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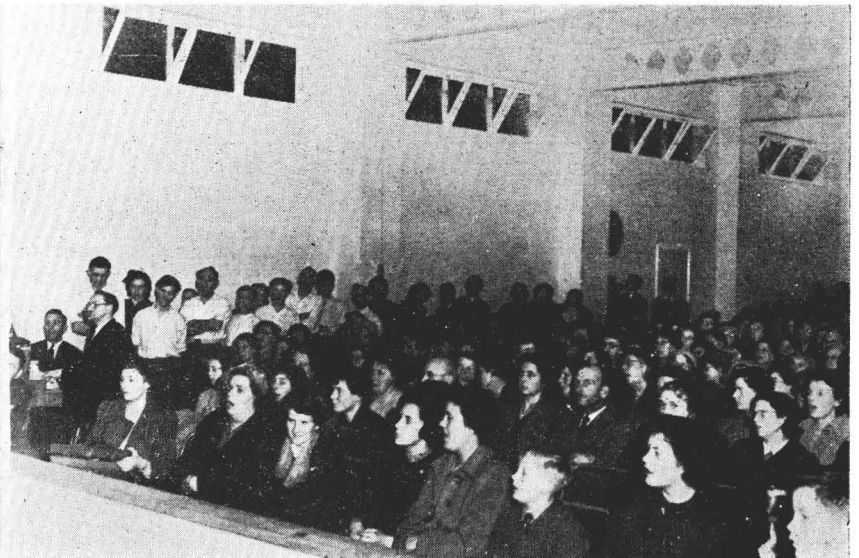
THREEPENCE

JANUARY 22ND, 1955.



Left: Stafford takes up the challenge and invites "Teddy" boys and girls (Report on page 42).

Below: First baptism in the New City Temple, Bristol. The minister, Pastor W. R. Jones, is immersing the candidates.



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

An Effectual Door

An Elim Minister, having had to undergo a minor operation in hospital, writes his "memoirs" after he made a most remarkable recovery. He prefers to remain anonymous.—Ed.

It is exactly six days since I had my operation. The conversations that I have had with my nurses for the past three days compel me to scribble these few lines, for indeed it must be a scribble lying in bed. In a few more days I shall be feeling for the floor with my feet. And I'll be glad, to be sure!

As a Christian I have made it my happy choice to witness a good confession to all my nurses and any others who chanced to enter the confines of my comfortable little side Ward. This is a great hospital in a great city where "the reverend gentleman" in the side Ward has received great attention and care. But in the course of my numerous conversations I have discovered some very disconcerting facts. From a staff of nine, that are caring for me and doing their work with great efficiency, I have discovered that five are Roman Catholics and the remaining four Protestants (so called) go to church occasionally. The name of Elim was unknown and afforded an opportunity of excellent explanation.

The whole thing has set me thinking and consequently scribbling. After careful "sizing" one of the staff nurses and seeking to get her confidence, I tactfully suggested this morning that she should read one of the little booklets ("Here's How") that were conveniently placed on my locker, but with a look of half concealed scorn she politely yet firmly refused to touch it. A question that I put to my attentive nurses was this: "If your patient were beyond human help and requested some guidance from you in order to get right with God, what would you advise?" There was slight variation in the answers, but all were entirely negative. If one doesn't personally know the friend of sinners, it is impossible to introduce him to others.

The Deputy Matron, who, by the way, is a grand Christian of many years' standing, came to see me. We discussed the matter. "Mr. X," she said, "it is expected today that from every Roman Catholic family at least one son shall become a priest. If that is not forthcoming then a daughter shall become a Nun. Where either of these becomes impossible a nursing career is considered next on the list. What a high and noble calling is that of nursing! What a great mission field for Christian youth! How many of our noble Pentecostal daughters have considered this great and effectual door of service, where opportunities of real Christian witness are like the sands of the sea and a great harvest of souls is waiting to be reaped. Men's hearts are sobered in a time of sickness. It is a time when people who previously never thought—THINK! When people really think they automatically ask questions. It is imperative that the right people in the right place must be there to give the right answer. Nursing, I repeat, is a great and effectual door!

One of the first souls that I led to the Lord years ago was in a hospital Ward. What a thrill! Hospital work is no task for fools or fanatics!

Our hospitals are in great need of nurses with a dual ministry for body and soul. If someone hears the call of God to their heart through these lines I shall be exceedingly happy. My arm is beginning to ache so I must accede to stop. God bless our Christian nurses, and may many more of our grand young girls respond to this modern Macedonian call to enter this vast field of untold opportunity and witness.

.. BOOK REVIEWS ..

NEVER ALONE. Glyn Mills. (2/6, by post 2/9).

This somewhat unusual Christian novel presents the problem of an unmarried mother who finds great difficulty in obtaining suitable employment because she does not want to part with her little girl, after the sudden death of the child's father.

The story, however, has a happy ending when Christian friends come to the rescue, but only after Susie Guest has drunk of life's bitter cup, and almost committed suicide in her despair. This book sounds a needed warning to young people, that sin always results in tragedy and heart-break, but it emphasises that only Christ can save the sinner, and solve the many problems which sin brings.

—Pastor J. J. Morgan.

TEACH YOURSELF CHRISTIAN AUTHORSHIP. By W. E. Davies. (Evangelical Supplies, Cardiff. 2/6, post free 2/9). May be obtained through the Victory Press, London, S.W.4.

