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THREEPENCE

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Pastor G. Backhouse was the special speaker at the Old Age Pensioners' Fellowship in the Elim Church, Scunthorpe. He is here seen having a chat with one of the oldest members, Mrs. Wolfe, aged 90. Pastor J. Hyde has done a splendid work among these old folk and we sincerely pray that many of those so near the end of the road will come to know the Saviour.

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs xvi. 31).

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

A Page of News conducted by Pastor G. H. THOMAS (Missionary Secretary)

. . . PRAY YE . . . GIVE YE . . . GO YE . . .



NEW CHURCHES OPENED AMONG AFRICANS

Mrs. W. Hawley (Tzaneen).

While Miss F. Grossen is home on furlough, Mrs. W. Hawley of the Elim Pentecostal Churches is taking charge of the Tzaneen Station, and has been sharing in times of real blessing. Mrs. Hawley writes: "We have had a visitation of the Holy Spirit. In the big tent many souls were saved and bodies healed as night after night the Gospel was preached. They were days with God and it was wonderful to see the children receiving an Acts ii. 4 experience with some prophesying. Everywhere one could find people seeking God. While the sick were being prayed for in the tent others divided up, filling all the available space that could be found. The children were in the school, and the men and youths in the office inside the house. It was a thrill to see them and none wanted to go home. As late as 11.45 p.m. groups could be seen walking away arm in arm, speaking in tongues and drunk with new wine as on the Day of Pentecost. And I, too, praise God for a daily 'being filled' experience.

"We have baptised a number of believers, most of whom are 'teenagers,' which speaks well for the future Church in Africa. We would value prayer for these young folk as it is very difficult for sons and daughters who get saved before their parents, and for wives who become Christians before their husbands. Custom plays a large part in the lives of these people.

"Two new churches have been opened within the last month, and I was privileged to be the only white person at one of them. This was at a place five miles away. One of the elders from this Tzaneen church had a burden for the area where he lived, so he, with the people there, set themselves to build, and now they have a lovely church. The other church is in a big mine compound where one of our evangelists has been visiting. God blessed and a number was saved. The mine management provided the material and our native Christians put up the building; the result is a lovely little brick-built church. I spoke about the Temple of the Holy Spirit and Brother Chawner, who is with us holding a short Bible-School, spoke on the Tabernacle. One soul was saved and another believer made a fresh consecration.

"Africans have come in from various districts for a 17-days Bible School. Some are teachers in day schools, and some evangelists and preachers. It is grand to see so many spending their holiday in this way. It is winter here and very cold night and morning, so the natives come to the meetings in blankets. I am glad it is colder for I can work better. Thank you for your prayers!"

REVISITING THE VILLAGES WITH THE GOSPEL

Miss F. Christie (Munnik, Transvaal).

Recently, Elizabeth, the Nurse's daughter, felt led to go by donkey-cart to a place where we had preached the Gospel over five years ago. She had relations in the place but did not know what kind of reception she would receive, as none of us had been there for a long time, and the Roman Catholics had started to go there. However, the Lord had prepared the way and she found them happy and responsive in the meetings which she held for a few days. They still remembered the choruses which we had taught them and pointed out to her those who had made a decision to follow Christ on our first visit. One woman told how she always felt that the way we had shown her was the right way. I was so glad to hear that our preaching had not been in vain in spite of the fact that we had not been able to follow it up. We pray that God will undertake for people in the isolated villages, far from others, and that He will send those to teach them who will lead them in the way of the Lord. The village mentioned above is quite large, but there are many smaller ones scattered over this district, on lonely farms where no one ever goes to tell the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I long to see the few Christians there going forth on their own to help these people, but the distances are so great and it is hard for them to reach these isolated places. However, the Lord is able for all these things.

Last month we were happy to see one of our Christian girls from Legalies, married to a Christian boy from Tzaneen. It is something to rejoice about, for so often the parents of the boys and girls are still heathen and want to marry them off to unsaved people, and when that happens it is truly tragic.

THE REALITY OF RELIGION

◀ By ROBERT A. PENNEY (*Kirkintilloch*) ▶

“*He is not here, but is risen . . .*” (Luke xxiv. 6)

I RECENTLY OBSERVED a newspaper bill advertising an article in a certain periodical, the title of which takes the form of a question, “Can the Church Survive?” Not having read the article I do not know what views the author propounded, but it was the question itself which struck my mind very forcibly.

Can the Church survive? To the Christian there is no hesitancy whatsoever when confronted with a question of this nature. Of course the Church **must** survive, for did not its Living Head declare for the assurance, hope and comfort of His people from generation to generation, “I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”? There have been black periods in ecclesiastical history, and many of God’s servants at the present time know the fires of suffering and persecution for the Gospel’s sake, but no matter how dark the outlook may be, for the Christian it is enough to know that we are not worshipping a dead Jesus, but a living resurrected Christ!

It was Thomas Hardy who once recommended Christianity to throw up the sponge and admit defeat, and let another religion take its place. I would agree with him were it not for the glorious fact that Jesus Christ lives for evermore, “and has the keys of death and of hell, and all things are under His feet, and He is Head over all things to the Church; which is His Body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all!”

