LIFE: BRIEF, BUT POSSIBLY BEAUTIFUL

'What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.'—James iv. 14.

We should not be discouraged because life is brief; it may be none the less blessed.

I.—How Fleeting it may be!

Like a breath of wind death may come suddenly, and it is all over.

II.—Yet what Possibilities lie in our brief lives!

The vapour may be a fog or a rain-cloud, an evil or a good to mankind.

III.—What will the end be?

'A short life and a merry one' ends in forgetfulness, as the wind blows away a cloud without water (Jude 12).

On the other hand, the vapour may become a rainbow or a brilliant sunset (Daniel xii. 3).

THE CHILD JESUS DRIVEN AWAY

(To Children)

'Take the young Child, and flee into Egypt.—Matthew ii. 13.

As soon as Jesus was born His troubles began. Compare this passage with after experiences: Luke iv. 29; Matthew viii. 34; Luke xxiii. 21.

I.—Jesus became a Child to bless all little Children (Matthew xix. 14).

Because He had become a child He knew what child life and child feelings were, and loved and understood children.

II.—To take Jesus into your child-heart is better than to take Him into your arms like aged Simeon (Luke ii. 29; Proverbs xxiii. 26).

III.—Would you be willing to give up your lives for Jesus?

Picture child-martyrs of later days. You are called not to die but to live for Jesus. To begin to live for Him you must surrender life to His control.

THE F.O's IDEA EXCHANGE

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Field Changes—November

International Training College Command

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Enfield Wash	*Walters*	*Markes*
Goodmayes	*..Fossey*	*Cornes*
Hackney Wick	*Griffiths*	*Miller*
Homerton	*..Adj. McBride*	*Nicholson*
Hoxton	..Ens. Croxon‡	
Ilford	..Adj. Bevan‡	
Leytonstone	*Johansen*	*Cox*
Millwall	..Nellyer	—
Poplar	..Ens. Handley‡	
Shoreditch	*..Brown*	*Read*
Silvertown	.. —	Allen
Tottenham II	*Hutchings*	*Hasler*
Wdh'mst'w III	Brierley	Mainprize
Custom House	*Elliott*	—
Haggerston	Hollis‡	
Old Ford	*..Whitehead*	—

North London Division

Hdn'mpst'd	*Morton*	*Hinton*
Hatchley	..Pindred	—
Harrow	..Adj. Emery‡	
Hendon	..Ellwood	Biggins
High Barnet	Ord	Baird
Scottish Tn.	*..Ives*	*Winter*
New Southgate	—	Nicklin(*in ch.*)
Pinghoe	..Thompson	Pentelow
St. Albans	..Adj. Pate‡	
Watford I	..Adj. Duncan‡	
Luton II	.. —	*Horrocks*
Hampstead	Ens. Edwards‡	
Huntingford	Hyson	—
Constable	.. —	Morrison
Harpenden	..Cheeseman	—
Hertford	*..Ens. Waters*	*Stannard*
Holloway I	Ens. Pullen‡	
Marylebone	Ens. Vint‡	
Leytonville	Wood	—
Enfield	..Ferguson	Cubitt
Ealing	*..Allen*	*Cooke*
Ware	..Adams‡	
Holloway II	*East*	*Sansom*
Kilburn II	*..Read*	*Large*
Wood Green	Adj. Edwards‡	

South London Division

Belvedere	..Adj. Beer‡	
Caterham	..Tickelpenny‡	
Epsom	..Rawle	—
Greenwich	*..Cragg*	*Slater*
Hitcham	*..Adams*	*Buck*
Peckham I	*..Carruthers*	*Young*
Hertford	..Adj. Samms‡	
Reading	*..Clarke*	*Smith*
Tillingham	..Adj. Wild‡	
Maidstone	..Adj. Perch‡	
North Brixton	*Dowdy*	*Andrews*
Peckham	*..Waldron*	*Guiney*
Swanscombe	*Packham*	*McFarlane*
Erith	*..Owen*	*Rix*
Southead	..Adj. Emerson‡	
Stafford	..Lawrence‡	
Tonbridge	*..Adj. Merrick*	*Johnson*
Hilton	*..Eames*	*Woodhouse*
Camberwell	Adj. Young‡	