This handy little book is a mine of useful information for the would-be writer, and its advice should assist its readers in avoiding some of the common pitfalls. Help is given in the practical details of manuscript preparation, in the choice and development of subjects, necessary equipment, and the best ways of presenting the finished article for publication.

The challenge of the ever-expanding literate public is duly presented, and emphasis laid on the wide scope for true Christian service through the medium of writing.

I would heartily commend this book to all who seek further avenues of service for the Master.

—Pastor A. D. Hathaway.

CANNIBALS FOR CHRIST. By Raymond H. Belton. (Victory Press: Heather Book series. 2/6, by post 2/8).

For those who want adventures and thrills, a hero time and time again at the very point of death, yet as often miraculously delivered—this is the book. Yet this is no fiction, but scenes from the life of John G. Paton, heroic pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides.

Readers young and old will be deeply challenged by his tenacity in face of supreme dangers, and his unshakeable confidence that the cause of Christ would triumph in those cannibal islands. That he lived to see his faith rewarded makes a grand climax to an inspiring life-story.

Thank you Mr. Belton for packing so much into this delightful little book.

—Pastor A. D. Hathaway.

MUSIC in the BIBLE

By Paul Garrison

YES! The "Book of Beginnings" tells us about the beginning of music. The Assyrians and Egyptians left images to tell us something of what they did, but the Hebrews were forbidden to make "any graven image or the likeness of anything that is in the heavens above or the earth beneath or in the water under the earth," and however careless they were in obeying God in other commandments, the second was literally obeyed.

There runs through all Scripture a golden thread of evidence that music was a vital factor in the religious life of the ancients. The early mention of Jubal in connection with the harp also records that he was father of the organ, or ugar, thus showing that he was the parent of wind as well as stringed instruments.

What Is Music?

Sydney Lanier once said that music is love in search of a word. Liszt said that music may be termed the universal language of mankind, by which human feelings are made equally intelligible to all.

It is interesting to notice that music is inseparable from Christianity. Many have been brought to a knowledge of the Master through the singing of a beautiful hymn. Such great men as P. P. Bliss, Charles Gabriel, and Robert Harkness have used the language and power of music to bring the Gospel to thousands.

Did you ever listen to the weird, unnatural, and unsatisfying music of oriental countries? Their musical scale is divided into quarter tones in addition to our full and half tones. Music written in the pure, rich major scales came to us only through the Church. The sacred number seven is used in our music; seven notes make up the major scale.

The Minor Key

All sounds of nature come to us in the minor key. The songs of our feathered friends are in the minor key. The minor scale can truly be used for different effects in music, but there is something sadly lacking in minor music. All creation voices the need of a Saviour. Only through the Church has God seen fit to give real music to the world. There is no over-production of men and women who will train themselves to bring the spiritual realities to others through the medium of music.

Music, like electricity, love, and faith, is hard to define, but it is dynamic and active. We speak of real estate because we think that houses, lands, and property are real things. But our thinking is not clear. The real things in life are the things we cannot see, weigh, or touch. A love for God that makes a man or woman leave family, home, and friends to carry the Gospel message to far corners of the earth, is real, yet we cannot feel it, see it, or tell its colour. In other words, love is one of those qualities which

"And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ" (Gen. iv. 21).

does not deteriorate. It cannot be touched by physical agencies. No one knows what electricity is, but we know what it will do. We don't know exactly what music is, but we know that it is powerful and real. The Church today should lay hold of music more firmly than ever before.

Musical Taste

The mind of man can build almost any kind of a mechanical device from a big berth that will shoot over seventy miles, to an automatic machine to wrap up a package of gum, but very few have the spiritual capacity to enjoy to the fullest degree—"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The greatest masterpieces were given to us by the Church. May we not let the twisted mind of the world supply the music of today. May the Church rejoice that God has given it this wonderful, unexplainable something we call music through which to express itself.

The great pioneer in modern psychology, James, after study and research on the subject of conversion, could not give any definite answer as to what conversion was psychologically. But he did say that it changed lives and was a real quality in regenerated men and women. We don't know what music is, but we do know that God can use it to change self-controlled lives to Christ-controlled lives.

And let us not forget that the really great artists of the world were Christians. Those who belong to Him can, through some favourite hymn, find peace, contentment, power, and reassurance in times of trial, sorrow and heart-aches.

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Jesus Christ. We have about 100 children and each child is given an invitation to hand to its parents.

"Our Christmas programme was held on Sunday 26th; we erected a platform with an enormous Christmas Tree decorated in true English fashion. The children sang and recited the Christmas message to their parents and church members who had gathered to hear them. I then gave the Christmas message illustrated by the flannelgraph. The people listened intently. There were more carols and recitations, then each child was given a Christmas parcel (the only Christmas present that most of them receive), containing an article of clothing, an orange, a bag of sweets, a Gospel magazine and a 'coquille,' which is the French Christmas cake, something like a sweet tea-cake. It was a joyous occasion for all as most French people do not celebrate Christmas at all. The only celebration is seen in the 'cafés,' or public houses, where men indulge in drink and sin. What a joy it is to be able to proclaim the blessed Gospel message which alone can save from sin."

