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Barry and Rex

This delightful picture brought the photographer, Mr. C. Bean, of York, a "Best of the Week" prize, and a First in a local newspaper competition. Congratulations Mr. Bean on your lovely picture, and on your success.

Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sword and Trowel up-to-date at Yeovil

PASTOR J. C. MULVAGH writes:—

BECAUSE of temporary incapacity lasting some months, I have had the somewhat unusual experience of attending an Elim church (Yeovil) as a member of the congregation.

Seven years ago, when he was inducted, Pastor Ian Moore noticed a pile of unused chairs in the hall and said his ambition would be to see them in regular use. After hard and faithful work this has been realised. Now if one wants a good seat on Sunday night one has to be very early, and every Sunday extra chairs have to be brought into use.

Pastor Moore, a versatile worker, includes among his many activities a Boys' Guild. This has a regular weekly attendance, and among their activities the boys are repairing more chairs so that these can be used. I went to a Boy's Guild meeting. The boys, aged 10 to 15, were making two notice boards for the front of the church; excellent boards. But what impressed me was the spiritual atmosphere. Pastor Moore got home some pressing points to the accompaniment of hammering and chiselling. We learned some fine lessons from this modern parable. What those lads will remember when they look at those notice boards!

Many of the people attending the increased congregations have come from other denominations, drawn to Elim by the clear evangelistic witness and Pentecostal nature of the services. Two baptismal services had to be held within a few weeks to accommodate the obedient ones. Another is pending. On these occasions the church was beautifully decorated, and it was thrilling to hear the testimonies of a father and daughter, and a young man who was only a few weeks "old." The Sunday morning services are always well attended and there is a noticeable spirit of liberty of worship and spontaneous ministry.

A new Elim Hall is to be built on a new housing estate. Already a site is obtained and more than half the money is in hand. By the time this appears in print it is expected that erection by voluntary labour will have commenced. This is a real venture of evangelism and will provide opportunities for service for the healthy Crusader branch and numerous local preachers of the Yeovil Church, as well as extending the work and presenting the Way to many new people. We pray for many souls.

The Tide is Rising!

The tide of spiritual blessing is rising at Portsmouth and many are testifying to the goodness of our loving Lord. One sister, after twenty-six years of waiting upon God for His great gift of the Comforter was richly rewarded.

It was a great joy to many to have in our midst a former pastor, the President, Pastor J. J. Morgan at a Presbytery Rally in the city. Other Pentecostal bodies

were present and there was a great spirit of liberty and unity.

The President expressed his delight at seeing so many old friends present and many others who have joined our fellowship since his day.

The Sisterhood, under the leadership of the minister's wife, Mrs. McAvoy, is showing signs of increasing numbers and blessing. The annual outing, this year to Hastings, provided an enjoyable day for all. The picture taken on that day shows some brethren. Our Sisterhood may be a little uncommon for several men habitually attend our "Women's Own."



Portsmouth Sisterhood taken at Hastings.

Bridlington Holiday Rally

Bridlington was the scene of the North-East District Presbytery Rally on August Bank Holiday. People travelled from every church in the district: by train, coach, whilst some energetic and enthusiastic young people cycled.

Pastor A. Wilson, in the afternoon, told us in his forthright way that if we wanted similar blessings to those experienced in the early church we must be prepared to pay a similar price. In the evening he reminded us of the coming of Jesus. Put the two messages together and we have this challenge: In view of Christ's near return, what efforts are we making to get souls saved?

Thank you, Harrogate, for that splendid octet, and thank you Mrs. Mann, of Hull, Mason Street, for that delightful solo.

The meetings were convened by Pastor E. Jarvis (Secretary), and Pastor R. Chapman (Dist. Supt.). Pastor Woodmansey, of Driffild, prayed at the beginning of the afternoon meeting that God would bless, and his prayer was answered.

Sisterhood Week-end

"Blessing abounds where'er He reigns" was the experience of all who attended Barnsley Sisterhood Anniversary. The Sisterhood Choir began with a piece entitled "Praise and Thanksgiving," and this note continued throughout

the meetings. The power of God was felt as never before, and, while God has blessed us in the past, these meetings excelled them all. Mrs. Woofenden, of Cleethorpes, was the speaker and God wonderfully used her in the preaching of the Word. We were all encouraged to go on "counting not the cost."

Scunthorpe Farewell

Sunday, August 1st, marked the date of the departure of Pastor J. Hyde from Scunthorpe after more than six years faithful ministry. The presence of God was felt from the commencement of the farewell meeting.

Sheila Hyde gave the Gospel in song, and Diane added a touch of humour with her choruses and recitation. The large number present were uplifted by the message, the theme of which was the committal of the Church to God, the text being taken from Acts xx. 32.

Presentations were made by several departments of the church, including the Old Age Pensioners' Fellowship, Sisterhood, Sunday School, Crusaders and the Church members.

Selly Oak Progress

God has continued to pour out His blessings at Selly Oak. At the Sunday School Anniversary the children presented "Watches and Watchwords," and everyone present was pleased with the clear and simple way the Gospel was portrayed in word and song. We are very grateful to the young man who, although not a member of the Elim family, has year after year painted and made the drawings and articles which have helped make these special services such successes.

On the following Sunday the Anniversary services continued. This time the Bible Class took over, and with the help of their teacher, Pastor J. Osman, portrayed part of the story of Lot. Pastor Osman's summing up at the end of each night's meeting put just the right finishing touch to the services.

On the Sunday School outing the children had a very enjoyable time at Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth.

An innovation at our Sunday evening Gospel meeting is "Family Time," when different families of the church take up part of the service with song and testimony. The married deacons were the first to bring their families along and much blessing was felt as each did his or her part.