The Church of Jesus Christ will never become extinct, but it is only going to carry out its mission successfully and emerge triumphantly, when every individual member of that Organic Body feels the impulse of the resurrection life of Christ vibrating within the inner recesses of his being. It is the breath of life from God Himself that is always and forever the hope of the Church’s survival in a world that is increasingly and unceasingly seeking to drag it down to become a paralysed, dismembered “organisation,” instead of an Organic Body, functioning under the direct will of the Holy Ghost, and manifesting in every department irrefutable evidence that Jesus Christ is Head of the Church and Lord over all.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, in one of his books, tells us of a conversation he once held with a Mohammedan. The Mohammedan said to Dr. Jones, “We have a great leader and a great religion, the same as you. We have our code of ethics also, and we have the tomb of our Prophet as you have. Tell me, what’s the difference between your religion and mine?” “The difference,” replied Dr. Jones, “lies in the fact that we have no corpse!”

Some people believe that Jesus is dead! I make

bold to suggest that many members of the Church of Jesus Christ are existing in what J. F. Phillips once described as a “religious cemetery.”

It is high time we awakened to the fact that there is no corpse in the tomb! An empty tomb! An enthroned Christ!

There never was a darker hour in the Christian religion than when the Son of God was nailed to that Roman Cross. All the satanic forces of death and hell, working through the agencies of religious hypocrites and proselytes, sought, with all the fiendish energy they possessed, to keep Him in the grave. They had tried many times before to kill the Son of Man. During our Lord’s earthly ministry He had preached to them, uncovering their hypocrisy, revealing the sinful nature of their personal lives, bringing to light the vanity of all their religious display and observance, until by His heart-searching preaching they had worked themselves up to a maddened frenzy. On one occasion we read they laid their hands on Him to take Him. On another, they tried to stone Him. Yet again, they attempted to push Him over a precipice—all because they could not bear the purity, the holiness, and the honesty of His teaching.

But at last they thought they had Him! Here they were, their murderous appetites satisfied—they had killed the
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EDITORIAL

SODOM AND LONDON

Lord Samuel has given us a rude shock. And a good thing too! It does not often happen that the House of Lords is treated to a disquisition on the subject of the nation's moral degeneration, but the Liberal leader delivered his warning without fear of the outcry his speech would inevitably provoke : and, believe it or not, the Peers cheered the 83-year-old sage. There is obviously deep disquiet on the moral state of the nation at the present time.

Of course, as was to be expected, many folk took up their pens in reply, among them J. B. Priestley. But this particular effort, far from making matters better, makes them worse.

Here is the complaint of Lord Samuel. While the public virtues of patriotism and courage have not been lost to us, the civic virtues are seriously at fault. Pockets of crime and immorality "are a grave blot on our civilisation." Violent crime has greatly increased ; "sexual laxity is much more than it has been in earlier generations" ; there is an "unwholesome exploitation of sex by certain newspapers and periodicals . . . the vices of Sodom and Gomorrah—the Cities of the Plain—appear to be rife among us ;" we have become subject to strange teachings on the subject of physiology and psychology which have tended to weaken individual responsibility. It was also pointed out that the moral law has been weakened by a retreat from the old theology of heaven and hell.

To all this Mr. Priestley made his reply. He does not believe that "our sexual life is worse than it was," and feels that though there may be more divorces now, "perhaps there are fewer couples living in hate and misery." He goes on, "As for adultery, I must remind Lord Samuel that many of us feel that our divorce laws are savage and monstrous, that the antics two mature and responsible persons have to perform, in order to obtain divorce, are nearly as idiotic as some of the remarks of our divorce court judges." Mr. Priestley then goes on to point to what

he considers to be much more serious things to denounce, and he turns his guns first on the clergy : "Too many clerics who worry in public about the sexual morals of our times are content to accept without protest the piling up of atom and hydrogen bombs, the development of biological and other hideous forms of warfare." He complains of all the current talk about "our new Elizabethan age," reminding us that the original Elizabethans "were bold and enterprising, full of gusto, zest and devilment. . . . They were solid chunks of character," and that there "are more and more dim drifting people about, already half robots. There are too many Easy Money boys, spivs, tricksters. . . . We are becoming a nation of second-rate producers, passive consumers, queuers-up, mechanical applauders, safety-firsters, security-at-any-price people (so long as there is something left to spend on the pools and the dogs), working without skill, ambition, and zest."

Both the politician and the novelist give us a morbid feeling of discontent. The sexual decline is a symptom of unrealised physical urges that could have been sublimated and used in spiritual adventure, but which, having no high-level expression, have turned to base animal passions. When Mr. Priestley speaks of the idiotic antics adult couples have to perform in order to obtain a divorce, we need to turn our attention to the approach to marriage. Associations based on mere animal urges are doomed from the start, we cannot play with what must be regarded as a life partnership. Juvenile minds at the altar will lead to adult regrets in the divorce courts in a world crazy about sex. There has been a great deal of nonsense talked about this subject one way and another, the general opinion of the new psychologists being, that if you tell people sufficient about this business it will relieve them of their repressions. "Look down," cry the psychiatrists, see the sordid mess in which your emotions are entangled. But more knowledge has not made things better ; it seems to have made them worse. The Bible way is the way of victory over self and sex—"Look up."