THE ELIM EVANGEL

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EDITORIAL

"Thou, O God, hast proved us."

Paradoxical though it be, only that man is at rest who attains it through conflict. This peace, born of conflict, is not like the deadly hush preceding the tempest, but the serene and pure-aired quiet that follows it. It is not generally the prosperous one, who has never sorrowed, who is strong and at rest. His quality has never been tried, and he knows not how to stand even a gentle shock. He is not the safest sailor who never saw a tempest. He will do for fair-weather service. But when the storm is rising, place at the most important post the man who has fought out a gale, who has tested the ship, who knows her hulk sound, her rigging strong, and her anchor able to grasp and hold. When first affliction comes upon us, how everything gives way. Our clinging, tendril hopes are snapped, and our heart lies prostrate like a vine that the storm has torn from its trellis. But when the first shock is past, and we are able to look up, and say, "It is the Lord," faith lifts the shattered hopes once more, and binds them fast to the feet of God. Thus the end is confidence, safety, and peace.

Christ, Our Object

We are saved by faith, and we live by faith. Christ must dwell in our hearts by faith. We must not be occupied about our faith, but about the Object of our faith. Not with the laws of optics must we be occupied, if we would enjoy a beautiful landscape; we must look at it and feast upon it.

J. Hudson Taylor.

Obituary

It is with regret we have to announce the passing from among us, to be with Christ, two friends of Elim: Pastor V. S. Pritchard on January 8th, and on about the same date, Mrs. E. S. Underwood of Letchworth.

For Your Information.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

JUNE 13th-20th, 1955

The Conference will begin on Monday, June 13th at 4 p.m. with a Welcome Service for all delegates in the Philadelphia Church, 5-7 Roerstrandsgatan, Stockholm.

The same day at night will be held the public opening service in a special Conference tent seating 12,000 people.

Accommodation and meals will be in the hands of a special agency, "Reso", which is very able to handle such services and take care of up to 5,000 people. This agency will contact by mail every delegate and observer of the World Conference that has applied for accommodation, at their home address, and give information of where they will be located in hotels, homes or schools in Stockholm, according to the class of accommodation each one prefers and asks for in their application.

On arrival in Stockholm, travellers by air, railway or ship will be met by guides with a distinctive badge and directed to their destinations.

We expect all applications to be received before April 1st, 1955, and addressed to the Conference Secretary, Rev. Allan Tornberg, Box 6082, Stockholm 6, Sweden.

As we have heard some rumours from abroad, that the Swedish brethren are going to change the direction of this World Conference to some special line of their own, we take here the occasion to make the statement that the World Conference in Stockholm will be conducted on the same line as that in London.

There will be special cards with different colours for delegates and observers.

No special speaker has been called. We expect that speakers from the Pentecostal Churches all over the world will be engaged both in the Conference sessions as well as in the public meetings every night.

Delegates will be received who are in good standing and recommended by recognised Pentecostal Bodies in the different countries. To all a hearty welcome.

(Signed) LEWI PETHRUS.

STOCKHOLM. December 22nd, 1954.

VICTORY PREPARED FOR US

The worth of our service for Christ can never go beyond our personal experience of Him. Countless Christians are daily fighting a losing battle. Without the energy of the Spirit, they are constantly at grips with impossible odds; and from the conflict they emerge scarred, broken and almost despairing. Occasionally there is a victory, but the common experience is defeat.

Is that true of you? I am here to say that no man or woman need suffer defeat. We can have victory all along the way, and against the greatest odds, until we see our Master face to face. There is no need for any of us to be overcome, for we are called to be overcomers.

—Dr. W. Graham Scroggie.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

The Universal Christ

Reports from our missionaries draw back the curtains and show how peoples in other lands observed Christmas. Pastor and Mrs. J. Troke, who have recently returned to India after their brief furlough write: "The revellings and banquetings at this Christmas time have penetrated well into heathen countries, and even this land of India, with all its heathen darkness, has been moved under the influence of the Christmas festivities. The actual spirit of love and thanksgiving for God's unspeakable Gift has little place in their thoughts, as they believe that all religions are the striving after God.

"Young men, women and children were among the contributors to the festivities and activities of Christmas, although they knew nothing of the birth of Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer. They started by letting off high explosive crackers at vital moments that would bring the greatest laughter at the expense of frightened pedestrians and animals. Others, with their faces coloured and clothed in all kinds of dresses sang and danced with every ounce of their strength to the beating of drums and tin cans and the playing of bagpipes and whistles. The noise was deafening and exasperating and continued on through the night. But thank God there is the other side, and isolated groups of believers, inspired by the true Christmas spirit, filled the atmosphere with their singing of the carols, telling afresh to the listening multitudes the message of He who was born in Bethlehem's manger so many years ago. Even the air has contributed to the proclamation of the Christmas message to India's millions, for as the radios were switched on, the Christmas carols came floating over the air: "Peace on earth, good will to men." The whole atmosphere seemed to vibrate with the angel message and the broadcasting of this wonderful truth seemed to float to the length and breadth of the land.

"Here in Bombay we had a record gathering on Christmas Sunday evening for the Carol Service. There were solos, duets, and items by the Young People's Choir, followed by a short message on the Birth of Jesus Christ and its results.

