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THREEPENCE

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The newly-formed Choir at the Elim Church, Southend-on-Sea.

[D. V. Davenport.

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

Between the Lines

By A JOURNALIST

Dr. Billy Graham's Glasgow Crusade seems to have got away to a good start as far as the Press is concerned. Most of the notices of the opening meeting in the national dailies were sober and sympathetic in contrast to the "film star welcome" treatment which he received on his arrival in this country, but for that the Press can hardly be blamed.

Much pain was caused to many Evangelicals before Billy Graham arrived by an article in the *Manchester Guardian*, by Alistair Cooke from New York, on Graham's rally there in the Madison Square Garden. Cooke spread himself over a couple of the *Guardian's* capacious columns in an obvious attempt to "debunk" Dr. Graham and all his works. It was heavily sarcastic. Alistair Cooke obviously regards Billy Graham with a curled lip. Even an agnostic friend admitted to me that the article was "feline."

But the *Guardian* made handsome amends after the opening night of the Glasgow Crusade. It came out the next day with a quite extensive piece of factual reporting of the Kelvin Hall meeting.

The Times, taking advantage of this fresh interest in the work of large-scale evangelism, published a "Portrait of Three Evangelists"—Tom Rees, Eric Hutchings and Pentecost's own Frederick Squire. This highly sympathetic account emphasized the power of prayer in the lives of the three evangelists and their experience of practical answers. Fred Squire, for instance, when he was starting his agricultural section at Burgess Hill, prayed for guidance, and, quite unexpectedly, a man arrived at his door with a cow as a gift.

The article pointed out, however, that a portrait gallery of British evangelists working on the same lines as Billy Graham would contain fewer than a dozen faces; an American gallery of evangelists would contain at least 5,000.

STAND FAST—Galatians v. 1

Fear not, O child of God, to stand alone amidst the evil of this day; for He who cruelly died, now lives to walk beside you all the way. The arms that once outstetched to save, enfold you in their tender care; and oft that gentle voice is raised before the throne of God, in prayer.

Entangle not again within the web of this world's temporal pleasure. Its loss will bring eternal gain, in joy and heavenly treasure. Lose not the hold on ground you've gained to take a downward trend; but firmly climb the Calvary Steep, your crown lies at the end.

Be not dismayed when foul doctrines rear their ugly heads; when Truth has fallen in the Street and blind indifference spreads. But shelter seek in that dear Cross, within its truths abide; for Christ your Saviour's coming soon to lift you to His side.

—R. Richards.



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[Mr. Evans, Ealing.

Elim brings its witness to London's Trafalgar Square

Top: Pauline Morgan gives her testimony for Christ.

CENTRE: The crowds listen intently to the message.

BOTTOM: Christ comes to Trafalgar Square in these ardent Foursquare Gospellers.

Healings in John Woodhead's Campaign in Camas, Washington, U.S.A.



Growth in the Throat

Mrs. Cecile Steinmeyer, R.I. Box 42, Washugal, Washington, U.S.A. January 20th, 1955.

On December 11th, 1953, I had an operation for a growth in the throat and hoped that the operation was successful, but to my painful discovery it began to grow again and the pain returned. Now I realized that only the Lord could undertake for me and I took the whole burden to the Lord and continued to pray, believing the Lord was able and willing to meet the need, but it did not seem to go, but got worse. Then the campaign was launched in the American Legion Hall, Camas. Our Pastor, Rev. R. I. Cranston had invited Rev., Mrs. and Miss Woodhead from Manchester, England, to come. The first night of the campaign (Sunday, January 9th) the invitation was given to those who needed prayer. I responded, for only the Lord knows how I needed Him. Rev. John Woodhead prayed and the Lord heard and healed me. Praise His wonderful name. I trust my testimony may be an inspiration to others to believe God.

(Signed) Mrs. Cecile Steinmeyer.

