.S.M. (N.S.W., Australia).

(Scottish New Year Conferences—continued from page 5.)

Sunderland. He received a great blessing in the Church Service on the Sunday in All Saints'. He had only experienced formal services of that character, but at that service he felt the wonderful presence and power of the Holy Ghost. He told the Lord that he intended to follow Him fully, and would put everything right which He showed him he should do. From that moment God has been with him and blessed him graciously.

The Editor of “Confidence” was invited to take part in the recent Conference, and travelled to Edinburgh on New Year's Day. He had had a very full Sunday. Being the last day of the year the services were of a specially solemn character in his Church at Sunderland, and he gave out this word as a promise for God's people in 1917:

“Be strong, and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” (Deut. xxxi., 6.)

He found Mr. Cecil Polhill at Darling's Hotel, Edinburgh, where he stayed as his guest for two nights. This Hotel is of old standing. At 10 o'clock every night Family Prayers are conducted in the Drawing Room and the maid servants file in, and the singing is very sweet. Miss Darling conducts prayers, but she asked Mr. Polhill and the Writer to lead respectively on the two nights they were present.

We went down “Leith Walk” by cable car, changing at Pilrig into the Leith Electric Car, and then to Smith's Hall, Duke Street. Being the New Year's holidays the streets were crowded, though it was wet, stormy, and dark. Hundreds stood in long “queues” waiting to pass into Theatre or Cinema.

The Pentecostal Conference Hall was well filled, and there was much brightness and blessing. Mrs. Crisp gave clear addresses. “With God” was her New Year's Message for all. Mr. Polhill spoke most earnestly. His addresses were full of fire. The Writer spoke on “Prayer,” and on “Christ's example in His Home.” The Missionary Meeting was stirring and helpful.

A Conference of leaders and workers was held one morning in Mr. Beruldsen's house. Strong feelings were expressed against “Personal Messages,” owing to the havoc they had wrought. All were agreed that prophecy should be on the lines of 1 Cor. xiv., 3: “Speaking unto men to edification, and exhortation and comfort.” (This is a safe way with messages. “The others should judge”—1 Cor. xiv., 29.)

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(Scottish New Year Conferences—continued.)

We give some rough notes written from memory (by J.B.).

Mrs. Crisp (Saturday).—The *giving of God*. If we only knew what this meant. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The *bountifulness of God*—Ps. cxix., 7: Deal bountifully with Thy servant, that I may live and keep Thy Word.

Ps. cxlii., 7: Thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Ps. cxvi. 7: Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

She mentioned the wonderful blessing Rev. A. B. Simpson, of New York, received. When very weak in body he heard the Jubilee Singers outside his window singing—

My Jesus is the Lord of lords,
No man can work like Him;
My Jesus is the King of kings,
No man can work like Him.

Mrs. Crisp.—Hindrances to seeing the glory of Jesus Christ. Mark iii., 1, 6: Incident of the man with the withered hand. Inefficiency in prayer; hand withered, powerless for service. *Undisciplined tongue*; want of accuracy; truth. Obedience to God. Separation to the Lord.

Faith which worketh by love. Prayer that prevails is out of a heart of love. 1 Chron. xi., 4: Jebusites still in part possession. Jesus wants the whole of us. Verse v.: Nevertheless David took the city. Jesus wants to turn out the little things that are contrary to His will in our lives.

Monday forenoon (Mrs. Crisp).—2 Kings iii.: King Jehoram began well, but was a half-hearted follower. Entered into wrong alliance—his mistake. Half-hearted Christians go the way of the wilderness—the way of trouble. The hand of the Lord brings blessing. A lot of shovelling had to be done before the ditches were ready, and a lot of shovelling has to be done in us before we can become empty so that He can fill us.

Rev. A. A. Boddy.—Jan. 1st: A New Year's Message. Deut. xxxi. 6: Be strong, and of a good courage; fear not. 2 Cor. viii., 9: Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, that ye through His poverty might be made rich. He is our Sin-bearer, Saviour, Sovereign.