"Since our return from furlough the work here has experienced rich blessing; eight dear ones have found the Lord as their personal Saviour and three have received the blessed experience of Acts ii. 4, apart from the three who were baptised in the Holy Spirit during the field Conference held at Dehri-on-Sone. Five of our company are desirous of following the Lord through the waters of

baptism as soon as arrangements can be made. Many have received healing for their bodies as they have been prayed for and anointed according to James v. Pray for the work here in Bombay."

Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Law (Bihar).

Pastor and Mrs. Law returned to their station just a day or two before Christmas, following their furlough in this country and we quote from their letter: "We disembarked at Bombay early on Thursday morning and got through the customs and other formalities. We were met by Mr. and Mrs. Troke, then left on the Friday night for Dehri-on-Sone where we arrived at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. It was a great day there for a Baptismal Service was held and two fine Christian women gave witness to their faith by being immersed in the water of the large canal. It was a great encouragement to the missionaries at Dehri and to Pastor Bisoon Rout who baptised them. That night at 12.30 we left by train for our station and arrived here by 10.30 next morning, which was good going.

"The dust that filled the railway carriage for the 1,000 miles from Bombay to Dehri was beyond description and was the main cause of both of us going down with bad colds. We were glad to get here with all our baggage and have recovered and feeling that we are really settled in. As you can imagine after the bustle of the big cities in England and then the crowds of Bombay, this place seems very quiet indeed. Beautiful for situation, the hills being so attractive and hardly a sound, except that of a bird or of a man calling in the distance. We held a morning service on Christmas Day, and made use of our new gramophone and had a nice time together. Then at night I used the projector and showed pictures of the Birth and Life of Christ.

"It is a thrill to be back and to meet some of the folks again. We had a warm welcome, some showing themselves very excited about it. Yesterday we went to the town and met our educated Indian friends and they too seemed very pleased to see us. May God work mightily among these dear but dark-minded folk."

FRANCE

Miss O. Routledge (Lille). "France is a Roman Catholic country and there is very little Christmas celebration except in the Protestant Churches. In our church we teach the children Christmas hymns and poems on the Birth of

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Stafford Youth takes up the Challenge

Recently we published an account of the work at Long Eaton for the "Edwardians" and other young people of the town. Now comes an equally inspiring report of the Youth work at Stafford started by Pastor S. Homer and carried on by Pastor L. C. Quest.

IT CAME AS A CHALLENGE to the Youth of Covenant Hall, Stafford, to see the young people of the town parading the main street with nothing to do Sunday after Sunday.

Every Sunday evening a group of them went into the Park, singing choruses and giving testimonies. But the crowds became too large and the park keeper would not allow this open-air witness to be held.

So it was decided to open the church to these young people every Sunday evening from 8.30 to 9.30. Leaflets were printed advertising the "Youth Rendezvous," with a map on the back showing the way to the church. Armed with leaflets, the boys of the Church went out "fishing," inviting the young people to come in, while the girls remained behind to hold a prayer meeting.

The first Youth Rendezvous was held on October 3rd; forty young people came along. In December the church was full every Sunday evening with young people, aged from 14 to 25, with an attendance of 150 to 200 each week.

What sort of meeting is it? It starts with community hymn singing led by Pastor L. C. Quest, followed by prayer. Then there is the "Quizzical Box," when a team of young people from the congregation challenge a team of Crusaders—the reward an enamel mug. A short ten minute talk, straight from the shoulder, is the last item on the programme, and the speakers have included John Grant, a converted Teddy Boy, and General F. D. Frost.

Through these meetings seventeen young people have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

One, a young nurse, was brought along by a friend to the Youth Rendezvous. She heard the Gospel message, and after pondering it over in her mind, gave her heart to the Lord at a Youth Club meeting the following Wednesday night, at which Pastor Quest happened to be the speaker.

Another young girl who came to the Rendezvous told her friends at work the following day she would like to be saved. She laughed and teased her and made her cry, but she came to the church on the Monday night while a Sunday School teachers' meeting was being held and asked the Pastor to lead her to the Lord.

God is blessing this work among the young people of Stafford. Everyone in town is talking about the Youth Rendezvous—in college, office, factory and shops. So do pray for this work.

This challenge came to the young people of our church and they accepted it and acted upon it. What are you doing about the youth of tomorrow? Let Youth meet Youth.

Events at Swansea

The last three months have been quite eventful in the life of Swansea Church.

The early part of October brought the farewell of Pastor and Mrs. A. V. Gorton after five years' ministry in Swansea. In their farewell service the secretary, on behalf of the church thanked Pastor and Mrs. Gorton for their faithful and loving ministry and wished them God's richest blessing in their new appointment. Later in the month the church welcomed Pastor E. F. Cole and family from Southport. The Induction service was convened by Pastor Ken Matthew who, as a "Yorkshire Welshman," welcomed them to Wales. The meeting was also blessed by the ministry of Pastor W. J. Maybin.

Early in November the church was happy to have the Elim President, Pastor John Dyke on a three-day visit. Although the weather was bad the meetings were well attended. Later, the church celebrated its 25th Anniversary and much blessing was experienced by the visit of Pastor W. J. Hilliard, a former minister, and Pastor O. G. Miles, an old friend of the church. This anniversary was also the time for the annual Gift Day, and members and friends brought in their gifts for the Lord's work.