Varicose Veins and Ulcers

Mrs. B. Helland, R. I. Box 505, Washugal, Washington, U.S.A. January 19th, 1955.

In order that the Lord may be glorified I want to tell of what the Lord has done for me during the campaign conducted in Camas, Washington, by Rev., Mrs., and Miss Woodhead of England.

I have during the past forty-three years suffered from varicose veins and very bad ulcers as a result of the varicose veins, but when the invitation was made for those seeking healing, I went out in faith, believing that the Lord was able to meet my need, and thank God, when the evangelist prayed, the Lord heard and undertook. I am completely healed.

(Signed) Mrs. Bertha Helland.

Heart Trouble and Arthritis

Mrs. Nancy Horn, R. I. Box 284, Washugal, Washington, U.S.A. January 20th, 1955.

I wish to give my testimony of healing in order that it will inspire others to believe God for healing. On Sunday, January 9th, the British Evangelistic Party, Rev., Mrs., and Miss Woodhead commenced their campaign in Camas, Washington, and I went out for prayer, believing that the Lord would heal me, and praise His name He did. I have been a sufferer from very bad heart trouble for sixteen years, and a victim of arthritis for nearly forty years, but thank God I am now completely free.

As soon as Rev. Woodhead prayed for me the power of God loosed me completely. I have waited until the end of the campaign before giving my testimony in order to show that it lasts and my healing is complete.

(Signed) Mrs. Nancy Horn.

Severe Heart Trouble

Mr. Andrew Helland, R. I. Box 505, Washugal, Washington, U.S.A.

For what the Lord has done for me I will never cease to praise Him. Over the past fifteen years I have suffered from severe heart trouble, and was so bad that it seemed I was in a vice at times and could not breathe. My case was a very bad one, and the least excitement, or walking too far, and I would get terrible pains and palpitation. For the last two years I have not been able to do any work. But I went to the Camas campaign and I listened to the Gospel being preached by Rev. John Woodhead, and the singing of his wife and daughter. My faith was built up, for the Evangelist said "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." There was a real consciousness of God's presence when Mr. Woodhead prayed for me. I felt I was healed. The pain went instantly and the next day I tested my healing by splitting wood, and this I could not do before. I worked well and felt no pain at all. This is now well over a week and I am still praising the Lord and am healed. To God be all the glory.

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EDITORIAL

Let Glasgow Flourish . . .

In the All-Scotland Crusade, conducted by Billy Graham in Glasgow's fine Kelvin Hall, the old motto of the City is coming into its

On the City Arms are the words: "Let Glasgow Flourish", but this is only an abbreviated form of the old and fuller motto: "Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the Word, and the praising of His name." Years ago, when the Elim campaigns first struck this noble city the great St. Andrew's Hall, seating five thousand, was packed to capacity. It was then that Evangelist Seth Sykes wrote the Chorus given here, and which was sung with tremendous enthusiasm by those Scottish folk, many of whom were brought to Christ through those campaigns.

It is a thrill to read again of the City of Glasgow being moved from centre to circumference by the anointed ministry of Billy Graham, Indeed Glasgow has become more than a centre for the All-Scotland Crusade, it has become the focal point of prayer, and love, and expectation, as thousands upon thousands all over the land, in the Relay Services, listen in to Glasgow's Kelvin Hall, and feel the tremendous impact of those meetings.

Once again, as in the days of yore, Scotland is ablaze with a new Covenant and new Covenanters who have caught the Vision of Scotland for Christ.

So, in these days of such great goings on in the name of the Lord in this metropolis of the regions beyond the border, we re-echo the cry "Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the Word, and the praising of His name.'

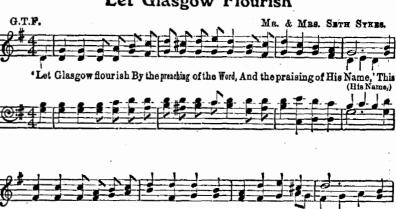
HEALED OF HEAD PAINS.