Rev. viii., 3: Prayer. Luke xviii., 1: Men ought always to pray. Five parts: 1, Confession. 2, Thanksgiving. 3, Faith for our needs. 4, Intercession for others. 5, Worship (adoration). Dan. x.: Answer to prayer delayed 21 days by evil angel. Delay is not denial. Story of "Knee Medicine" in China.

Mrs. Crisp.—Dan. x.: What Daniel saw, felt, did. *Saw* vision of Christ. *Felt* no strength. *Did* fall toward ground, humbled before God. It is whatever we severally need that comes to us from the Lord. We need constant visions of Jesus Christ to keep us fresh. Verse xvi.: Second touch. Only what we get from God that will be any good to others. Verse xviii.: The touch for under-

standing. We want often to be broken at His feet. Then a touch for listening to the voice in the words; for liberty of utterance, for understanding.

With God. (A New Year's Motto—Mrs. Crisp). Mark x., 27: *With God* all things are possible. Noah walked "with God." He had to be entirely separated from the world not only when he was in the ark, but before. He walked with God. Think of start and goal. In 1 Chron. iv., 23, we read of the potters working among the hedges and ditches *with* the king, doing work for him. Malachi ii., 5: My covenant . . . walked with me in peace and equity.

2 Kings iv.: Raising of the Shunammite's son. The staff not enough. Personal sacrifice necessary. The Lord must be working. See what comes when heart touches heart. The gospel of a broken heart requires the ministry of bleeding hearts. 2 Chron. xiii., 12: Behold, God Himself is "with us" for our captain. Mark xvi., 20: The Lord working "with" them. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

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THE KILSYTH CONFERENCE.

REPORT FROM BRO. H. L. TEE.

Our Watch-Night Service and other Gospel gatherings were times of sweet refreshing, the halls being filled to their utmost capacity during these occasions, and were marked by a "troubling of the waters" which brought salvation to some who stepped in and were made whole. The Conference, which extended over Tuesday and Wednesday (Jan. 2nd and 3rd), I may safely assert reached the high water mark of the blessings which we have enjoyed during these times. Although the weather was for the most part a good old-time "Scotch mist," it did not affect the spiritual barometer which held hard over at "sunshine" all the time, and refused to be moved. Praise God!

Bro. A. Bell (Aberdour), Pastor Bolton (Wales), and other brethren gave messages which infused a deep spiritual feeling into the atmosphere of the Conference on the first day. Perhaps the most outstanding word was that given by Bro. Bell from a beautiful Old Testament parallel: Caleb, who followed God wholly, claimed Hebron with all the difficulties of its position and strong inhabitants as his inheritance, according to the Word of God by Moses (Joshua xiv., 12, etc.). He enumerated the different stages of Satan's fall and comparing Hebron with Satan's present position as prince of the power of the air, he exhorted God's people to be as Caleb whose strength never declined until he as an overcomer had cast out the old inhabitants and made Hebron his.

On the next day of the Conference, in addition to those already mentioned, we had the pleasure of hearing the work of the P.M.U. explained by the President, Mr. Cecil Polhill. He dealt on the one hand with the difficulties confronted, and on the other with the mighty blessings following the work of the missionaries on the field. The object of the Pentecostal Missionary Union was not so much to form organisations as living organisms, *i.e.*, churches

whose roots would be strong and deep and would not die with the missionaries, but continue to live for themselves bearing fruit for eternity. Mrs. Crisp (Principal of the Women's P.M.U. Home), in a most interesting manner spoke next on the work of the P.M.U. Training Home in London for prospective lady missionaries, of which she had the oversight. Possibly the best emphasis of this work was given by the production of the goods, when Miss Biggs (God bless her!), who expects to sail for China this month, gave a soul-stirring testimony in which she spoke of the sweet times she had spent while in training.

In the evening meeting Mrs. Crisp spoke in an excellent way on Joseph and his brethren. The last ray of this message seems to linger longest on the horizon, which was the return of Joseph's brethren to Jacob with the message, "Joseph is still alive." Not only did the aged patriarch hear the words, but he had the evidence of their truth by the presence of the wagons laden with presents. "Pentecost" is represented by the wagons, the real tokens to us that our Great Joseph was still alive; the "after that" of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Brother Ferguson (Portobello) and Pastor Bolton, in closing, gave inspiring messages, exhorting the brethren to unity and whole-hearted consecration that the fire of the Holy Ghost might not only melt us but mould us, and not only soften us but harden us, that we may be as finely tempered instruments made meet for the Master's use.