West London Division

Acton	*..Ens. Hack*	*Quack*
Aylesbury	*..Ponting*	*Day*
Chiswick	*..Highmore*	*Wherrall*
Hounslow	..Offer‡	
Richland Castle	Adj. Coles‡	
Reading II	*..Mrs. Ens. Stone*	*Ayling*
Teddington	Phillips	—

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Wokingham	*Hoggard*	—
Woking	..Lawley‡	
Walham Gn	*Spooner*	*Townsend*
Reading III	*Perry*	*Cobley*
Twickenh'm	*Ellis*	—
Addlestone	..Holt‡	
Chelsea	..Dibden	—
Hanwell	..Ens. Parry‡	
Marlow	*..Short*	*Smith*
N'tting Hill	Gate Ludbrook	—
Windsor	..Hammond	—
Ealing	*..Adj. Thompson*	*Franklin*
Battersea II	—	Veck
Wimbledon	*Mrs. Adj. Hobbs*	*Beecroft*
Battersea I	..Adj. Murray‡	
High Wycombe	Higgins	Craske

Eastern Division

Attleboro'	..Graves	Nicol
Blakeney	..Linge	—
Bungay	*..Drew*	*Capon*
Clacton	..Warden	—
E. Dereham	*Adj. Dunham*	*Mitchell*
Gorleston	*..Slaughter*	*Robinson*
Holt	*..Hincks*	—
Loddon	..Bruce	—
Norwich III	Beynon	—
Soham	*..Clarke*	*Baldry*
Thetford	..Richards	Pritchards
Wimbish	..Betts	—
Yarmouth	.. —	*Morrison*
Castle Acre	*..Oliver*	*Blackshaw*
Lavenham	*..Ens. Thorpe*	*Lillico*
Lynn	..Adj. Jones‡	
Aylsham	*..Colley*	*Beck*
Briston	*..Long*	*Perrall*
Bury-St. Ed.	Adj. Trinder‡	
Downham	*..Wakefield*	*Dobey*
Fakenham	..Parsons‡	
Halstead	*..Jones*	*Sharpe*
Linton	*..Fillingham*	*Tuffin*
Norton C	*..Strutt*	*Sutton*
Reepham	..Rogers	Fricker
Swaffham	..Ellis	—
Walsingham	*Bourne*	*Brend*
Ipswich III	Warburton	—
W. Wickham	—	*Hoult*
Brightlingsea	*Kew*	*Sharpe*
Barrow	*..Field*	*Pickhard*
Burnham Mkt.	—	*Little*

Kent and Sussex Division

Ashford	*..Hawkins*	*Hall*
Brighton II	..B. Wells‡	
Canterbury	*..Adj. Pearson*	—
Green St.	*..Riddle*	*Guiver*
Bexhill	..Mannouch‡	
Bognor	..Horsley‡	
Folkestone	..Ens. Josephs‡	
Hastings I	*..Booth*	*Whittaker*
Horsham	.. —	Coates
Minster	*..Ens. Wells*	*Howell*
Hythe	*..Adj. Heath*	*Osmant*
Wadhurst	.. —	Nicholls

Southampton Division

Andover	..Sankey‡	—
Dorchester	*Adj. Webb*	*Cann*
Gosport	*..Grant*	*Purdom*
Lychett	.. —	Smith (*in ch.*)
Petersfield	..Hughes‡	
Southsea II	Stacey	—
Ventnor	*..Budge*	*Pengelly*
Freshwater	*Mepham*	*Catchpole*
Christchurch	*Baxter*	*Wilkinson*