When Lord Samuel complains of the weakening of our teaching about heaven and hell he touches upon a fundamental lack in the religious preaching of our modern age. Without hope or fear of the future, the present generation grows great in mechanical inventions, but is lacking in conscience or a sense of moral duty. Where there is no fear of God before the people they perish ; it is like taking away the fireguard in a room where tiny children are playing. The simple fact is that we are incapable of running our affairs without the prohibitions of morality, and if any fool imagines he can, he is running into danger. The misery of those who have made a mess of their lives is too solemn a warning for us to ignore their cry.

Mr. Priestley's resentment at the growing apathy must be shared by sincere Christians as well as patriots with a vision of future days. A nation that loses its grip on life is declining in power and greatness. But this attitude is coincident with the lowering of moral standards. Greece and Rome are historical illustrations of this. Lack of moral control increases with the growing desire for easier living. And civilisation is found to be nothing more than a thin

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AN INFALLIBLE CHURCH ?

By $\frac{1}{2}$ Pastor J. SMITH (*Superintendent of the Elim Churches in Ireland*)

THOSE OF US who have attended open air meetings in Hyde Park have frequently heard the Roman Catholic speakers declare that Christ left on earth an infallible Church ; that it could not err in doctrine, therefore every declaration of the Church must be accepted as final. As the Roman Church claims to be the successor of the early Church, what they say must be accepted without questioning. To prove their statement they continually quote the well-known scripture, "I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church ; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." They declare that the latter part of this scripture proves that the Church is infallible. I have watched Protestant listeners accept this interpretation of Scripture with silence.

But does this scripture prove that the Church is infallible ? What do the words, "The gates of hell" refer to ? No one questions the fact that the word "hell" here used comes from the Greek word **Hades**. In the Hebrew the word is **Sheol**. It is a fact that both the righteous and the wicked until the time of Christ went down to **Sheol** when they passed out of this life, and the gates of **Sheol** opened only one way—inward. Never once in the Old Testament do we read of anyone going into the presence of God by way of the grave. Jacob said, "I will go down into **Sheol** unto my son mourning." "There the prisoners rest together" (Job iii. 18). But still, they were prisoners, although they were "prisoners of hope." Even our great Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, went down to Hades as soon as He dismissed His spirit on the Cross of Calvary (Acts ii. 31).

The upper compartment in Hades was known as Paradise or Abraham's bosom, the abode of the righteous, whilst "The lowest hell" (Deut. xxxii. 22) was the abode of the wicked. We read of the rich man, "In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." David praised God for having delivered his soul from the lowest hell. Jesus said to the dying thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." There is no contradiction between what Peter said in Acts ii. 31 and what Jesus said in Luke xxiii. 43. One person may speak of a man going from Scotland to London, and another may say he went from Scotland to England : there is no contradiction.

On the third day after his death Jesus rose a triumphant victor from the dark domain, and led all the Old Testament saints with Him from "The lower parts of the earth" right up through the opposing hosts of principalities and powers to the immediate presence of God in heaven : "Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." Those Old Testament saints were "prisoners of hope", but the Devil's prisoners are without hope (Eph. ii. 12). God said to His Son, "As for Thee also, by the blood of Thy covenant I have sent forth Thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the stronghold, ye

prisoners of hope : even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee" (Zech. ix. 11, 12).

Jesus Christ made the great declaration that the gates of hell (Hades) would never prevail against His Church, because He, the Head of that Church, was about to enter through those gates, having power to lay down his life and power to take it again, and knew full well that His victory was already a foregone conclusion ; and that He would for ever destroy the power of Hades over His people. When He afterwards met John on the Isle of Patmos, He said, "I have the keys of **Hades** and of death." Therefore the statement made by the Lord Jesus Christ has nothing whatever to do with an infallible Church on earth. It is a statement of fact that all who are members of His Church will go straight into the presence of God when they leave this world, and that not via **Hades**. When Stephen was about to pass out of this life, "He, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, . . . Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Paul tells us that he was caught up to the third heaven, into Paradise. Jesus went down to Paradise, but Paul was caught up there, so Paradise must have been transferred.

That the outward organisation known as the Church has fallen is too well an established fact of history to deny. We know how woefully God's Old Testament people Israel, failed and fell. At the same time we know it is true that through the Dark Ages a faithful remnant stood true to the doctrines of Christ, and were regarded by the so-called visible Church as the offscouring of all things like their predecessors in I. Corinthians iv. 13. Although Paul lived in the time of pentecostal blessing, he very definitely tells us, "There shall come a falling away." Together with that falling away there shall come the revelation of that monster of iniquity known as "That man of sin," who shall hold millions of people in his grip because of his claims re the sin business.