The first week in December was Crusader Youth Week. The young people took the meetings on both week-ends, and the Tuesday and Wednesday. On the Thursday the guest speaker was Mr. Idris Davies of Ammanford, and on the Saturday the Apostolic Youth Team from Penygroes took the meeting. This year, as last, a Crusader Choir formed under the accomplished leadership of Mr. W. Ll. Bell and enriched the meetings by their singing.

House as Sunday School

Longton Bethel Temple has now a fine branch Sunday School established on the Blurton Newstead Estate under the superintendence of Mr. W. W. Bellman. As there are no halls of any kind on this vast estate, for the time being Mr. Bellman has turned his house and home over to the school.

Sunday after Sunday we are faced with the serious situation of having to turn children away from the packed premises, and we are praying to be in a position to handle the long waiting list of children.

Both Sunday Schools met under the huge Christmas Tree to greet Father Christmas when he came to the party at the Bethel Temple. The Temple Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. Fardell, have paid their annual visit to the Trentham Home for the Blind to sing carols, and also sang at Silverdale Elim Church during the visit of Elim's President.

The choir also presented a Carol Festival before a crowded congregation in the Temple. Pastor Fardell, the minister, preached on "Outstanding Characters connected with our Lord's Birth." The recently acquired Bechstein grand piano and the newly-installed organ enhanced the never-to-be-forgotten event.

A "Grandmothers' Night" marked the last Sunday night of 1954. A recent innovation is the large, pink electric sign with its large, black lettering fixed over the main entrance.

From Essex to India

Pastor D. C. Lewis, who while on furlough has had charge of Gun Hill Elim Church, Bowers Gifford, sailed from Tilbury on December 21st, with his wife and daughter Gwyneth, to resume missionary work in India.

Pastor W. R. West, who now has charge of Gun Hill and Laindon, went with a party of Bowers Gifford friends by coach to say farewell to the Lewises at Tilbury.

Writing of the scene when the Bowers Gifford party sang hymns and choruses on the quayside as the *Chusan* sailed out, Mr. West also enclosed a cutting from the gossip column of a South Essex local paper:—

"Pastor D. C. Lewis, a man who made a deep impression on the people of Basildon area with his friendly manner and depth of Christian purpose, left Tilbury on Tuesday to take up again the reins of missionary work in India. His work was not only confined to the Elim Church, Gun Hill, Bowers Gifford—it flowed to the world outside.

"As was the custom in Biblical times, Pastor Lewis went into the highways and byways with the Christian word. He stood, week after week, close by Pitsea Market and raised his voice above the din of traffic.

"Shoppers went about their business, but some of his words must have fallen on fruitful ground. He has my sincere wishes for the success of his work overseas."

News from Penzance

Welcome back into the news Penzance, Elim's most westerly post in England. A report from there says:

During 1954, God's hand has been upon this church in blessing. Souls have been saved and bodies healed. A campaign held in January, under the leadership of Pastors Henry Shaw and A. D. Matthew, and the help of Pastor E. Corsie, saw the start.

This church had been without a pastor for some time, and, following this campaign, Pastor Matthew was appointed as minister. Much blessing attended his ministry. Believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit, souls were saved, and a Crusader Branch re-started.

A tent campaign held in March near the sea front, the first Elim Tent Campaign in this town, brought again the message of salvation under the ministry of Pastor J. C. Kennedy.

September saw another tent campaign under the leadership of Pastor A. D. Matthew. Great blessing and conversions followed.

Much regret was felt when Pastor Matthew had to leave, to take up an appointment in New Zealand. During the time of waiting for another Pastor we were privileged to have the ministry of Pastor W. George. Souls were saved and one outstanding healing was that of Mr. R. J. Benney who was due to go into hospital for an operation. God completely healed him without having the operation which was imminent.

Pastor C. Edwards has now commenced his ministry in Penzance. We extend to him a very warm welcome.

HOW DESPERATELY DO WE NEED THE BLESSING

Hugh Redwood tells a fine story in his book, "God and the Slums," of a poor salvationist who saw a picture of Jesus in a pawn shop. She could not bear the idea of her Saviour being in such a shop and made up her mind to save her pence until she could redeem Him. When all her wealth consisted of a shilling she ventured to the shop to ask how much the pawnbroker wanted for the picture. When he said one shilling and sixpence her disappointment showed itself so manifest that the pawnbroker said, "Well, if you want it so badly, you can have it for a shilling."

How much do we want Jesus?