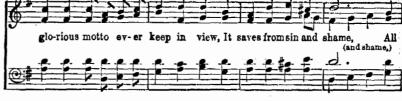
For several months I had been troubled with severe pains in my head. At times they were so bad that I had to stay away from my employment. These pains were accompanied by dizziness so that I was unable to stand on my feet and had to keep to my bed for days at a time. No treatment seemed to do me any good. About three weeks ago at the close of the Gospel service at Elim Church, Newtownards, Pastor Taylor invited any who were sick and believed God could heal them to come to the front. I was among them that responded to the invitation and as soon as hands were laid on me I was completely healed. I give God all the glory. My wife and I regularly attend the Elim Church services.

JAMES HAMILL,

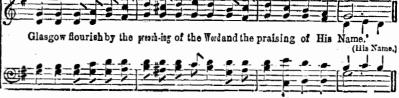
16, Church Street, Newtownards. (Signed, R. R. Taylor, Pastor.)

Let Glasgow Flourish











OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

Elim Missionary Arrives on the Field

We are happy to report that our missionary, Miss Ruby Simms, is now back in South Africa and has

settled in to her work among the many thousands of Africans who have yet to be won to Christ. Our sister wishes to thank, through the medium of the ELIM EVANGEL, the many friends who so kindly provided hospitality and helped in prayer during her visits to the churches while on furlough. Miss Simms writes:—
"Dear Friends,

"Greetings in the name of Jesus.

"I have once again settled down in South Africa after a very good and calm sea voyage, with the exception of a number of 'hold-ups' which included being fog-bound at Rotterdam and a sixty m.p.h. gale at Cape Town, but I thank God for His protection during these times.

"South Africa has suffered much from the severe rains of recent weeks which have caused floods in many places, some having been the worst on record. A number of roads have been washed away in many places, and trains have been held up by landslides, sometimes for several days. I can praise the Lord that He saw me safely through to my journey's end.

"Now that I am back, I realize what the time of fellowship at home with you all has meant. I look back and think of the many meetings, where I had the pleasure of meeting old and new friends, as well as a number who were my fellow students. What a joy to see and hear how the Lord is blessing.

"To the many pastors, members and friends of Elim who so kindly took me into their homes, I would say a very big 'Thank you.' I did appreciate your kindness, hospitality and welcome. It is hard to say how I felt when bitterly cold through travelling, I was able to 'thaw out' over a lovely blazing fire, or after a long journey in the rain I was able to 'dry out' before venturing forth again. Not forgetting the many cups of tea; how wonderful they were! To one and all, very many thanks, the Lord bless and reward you!

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now (Phil. i. 3-5).

"I have already met many of the Christians again, still rejoicing in the Lord. I have taken meetings and given out tracts, but there are still thousands of souls to be reached. The labourers are few and the Devil is attacking those who are going forth with the Gospel message. The time is short, but I know I can rely on those of you who have been so faithful to me in the past to uphold me again in prayer, that souls may be saved and the Name of the Lord glorified.

"God bless you all in your homes and your churches,
"Yours sincerely in Christ,

Ruby Simms."

YOU CAN HELP THE MISSIONARIES

The following interesting report has been received from one of our churches in Belfast: "The ladies' Missionary Fellowship of the Elim Church, Alexandra Park Avenue, Belfast, held their First Anniversary a few weeks ago with an Exhibition of their work, followed by a Fellowship Tea. A time of real blessing was experienced in the presence of the Lord.

"The sisters of this Fellowship devote every Wednesday afternoon to a time of knitting garments, such as small vests, frocks, shawls and cot covers made from old balls and skeins of wool, of all colours and texture, and already hundreds of garments have been dispatched to our missionaries in the Congo, and at the moment two large parcels are in the course of preparation for the Drs. Brien, in Southern Rhodesia, and Mr. and Mrs. Bull in Tanganyika. The Missionary Fellowship was commenced a little over a year ago, following a visit from our brother Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth, who told us of the great need of such garments, especially for the new-born babies of the natives; he said many of these little lives had been saved as the result of the provision of these garments.