Therefore let no one tell you that the scripture, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it (the Church)" has anything whatsoever to do with the Church on earth, for the gates of hell can only refer to the next life. It is absolutely impossible for anyone or any company of people to go through the gates of Hades until after death. The ungodly do go through them at death as they pass out of this life into the lowest hell, and those gates still do prevail against them as they did against the rich man in Luke xvi. 26-31. But for the redeemed, blood-washed saints of God, who constitute the true Church, those gates do not exist, for they pass right up into the presence of God, to be for ever with the Lord (Phil. i. 23 ; Acts vii. 56, 59). They do not pass into the presence of God via Hades, Purgatory, nor Limbo, but "By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the Veil, that is to say, His flesh."

ANOTHER GIPSY SMITH

By Pastor L. W. Green

I wish you could have seen what I have witnessed this week, of the spiritual thrills of the past days at Leigh-on-Sea.

As we drove round the new housing estate last Sunday afternoon, we saw groups of children eagerly waiting at various points for the double-decker bus to bring them to Sunday School. We accelerated back to the church just in time to see the two double-decker "Elim Specials" arrive with one hundred and forty children. Each child travels with a free pass, the cost of which is covered by a sponsor scheme. Many parents seemed as excited as the children. Pastor G. Stormont and his loyal band of workers are to be congratulated on this mighty undertaking, for souls are in the making.

My second thrill was to see another group of Gipsy boys—fine looking lads in their 'teens—at the adult service. Their beaming faces mirrored the recent joy of salvation. During that evening the Lord baptised two of them in the Holy Spirit, and they spoke "with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

About 10 p.m. we drove over to the Gipsy encampment. Threading our way through the rough road to the field, we could see a glimmering light in an old van. The door opened, and one of the lads peering through, shouted, "It is, it is,!" They had heard the car stop outside. As we climbed up into the van they all shouted with one accord, "Another one has just received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit!" Turning to that one, I asked, "What is your name?" "Smith," he replied. "Oh, how grand!" I exclaimed, "another Gipsy Smith!"

And now for a sight to make heaven rejoice and hell weep. In that old van was a crowd of Gipsy boys praying and singing in "their church." In the flickering candle light their faces were glowing with the radiant experience of Christ within. There was more happiness in that old broken-down van than in many a luxurious Rolls Royce. The glory of God was there.

We could also see a tattered old family Bible—the Book that was changing lives. Full-hearted and full-throated we sang together and prayed, and left them in the darkness—in the Light—in the Presence of God.

PASTOR LEAVES TRURO

The following is from the local press:

"Pastor J. C. Mulvagh, of the Elim Church at Truro, conducted his last service at the Bible Study, yesterday. He has completed twelve months in Truro, and leaves to take up a new appointment in Mansfield, Notts. Mr. W. Godfrey expressed appreciation of the Pastor's ministry. Pastor Mulvagh will be especially remembered for his 'Sunshine Corner,' which attracted large numbers of children to see his paintings and to enjoy the unusual type of meeting."

GLOSSOP BLESSINGS

By Elizabeth Thorpe

I am happy to report progress in Glossop Assembly. Meetings were held during holiday periods in Manor Park in an endeavour to reach the Youth. Pastor Allen



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and others sought each evening to bring before the young and old their need of a Saviour. The result? Many young people added to our Cadet Movement. And so the work grows.

It was a joy to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Ackroyd, who, during the Bank Holiday convention services were much used of God.

After these blessings a water baptismal service was requested and Pastor Allen baptised the candidates. Many outsiders attended this service.

At our Harvest Thanksgiving services the church looked lovely with its beautiful array of fruit and flowers. The afternoon service was conducted by our Sunday School scholars, who also brought gifts.

We are happy to record that five Sunday School scholars and Cadets have yielded their hearts to Jesus these past two Sundays in our evening services. We end on a note of grateful praise.

MASON STREET'S SILVER JUBILEE

By Olive Jarvis

On October 3rd, friends of Mason Street, Hull, gathered for a fellowship tea. We welcomed Pastor E. C. W. Boulton, our first minister, who cut the large iced cake which was decorated with an open Bible. It was a joy to recount blessings of the past twenty-five years. Eleven former young people are now in full-time service for the Lord. Four of these, Pastors G. Canty, J. Gardiner, A. Greaves, and S. Pinchbeck, ministered to us during the celebrations.

Led by Pastor Kirkby we were greatly enriched in these special services. Our hearts responded to Pastor Boulton's challenge

Musical items by Mrs. Canty, Mrs. Chapman (York), and the four Canty brothers were greatly appreciated.

On the Tuesday afternoon, a women's rally was held. This was well attended, and blessing rested upon the ministry of Mrs. Jarvis.

PLYMOUTH CAMPAIGNS

The church at Plymouth has experienced great blessing from the Lord in recent months.

We had prayed for an evangelistic effort for about 18 months, and the Lord answered prayer in sending us Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Cantelon and Sharon. We erected the tent in the centre of the city, and from the first night the tent was full, and stayed that way for the following three weeks. The direct Gospel messages, and clear-cut

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appeal was enjoyed by all, and about 200 came out to the front to confess Christ as Saviour. There were special healing services on Wednesday afternoons, and among the many who testified to healing was a nurse who was instantly healed of cancer. The singing of Mrs. Cantelon and Sharon was looked forward to by all who came to the tent. Many were added to the church membership.