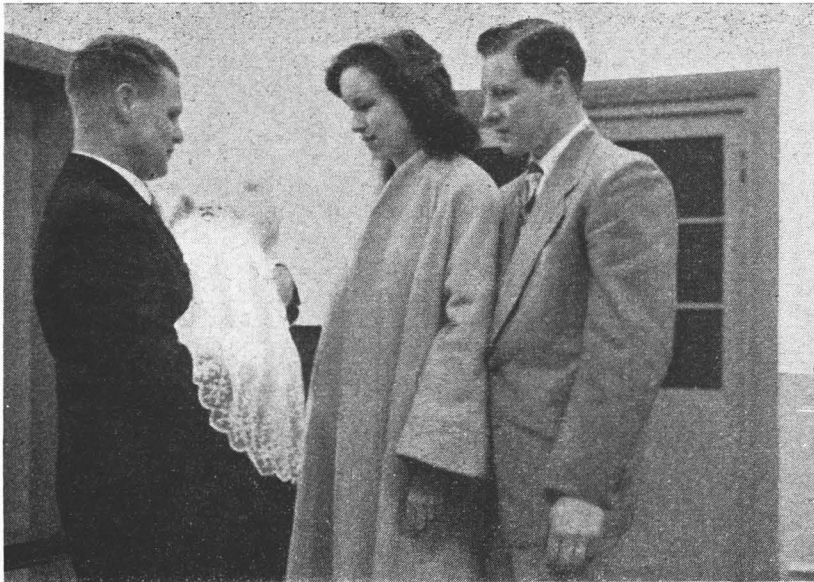


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Sowerby Bridge

Two of the oldest members cutting the cake on the celebration of the First Anniversary of the opening of the New Church. The work here is in good shape and going forward under the ministry of Pastor L. Lambert.



New Church !

New Pastor !

New Convert !

New Baby !

Mr. Irwin Bonar, an American Serviceman found Christ as his Saviour when Pastor P. S. Brewster visited the new church at Watford. Here Pastor Alec Johnston dedicated the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin. Mrs. Irwin (née Miss Josie Mitchell) was an Elim Crusader.

Mountain Faith and Midnight Faith

Our Lord bids us take the "faith of God" (Mark xi. 22, margin), and by that deep and wonderful phrase invites us to meditate on the faith that God has in Himself. Does God ever doubt Himself, His ability or His willingness to answer each prayer offered in His name? Let us meditate much about God's own estimate of Himself, His own faith in Himself, and then we will have the mountain-moving faith that prevails mightily in prayer.

What are mountains to Him who has "weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance," and who counts the nations but as a drop of a bucket, the small dust of the balance? (Who ever troubles about the last drop when buying a bucketful or a canful of milk, or other liquid? Who ever wipes the fine dust off the scales when buying articles by the pound?) The dust and the drop—too insignificant for notice—are to us what mighty empires and vast kingdoms are in the sight of God the Almighty. We talk about "making a mountain out of a molehill" as the extreme of foolish fear, yet when we faithlessly grieve over wrongs and evils (instead of praying joyfully for their removal) we are making mountains out of dust too fine to be noticed by even a thrifty merchant or housewife.

The prayer of faith avails to move mountains (Mark xi. 23), and when we get a clear vision of the majesty of our God, His greatness and glory, His faith in Himself begins to saturate our souls and the prayer of faith rises spontaneously and joyously, with the glad certainty of sure achievement.

Mountain faith is like midnight faith—rejoicing in the

dark—singing praises for the answers to prayer which have not yet appeared to the naked eye of human reason. Faith is like the telescope through which the astronomer beholds a distant comet rapidly approaching the earth, which will not be visible to ordinary mortals for weeks or months. Midnight faith sees the coming dawn when others see only hopeless blackness. Midnight faith is as sure of the day as faithlessness is sure of the night. At midnight Paul and Silas sang praises that shook down prison walls! Earthquaking praises and mountain-moving prayers are the great need of the Church of God in this day.

When the angel of Revelation viii. 3, offered the prayers of the saints, the programme of God's wrath suddenly began, with voices, thunderings, lightnings, earthquakes, and a mountain cast into the sea (Rev. viii. 3-8, etc.). The mountain faith and the midnight faith are the key to the conclusion of the church age, the ending of the mountains and midnights of sin and sorrow, the key to the glorious consummation of the plan and purpose of God.

How do we get this mountain-faith? It is a gift. No energy of our own can work up anything but a poor imitation of God's faith. The Divine may be copied but never duplicated; only God can create true faith; and it is a free gift; ye who seek His face and tarry long in His secret and abide under the shadow know well the glory of it; and yet the youngest believer may receive it, if he will, without delay . . . "By grace are ye saved through faith—and that not of yourselves—it is the gift of God." Then let us ask and obtain this midnight faith.

—*Homera Homer-Dixon.*

Elim Youth Page

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

Souls and Soul Eaters

Pastor Archie Nicholson is the writer of this week's feature—Elim missionary in Senegal. He was born in Greenock in 1924, and attended the Elim Sunday School from childhood. He entered the Elim Bible College in 1946. During his pastorate at Coulsdon Elim Church he also studied at the Missionary School of Medicine in London, with success in the examinations and in his church (quite an accomplishment). He held pastorates in Wales, Scotland and England before sailing for West Africa in January, 1952.



Pastor Nicholson holds both babies—black and white.

SENEGAL! Do you know where it is on the map? I think it would be a good idea if you took a look at a map of Africa and found out just where Senegal is situated. It is a French colony with over two million inhabitants most of whom are Moslems, many are pagan, a few are Catholics and there are two Protestant missions, a French mission in Dakar, and the W.E.C. in what is called the Casamance. In this my first term on the field I am working in fellowship with the W.E.C.

Now that you have some idea of Senegal and my own position in the work here, let me tell you something of the life among its people.

The Fulas, amongst whom I work, are a backward tribe in many ways. Most of them are unable to read or write, and their lives consist of working in the fields during the wet season and casual (with emphasis on the



His Bodyguard?

casual) labour during the dry season. Fear and superstition grip the hearts of the natives and although many of them are professing Moslems, they are really no better than pagans, but this Moslem influence makes them difficult to reach with the Gospel.