Three precious souls were won for the Lord on Sunday, 18th July. We give thanks to God and pray for His continued blessing.

—J. Evans.

Colchester Sunday School

The scholars, teachers and members of the Elim Pentecostal Church, Colchester, had a very happy time at the Children's Anniversary services on July 25th, presided over by the Superintendent, Mr. G. Polley.

The guest speaker was Uncle Arthur, whose unique ministry was a blessing to all.

In spite of the heavy rain, the church was full in the evening, and the children did remarkably well in singing and recitations: the main theme being the Bible.

The assembly is also being richly blessed through the ministry of Pastor S. T. Rawlings.

Caterham Service Cadets

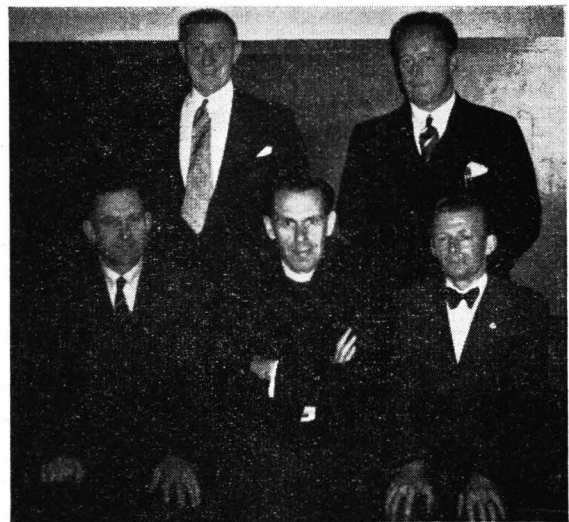
It is seldom that the Caterham Elim Church appears in the ELIM EVANGEL news, but that does not mean that there is never anything to tell. On the contrary, there is every reason to report God's continued blessing on the work throughout the years of Pastor R. A. Gordon's ministry, now nearly fourteen. Special "Sunday Evening—With a Difference" services have evoked considerable interest and support. Visiting preachers have always brought us "good manna."

Though several valued families have moved to other parts of the country and are sadly missed by our fellowship, several new converts have been born into the family and new members have been added to the church.

We have recently seen the addition of a Youth Hut, a new and beautiful baptistery, two new vestries, a new rostrum—all built by willing, voluntary helpers, and paid for by kind gifts.

Times of glory prevail at the weekly prayer service and at the Lord's Table, and Bible Study sessions are proving of increasing value and challenge. Our minister has a wide sphere of service to almost every Christian fellowship in the town and, as the following newspaper report indicates, has some good contacts with younger branches of the Services in the district:—

"The Elim Church, London Road, Caterham Hill, was crowded on Sunday morning, when a most interesting and inspiring service was held. It took the form of a Church parade and was attended by members of the 450 Squadron A.T.C. Cadets and the Caterham Sea Cadet Unit. The Rev. Ronald A. Gordon, who is Honorary Chaplain to the A.T.C. Cadets, conducted the service and gave the sermon. The lessons were read by Flight Lieutenant J. S. Archer, Commanding Officer of the A.T.C. Cadets, and Lieutenant Jeffreys, R.N.V.R., Commanding Officer of the Sea Cadet Unit. Appropriate hymns were sung and the congregation listened attentively to the sermon which was entitled "Life's Road." The singing was ably led by Mrs. A. Knight, who was at the organ. At the close of the service the civilian members of the congregation filed out and lined the roadway to watch the Cadets fall-in to march back to their respective dismissal points."



Pastor A. R. Boston and Deacons at Kingston-on-Thames.

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EDITORIAL

Devil or Deity

William Hard, one of America's ablest journalists, writing about the H. bomb, comments that modern man has studied the sun and has produced a miniature one in the H. bomb. He says that while many of the ancients made the sun a god, we have made him a devil. Reminds one of the old adage that: "Fire is a good servant, but a bad master."

It has been said publicly, over and over again, that if the money spent on one H. bomb were spent on foreign missions, it would be sufficient to keep ten thousand missionaries on the field for a hundred years.

Instead of this, all the resources of man's scientific ingenuity are being harnessed to hellish forces of destruction. Atomic power has the potentiality to bless this civilisation with its benefits, provided it is handled by those who work for the good of mankind. But let this power be handled by those who themselves are under the control of Satan, and the beneficent potentialities of atomic power become the greatest curse that could overtake our generation; instead of blessing them it will blast them to smithereens. Rather make it a deity to bless us, than a devil to blast us.

Formosa to the Front

Events now developing indicate that here we will see yet another "try out" by the Communist forces to over-run this last bastion of Nationalist China. President Eisenhower has plainly stated that Red China cannot over-run Formosa without first over-running the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Will they try? It's anybody's guess. But all the indications are that before long we shall see yet another attempt to beat down the Nationalist forces on Formosa.

The realisation of what might happen if they try, is too terrible to contemplate. An island packed with refugees from the mainland, swelling to four times its usual population; with every town and village crammed with people, in a land that is experiencing a mighty visitation of God, and where thousands are being won for Christ. Such is the picture of Formosa today. But if the blow falls—well, God help Formosa and its people. Our missionaries and their families are labouring fervently in that ripened harvest field, but who knows when they may have to fly from the field before the onslaught of those whose ideologies never make them think twice before loosing their blood-lust upon their fellow-countrymen whose ideologies lead them to a higher conception of man's destiny. Let us remember Formosa and its people in our prayers.