This tent campaign was followed by one conducted by the McColl-Gerrard Trio. Their appeal to believers was a fitting consummation to the evangelistic effort. The film "Venture into Faith" was stimulating, while the Trio's singing, and messages on the Baptism, followed by Receiving meetings when seven had an Acts ii. 4 experience, gave a new enthusiasm to the Church.

Builders are soon to commence work on our new Revival Centre in the city, and we feel we are on the verge of great things, for the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

MANSFIELD PRESBYTERY RALLIES

"Pentecostal Power is falling." That was the unanimous testimony of all those who attended the two great rallies at Mansfield, arranged by the North Midlands District Presbytery. As coachloads of people arrived outside the Co-operative Hall, vacant seats inside became fewer, until there was a capacity audience.

Pastor Biddle (District Superintendent) convened the meetings. The roll-call revealed how loyally the churches had responded, and more important, the deep hunger in the hearts of the people for more of the pentecostal blessing.

Pastor J. Dyke thrilled our hearts with his message on the Holy Spirit. In the after meeting, convened for those seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit, twenty people received the experience according to Acts ii. 4. During the afternoon others sought God for healing.

Despite rain, the open air march went ahead with enthusiasm, proclaiming that Christ fully satisfies.

The evening meeting pulsed with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God. An audience of over five hundred people joined in singing, which was whole-hearted and full-throated. After a few preliminaries, which included a solo from Mrs. Penney, entitled, "Prayer is a wonderful thing," Pastor Dyke brought us the message from God's Word. Hearts were melted and moved to a deeper devotion and consecration. When the appeal was made two registered their decision for salvation.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT SUNDERLAND

By H. Merkin

As we have no baptistry of our own, and having a number of new converts wishing to go through the waters of baptism, we took our need to the Lord.

Soon an invitation was extended by Pastor J. Wood (A.o.G.) to hold a united baptismal service in his church. This offer was gratefully accepted, so on a Saturday afternoon we held our service, when six of our brothers and sisters were baptised by Pastor D. Evans.

We felt the presence of the Lord in a mighty way, and we feel sure that He was pleased at our united effort.

Our Pastor took over the evening service, so we were able to let Sunderland hear that the two Churches united could make a joyful noise.

On Sunday evening we were happy to accept into membership of our Church ten brothers and sisters including the six who were baptised on that Saturday.

LONGTON CHOIR VISITS SALFORD

Two coaches, full of enthusiastic friends from the potteries, arrived at the Salford Elim Church for a



Scenes at the Glasgow campaign conducted by Pastor P. S. Brewster and Party.

Saturday Rally. It turned out a Saturday ever to be remembered by all who were privileged to attend. After an introduction by Pastor John Woodhead the service was handed over to Mrs. Fardell, who with great skill guided the service, bringing inspiration to the grand congregation. Musical items, testimonies, object sermons and choir singing were given by members of the choir, then came an address by Mrs. Fardell who had great liberty in the delivery of a very thought-provoking sermon.

FAREWELL AT DUNDEE

By Agnes Rodgers

Farewell services bring mixed feelings, but the presence of the Lord was very real at our "Farewell Tea" recently. A short programme was rendered and the Rev. Mr. Boyse from a local church gave the message.

Many old friends, whom Pastor Packer has made during his stay in Dundee, were present. Gifts were presented to Pastor Packer, Mrs. Packer and Beryl, wishing them God's richest blessing as they take up their new work in another land.

On the Sunday evening the church was almost full. One gentleman testified to the encouragement Pastor Packer's visit had given him while a patient in the Royal Infirmary.

LOUGHBOROUGH FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Speakers were Pastor G. N. Backhouse and Bro. J. Hunt, men with different ministries, yet both bringing the Word of God in power. The Convention opened with Mr. Hunt speaking on "Christian Forbearance," a message which was inspiring. Mr. Backhouse's ministry was also a means of uplift to us all. The services were well supported, we had the privilege of welcoming into our midst visiting friends from Leicester, Beeston, and Loughborough (A.O.G.)

Great times of blessing were also reaped from a visit by Pastor L. W. Green, who spent three days leading us to seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We rejoiced with three dear ones who were baptised in the Spirit with signs following.

BLESSING AT GILFORD, NORTHERN IRELAND

By G. Johnston

Since the report of the mission in Gilford, Miss Linton has relinquished her pastorate at Ballymoney, and taken over charge at Gilford from the Portadown Church.

Much blessing from the Lord has followed her faithful ministry since that time. Souls have come to know the Lord, many have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and others healing.

The weekly prayer meetings, Gospel services, and Bible readings have been well attended, with much blessing round the Lord's Table. The open air work and Sunday School have not been overlooked, while the children in Sunshine Corner have had faithful attention.