Recently a young lad was brought to the dispensary in a serious condition, his food had been poisoned. The native dispenser, who was taking my place while I was away, called the doctor but it was too late, the young lad died. Who did it? We will never know on this side of time. Can you wonder that fear dominates the Fula when in the natural such things take place.

I must confess that I have been sceptical with regards to some of the stories I have heard, but it is obvious that the powers of darkness are manifest in ways out here that are hard to believe by those of us who have spent our lives in countries such as Britain. Can you imagine a person who for some reason or other destroys the life of another without ever touching him? Such is the horrible work of the "soul-eater." The details of some of the stories in connection with soul-eaters are gruesome, but they speak of lives bound by the "Prince of Darkness." Crusader, young person, God still requires "pioneers."

The everyday life is filled with incidents if you care to

look for them. The cook has prepared some soup, it smells delicious but, alas, it tastes like a fully guaranteed sample of the "Dead Sea," and you are convinced that the cook has emptied the full contents of the salt dish into the soup. Only the other day I asked the workman to put water in the bath. Later, when I went to have my bath, I found the bath empty, and the water . . . have a guess.

I have said nothing of the medical work, with its cases of months old babies whose little bodies are covered in sores, and old people upon whose faces are traced the marks of sin. I have not told you of the happy band of youngsters who come to Sunday School, their faces bright with joy as they sing the choruses. Space has to be limited and my pen picture has been in the nature of a thumb-nail sketch, but if it creates in your heart a desire to pray for missionary labour, a willingness to obey God's call, and a loyalty to our own Missionary Society, then I have not written in vain from this needy land of Senegal.

NEWS FLASH—

Dudley—Newly-formed Crusader Branch progressing in fine form. Commenced with six, and within two months numbers passed seventeen.

Warrington—Sunshine Corner meetings commenced with

more than 100 children attending. Pastor F. Lavender is seeking to expand the youth work even further this winter.

HALIFAX SUNSHINE CORNER CAMPAIGN

Shirley E. Thompson describes a recent Youth Campaign :

The Campaign was held with the purpose of enlarging the Sunday School and restarting the Sunshine Corner, and God has blessed our efforts among the children during these special meetings conducted by Pastor L. W. Green. On Monday a group of workers met Pastor John Gardiner and Pastor L. W. Green to give out bills at the schools, and each night a regular attendance of 250 children was kept up. The church platform was unusually decorated with balloons, sweets and toys. Each night Pastor Green gave a little Gospel talk and then asked the children to write an essay on what he had said, and if they had given their hearts to Jesus to put that on too. It was touching to read some of the letters and the simple way in which the children accepted the Lord. An amazing number of children responded to this way of appeal, and the results were that twenty new scholars were added to the Sunday School and we were thrilled to see over 130 children at the first Sunshine Corner meeting.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor H. Burton Haynes.

SUNDAY, January 23rd. Genesis xviii. 16-33.

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" (v. 17).

Judgment was being prepared for the cities of the Plain and before it was outpoured Jehovah took Abraham into His confidence about it. Forewarned Abraham stood before the Lord as an intercessor. Confidential communications are the reward of intimate fellowship with God. Implicit obedience to our Lord's commandments is the price of personal friendship with God. To the yielded life He will unveil His purposes regarding the Church and the world. This knowledge will move us to occupy the position of an intercessor. Are we making time to intercede on behalf of others?

MONDAY, January 24th. Genesis xix. 1-3; 12-16.

"Lot sat in the gate of Sodom" (v. 1).

Lot occupied an important place in Sodom, he was a magistrate. It was an honour that the inhabitants of this wicked city conferred upon him. But upon reflection we realise there was no real honour in it at all. To fulfil this position he had to compromise and in so doing lost his power of testimony. Abraham, a separated man, occupied the true place of honour, he sat in his tent-door and here received the Lord Himself. Let us seek the honour which cometh from the Lord.

TUESDAY, January 25th. Genesis xix. 17-29.

"She became a pillar of salt" (v. 26).

Rapid in its pursuit as a prairie fire, judgment overtook the cities of the plain; it was only the swift who could escape it. To pause was to court disaster. Lot's wife lingered. Looking back upon the awful destruction which obliterated her home and possessions she was riveted with dismay and horror. Overtaken, she is involved in the sulphurous smoke and is encrusted by the lava which became her tomb. Remember Lot's wife is our Lord's solemn warning. Her tragic death proclaims that if we try to make the best of both worlds we shall probably lose both.

WEDNESDAY, January 26th. Luke i. 1-20.

"Things . . . most surely believed" (v. 1).

Christian assurance is the flower of a plant of which faith is the root. You can have faith, the root, without the flower of assurance, but you cannot have assurance without faith. It is a strengthening exercise to meditate upon the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. These doctrines are set forth in the Epistles. A glowing conviction concerning these great truths will be formed in our hearts as we ponder them, and this will lead inevitably to the enrichment of character and to a more convincing witness to others. Spiritual impression will be followed by powerful expression.

THURSDAY, January 27th. Luke i. 21-38.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible" (v. 37).

The birth of our Lord was an extraordinary act of our God. He co-operated with the laws of nature to bring into being a physical body for His Son. Nature is not a closed order, and grace is not a closed order either. The laws of nature are but that which man has observed in his little brief dwelling upon the earth. God has acted that way hitherto, but there is nothing to show that God cannot act another way if He chooses. This applies also to the realm of grace. Let us pray and believe for the unprecedented.