Family Affairs

Dr. Myron Sackett and Mrs. Sackett have been visiting a number of Elim Churches, showing Oral Robert's film "Venture into Faith," and one of their own on the land of Israel. Folks have appreciated our brother's ministry.

Pastor W. Millington has relinquished the pastorate of his church in Birmingham to take over the Deanship of the I.B.T.I. at Burgess Hill. As an Elim minister he will be available for week-end ministry.

The Clapham church, demolished as a result of enemy action during the war, is now to be rebuilt. The site is being cleared and the Minor Hall being built as the first step in the project.

It is refreshing to hear that our Sister, Sunny Blundell, is having a wonderful time in South Africa. She writes: "I have had my first experience of ministering to non-Europeans at an all-Indian church. It was an afternoon meeting and you can guess I felt nervous, but that soon disappeared as I got going. My Flannel-graph was on 'Zaccheus.' Usually I start the story with a picture of the little crooked man, walking the crooked mile, and finding the crooked sixpence beside the crooked stile. Having placed the crooked man on the board I asked 'Can any boy or girl tell me who this funny little man is?' All these children speak English so they had no difficulty in understanding me, up went a little hand. 'Yes, son,' I said, and quick as lightning a wee Indian boy replied, 'Winston Churchill.' My only regret is that the Prime Minister will never hear of this.

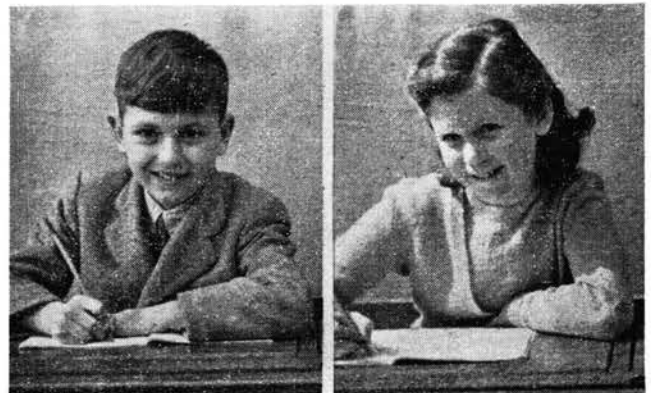
"I went to the Tabernacle at Durban, Pastor Jack Woodeson's church and had a wonderful time. Then I was at the Emmanuel Camp Convention near Johannesburg for ten days. The power of God was wonderfully manifest. It did something to me. I have prayed for three things: A van to carry my equipment, a visit to America, and a cine camera. Now I've got the camera, and a visit to the States is being arranged. So I've faith to believe for the van. God bless you all." And God bless you too, Sunny, as He certainly has been doing.

Congratulations to Pastor Ron Jones, of Bristol, on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Letters for Pastor R. R. Taylor, Newtownards, should be directed to 55, Pound Street, and not to 87, Greenwell Street, as previously.

Best wishes are extended to John Woodhead, who, with his wife and daughter Dorothy, sailed for U.S.A. on August 19th in response to many invitations to complete his tour, previously cancelled through Mrs. Woodhead's illness.

Below is a charming photo of Anna and Andrew Walker, children of V. J. and Mrs. Walker of Worthing. These young folk are eleven and eight years old respectively.



A MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE

BY REV. WATSON ARGUE (U. S. A.)

We were on our way to Berlin for an evangelistic campaign when it happened. Our big T.W.A. plane was scheduled to stop at Geneva, but for some reason we kept circling the field.

Ten minutes . . . twenty minutes . . . thirty minutes went by. We wondered, "Why doesn't the captain bring the plane down?"

Forty minutes went by. We were puzzled to know what was keeping us from landing. Finally, the sound of static came from the public address system and we heard the captain's voice saying:

"Passengers, I don't want you to become unduly alarmed, but I have some bad news for you. I can't get the landing gear down! That's why I've been circling for so long over the city of Geneva. All this time I've been trying my best to get the wheels down for a landing, but without success.

"There's just a chance that the instrument panel may be wrong; it says the wheels are not down, but there's a possibility that they are; so I've radioed for the ground crew to stand by the runways and take a look. It's dark, and they can't see us very clearly, so I'm going to fly low over them two or three times. I'll let you know what they say. We'll hope for good news."

So he flew low over the airstrips two or three times. Then his voice came to us again over the loudspeaker:

"The news is not good. The ground crew has radioed to me that the wheels are not down. Furthermore, one member of our crew opened the little door in the baggage compartment and flashed a light out there, and he has confirmed the fact that the wheels are not down.

"There's nothing I can do but to go in for a crash landing. I can't promise you anything. But I'll do my best."

He told us to be sure our seat belts were fastened, and to push them down on our hips as low as we could. "Tilt your seats back as far as they'll go," he said, "and brace yourself against the seat in front of you."

In addition to these precautions, many of the passengers reached up and got pillows and cushions to protect their faces in the crash that they were expecting.

"Get ready," said the captain. "I'm going down now."

There were a few other Christians on the plane besides Mrs. Argue and me, and I called to them. I said, "Let's call upon the Lord right now. Let's turn this airplane into a prayer room, no matter who's looking, no matter what people think."

We were coming down for a crash-landing in the darkness of night. Sixty passengers on board, plus our baggage, with a lot of air mail. Four motors going, a lot of gasoline on board. Passengers, pilot, members of the crew—we all could have been killed.

But we had turned that airplane into a prayer room and we Christians were calling on God to spare us. And I declare to you that in less than one minute from the time

we Christians began to pray, the captain's voice came over the loudspeaker again, and this time he said:

"Friends, there's wonderful news. Wonderful news. Just this second the wheels have gone down, and everything's O.K.!"