Pastor Ronald Reid ministered recently and spoke of the wonderful experiences he had in Canada, and the U.S.A. We were glad to have him again in our midst, and were reminded of the blessed times of fellowship Gilford had during his ministry amongst us.

DUKE STREET, ST. HELEN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

By K. Smith

Harvest festival and baptismal services have recently been a means of real blessing at the Elim Church, St. Helens.

Special speaker at the Harvest Services was Sunny Blundell with her flannelgraph. Of course Sunny always has a warm heart for St. Helens assembly—it is the nearest Elim Church to her home at Rainhill. Children gave items.

Seven candidates were baptised recently at a local Baptist church, including a young man who yielded his life to Christ on the previous Sunday.

In an endeavour to contact the homes, tracts and invitations are being distributed, with a "follow-up" interview afterwards.

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N.B.—Will readers kindly note that gifts for the General Fund or any department of the Elim work should be addressed to Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

Thought for the Week

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Alexander Pope.

ELIM YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by
Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY

“Fight the good fight of faith” (I. Tim. vi. 12).

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Youth Week at East Ham, reports Leslie Hillary, was a great occasion. Young people with banners held a great open air witness in the High Street. Visitors included Pastor and Mrs. C. Brookes, Evangelist G. Richardson of “Youth for Christ”, Canning Town Crusaders, New Park Hall Male Voice Choir, students from the Elim Bible College, and friends from Gravesend. Local Crusaders also took part in the campaign.

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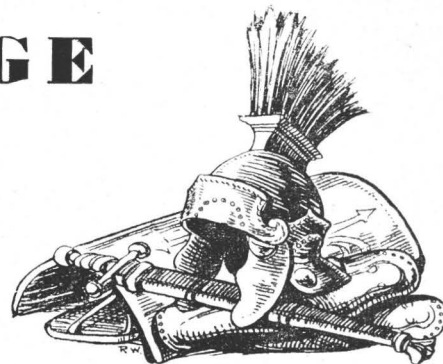
Gospel Singers will be glad to learn that the new EVANGELICAL SONGSTER, No 3, is now available. There are fifteen pieces. We do not hesitate to say that this is the finest edition so far. It contains full choir pieces, solos, duets, items for ladies' voices only, and male voice arrangements. Such favourites as, “It took a miracle,” “Walk in Jerusalem,” “In the still of the night,” “Oh, how I love the Saviour's Name,” “Just for today,” and, “Only Jesus can satisfy,” are part of this fine collection. Place your orders immediately and avoid disappointment. Only 1/- for this amazing book of Gospel melodies.

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At Clapham a meeting was recently conducted by members of the original band of Elim Crusaders. Clapham branch was the first to be inaugurated (1924) and has retained a virile witness through the many years. Those taking part included Pastor H. W. Greenway, Mrs. E. J. Phillips, Mr. Ronald Cooper, Mrs. Powell. The team were introduced by Mr. Arthur Birkenshaw. Pastor D. B. Gray was a guest at this occasion and also one of the speakers.

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Appreciation of musical evangelism is confirmed in an article appearing in the current issue of the *Broadmoor*



Chronicle, the official magazine of that Institution, part of which we quote :

“How we look forward to the visit of this fine Choir on their too infrequent visits. What a pity that we cannot hear more of them. That, Mr. Gray, will give you the answer to your question, ‘I wonder how our programmes are received here?’ Don't alter them by any means. We appreciate the good singing and the spiritual side leaves a great impression. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and we are pleased that there are good folk like you who will bring a little joy to us less fortunate folk. As your Swedish friends say, you are ‘underbar’.”

The London Crusader Choir is due to visit Broadmoor again in January next.

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By the end of the present year the London Crusader Choir will have completed twenty-four years of musical evangelism. During this year one hundred and six appointments will have been fulfilled, of which seventy-eight were in connection with Elim ministry. Next year they celebrate their “Silver Jubilee.” A great Festival of Thanksgiving will be held in the Kingsway Hall, on Saturday, 24th April. We hope the date will be noted and many friends able to join us on this unique occasion.

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Will all Youth leaders note that correspondence in relation to Youth matters should now be addressed to Pastor H. J. Davies, National Youth Secretary, at Headquarters, London.



Happy memories of summer days by the sea still linger as the winter draws near. This picture shows the Sunday School from the Elim Church, Mason Street, Hull, at Hornsea, taken during their annual treat.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

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

SUNDAY, November 29th. Hebrews x. 26-39.

It has been said, "God gave us memories that we might have roses in December." The ministry of memory can be beneficial as it serves to keep fresh before us things pleasant and helpful. To forget the unpleasant things of life is a psychological trick of the mind: to make us forget the goodness and help of God is an art of the Devil. This was the danger to which the recipients of this letter were subject. Thus they were urged to reflect upon their early fervour and faithfulness. To live perpetually in "the good old days" can be a snare, but to forget them altogether can be no less a snare! To the Ephesian Church the glorified Lord says, in effect, "Remember . . . repent . . . return" (Rev. ii. 5). This injunction is paralleled here: "But call to remembrance the former days" (v. 32).

MONDAY, November 30th. Hebrews xi. 1-16.