FRIDAY, January 28th. Luke i. 39-58.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord" (v. 46).

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit Mary breaks forth into sacred song. In the *Magnificat* the gladness of her soul found expression. It is one of the noblest psalms in Holy Scripture, beautiful in diction, exalted in feeling and saturated with the knowledge of Scripture. It points to Mary's purity of heart. Only a pure soul could rejoice when God was coming near to it. It also reveals her humility. She magnifies the Lord, not herself. She acknowledges Him as her Saviour, though her Child. Purity of heart and humility of spirit are two priceless virtues. May they characterise our lives too.

SATURDAY, January 29th. Luke i. 59-80.

"His mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed" (v. 64).

How many tongues are tied when they should be loosed to praise His Name! There are various causes for this spiritual dumbness; unbelief, the fear of man, some secret sin cherished in the life and not confessed, an inhibition in our personality. Whatever the cause God can deal with it and set us free to magnify His name. The fulness of the Holy Spirit will give this freedom of utterance before God and men. At Pentecost they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke, magnifying God. In seeking the fulness of the Holy Spirit we give God the opportunity of dealing with every hindering cause.

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENTIAL ITINERARY

Pastor John Dyke, the President, will visit the following churches:
Jan. 19, Bethesda, Belfast. 22, Worthing (Rally). 23-24, Preston Park. 25, Hove. 26-27, Portsmouth. 28, Ryde.
Feb. 1, Eastleigh. 2, Canada. 3, Petersfield.

BIRMINGHAM (Yardley). Jan. 22-24. Elim Church, Broadstone Road. Special visit of Pastor and Mrs. W. Millington (of the I.B.T.I.). Sat., Mon., Wed. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

CROYDON. Feb. 5 & 6. Elim Church, Stanley Road, West Croydon. Sat. 7 p.m. Visit of Kenley Bible Students. Sun. 11 & 6.30. Preacher: Mr. Donald Gee.

FINCHLEY. Jan. 29. Elim Church, King Street, East Finchley. Presbytery Rally, 7 p.m. Speaker: Pastor J. J. Way. Special singing by United Presbytery Choir.

ILFORD. Jan. 22-24. Elim Church, Srafton Road. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: Rev. J. H. Keates (Rayleigh). Sat. 3 and 6.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30.

ILFORD. Feb. 6. Elim Church, Srafton Road. Monthly Rally. Sat. 7.30. Speaker: Pastor J. Karamadzanis. Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

KINGSTANDING. Feb. 6. Elim Church, Warren Road. Special Services for Pastor and Mrs. Morrison's 4th Anniversary. 11, 3 and 6.30. Evening meeting taken by Deacons, with items by the Mixed Choir and Male Voice Party.

LONGTON. Jan. 17-26. The Bethel Temple, Dunrobin Street. Children's Campaign conducted by Uncle Bill (William Wallace Bellman) of Humberside. Each night at 6.30.

LOWESTOFT. Jan. 22-24. Elim Church, Milton Road. Special visit of Pastor J. Hywel Davies. Sat. and Mon. 7.30. Sun. 11, 3, and 6.30. Sunday School Prize Giving.

SALFORD. Feb. 6-17. Elim Church, Nursery Street, Pendleton. Sun. 6th at 8.15. After-Church Film Rally: "This Gathering Storm." Mon. 7th to 17th. Campaign conducted by Pastor Arnold Brookes. Nightly 7.30 (ex. Fri.). Sun. 6.30.

SMETHWICK. Feb. 12-15. Elim Church, Oldbury Road. Pastor's 3rd Anniversary. Guest speaker: Pastor George Newsholme. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. and Tues. 7.30. Convener: Pastor Frank Shadlock.

THORNTON HEATH. Feb. 8. Elim Church, Moffat Road. Special visit of the President, Pastor J. Dyke. 7.30.

WORTHING. Jan. 22. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. United Pentecostal Rally. 7 p.m. Speaker: Pastor John Dyke (President). Special singing by local choirs.

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Weeping in Outer Darkness

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In the light of these Divine disclosures all the people of the world are in sore need of the Word of God, and of men such as St. Paul, George Fox, Charles Finney and Billy Graham to warn them of this outer darkness so that they may escape it by seeking and finding God while still in the body. For it is written:

"God hath made all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . . that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after Him and find Him" (Acts xvii. 26, 27).

Turn now to Christ. Ask Him to save you and cleanse you from sin, and to come into your heart to live and reign, and He will do it. He says:

"Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37).

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Wardley.—On September 15th, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wardley, of Sheffield, the gift of a son, Peter James; a brother for Trevor.

DEDICATION

Melton.—On January 9th, at Elim Church, Pontlottyn, by Pastor D. Keenan; Sandra Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Melton (née Keenan) from Southern Rhodesia.

WITH CHRIST

Lakeman.—On December 29th, Mrs. Grace E. Lakeman, beloved member of Elim Church, Croydon. Funeral conducted by Pastor H. Burton-Haynes.

Meredith.—On December 31st, Mrs. Eliza Ann Meredith, aged 78, member of Bethel Temple, Longton. Funeral conducted by Pastor Henry W. Fardell.

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