"The church at Alexandra Park Avenue is very missionary minded as we are pastored by a prospective missionary, Pastor Wm. McKeown. Our one lack is sufficient wool, and if any ladies have spare balls or skeins or hanks of wool of any colour or texture and they would care to send them to Mrs. K. N. Higgins, 16, Dunlambert Park, Belfast, N. Ireland, they will be gratefully received and used for the furtherance of this grand work for the foreign mission field."

—S. J. H.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS HELP THE MISSIONARIES

Among the gifts received for the missionary work is one of £10 from the Pontypridd Elim Sunday School,

Birmingham's Spiritual Conference

By Pastor K. Smith (Old Hill)

AFTER three trying months of extreme wintry conditions, with consequent depleted numbers, increased visiting and sickness, I for one, looked forward to the week set apart, in true apostolic fashion, to the ministry of the Word and prayer in Birmingham, and what a feast it was.

"The grandest week I've ever spent in my life" was the comment, not of a probationary minister, but of the President, Pastor J. Dyke, and coming from a man of rich Pentecostal experience they indicate how real the blessing of the Lord was felt by the ministers of the presbytery. There was a deep urge to seek the face of God, and the release from the round of visiting, preaching, and church problems, and the unity and harmony of the Holy Ghost were very real factors contributing to the blessing on the gatherings.

Among the outstanding messages in the ministerial sessions was that of Pastor H. Fisher (West Bromwich) who portrayed the suffering Christ and His Passion. The devotions which followed were anointed of the Spirit.

Pastor A. Rowland Smith (Nuneaton) gave much pastoral advice when portraying the minister as a "man of God."

Pastor F. Byatt (Erdington) strengthened our faith when speaking on the unfailing promises of God. Pastor J. Osman (Selly Oak) referring to the blessing of God, declared "We can minimize what the Lord has already done for us." I liked his comment that God's blessing came when unity, generosity, purity and prayer were manifest, and the words of Pastor D. Dean (Langley), "We must be what we preach, brethren."

Divine Healing problems were discussed at length after the subject had been opened up by Pastor C. J. Watkins (Graham Street) and there was a keen desire to experience a new wave of God's power to heal the sick in our assemblies.

During the devotions, not only did the glory of the Lord fall in real pentecostal fashion, but conviction, heartsearching and confession were manifest.

The evening convention services felt the impact of the ministerial sessions. The outstanding message was that of Pastor L. Cowdery (Blackheath) who portrayed the pre-eminence of Christ in an eloquent manner.

The glory of the week still lingers. In the words of Pastor R. J. Morrison (Kingstanding), we are going to preach Pentecost in all its fulness, for nothing less can satisfy us.

Eight Years' Ministry

After nearly eight years at the Elim Full Gospel Church, FALMOUTH, Pastor Arthur Anstey left recently to take over the Church at Knottingley, Yorks. Behind him he left quite an impressive record of what an energetic pastor can do (as this summary from the "Falmouth Packet"

shows): Founder of a local branch of the Golden Star Brigade for children;

Writer of children's monologues, recitations and illustrated talks:

"Adopter" (with his wife) of Budock Hospital—for six years patients have looked forward to their weekly friendly chat and distribution of gospel magazines;

Port missioner since last September for the Incorporated Seamen's and Boatmen's Friend Society.

Mrs. Anstey, too, became well-known in the district for her ministry at women's meetings.

Many tributes were paid to them at their farewell service, when Mr. E. Bolitho (Church Secretary) presented Mr. Anstey with a cheque on behalf of the church. Mrs. Anstey had received an electric iron as a gift from the Sisterhood.

Pastor A. R. Smith (from Southampton) is now in charge at Falmouth. At his induction Pastor E. Corsie (Newquay) presided and greetings to Pastor and Mrs. Smith from the Presbytery were brought by Mr. Clarke of Newquay.