These are but a few of the grapes of Eschol which we have been enjoying in these past few days, and our prayer is that it may have given to all a stronger craving for deeper draughts of the "wine of the Kingdom."

"When all Thy mercies, oh, my God,
My rising soul surveys;
Transported with the view I'm lost
To tell abroad Thy praise."

AUSTRALIA.

Wonderful News.

I wrote you once before, at the commencement of the war, *re* my son, who had enlisted as a soldier, and who expected to go to England but did not reach there, having been one of those who was killed after landing at *Anzac Cove*.

Being a regular reader of "Confidence" I had given him your address, and it was in his notebook that was taken from his person after death. The lad was much prayed for, and I hope to meet him in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But the reason of this letter is very different. Some twelve or thirteen years ago a lady, Miss Hetherington, came to Australia with Rev. Dr. Cairns, and some time after arriving was led to go amongst the Aborigines to minister to their spiritual needs. This ministry went on for some nine years, seeing very little results and much disappointment; for the poor *natives* pick up all the vices of the white man quickly and soon die out, and are looked upon as a very low type

of humanity, and, by most people, past redemption.

Well, Miss Hetherington was led to seek more of God, and came into the knowledge of being filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts ii., 4. Then the Lord did that which she had been striving for years to do, but it meant being separated from the Mission she had been connected with for years, and to learn to trust the Lord for all.

"BLACK FELLOWS."

Since that time the Lord has baptised some of the natives, and used them for the salvation of their fellows; some of them I know personally, and know there has been a deep work of grace in their hearts. From the life of drinking and gambling to a close walk with God is a wonderful transformation and change, and one marvels at the grace of God toward us poor human mortals.

There are a few baptised in this State (Victoria), twelve to sixteen, but more in New South Wales, and the natives are more numerous in that State. There are not many natives left in Victoria and are fast dying out, but in New South Wales and Queensland and West Australia and South Australia there are a large number left, variously estimated from forty to fifty thousand throughout Australia.

Now God in His wonderful mercy is visiting these despised people and sealing some who shall be amongst the great throng (Rev. v., 9-10), kindred, tongue, and people, and nations. I do like that wonderful verse, *redeemed* us to God by Thy Blood. Wonderful, isn't it? We can join in too, praise God! He is worthy, for He trod the wine-press ALONE. And one dear half-caste, Bro. H. Conelly, has been used very much of God to his own people. He is now in Victoria, he works for his living wherever he goes, and gives out the Word of life when not working.

A BLACK SAINT.

There is one dear native in New South Wales, Mick Cook (full blood), of whom the world is not worthy. He goes without purse or scrip and no change of clothes—not even a blanket—to go from one camp to another. Bro. Conelly has told me he has known Mick Cook to spend whole nights in prayer and take the Holy Sacrament with fear and trembling, lest he should take it unworthily. On one occasion they walked twenty-seven miles to a camp, and he said Bro. Mick Cook said "Praise God!" every step of the way. On another occasion after a long tramp they had a meeting, and Bro. Conelly went to bed at 10 p.m., and when he rose in the morning dear Mick was still on his knees, and, as I have mentioned before, will go out alone and pray all night.

HEALED AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

When you come to think of this poor native who is so rich toward God (he was healed of consumption, and weak in body) walking many miles with a burning love in his heart for the souls of men, and witnesses everywhere he goes of the love of Christ. God has blessed him, and makes him a blessing wherever he goes. We can praise God for His great love towards us in the gift of His dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for saving and blessing these despised—very much despised—natives of Australia. They are hoping to be able to reach many of their own people before long and tell them of God's wonderful salvation in saving, healing, and baptising with His Holy Spirit.

(Australia—continued.)

We would ask the readers of "Confidence" to please, pray, pray, pray for those poor folk for whom *Christ died*, that the living Gospel may reach them soon, for the time seems so short and the end of our day of grace may soon come.

Praying God may bless you and your dear family and all the dear saints at Sunderland.

Yours in Jesus' love,
B. S. GIBSON.