Faith is essential if life is to be bearable at all. To refuse to believe in anything or anybody would make life a tedious and impossible prospect. We accept without question 1,001 things every day yet—unbelievably strange as it is—immediately we begin to have contact with the Divine the whole structure of our critical faculty lumbers ponderously into action. We bemoan, mentally if not articulately, the absence of a tangible Person to whom we can address our devotions. If no immediate miracles result we begin to question either the efficacy of prayer or the purity of our motives. Why is it that we cannot adopt the same childlike simplicity in our reactions to the supernatural as we evidence everyday in our relations with the natural? This alone will bring the desired results for: "He that cometh to God must believe" (v. 6).

TUESDAY, December 1st. Hebrews xi. 17-31.

How glibly we affirm, "With God nothing is impossible," but how loath we are to stand for the truth of those words! We want our prayers answered before the limits of human probability are reached, and the shorter the odds the better we like it! We seek desperately to avoid those circumstances from which the power of God alone can extricate us. So long as there is a slight chance of escape we do not mind, but when all human ways are closed hope dies and gloom reigns. How refreshing then to meet the exception that proves the rule! A man who "in hopeless circumstances hopefully believed" for the promised son and who, when that son arrived could, with apparent careless abandon, throw that life away! But the secret of it all was that Abraham believed God and all the time was "Accounting that God was able" (v. 19).

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd. Hebrews xi. 32-40.

"Faith works miracles." Does it? I suppose it all depends on what is classed as a miracle. Sometimes

they still remain, but true faith goes on believing just the same! Someone has said that if the disciples could have believed, Jesus would have taken them through the storm even though the boat was full of water. Because their faith failed He arose and worked the lesser miracle of stilling the storm. "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him" cries Job. This is faith **par excellence**. It is the faith of those in this chapter which, whilst not bringing outstandingly open results, enabled them to remain true to God and their profession of faith. Those who died but were still strong in faith:

"Not accepting deliverance" (vv. 35-38).

THURSDAY, December 3rd. Hebrews xii. 1-13.

Psychologists tell us that man is divided into two classes: extroverts and introverts. The former spend their lives beholding the things without; the latter turn their eyes inwards and are concerned with their own inner lives. Christians bear these characteristics too. Some are concerned with their circumstances and the inconsistencies of others—they see the mote in other people's eyes. Others are for ever groping among their own thought processes and motives; they see nothing outside, so taken up are they with the beam in their own eye. But the wise, initiated man, looks **off** from these things. He strides ahead undaunted by circumstances, unruffled by other people's failure, undeterred even by his own. Come rain or shine, fair weather or foul, he will reach the goal, he will "make the grade" for he is

"Looking **unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of faith" (v. 2).

FRIDAY, December 4th. Hebrews xii. 14-29.

The poet has said, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." To lose hope is to lose a sheet-anchor of life. When all else fails there is always God upon whom we can rely. To be cut off from God is hell! To be in such a state while one still lives is hard to imagine. However deeply one has sinned we feel instinctively that we can return unto the Lord and "He will have mercy upon us, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." To conjure up in our minds a situation where these words do not apply is difficult indeed: yet that such a tragic position is possible Esau stands as a grim reminder. Of him we read—and perhaps of all who like him persist in flagrant disregard of Divine things it may ultimately have to be said—"He found no place for repentance though he sought it carefully with tears" (v. 17).

SATURDAY, December 5th. Hebrews xiii. 1-14.

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." is the apostolic injunction. It is a wise and timely word. Let the strong support the weak and the rich assist the poor. Let the wise instruct the foolish and the brave encourage the timorous. We who live in the favoured lands of the earth, who worship without fear of molestation, let us remember our brethren who suffer for their faith. Many are imprisoned, many walk under the shadow of persecution and even death. Their burdens should be ours and their adversity the subject and concern of our prayers. "If one member suffers we all suffer" therefore let us "Remember them that are in bonds, **as bound with them**" (v. 3).

THE REALITY OF RELIGION—Continued.

Prince of Glory, and to make certain that He would not trouble them in the future, they placed a large stone at the entrance to His tomb.

Had this been the end, there would have been no necessity to answer the question, "Can the Church survive?" for there would have been no Church in existence.

But they had forgotten one thing—a sealed tomb was no barrier to Him who had made the heavens and the earth and all that in them is. On the third day, as He had previously declared to His disciples, He arose triumphantly from the dead. "This Jesus hath God raised up." This was the inspired message that proceeded from the lips of the apostles of old. These were the glorious tidings that were preached unto men—that He who was delivered into the hands of wicked men and slain, was now resurrected in power and glory, and was able to save all who came unto God by Him.

"Death could not keep his prey ; Jesus my Saviour,
He tore the bars away ; Jesus my Lord,
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives for ever with His saints to reign."

In closing, there is a verse of Scripture to which I would like to direct your attention: "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. viii. 11).

That is what Christ wants! He wants the same power and Spirit which raised Him from the dead to dwell in us! Stupendous! Inconceivable, perhaps, in its full implications: it staggers our mental and spiritual capacities altogether! It is dynamic and electrifying in its practical out-working! Yes, He wants the throbbings of immortal life and energy vibrating and pulsating through every faculty and department of our beings.