He had been circling that field for three-quarters of an hour, trying desperately to get the landing wheels down in position, and had given up hope, when suddenly God had answered prayer! Sister Argue and I just looked up and said, "Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord, for answering prayer."

Right across the aisle there was a man weeping. He came over to us, began drying his tears with his handkerchief, and said, "I've never believed in God, but I believe in Him now. I believe this was a miracle."

The stewardess, a little French girl, came over, and she said, "I want to thank you, whatever you did. I don't know much about it, but I heard you saying those prayers. Thank you for saying those prayers."

I looked out of the windows, as we were landing, and saw the ambulances and fire equipment lined up besides the airstrips. Evidently they had been expecting a terrible tragedy. Thank God for His mercy and His faithfulness to answer the prayers of His people!

—Pentecost.

Prayer Meetings and Modernism

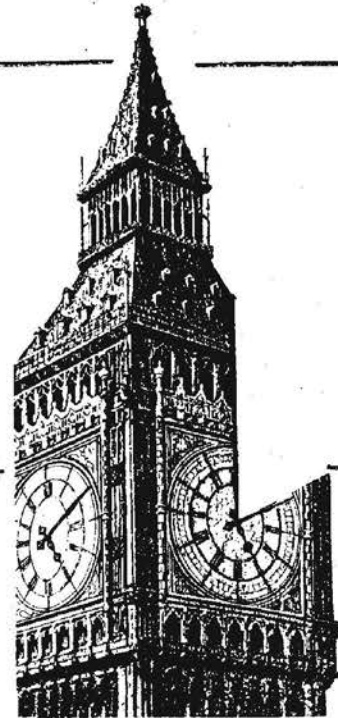
Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and spiritual holiness, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous Church family. For the past several years Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away. Her death was caused through lukewarmness and coldness of heart. Lack of spiritual food, coupled with lack of fasting, faith and heart-felt religion, shameless desertion and non-support, were contributing causes of her death. Only a few were present at her last rites, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to bear her remains tenderly away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favourite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages," were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories, awaiting the summons from above. In honour of her going the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, save on the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the Men's Handball Team.

WHAT ARE the most significant, world-shaking events of the past four decades? The majority will answer, "Two world wars, the A. and H. bombs and the aeroplane." But the students of God's Word will just as unhesitatingly answer, "The return of the Jew to Palestine and the revival of the Hebrew tongue which for thousands of years has been a dead language, and, coupled with this, the sudden rise of Russia and the spread of Communism over the earth."

Tremendous as these deadly inventions and wars have been, they are merely mentioned in the Word incidentally as signs of the times. "Knowledge shall increase." "Men shall run to and fro." "Wars and rumours of wars" will increase. On the contrary, whole chapters are devoted to prophecies of Israel's return to the land which Jehovah promised to Abraham and his seed forever. Today Ezekiel, chapters xxxvii.-xxxix., is unfolding before our eyes. One has but to read these chapters to understand their significance. "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live." The dry bones in the great valley of the world are coming together. "These bones are the whole house of Israel," coming up out of the "graves"—the lands where they have been buried for nineteen hundred years. To change the metaphor, the Lord has sent His fishers to fish for them and His hunters to hunt them, by Zionist propaganda and Hitler persecution (Jeremiah xvi. 16), out of their foreign homes and to drive them to the desolate land that shall be tilled again and will become as the garden of Eden (Ezekiel xxxvi. 34, 35).

At a recent prophetic conference held in New York City, a physician gave a "masterpiece" message on the 204 bones of the human body and the coming together of Israel's scattered members as they regather in their homeland where they will eventually be joined to Him, their Messiah, as His Spirit blows upon them and brings their dead souls to life. In their hearts and minds He will write His laws, and "they shall know that I am the Lord." Before that great day, the terrible foe, greedy for the vast riches of the land, will come in hordes from the north to "take a spoil" and to swoop down upon the unwallied cities, only to be destroyed by fire from heaven. "Therefore, thus said the Lord God, Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel. . . neither will I hide My face any more from them, for I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God."

"But where are the ten tribes?" one may ask. "Were they not lost?" The great majority of the exiles in Assyria and Babylonia who remained in their adopted lands became mingled with the nations among whom they lived and wandered, losing their identity in religion and race until they could no longer be traced as Israel. But



God always preserves a remnant for His purposes. When the wicked Queen Athaliah slew, as she thought, all the princes royal, God preserved one little boy, Joash, in the royal line. When the ten tribes of the northern kingdom fell away from the worship of Jehovah, there were some true hearts in all the tribes who loved God above their possessions and cast in their lot with Judah and Benjamin. These were the United Empire Loyalists of Israel. (The United Empire Loyalists were those Britishers who did not rebel against England but moved into Canada, leaving their homes in U.S.A.) In good King Asa's reign "they fell to him in abundance" (II. Chronicles xv. 19). There are many such Scriptures to the effect that at different times some from the northern tribes joined themselves to Judah in the south. No doubt, many of these were carried away captive when Judah was exiled, still retaining their tribal identity, their children returning with them under Ezra and Nehemiah. According to records left by Sennacherib, he took only some 27,000 captives from the ten tribes, leaving the rest to till the soil. In Ezra we read of the returning Jews, few in number comparatively, offering twelve sacrifices to God, one for each tribe when they entered the land of their fathers. It would seem that in exile they were called Jews by their captors, whether of the ten tribes or of the two. Israel was that sacred name given by the Lord

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and not known to the heathen. In Esther all were called Jews in the lands of Babylonia and Assyria. In Luke ii. 36 we read of one Anna of the tribe of Asher, and Paul uses the name Jew and Israel interchangeably. He was an Israelite of the tribe of Benjamin. The Lord Jesus came to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The twelve tribes were all in the land when Jesus walked on earth. The rabbis tell us that the records were burned when the Temple was destroyed by Titus.