P.S.—Miss Hetherington was delighted to read of the revival in *Ireland North*, that is her native place, and, strange to say, the first native woman that was baptised spoke in the Gaelic tongue that Miss Hetherington understood very well, and seemed to confirm and help her at the outset of work.—B.S.G.

Waverley Road,
Murrumbidgee,
Victoria, Australia.

PENTECOSTAL ITEMS.

CENTRAL AMERICA. Our brother, Mr. Philip Peters with Mrs. Peters and two daughters, set

off recently to journey to Guatemala (Central America). They will be thankful for prayer that they may be guided to the right place for their missionary work, and be protected as they journey.

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BALYMENA (N. Ireland). Bro. R. E. Darragh (Temperance Hotel, Castle Street) reports a successful Conference. The Town Hall was crowded to excess, and many turned away. Seven hundred were present at the Sunday evening meeting, after the churches had finished their services. Souls were saved at every meeting, and many were baptised in the Holy Spirit.

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LONDON, N. Miss Rivolta would like us to say that she has now closed her Home in Drayton Park. Mrs. Cantel's Pentecostal Home, 73 Highbury Park, N., is very accessible, and much appreciated.

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Bro. Smith Wigglesworth intends (D.V.) to hold his Conference from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday as before. Friends can write to him at 70 Victor Street, Bradford.

THE PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY UNION.

"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I MUST bring." (John x., 16.)

The Pentecostal Missionary Union (or "P.M.U.") for Great Britain and Ireland dates its commencement from a meeting held in All Saints' Vicarage, Sunderland, on January 9th, 1909, when a Council was formed. Mr. Cecil Polhill, of Howbury Hall, Bedford, was chosen as President, Mr. T. H. Mundell, 30, Avondale Road, Croydon, is Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Glassby, "Ladyfield," Renhold, Bedford, is Hon. Treasurer and Missionary Box Secretary, the Rev. A. A. Boddy is Editorial Secretary, and other acting members of the Council are Mr. John Leech, K.C., 11, Herbert Street, Dublin; Mr. Ernest Wm. Moser, Hebron, St. David's Road, Southsea; Mr. H. Small, East Wemyss, N.B.; Mr. Smith Wigglesworth, 70, Victor Road, Bradford; Mr. Ed. J. G. Titterington, M.A., Hon. Principal of the Men's Training Home; and Mrs. Crisp, Lady Principal of the Women's Training Home.

There is a P.M.U. Home for Women Candidates at 116, King Edward Road, S. Hackney, and the Candidates are prepared by Mrs. Crisp (of 19, Gascoyne Road, S. Hackney, London, N.E.). The Male Candidates are prepared at the Men's London Training Home at 60, King Edward's Road, S. Hackney, N.E. Missionaries in the Field:—In INDIA—Bro. J. H. Boyce, Miss Constance Skarratt, Miss Elkington and Miss Jones, Miss Catherine C. White and Miss Minnie Augusta Thomas.

In CHINA—Mr. and Mrs. A. Kok, Miss Eliz. Martha Biggs, Miss Corneilia E. Scharten, Pastor Allan Swift and Mrs. Swift, Mrs. F. Trevitt and Mrs. A. Williams, Miss Fanny E. Jenner, Miss Ethel Cook, Miss Nellie Tyler & Miss Rose Waters, Brothers Alfred Lewer, James Boyd, David Leigh and P. Klaver, Also holding P.M.U. Certificates: John Beruldsen and Mrs. Gulbrandsen. CENTRAL AFRICA—Brother F. D. Johnstone. Applications for Candidates' forms to be made to Mr. T. H. Mundell, Hon. Secretary, 30, Avondale Road, Croydon. Send a post-card for a P.M.U. Missionary Box to Mr. W. Glassby, "Ladyfield," Renhold, Bedford.

Continued prayer is asked for the Home Base, viz.:—(1) P.M.U. Council Meetings, (2) P.M.U. Missionary Meetings, (3) Box Holders and Donors, (4) Students—the Brothers, (5) Students—the Sisters, (6) Those helping in their Training. Then let us also constantly uphold our Missionaries on the Field, at work, or learning their new language. Wednesday in each week has been suggested as a special day of prayer for P.M.U. Let us also pray that enough money may always be given to supply our Missionaries' necessities.