President at Welcome

The welcome to Pastor Anstey at the Elim Tabernacle, KNOTTINGLEY, coincided with a week-end of special meetings which included the visit of the President, Pastor J. Dyke. God's blessing rested on the services. Pastor L. Wigglesworth (of the Congo) piloted the Saturday afternoon rally at which three were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

In the evening Pastor J. J. Morgan, the President and Pastor John Gardiner (District Superintendent) gave a welcome to Pastor Anstey, and the words of greeting expressed by representatives of several other denominations and by the Knottingley Church Secretary made it a unique induction service.

The President ministered the Word on Sunday and after the meeting one soul was saved and five received their baptism of power.

All the meetings were well attended and visitors from other churches enjoyed happy fellowship.

Crowded Rallies

Despite very severe wintry weather, the borrowed Congregational Church in PARKGATE (Rotherham) was packed at both afternoon and evening meetings for the initial Rally before Pastor John Dyke's tour of the churches in the North Midlands Presbytery.

The presence of the Lord was manifest and the ministry of Pastor Dyke, both in preaching and praying for those seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, was greatly blessed. Mr. Roberson, of Leeds, thrilled the congregation with his inspired messages in song. Then there was a great march of witness which attracted much attention.







Personalities on the Plinth at Trafalgar Square Witness.

LEFT: H. W. Greenway follows the script carefully.

Centre: J. Hywel Davies in reflective mood.

RIGHT: Fred Hodge presses home his point with vigour.

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[J. Frame.

One feature of these Presbytery rallies is the sheer simplicity of the services, with plenty of time for the speaker to give the Word of the Lord without fluster and hurry to an attentive congregation unwearied by innumerable preliminaries.

Pastor Dyke's ministry in the several churches of the Presbytery was a great stimulant and the Lord's people were much encouraged. Nearly fifty received the Baptism in the Spirit and a number professed Christ as Saviour. At one of the meetings a fifteen-year-old boy was brought under conviction and a fortnight later he gave his heart to Christ.

—K. Banks.

Forward in Steel Town

Under the ministry of Pastor A. J. Chuter, SCUNTHORPE is experiencing great blessing in all departments, and we are rejoicing to see the hand of God moving among us in this steel town.

Recent special activities have proved the value of work-together with God to achieve spiritual progress. Miss R. Simms, Elim missionary to Africa, farewelled here before she sailed, and it is quite certain that the whole assembly is now far more missionary minded than before.

At Pastor Chuter's third baptismal service since he took over the assembly last August, it was grand to see twelve candidates go down into the water with the promises of God ringing in their ears.

The Church Fellowship and Business Meeting proved to be the best attended for many years. Twenty-five new members were offered the right hand of fellowship by the Pastor and deacons during the meeting, in which reports told of progress in the Sunday School, Crusaders and among the sisters at their meetings.

The Crusaders, in their own week-end, presented a service of song, etc., through a narrative titled "A Shepherd Remembers." These young people, alive for God and having a keen appetite for spiritual food, are experiencing blessing in the work for the Lord. Many new contacts and new Crusaders have been brought in through their work, giving out tracts and speaking to youth on the streets before the Sunday night Gospel services.

Building Fund Gifts

During the Annual Fellowship Meeting at MOUNTAIN ASH great joy was caused when the Treasurer of the Sisterhood handed £30 for the building fund, and the Sunday School Superintendent handed over a gift of £10.

Two weeks later Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Maybin celebrated their first anniversary. The speakers were Miss L. M'Kendrick and Miss F. Roberts (Cardiff). The ministry was with power and blessing and all will long remember the special week-end.

Recently Pastor Maybin has been privileged to conduct a Sunday evening service in the local hospital, under the Free Church Council.