Politically, a "nation was born in a day" when Israel was reckoned as a nation in May, 1948, but her real birth will come when Hosea v. 15 is fulfilled, when she repents of her sin and receives Christ as her Messiah. "I will go and return to My place till they acknowledge their offence and seek My face." Physically, the land is being restored to its fertility and beauty. The desert is blossoming as a rose; the waste places are becoming fertile and fruitful under the hands of the enthusiastic young Jews who are willing to lay down their lives in a supreme effort to rebuild their homeland. Barren soil and rocky wastes are being cultivated, and the Dead Sea is yielding untold riches in mineral salts. The most modern of buildings and thriving cities now cover the debris of sites of shiftless Arabs, and great industrial plants are rising everywhere.

Yet the land is filled with confusion and strife. It is a land of hatreds. The Arab hates the Jew, and the Jew hates the Arab. The Pharisee hates the Sadducee, and the Sadducee hates the Pharisee, and both hate the Christian. The Zionists, like the Sadducees of old, have no faith in God, no belief in immortality. The religious Jew clings desperately to Judaism in the midst of confusion of faiths and against the pressure of modernistic unbelief. One Friday evening a truck-load of food was driven by two young Zionists along a rough unused road from the seaport to a village walled in by Arabs. Three

stars had appeared in the sky, a sign that the Sabbath had begun. The truck was stopped at the gate by zealous religionists. Though the people were starving, it must not enter on the Sabbath, but must wait until those stars appeared again the next night. The drivers demanded entrance, and a fight ensued when the zealots leaped into the truck and tried to drag them from their seat. Just to what limit the restraints of Sabbath observances can go is one of the headaches of the Government.

Locking on this confusion and shaking of the dry bones, one might ask, "Can these bones live?" But God says they shall live when His Spirit blows upon them. Life is already pulsating through the land as the Word of God is scattered among the people. Many are eager to have a copy of the Testament, and they gladly accept it as missionaries hand it out in buses, in restaurants, and in homes. Books are convincing the Jew that he has been wrongly taught by the rabbis, and the truth concerning the Messiah has been hidden from him. These prove from the Old Testament Scriptures that God is a triune Being, that the Messiah came in due time and was crucified for sin, and that He is about to come again.

A newly converted Jew in Israel, whose eyes were opened through reading one of Dr. David Cooper's books, reports wonderful success as he talks with presidents of colleges there. They ask for copies of the books to give to their students, and for Bibles. Some read the New Testament through in one night in their eagerness to know the truth.

"How can we help the Jews in our city to know the truth?" asked a young girl of a converted Jewess. "Just show them kindness whenever you can, and when they hear the Gospel they will be more willing to accept Christ, when they know that real Christians love us," was the answer. If we cannot preach the Gospel to Jews, not knowing the proper Old Testament Scriptures to present to them before the Cross is even mentioned, we can support those who are called and trained for this most difficult of all mission work, by prayer and interest. We should seek to know all we can learn of God's purposes for His ancient people and of His working among them in these last days. "To the Jew first" was Paul's slogan, and it should be that of the Church today.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee." This command of our Lord's never had more significance than at this present moment. There is no peace in Jerusalem. "At such a time as this," when God is again turning His face toward Israel, the Church should awaken to her responsibility and privilege to give the Gospel to Israel, "that through your mercy they may obtain mercy."

—Church of God Evangel.



Pastor A. A. Biddle and Party on the platform of the marquee during the recent "Rhondda Crusade" when sixty decisions for Christ were registered, as well as several healings.

Catholic Converted

I was born, baptised and confirmed a Roman Catholic and until my marriage in 1945 when I was received into the Protestant Faith, I remained one in name though seldom in practice.

In June, 1953, Pastor Wilson held a campaign in the Fair Green in Portadown and on the 10th, because I had heard about the lovely music, I went but, believe me, when God started speaking that evening through Pastor Wilson I forgot all about the band and realised here at last was what I had been seeking for years, and there and then I accepted the Lord Jesus into my heart. I was also delivered from smoking.

At time of writing I am still going on and hope in the near future to go through the waters of baptism.

Mona McFadden (Mrs.)

∴ BOOK REVIEWS ∴

The Adventures of the Pioneers. By P. Catherine Coles. (Published by Victory Press. Price 2/6.)

Off on the Golden Arrow to the channel port and across to Calais on the fussy ferry-boat. The Continent and exciting adventures in Switzerland for their Christmas holidays—these were the privileges of the Beechwood Pioneers. Ski-ing along the high mountain ridges and down the vast snow-clad slopes to the valleys where the inviting Swiss chalets in their hamlets rest, are included in this interesting story. As a matter of fact, ski-ing holds the secret to the story which is not without its purpose. A good story, and one which is sure to hold the attention of the reader to a satisfying finish.

It is not only a thrilling story, but also an encouragement for Christian schoolgirls, and it could be a good way of introducing the way of Salvation to the non-Christian.

Written for girls between ten and fourteen years of age, and, like all Clover books, full value is given for the price of 2/6. Recommended. —*Pastor J. Hywel Davies.*

Operation "Quarantine." By Peter Fraser. (Published by Victory Press. Price 2/6.)