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Freemantle	*Ens. Mansell*	*Hamilton*
Lymington	—	*Mitchell*
Newtown	*. Ens. Bunce*	*Williams*
Portland	..Adj. Treleaven‡	
St. Deny's	*..Wallace*	*Cleaver*
Wimborne	*..Coyne*	*Sapsford*

South-West Division

Bideford	..Blow	—
Bradninch	..Smith	—
Camborne	..Adj. Lovegrove‡	
Falmouth	..Maddy‡	
Kingsbridge	Powell	—
Paignton	*..Ens. Crawford*	*Husband*
Plympton	*Lt. Highmore*	*Jarvis*
Ottery St. Mary	*Myatt*	*Watkins*
St. Ives	.. —	*Turpin*
Plymouth	..Adj. Ramsbottom‡	
Bodmin	*..Hudson*	*Lambert*
Brixham	*..Griffiths*	*Welch*
Ilfracombe	Creek	Trim
Newton Abbot	Hoy‡	
Pensilva	*..Brooks*	*Cooper*
Ivybridge	*Murphy*	*Stewart*
Tiverton	..Lambkin	Pratt
Devonport II	Ens. Jacks‡	
Hayle	..Richards	Allen

Bristol Division

Avonmouth	Lt. Pannell	Hughes
Bridgwater	Cliffe‡	
Calne	*..Widdowson*	*Brett*
Chippenham	Adj. Tickner‡	
Fishponds	Ens. Hodgson‡	
Hotwells	*..Branch*	*Bridges*
Shep'n Mallet	*Scruby*	*Brighton*
Taunton	..Richards	—
Warminster	Pratt	—
Wells	*..Cox*	*Parish*
Kingswood	.. —	*Ginn*
Bristol VI	.. —	Mempes
Chard	*..Brett*	—
Corsham	*..Marshall*	*Beaven*
Kingsbridge	Darby	—
Ramsbury	..Swift	—
Staple Hill	*..Noon*	*Gildea*
Timsbury	.. —	Templeman
Wellington	..England‡	
Frome	*..Clow*	*Grigg*
Glastonbury	—	Price (*in ch.*)
Devizes	*..Ens. McIntosh*	*Hopper*

Northampton Division

Abingdon	..Adj. Howlett‡	
Brackley	..Lambert	—
Burton L'tim'r	*Green*	*Cornwall*
Coventry II	*..Adj. Crampton*	*Capt. Gilmour*
Histon	..Marriott	Muir
Long Sutton	*Claughton*	*Johnstone*
North'pton II	Tetchner‡	
Oxford II	..Bamford‡	
Rushden	*..Bates*	*Dotchin*
St. Neots	..Smith‡	
St. Jas. Deeping	Lt. Laing (*in ch.*)	
Bicester	*..Goldsworthy*	—
Biggleswade	*Meyer*	*Stevens*
Brigstock	*..Puddiphatt*	*Philpott*
Coventry I.	..Ens. Watts‡	
Godmanchester	—	*Everton*
Kempston	*..Brown*	*Turton*
March	..Riley‡	
Nuneaton	..Yorke‡	
Parson Drove	*Bridgwater*	*Strugnell*
Rothwell	*..House*	*Tomlins*
Stonesfield	*..Ryan*	*Nyland*
Banbury	..Smith	—

Birmingham Division

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Audley ..	—	*Matthews*
Birm'gham V	Jones	—
Brownhills..	—	McLean
Chesterton..	*Adj. Fisher*	*Wilkinson*
Evesham ..	Adj. Corsie	
Kidderminster	Adj. John Hall‡	
Birm'gham IV	*Ens. Heath*	*Smith*
Broomsg've	*Glaaden*	*Jemmett*
Cheltenham II	*Weaver*	*Sanderson*
Clee Hills ..	*Devotoe*	*Rose*
Gloucester II	*Ens. Heritage*	—
Leek ..	..Large‡	
Hay ..	*..Ens. Roe*	*Wales*
Stirchley ..	—	Talbot
Ludlow ..	—	Wright
Stratford-on-A.		*Whitley*
Mkt Drayton	—	*Wick*
Erdington	*Adj. Bloomfield*	—