Christ Satisfies

Crusaders at CLACTON-ON-SEA demonstrated that Christ satisfies Youth when they took a Sunday evening service under the leadership of Mrs. Frost. They gave Bible readings, solos, personal testimonies and choir items, and two sermonettes were preached by Miss Alice Frost and Miss Anita Rumbold. During the appeal by Pastor F. Frost two adults and a teen-age youth surrendered to Christ.

On the previous Sunday, after a message from Pastor Frost, four adults accepted the way of salvation.

16th Anniversary

LOWESTOFT, celebrating the 16th anniversary of Pastor George Backhouse's ministry there, had as the guest speaker Mr. Arthur Longley, who twenty-five years ago in Cardiff was the means of bringing Mr. Backhouse to Christ. Mr. Longley, a dynamic preacher, stirred up the desire for a deeper spiritual life. On the Saturday evening a party from Norwich Assembly of God came with their pastor, and on the Monday some of the town's other ministers were present.

The choir and Crusaders are being greatly used in visits to other churches. Recently the choir took a service at the Railway Mission, which was full.

WHY ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT

By Jack Way (Leyton)

BILLY GRAHAM?

Evaluation of souls, we witness by life and lip. In our own little way we are evangelists. We gain access where preachers will never reach. However, God in His mercy raises up anointed evangelists, often a man for the moment. The Lord's people hear of the great soul-saving results and so give their support. If such an Evangelist comes within their area, then they rightly invite the unsaved to come to the revival meetings. Today we find many antagonists to anything which speaks of religion, the kind which not only refuses the invitation but retaliates in no uncertain way. We should be prepared for "hard-feeling" questions.

"Why doesn't he stay in his own country? America is bad enough!

Billy Graham has done a fine work in his own country, that is why he was invited to these Isles. Why not? The Gospel commission knows of no frontiers or nations. Jesus said, "Go... into all the world." Remember, it was an Englishman who claimed the WORLD as his parish.

"I expect he is making a good thing out of it."

He isn't. Why, he even paid his fare to this country. His salary is guaranteed in the States, and he draws no salary here. All finances are dealt with by an English treasurer, and the accounts are audited and published. No American with such claims upon his services would come to this country to make money. Souls for Christ is his first concern.

"Why run after a man?"

Man has always been God's channel. Why do we quote Peter, Paul, and those of whom we read who were greatly used of God as the Bible records? They were God's anointed. History has its mighty men of God; it is recorded that Wesley was so used of God to bring the multitude to Christ that the whole spirit of this land was changed. God doesn't use Angels but men, men who themselves have been saved and charged with the Holy Spirit.

"But what about the hero-worship; hundreds at the station to meet him."

It is the welcome of other members of the great Christian family. It is the welcome of English Christians to the Christian of another country. It is Christian courtesy. Some of the cities in our Lord's time did not receive the Apostles. The Lord Jesus told them to "shake off the dust of your feet," in other words you refuse our message then we refuse you. Praise God we have invited and welcomed Billy Graham.

"It's all emotion."

Those who have attended were struck by the absence of emotion. I can imagine those who talk thus leaving the pleasure haunts and saying "Didn't think much of that." Maybe it wasn't thrilling or stirring, in other words, not emotional enough.

"Wembley-sensationalism!"

Hold everything of this world's lot in a big way, but not a witness for God. The all-important, the greatest issue, the most vital question of all time is the salvation of man's never-dying soul. Let the largest Stadium ring with the praises of God, let it allow for hundreds of unsaved to come under the sound of the Gospel, let it witness the spiritual birth of many.

Our God is worthy of such a meeting, and to Him be all the glory, is, we know, the testimony of this anointed Evangelist, Billy Graham.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS-Continued.

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PROFESSIONAL

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Wanted, youth (born-again believer) to learn trade, painting, paperhanging, graining. Apply: Mr. S. Smith, 60, Wheatley Road, Warley, Birmingham 32.

WITH CHRIST

Arnold.—On April 10th (Easter Day), Elsie Arnold, aged 57, of Bath Elim Church and Sisterhood. Funeral conducted by Pastor A. D. Hathaway.