God grant that we might come to know, in our daily experience, the permeating, saturating life of the risen Lord. Then shall the survival of the Church be an assured fact in our minds and in our hearts. Not only so, but our personal religion will be made gloriously real.

HE IS RISEN!

EDITORIAL—Continued.

crust when the final upheaval overtakes the degenerate race. We have already seen this in the savagery of the so-called "master race." A nation with skill and inventive genius, a people with all the possibilities of national glory, were stirred to deeds both horrifying in their cruelty and disillusioning in the shock they gave to a world reaching forward to Utopia.

There are many of us who believe that the end of this age is not far distant: degeneration has set in and destruction lies just around the corner. As the antediluvian world was overtaken in the wrath of God; as Sodom suffered in the fiery storm; as the vile pagan world cringed before the barbarian hordes, so the present generation is in peril: for if God spared not the angels that sinned, and if God

spared not the old world, and if God spared not His only Son when He was made sin on the Cross, how can He spare this modern cesspool of iniquity?

The Church has indeed forgotten to protest against the piling of armaments among the nations, in fact, there are priests who would even consecrate the guns that blow men and women to pieces.

The hour has come for us to "Cry aloud and spare not." The truth of coming catastrophe must be proclaimed however distasteful to those with whom we have to do. If we fail in this critical hour "Nemesis" will be written across our portals and our heads will hang in shame on that day when we are called to face the final assize.

COMING EVENTS

BARKING. Nov. 22. Salvation Army Youth Hall, Morley Road. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: Pastor E. Cole. 11 and 6.30. Also on Sat. and Mon. in Elim Church, Central Park Road, East Ham. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30.

CATERHAM. Nov. 22. Elim Church, London Road. Dedication Service of New Baptistery and Vestries, followed by Baptismal Service. Special Speaker and Singing. 6.30.

CHELTENHAM. Nov. 28, 29. Elim Pentecostal Church, Winchcombe Street. Missionary Meetings. Speaker: Pastor D. C. Lewis (India). Sat., 7. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

CHRISTCHURCH. Nov. 14-22. Elim Church, Jumpers Road. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor W. George. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Thurs.), 7.30.

CLAPHAM. Dec. 5. Elim Church, Carfax Square. South London District Presbytery. 3. Evening Rally Speaker: Pastor J. Dyke. Musical Items by Woodlands Trio. 7.

COULSDON. Nov. 21. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Monthly United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: Pastor R. W. Brown (A.S.G.). Convener: Pastor C. J. E. Kingston. Students from Kenley Bible School. 7.

CROYDON. Nov. 22. Elim Tabernacle, Stanley Road. Visit of Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. 6.30.

ENGFIELD GREEN. Nov. 22. Elim Church, Bond Street. Visit of Miss R. Simms (Africa). 11 and 6.30.

HADLEIGH. Nov. 28, 29. Elim Pentecostal Church, Oak Road. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors A. R. Gordon, C. J. E. Kingston, and G. Stormont. Sat., 3.30 and 7 (tea provided). Sun., 11, 3 and 6.30.

IPSWICH. Dec. 5, 6. Elim Church, Vernon Street. Visit of Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir.

KINGSTANDING. Dec. 6. Elim Church, Warren Road. Divine Healing Service conducted by Pastor R. J. Morrison.

QUEENSWAY. Nov. 28. West London Christian Fellowship. North London Presbytery Rally. Speaker: Pastor W. Plowright. 7.

RUGBY. Nov. 21-29. Elim Church, Windsor Street. Visit of Mrs. A. Parham (U.S.A.). Sun., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30.

WANDSWORTH. Nov. 22. H.M. Prison. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. 2.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

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

Nov. 19-21.—Yeovil. 22.—Merriott. 23, 24.—Christchurch. 25, 26.—Springbourne. 28, 29.—Wimborne. 29, 30.—Winton. Dec. 1, 2.—Salisbury. 3, 4.—Wells.

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

Nov. 22.—Englefield Green. 24.—Thornton Heath. 25.—Camberwell. 26.—Rye Park. 27.—Brixton. 28.—Hornsey. 29.—Islington. Dec. 1.—Woolwich. 6.—Hayes.

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MISSIONARY ITINERARIES—Continued.

ITINERARY OF THE McCOLL-GERARD TRIO

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

Nov. 21-23.—Pontypridd (21st. Film at 7.15). 28.-Dec. 3.—Graham Street, Birmingham. Week-nights, 7.30. Sun., 11, 3 and 8 (Film). 5.—Loughborough (Film). 6.—Lincoln. 7.—Beeston (Film). 8.—Sheffield (Film). 9.—Mansfield (Film). 10.—Rotherham (Film).

MISSIONARY NOTE

The many friends of Miss Elsie Wriglesworth will be glad to know that she has arrived safely on her station at Dudhi, India, and has rejoined Miss Ewens who has been carrying on alone while Miss Wriglesworth was home on furlough.

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