Notts and Derby Division

Beeston ..	*Clarke*	*Shaw*
Derby III	Wadge‡	
Loughboro'	Chapman‡	
Sleaford ..	—	*Benton*
Derby I	*..Smith*	*Cross*
Sleaford ..	*Backhouse*	—
Clay Cross..	*McGregor*	*Collins*
Kirkby Foley	*Allen*	*Forrester*
Leicester IV	Bedford	—
Notts II	..Day	Smith
So. Normanton	*Barry*	*Lock*
Leicester V	Adj. Phillips	—

Manchester Division

Atherton ..	—	*Templeman*
Congleton ..	Barker	—
Hazel Grove	—	Hill (*in ch.*)
Macclesfield	Adj. Spicer‡	
Manchester VII	*Petty*	*Bryant*
,, XI	*Parker*	*Ransom*
New Mills ..	*Ens. Rich*	*Skinner*
Ramsbottom	*Young*	*Wilkinson*
Shaw ..	Adj. Marshall‡	
Waterfoot ..	*Phillip*	*Goodeve*
Manchester I	Adj. Canadine‡	
Bolton III..	*Murray*	*Hogarth*
Eccles ..	Adj. Henson‡	
Heywood ..	Smith	Young
Manchester VI	—	*Kemp*
X	*Stephenson*	—
Middleton	June. *Harbridge*	*Impey*
Oldham II..	Adjutant Palmer‡	
Stockport I	Adj. Woulds‡	
Tyldesley ..	Simpson	—
Whitworth..	*Barr*	—
Manchester III	Adj. Titman‡	

Liverpool Division

Ashton-in-M.	*Mobbs*	*Bartholomew*
Birkenhead I	Nicholson‡	
Cefn ..	*Adj. Fell*	—
Ramsay ..	*Underwood*	*Todhunter*
St. Helens..	Adj. Reynolds‡	
Widnes ..	*Bennett*	—
Liverpool XI	Robinson	—
Bangor ..	Taylor	—
Carnarvon	Rees	—
Laxey ..	*Cape*	*Owen*
Seacombe ..	Adj. Cotterill	Burr
Thatto Heath	Adj. Watkins‡	
Wigan ..	Adj. Roy‡	
Connah's Quay	*Gardner*	—
Lamberhead Gn.	—	Marriott
Earlstown ..	*Mann*	*Lewis*
Neston ..	*Landsdell*	*Forrest*
Colwyn Bay	*Keast*	*Mabb*
Liverpool V..	*Ens. Hall*	*Matthews*

North-Western Division

Corps	C.O.	Lieut.
Barnoldswick	Wilkinson‡	
Burnley III..	Allen	—
Blackburn III	*Broadbent*	*Bedford*
Dalton ..	Heron	—
Penrith ..	Simpson	—
Blackburn I	Adj. Davies‡	
Blackburn IV	*Hartley*	*Howe*
Burnley V ..	Turk	Simpson
Millom ..	*Adj. Davies*	*Young*
Rishton ..	Starbuck	—
Carlisle I ..	Staff-Capt. Williams‡	

South Yorkshire Division

Swallow Nest	*Rowbottom*	*White*
Denaby ..	Adj. Moore‡	
Gawthorpe..	Day	—
Knottingley	Ens. Bayliss‡	
Sheffield II..	Shorter	Cargill
S. Featherstone	*Sowerby*	*Moody*
Sheffield I ..	Adj. Lean‡	
Cudworth ..	*Ens. Jones*	*Drennan*
Eckington ..	Ens. Eccles‡	
Keeley ..	*Watson*	*Salter*
Milnsbridge..	*Adams*	*Wickham*
Sheffield IV..	*Adj. Hyder*	*Tribe*
Normanton I	*Tomlin*	*Samson*
Outwood ..	Stephens	—
Wombwell ..	Fitzjohn‡	