Gray.—On April 3rd, George Thomas Gray, beloved member of Elim Central Church, Clapham. Funeral conducted by Pastor F. A. Hodge.

We are Crusading for Christ

Elin Youth Page

We"Fight the good fight"

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

Here's News for You!



Believe it or not—this is Pastor C. Wright entertaining the Crusader House Party at an Eastbourne farm last year.

A Plymouth Newspaper reports—

"CHILDREN ALL FOLLOW THE 'PIED PIPER' NURSE

Bible Stories Enchant Them Like a Magic Flute
Nurse Phyllis Bavington, who is in charge of Ernesettle Health
Clinic, used to sit in her house next door on summer evenings
two years ago and listen to the children playing. She felt it was
a pity they were not making better use of their time, and called
some of them into her garden.

Sitting on the lawn, she told them little stories from the Bible. The children liked the stories, and asked her to tell them more another evening. Soon it became a regular event—the children came every Monday and Nurse Bavington told them stories.

As the evenings became colder she looked round for somewhere else to continue what she had started. She found she could use the nearby school hut, and went on telling her stories there.

GREW STEADILY

Then the group, growing steadily in numbers, moved to the Clinic. Finally, Nurse Bavington—a sort of feminine Pied Piper—found her "family" growing out of all bounds, and she had to move them to Lakeside Primary School.

Now the young audience has been divided into two. The youngsters from four to ten come to the school from 5.45 to 6.30 and hear their Bible stories and sing small choruses linked with the Scriptures.

There are about 120 of them, and they sit in a half-circle round the story-teller as she talks.

Nurse Bavington has a 'breather,' and then at seven o'clock the next group—ranging from ten to any age, with adults among them—come along. They sing hymns, accompanied on the piano, perhaps by Mrs. Kennedy, wife of the pastor of Elim Church, perhaps by someone else. If there are no volunteers Nurse Bavington plays herself.

ABLE HELPER

Then there is a religious address given, perhaps, by a local minister, perhaps by a visitor from India—anyone who may have an interesting story to tell.

The Bible evenings have been going on almost non-stop for two years now. If Nurse Bavington has an urgent case to attend and cannot come she hands over to some competent helper—and one of the most competent is 13-year-old June Skinner.

The Bible evenings have become an institution in Ernesettle—stop any child on the estate and ask where the classes are held—he or she will almost certainly be able to direct you.

The story-telling, which began on Nurse Bavington's lawn, has grown beyond anything she imagined that first evening two years ago,"

LONGTON.—On Prizegiving Day at Longton, there was an unusually high percentage of scholars setting up a record for full attendances both morning and afternoon sessions during 1954, earning 104 marks.

Medals and bars were awarded to 15 children. Six received medals for their first year of complete attendance, bars were given to two with two years, four with three years, and three with four years consecutive full attendances. The Superintendent, Mr. O'Keeffe, reported the admission of new scholars.

The prizes were presented by Mr. A. Owen of Derby, and the Minister, Pastor Henry W. Fardell, was in the chair.

LEEDS.—In spite of the "Arctic" weather conditions, the Rev. A. W. Grimsey held a successful and inspiring series of Children's Rallies at the Bridge Street Church, Leeds, Saturday, February 19th, to Thursday, February 24th.

These Services were held in conjunction with the Annual Prize-Distribution, at which 210 prizes were presented to scholars for regular attendance.

The Rallies were signally blest, fifty children accepting Christ as their Saviour and attending the after-classes for further instruction.

CROYDON—For some time the teachers of the Croydon Sunday School have felt the need of encouraging parents to attend Church, so it was decided to try some special "Open Schools."

The first attempt was a "Mothering Sunday" Service when we sent letters of invitation to all mothers of scholars (permitting the fathers to come too!). From past experience, we did not hold too high hopes, until our Teachers' Prayer Meeting on the previous evening, when our faith was strengthened and we were assured of God's blessing.