It looked like being the best holiday of their lives for Chubby, the Shrimp, and Digger, off to camp with the rest of the Broadleigh boys, and then . . . Operation "Quarantine." At first, the holiday is not very exciting, although the boys endeavour to make it useful. Then an exciting twist is given to the tail of the story, with a midnight flood at a week-end camp (to remind us of some of our Youth Camps), a special mission on a cycle ending in an ambulance racing one of the trio to hospital; everything that can happen seems to happen to these old friends of Peter Fraser. It is for boys between ten and fourteen years; naturally introduces an explanation of the way of Salvation, and sets out Christian principles in a schoolboy's life-setting. Recommended. —*Pastor J. Hywel Davies.*

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MONDAY

Induction of the President and Ordination of Ministers at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1 (opposite Euston Station)

Conducted by

Pastor J. J. Morgan (Retiring President)

Pastor J. Dyke (President-Elect)

London Crusader Choir (Conductor: Pastor D. B. Gray)

Service of Song from 7 to 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Great Missionary Rally

at Elim Church, Benhill Road, off Church Street, Camberwell, when a team of Elim Missionaries on furlough will take part

THURSDAY

Special services in Elim Churches throughout London conducted by groups of Conference Delegates

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MISSIONARY FINANCES

Following is the statement for the present financial year, showing the needs of the Elim Missionary work and the amount of money received:

	Estimated Expenditure	Received
1953		
November	£1,200	£745
December	£1,200	£588
1954		
January	£1,200	£1,102
February	£1,200	£1,432
March	£1,200	£905
April	£1,200	£1,302
May	£1,200	£1,290
June	£1,200	£1,301
July	£1,200	£1,195
Total to date	£10,800	£9,860

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Elim Youth Page

We "Fight
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fight"

Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

A Message from the Moon



This week's unusual feature is provided by Pastor C. J. Martin, minister of the Letchworth Elim Church. Mr. Martin has interested himself in Christian youth work as Camp Padre, contributor to youth magazines and, during his ministry with the Assemblies of God, wrote the graded Bible Study Course for children, and edited the "Redemption Tidings" Young Folk's Corner. He is one of the Elim Bible College lecturers.

It is night, the moon shines clear and full, bathing the world in its pale silvery light. Suddenly, as if some hand were wrapping a dark curtain around her, a shadow creeps slowly over her face, until she is lost to sight—and it is dark. The moon has been eclipsed! This has been caused by the earth coming between her and the sun, from which she receives her light. The glory of the moon is not her own. She shines with a borrowed light. Thus, when something comes between, her glory is stolen from her and her face darkened.

The lesson for us is a solemn one. **Our souls can be eclipsed in the very same way** for we, too, as Christians, shine only with a borrowed light, a light derived from the Sun of Righteousness, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every virtue we possess,
And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness,
Are His alone.

Because of this, if we let the world come between us and the Saviour, the glory that He has given to us (John xvii. 22) is turned to shame, and the beauty of our soul marred. Many have been allured to the world by its dazzling sights, for the Devil has, seemingly, put a special lustre on the things of earth. Many have heard its tempting sounds without slamming the door of their mind to its voices, and their souls have been eclipsed. . . . "Love not the world," writes John, "for if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." We echo these words for, could we but lift the curtain that separates Time from Eternity, what warnings would break upon our ears. Those fallen through such failures whose souls have been tripped and trapped, will all join in saying, "Love not the world, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of

the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Let us witness the eclipse of a soul in a human life. Demas, the companion of Paul, allowed the world to come between him and his God. He forsook Paul and turned away from Christ because he loved the present world. Can you picture him as a young man in the handsome villa of his mother? He knelt amid the luxury of the home, perhaps by an open window, and lifting heavenward his face, bronzed by the eastern sun, breathed a prayer of surrender to God. What potentialities were bound up in this young life now laid upon the altar of the service of God. By those who had the best powers of judgment, he was considered a firm believer in Christ and became a companion of Paul, being twice mentioned by him with honour (Phil. ii. 4., Col. iv. 14). They stood together in the battlefield, they stood together in the pulpit, they stood together before Jews and heathen alike and, if the second epistle to Timothy had never been penned, or had been lost like other of Paul's letters, Demas would have had his name high on the list of honoured saints, and probably more than one of the churches on the street corners of our cities and towns would have been called after him. But, his glory was turned to shame. The world came between his soul and God, and surely in great sorrow of heart Paul wrote of him, "Demas hath forsake me, having loved this present world." The love of the world caused his ruin. To the same danger many are exposed today, and it has slain its thousands and tens of thousands.

No other word is mentioned about Demas. After his eclipse he vanished into the shadows. Tradition follows him there and, if she be true, he went from bad to worse, until we see him a priest in a heathen temple, offering sacrifices to dead stones. What an unhappy, miserable

man! It might have been so different but for the love of the world, and the consequent eclipse of his soul.

We, too, shall be tempted to worldliness, for the Devil will surely use that avenue to reach our hearts. We shall be tempted to live a life absorbed in the transient and fleeting, having no commerce with the eternal. Bunyan tells of this in his immortal book *The Pilgrim's Progress*. The one who tempts pilgrims to turn aside to a silver mine in the side of Hill Lucre is significantly enough called Demas. But let Bunyan himself take up the story. "Then I saw in my dream, that a little off the road over against the silver mines stood Demas to call to pilgrims to come and see; who said to Christian and his fellow, 'Ho! Turn aside hither, and I will show you a thing.' Christian: 'What thing so deserving as to turn out of the way?' Demas: 'Here is a silver mine, and some digging in it for treasure, if you come, with a little pain you may richly provide for yourselves.' Then Christian called to Demas saying, 'Is not the place dangerous? Hath it not hindered many in

their pilgrimage?' (Hosea iv. 16, 19). Demas: 'Not very dangerous' (but he blushed as he spake). Then Christian roundly answered Demas and said, 'Demas, thou art an enemy to the right ways of the Lord of this way, and hast been already condemned for thine own turning aside by one of His Majesty's judges' (II. Timothy iv. 10). 'I know you,' he continued later, 'Gehazi was your great-grandfather, and Judas your father, and you have trod in their steps, it is but a devilish prank you use. Thy father was hanged for a traitor and thou deservest no better reward.' Thus they went their way."