INDIA.

Bro. J. H. Boyce.

THE AWFUL PLAGUE.

At the time of writing we are in the midst of grave danger from bubonic plague, which has taken thousands away already by death, which in some cases occur in about twelve hours, others two or three days. In Poona as many as eighty a day have died for two or three months, and now it is down to fifty a day. Of a population of five

thousand in Dhond three to five hundred have already died, and many are still dying. The Lord has been very merciful to us here on the Mission compound, only seven cases and only two deaths. but one of those who died being one of our most useful young men.

We had separated a small bungalow, not far from mine, off as a hospital for these cases, and the particular young man referred to was well enough to walk there, and in going down there passed my bungalow in the morning wrapped up in a large, red blanket, and also I particularly

noticed his large Bible under his arm. As I imagine the sight now, it does one good to see that Indian sticking so close to his Bible. Little did he or any of us think he was going to what in a few days would be his death-bed. But, praise God, how

HE CLUNG TO HIS BIBLE.

We all know here that through his Bible he was resting in the finished work of a crucified Redeemer, and we have not the least doubt he is now in the presence of the God and Saviour of that Bible which he clung to. Thank God we have one Book in all the world which gives comfort and courage to a dying man, whether it be on the battlefield of Europe, or from the ravaging diseases of tropical climates. I am sure that if the Christians of England and of Wales, and I suppose all Christian Europe who are interested in Foreign Missions, had seen the sight of this dear Indian Christian carrying his large Bible with him to his death-bed to die, not as the heathen around about us, but like the faith heroes of Heb. xi., in faith, they would have rejoiced at such a sight, and they would have been glad that they had participated in helping to bring him from nature's darkness to God's marvellous light.

A RED STONE.

It is not long ago since I took a long walk out into the fields, and on my way saw what appeared to me to be a rest-house on the side of a road, and I went out of curiosity to see what might be inside, and I found that the people had made a god out of a tremendous large stone, of which hundreds of similar stones abounded near, had painted it red and built this wall around, and made a flat roof, and thus made a rough kind of temple. Two men were there in communication with the gods, exactly like people in England communicate in spiritism, only that these were receiving communications through the medium of four common limes, the fruit of the lime tree. Of course I remained to see the performance through to see what the outcome would be. He had made two groups of the four limes, one on top of the other. After setting them so, he would make a request. Being it was the Marathi language I did not understand a word he said; then he waited a moment or two and then one of the top limes would roll off—the one nearest to him. Thus he took it for an answer, I presume, for he at once began to talk to the younger man who was listening and watching events very carefully. Afterwards he would change the places of the two groups of limes and proceed as before, seemingly undisturbed by my presence, until I noticed a different sign and that indicated it was all over, and that was—the lime fell off while he was making the request. Such is a part of Indian religion, and we surely recognise where it comes from.

In relating the above to the chief engineer at Dhond here, he replied, "And yet you say there is nothing in Hinduism?" I replied, "We do not say there is nothing in Hinduism, because there is in Hinduism what the Apostle Paul describes in 1 Cor. x., 20, 'That what the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God.' The Devil," said I, "is at the bottom of all their worship." To such poor, ignorant people who know not what they worship, what a need there is for the accompanying

POWER OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

with the Word. As I have written before, preaching here alone will not move things. It must be

by My Spirit, saith the Lord, and then the Word shall accomplish that whereto I send it.

I praise God that now I am continually increasing in the knowledge of the language, and I am now better able to understand the Indian young men and boys upon the Mission Station here. But it would be much more to my advantage if I was always in a place where I could hear the people speak the language I am studying. They will speak to me in Hindi when I speak to them, and among themselves immediately will speak either Gugarati or Marathi, and thus I do not know what they are saying, and again will turn round and converse with me in Hindi. If they always spoke the language I am learning, I am convinced it would be a greater help to me to pick up the pronunciation and to be able to speak. Nevertheless, I praise God for the progress I have already made and the great blessing of soul received here at Dhond under the kindness of Mr. Norton, who is really a father in Israel here to young missionaries; so the time spent here has been very profitable to me, and will surely be of good use in the future. One realises that here there is not only language difficulties to be got over, but the study of the ways and thoughts of the people have also to be mastered in order to become really useful to them and to the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
J. H. BOVCE.