Central Yorkshire Division

Ardsley ..	*Littlefair*	—
Bradford V..	Goodwin	—
Elland ..	Adj. Dant‡	
Horsforth ..	*Whitehead*	*Shorter*
Leeds I ..	Adj. Bell‡	
,, III ..	Bristowe‡	
Rothwell ..	*Croxon*	*Tompkins*
Stanningley	Coates‡	
Halifax II ..	—	Mutch
Batley ..	Adj. Allen‡	
Dewsbury ..	Ens. Boyden‡	
Hebden Bridge	—	Robson (*in ch.*)
Keighley ..	Adj. Willerton‡	
Leeds II ..	Adj. Hughes‡	
,, V ..	*Monteith*	*Grand*
,, VI ..	*Potter*	*Owen*
Dudley ..	—	Moffatt
Halifax I ..	Adj. Kearsley‡	

Hull & Lincs Division

Easingwold..	*Willis*	*Linnington*
Misterton ..	Farwell	—
Scunthorpe	Adj. Feltwell‡	
Market Rasen	Rogers	
Brigg C. ..	—	*Clow*

Tees Division

Boyne ..	*En. Moore*	*Potter*
Cornsay ..	*Sweet*	*Bickerstaff*
Hetton ..	Laycock	—
Middlesbro' I	Adj. John Lucas‡	
Sacriston ..	*Caldecott*	*Owens*
South Bank	Climpson‡	—
Trimdon ..	Ingham	—
Witton Park.	*Kinsman*	*Pitt*
West Stanley	—	Allen
Consett ..	Staff-Capt. Shaw‡	
Brotton ..	*Pritchard*	—
Durham ..	Wilson	Allen
Langley Pk..	*En. Davies*	*Stevens*
Middlesbro' V	*Derry*	*Griffiths*
Seetburn ..	*Gray*	*Parsons*
Stockton-on-Tees	*Adj. Hay*	*Earthy*
W.Cornforth	*Coel*	*McKenna*
Durham ..	—	Thompson
Bishop Auckland	Mansell‡	
Seaham H'b'r	*En. Fuller*	*Whittle*

Northern Division

Choppington	*Pace*	—
Hylton ..	*Emslie*	*Dearman*
N. Shields ..	Ens. Bennett‡	
Washington	*Tudhope*	*Mitchell*
Newcastle V	*Smith*	*Webb*
Sunderland VII	*Ens. Piggott*	—
Dunston ..	Wilson	Boardman
Penshaw ..	—	Reynolds
S. Shields III	—	*Gentry*
Blaydon ..	Downes‡	
Newcastle I	Adj. Hannam‡	
S'nd'l'nd VII	*Belsom*	

Glasgow Division

Ayr ..	..Adj. Holmes‡	
Beith..	*..Downie*	*Barnes*
Camlachie ..	—	Dale (*in ch.*)
Cowcaddens	Mahaffy	—
Craigneuk ..	*Phillips*	*York*
Dennistoun	—	Green (*in ch.*)
Dumbarton	Michie	—
Gourock ..	*Starke*	*Drummond*
Helensburgh	Paul	—
Kirkintilloch	*Jones*	*Walker*
Motherwell..	Adj. Young‡	
New City Rd.	Ens. Earley‡	
Whifflet ..	*Burdett*	*Vines*
Johnstone ..	Onyon	—
Barrhead ..	Stewart	Jarrold
Blantyre ..	Adj. Lawton	—
Campbeltown	—	*Scotland*
Coatbridge ..	Boyd‡	
Dalry..	..Godsell	—
Dumfries ..	Adj. Searles‡	
Dunoon ..	Bannister	—
Hamilton ..	Adj. Simmons‡	
Kirkcudbright	Sowden	—
Maybole ..	*Bennett*	*Maddison*
Muirkirk ..	*Carr*	*Newton*
Partick ..	Adj. Gilmour‡	
Wishaw ..	Hooton‡	
Calton ..	Chalmers‡	