Wise pilgrims, for if they had gone over to Demas, as did By-ends and his companions afterward, they would never have been seen again in the Way, and would have progressed no farther.

We must never let the world come between us and God, for if we do it will be the eclipse of our soul, and our regret will be eternal. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor J. J. Way

SUNDAY, August 29th. Matt. xxii. 15-33.

"Render . . . unto Cæsar . . . and unto God" (v. 21).

What a perfect answer to those who sought to entangle the Lord in His talk. In fact they were caught in the net of their making. I wonder how many of the Pharisees rendered to Cæsar and to God as they should?

A God-fearing man is a law-abiding man.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For rulers are not a terror to good works. Tribute to whom tribute. (Rom. xiii.) The Apostle Peter takes up the same strain in I. Pet. ii.: "Fear God, honour the king." The historian Gibbons gives five reasons for the triumph of Christianity within the Roman Empire: the fifth is unity and discipline within the great Empire.

MONDAY, August 30th. Matt. xxii. 34-46.

"The first and great Commandment" (v. 38).

Seeing the Talmud reckons the Commandments to number 613, there would be some argument as to which was the greatest. The word Commandment has that sense of do and don't, or else! In our Lord's day they were binding themselves with the letter of the Law to the exclusion of the living Spirit.

So Jesus gives the first and great Commandment in v. 37. Our undivided affection given to God. Love as against the letter. Reality as against hypocrisy. Heart as against "face." Love—the unbreakable, which links our hearts and lives with His. All other commandments come so easy when the first is obeyed.

TUESDAY, August 31st. Matt. xxiii. 1-12.

"For One is your Master . . . Christ" (v. 10).

This is a security statement given by the Lord. There is only one Way, one Saviour, one Lord, one Mediator, one Intercessor, one Master—Jesus Christ. He does not allow for anyone to take the same station or standing as Himself. He is and always will be Head of the Church. Jesus allows for no Dictators within the Church, "neither as being lords over God's heritage" (I. Pet. v.). Jesus reminds us that at the most we are essentially brethren one to another. How different from the monstrous dictatorial hierarchy which rules thousands of souls in error today.

WEDNESDAY, September 1st. Matt. xxiii. 13-22.

"Woe unto you . . . hypocrites" (v. 13).

Here is a most inspiring attack by our Righteous Lord against

soul-damning hypocrisy. I can see Jesus with flashing eyes of condemnation levelling this verbal denunciation at the Pharisees and scribes. "Woe" used eight times (four in our reading today), and other unmistakable names which branded to convict: "child of hell," "blind," "fools."

Add to this the portraits of themselves He gave to them: "Whited sepulchres," "serpents," "vipers." The Lord wages a stern battle against the religious fraud; there is no greater deception than that which uses the cloak of religion. That is why heaven's judgment is all the heavier.

THURSDAY, September 2nd. Matt. xxiii. 23-39.

"Even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings" (v. 37).

The tirade of condemnation against the Pharisees is punctuated by a verse which showed the pained heart of a loving Saviour. How oft God had longed to shelter Jerusalem under His wings of protection and care, to nurture and bless, "Ye would not!" Oh, how man's wilful rejection must grieve His loving heart. Refusing the shelter, they open themselves to the judgment of desolation (v. 38).

In A.D. 70 this really happened. However, in one last prophecy Jesus pierced the darkness of judgment with a prophetic ray (v. 39). Yes, Jerusalem will bless Him whom Jerusalem crucified, when He comes again.

FRIDAY, September 3rd. Matt. xxiv. 1-14.

"Not be left . . . one stone upon another" (v. 2).

In the previous chapter the Lord predicted the desolation of Jerusalem. He now gives a little more detail.

The prediction seemed very unlikely, seeing the type of building referred to by the disciples. "See what manner of stones" (Mark xiii.). The walls enclosed over nineteen acres, immense stones were used, some 65ft. by 8ft. by 10ft., declares one authority. Titus, the Roman prince who besieged and captured the city in A.D. 70, said: "We have certainly had God for our helper." The hope of finding treasure moved the Romans to tear up the very ground. The words of Jesus were again fulfilled—He is as sure as His Word.

SATURDAY, September 4th. Matt. xxiv. 15-31.

"Behold, I have told you before" (v. 25).

Jesus as Prophet is telling of things before they happen. In verse 3 the disciples ask a three-part question: (1) of the Temple destruction, (2) Sign of Thy coming, (3) And of the end of the world (age).

The Lord makes it very plain that the world will not get better: wars, famines, pestilences and iniquity abounding. For the Lord's witnesses there will be affliction, hatred and in some cases, death. However, nothing can stop the spreading of the Gospel. The Lord said it would be preached in all the world before the end of the age. The end must be near.

PLEASE PRAY:

For a young R.C. convert in Eire; that God will carry him through all trials and persecution.

For a family in distress; that God will undertake for them and give them His peace, joy and rest through believing Him.

COMING EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

Pastor J. J. Morgau, the President, will visit the following churches:
August 28-30, Exeter.

ABERDARE. September 5. Elim Church, Monk Street. Special visit of Pastor Ronald Reid (Portadown). Convener: Pastor Desmond Cartwright. 6 p.m.