CHINA.

Tidings from Bro. P. Klaver.

May I through this letter thank you for putting such a kind note in "Confidence" asking some one to send a copy of "Confidence" to me. I am so glad that so very soon there was response to that note, and I am glad to receive it month by month. May I thank the kind friend who sends it? [Note by the Editor. We hope that others will post "Confidence" to the different missionaries.]

Well, we praise the dear Lord that the work is still going on in the capital. Last Sunday we had our first Baptismal Service in this new Chapel, and how we praise the Lord for these men and women who were faithful to the Word of God. The Saturday evenings were given to them to instruct them in the Doctrine of Truth. These times were real times of blessings, and now the Sunday of great importance had arrived for them. We had prayed much that the Lord would give us a wonderful day, and when we look back on this day we must say, "Surely the Lord was in our midst." Hallelujah! We had made arrangements in the church to hold this service. We baptised eighteen men and seven women. How we praise the dear Lord for those. We have seen them come to our meetings unsaved,

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later on taking their stand for Jesus. We have seen them growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. You can understand what a joy it was for us to see them now following in baptism. When I saw them going into the water there was a deep prayer in my heart that the Lord would keep them in trials and temptations. We also baptised three grandsons of one of our church members. I think I have not words to tell you

(P.M.U.—China—continued.)

how the grandmother was feeling when she saw these boys of 14 to 15 years going into the water.

There were a few of the inquirers who were not ready, and it was a real disappointment and testing when we told them that they had to wait till the next time.

Beloved friends, pray for those little babes in Christ, they need your prayers so much. They are in surroundings as a rule where the name of God is unknown, and Satan is stirred up when he sees them one by one leaving his side and following our blessed Master.

In the evening we had a testimony meeting. It was blessed to hear the different testimonies of our new church members when they told what the Lord had done for them. The first who spoke in this meeting were the three grandsons of our church members. How our hearts went out in prayer and thanksgiving to God. We have quite a number of young men among our new church members, and our prayer is that God will choose them out for His work. I forgot to tell you that in the morning we had also a dedication of a little sweet baby. We gave her the name of “Lui-li” (“Ruth” in English). The mother was also baptised, and is very bright. Without instructing her she did unloosen her bound feet, which means so much for the women here. We look back on this day with thankfulness to God, and we praise the dear Lord for all the saints who have laboured with us in prayer. Please continue to pray, and God shall send the showers down.

With Christian love,

Yours in His blessed service,
P. KLAVER.

From Bro. A. G. Lewer.

The work is progressing at the different out-stations. Miss Cook has been joined by Mrs. Trevitt at Ami-choe. Miss Jenner is still holding the fort at Mentze. She is contemplating a visit to Ko-chui, now the rainy season is over.

We are hoping to have a Bible School for two weeks, just after Christmas. This will be for the instruction of our native evangelists. We are also hoping to have two weeks of special prayer amongst ourselves that God will pour out His Spirit. We should be glad if you will join us in prayer. We are all keeping well, and daily battling with this language. Mr. Swift has just taken his second examination, and we are hoping to do the same shortly. You will be glad to know the building problem has been settled, and now the contractor is busy erecting the new home for the sisters.

I saw a pathetic sight the other day which I would like to pass on. It was this: I saw a little girl of about ten years passing along our street in this fashion—she would take one step, then kneel down and knock her head on the hard road, then rise, take another step, and repeat. She was doing this through one of the busiest streets—all things had to move for her, horses, men, and everything else. There was also an old woman watching her to see she did not take too big a step; if she did, she was pulled back. All this was done to help work out her salvation

and the salvation of her family. How one wishes to tell these poor deluded people. Jesus has paid it all. Truly the prince of this world has blinded their eyes. One’s heart-cry is, “Lord Jesus, come quickly!” Amen.

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Belfast Assembly Boxes	0	15	1
Receipt No. 1841	0	10	0
" " "Stirling" (for Mrs. Trevitt and Mrs. Williams)	3	0	0
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