Edinburgh Division

Alva	—	*Skipton*
Broxburn ..	*Dawson*	*Wilson*
Burntisland	*Watson*	*Rainey*
Dennyloanhead	*Bayliss*	*McKelvey*
Jedburgh ..	Morrison	—
Kirkcaldy II	Leech	Rendall
Methil ..	*Tanner*	*Blair*
Shotts ..	*Halliday*	*Webster*
Tranent ..	Rawson‡	
Falkirk ..	—	Jones
Bo'ness ..	—	*Mayston*
Berwick ..	Whittaker	Godden
Buckhaven..	*Flett*	*Swindle*
Cowdenbeath	*Davis*	*Roberts*
Earlston ..	Wilburn	—
Kelso ..	*Cameron*	*Wagherne*
Lanark ..	*McKernon*	*Jenkins*
Portobello ..	*Stewart*	*Quiney*
So. Queensferry	Todd‡	
Galashiels ..	—	Kimberley
Leven ..	—	Robson
Lochgelly ..	*Cock*	—

North Scotland Division

Aberdeen II	*Dean*	*Hallam*
Dundee IV..	Newey	—
Huntly ..	*Phimister*	*Payne*
Arbroath ..	*Clee*	*Torrance*
Forres ..	*Farquhar*	*Martin*
Kirkwall ..	Popperwell	—
Crieff..	*Everson*	*Rushworth*
Forfar ..	Cochrane	—
Montrose ..	Pinchbeck	—
Wick ..	Ens. Williams	Gleed
Elgin ..	Dibden	—

Ireland Division

Belfast III..	En. Austin‡	
,, X ..	Curtis	—
Cork ..	*Roberts*	*Wynn*
Newry ..	McBurnie‡	
Dublin I ..	Dore‡	
Belfast VIII.	*Parry*	*Hunt*
,, XI..	*Taylor*	*Palmer*
Larne ..	*Lupton*	*Pollard*
Waterford ..	*Andrews*	*O'Neill*
Ballynahinch	*Shaw*	—

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FAITH AND SELF-DENIAL

THE ART OF PRAYING MONEY DOWN

By Commissioner Railton

The Self-Denial Week is, as usual, to be preceded by a Week of Prayer, and surely every true Salvationist will then be both praying and believing for help to do better than ever.

The example of France, our poorest territory, which in a year so disturbed politically has just gone one-twelfth above its previous year's Self-Denial total, should surely encourage every one in countries where The Army is comparatively strong to look for even more remarkable advances.

Our Father's Purpose

The Self-Denial Fund, and the effort made to raise it, has so very much to do with both the maintenance and extension of the War everywhere that it cannot but be looked upon as a vital interest, so that we cannot possibly imagine any doubt as to God's will in the matter. He must intend not only that we should get the needed money, but that the way in which it is got should be as intensely spiritual and unselfish and as much mingled with deep personal thankfulness and love as ever.

It must be the duty of every Officer to examine himself or herself with regard to the feelings with which the approach of the Self-Denial period is met. Let us assure ourselves that we possess that ardour of love to God and man, that eagerness to 'roll the old chariot along,' which always make of the effort a great personal blessing irrespective altogether of its money result. Let us all make sure that He 'who seeth in secret' shall see in us and our Soldiers as deep and tender and fervent a spirit of devotion to Himself as ever prompted any of our previous labours. And then let us never hesitate to believe for that open rewarding which has so often crowned us with gladness before.

Once convinced, however, that God is with us in this fight for money, let us set ourselves to pray with a more confident faith than ever before. We may all, perhaps, have blessed recollections of faith as well as prayer for the general success of the Self-Denial Week. But have there not been too often a mere general prayer and faith rather than that daily and