BALLYNAGARRICK, MORROW'S CROSS. Now proceeding. Tent Revival Campaign. Sundays and Week-nights at 8. Conducted by Miss M. J. Linton.

BRIXTON. Sept. 5. Milstead Street, Blenheim Gardens. Special visit of the National Youth Secretary, Pastor H. Davies. 11 and 6.30.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. Commencing Sept. 4. Great Revival and Divine Healing Crusade, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, High Street, conducted by Pastor N. J. Nelson and Revival Party. Suns. 6.30 and 8. Every night (except Fri.). 7.30.

CLAPHAM. Aug. 29. Elim Church, Carfax Square. Farewell service for Miss Vera McGillivray. Conducted by Pastor G. H. Thomas, Missionary Secretary. Sun., 6.30.

DUDLEY. Sept. 4. Congregational Church, King Street. Birmingham Presbytery Rally. Speaker: Pastor S. Homer. Special items including Male Voice Chorus. Sun. Sept. 5, 11 and 6.30. Elim Hall, High Street, Dudley.

EXETER. Aug. 28-30. Elim Church, Paris Street. Guest week-end services. Guest speaker: The President, Pastor J. J. Morgau. Convener: Pastor A. S. F. Horne. Singing by the Elim Ladies' Choir.

FINCHLEY. Sept. 12. Elim Church, King Street, off High Road, East Finchley, London Crusader Choir, 6.30.

GUILDFORD. Sept. 1. Elim Church, Martyr Road. Opening meetings of the Sisterhood. Afternoon 2.45. Evening Rally 7.30. Guest speaker: Miss A. Kennedy.

ISLINGTON. Aug. 28th. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Presbytery Quarterly Business Meeting, 2.30 p.m. Rally, 6.30. Speaker: Pastor J. McBurney.

KINGSTANDING. Sept. 11. A great Baptismal Service will be held at the Elim Church, South Road, Erdington at 7.30. Speakers: Pastors R. J. Morrison and F. Byatt.

LANGLEY. Aug. 29-30. Elim Church, Mount Pleasant. Sun., 6.30. Mon., 7.15. Sisterhood Anniversary; special speaker: Mrs. G. Thomas (City Temple, Cardiff). Items by the sisters. United Rally, Mon.

LIVERPOOL. Sept. 5-19. Elim Tabernacle, Windsor Street. 8. Revival and Healing Campaign conducted by Pastor Ludovic Barry. Nightly 7.30. Suns. 11 and 6.30.

MANSFIELD. August 29. Co-operative Hall, Clerkson Street. Sunday School Anniversary. 3 and 6.30. Special speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway. Convener: Pastor R. Hunston.

MOUNTAIN ASH. September 4, 5. Elim Church, Knight Street. Special visit of Pastors G. Wesley Gilpin (Bangor), Ronald Reid (Portadown), and Charles Yates (Belfast). Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 7.30. Convener: Pastor William J. D. Maybin.

PONTYPRIDD. September 4 and 5. Elim Church, Thurston Road. Special visit of two Irish ministers. Sat. 7.15. Pastor C. Yates (Belfast), Sun. 11 and 6.30. Pastor G. Wesley Gilpin (Bangor). Convener: Pastor Ken Matthew.

ROTHERHAM. Sept. 12-27. Revival Campaign, conducted by Pastor A. Wilson and Party. Suns. Sept. 12 and 19 at 8 in the Town Hall Assembly Rooms. Week-nights at 7 in the Elim Revival Centre, College Road.

SOUTHAMPTON. Aug. 28. Elim Tabernacle, Park Road, Freemantle. Portsmouth and District Presbytery Quarterly Meetings, 11 and 2; Rally at 7. Speaker: Pastor J. McAvoy, District Superintendent.

ST. HELENS. Aug. 14-Sept. 16. St. Helens United Christian Witness Campaign, adjoining the Elim Church, Duke Street. Sponsored by Pastor Ken Smith. Supported by St. Helens Evangelical Churches. Conducted by Gwilym Jones of the Evangelisation Society. Sunshine Corner, 6. Campaign Services 7.30 (except Fris. and Suns.). After-Church Rallies Suns., 8.15.

TONYPANDY. Aug. 28-Sept. 5. Annual Convention, Elim Temple, Miskin Road, Trealaw. Speakers include: Pastor D. W. Anthony (Essex), W. J. Maybin, and W. L. Bell. Convener: Pastor Reginald W. Smith. Sats., 7. Suns., 11, 6 and After-Church Rally, 8. Week-nights, 7.15 (ex. Fri.).

TONYPANDY. Sept. 11. Elim Temple, Miskin Road, Trealaw. Special visit of Sparkbrook Choir, with Pastor W. J. Patterson, 7.15.

WELLS. Sept. 12. Elim Church, Chamberlain Street. Harvest Thanksgiving Services. 11 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor R. J. Morrison.

WIMBLEDON. Aug. 28-Sept. 12. Elim Church, Southey Road. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign by Rev. W. Bryant Baker (S. Africa). Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Suns. 11 and 6.30. 155 bus to Trinity Church.

WORMWOOD SCRUBS. Sept. 12. H.M. Prison, London Crusader Choir, 2.30.

WORTHING. Sept. 11-16. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. Annual Convention. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30. Wed. Sisterhood Rally at 3. Speakers: Pastor H. W. Greenway, G. L. W. Ladlow, and J. Lancaster. Choir, Musical Items, I.B.T.I. Quartet. Convener: Pastor V. J. Walker.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S ITINERARY

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Notice.

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TESTIMONY OF Mr. W. R. KING, ARMAGH

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WITH CHRIST

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