The day arrived. Imagine our joy when fifty mothers and some



Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Greenway with the Chessington Sunday School on the occasion of their Anniversary.

fathers, sat with their children and made themselves quite at home!

Mrs. Burton-Haynes led the service and Mrs. Hawes of Thornton Heath gave the message. A solo was sung by a teacher and another gave her testimony, and items were rendered by scholars. All was very appropriate and fitted in so beautifully—it was indeed a moving service.

Upon dismissal, each mother was presented with a small bunch of flowers and a motto card, and it was inspiring to receive a hearty handshake and a hearty "Thank you for the lovely service." It was a grand opportunity of contact, when some told us that they had not been inside a church for years, so we were left without doubt that God did a work in some hearts, which we are confident will spring into fruition.

(N.Y.S.—This is an excellent idea. Perhaps your Sunday School and Church will profit by adopting this suggestion next year.)

ROCHESTER—"L. G. Railway"—a rival of British Railways? "Life's Great Railway"—the title and theme of Pastor J. Gee's message to the boys and girls and their parents on a recent Saturday evening. The occasion was the Rochester Sunday School Prizegiving, and young and "not-so-young" alike were enthralled as Pastor Gee journeyed from "Cradleville" to "Gravesend." The children rendered several items to an appreciative congregation, and then the eagerly awaited time arrived for Mrs. Gee to present the prizes. Pastor Gee (recently inducted at the Rochester Assembly) made the most of this opportunity to chat with the parents and invite them to the other services.

CAERPHILLY—In April, 1953, Mrs. Maureen Brock and workers opened a "Cadet Branch" at the "Youth Club" of Pwllypant, two miles outside Caerphilly. We had then an average of seventy-two children. As time went on a few dropped off and now maintain an average of sixty. In July of the same year we were asked by the Youth Club to start a Sunday School. The average at the Sunday School is forty-five children. There is, a little way off, another Sunday School; that is the reason for the lower attendance than the Cadets.

There have been many conversions. One boy 14 years old, baptized in water at the Caerphilly Elim Church. Many parents have become interested in this work and the sound of the Gospel, In a few weeks time we are starting a Junior Crusaders.

LATE NEWS FLASH

Presentation of the National Sunday School Shield will take place at the Bristol City Temple. Wednesday. May 11th, at 7 p.m.



Family Altar **Elim Prayer Circle**

A page for your daily meditations and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor Gordon Wright, A.N.E.A. SUNDAY, May 8th. James iv. 1-17.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss" (v. 3).

Does this dissolve the mystery surrounding some of our unanswered prayers? If the motive is impure, the answer will be denied though we pray with fervour, and for long periods. Five minutes spent in heart-searching might be of more value than a day of prayer: but, being irksome to the flesh because of the possibility of the humiliating experience of confession, heartsearching is often deliberately neglected. Create a right spirit within me, O God, that my motive might pass Thy scrutiny. May I seek blessing not for sensual pleasure, but for spiritual enrichment; success not for personal aggrandizement, but for the furtherance of Thy kingdom; favour not for social distinction, but for an increase of opportunities for service; and wealth not for personal luxury, but for distribution as a wise steward.

MONDAY, MAY 9th. James v. 1-9.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord" (v. 7). Life requires patience. Circumstances can be trying, people provoking, work tedious and boring, and relationships strained. Just as a car needs electricity in its batteries to illuminate its lamps in the dark; but once on the open road it generates sufficient power to keep the lamps supplies: so our experiences which make a heavy demand on our patience contrariwise produce patience as Paul wrote: "Tribulation worketh patience." James give no hope of a gradual improvement in our lot, but he suggests that living expectation of the Lord's return should help us to be patient in our trials. TUESDAY, May 10th. James v. 10-20.

"Take, my brethren, the prophets, . . . for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience" (v. 10).

Good men have always suffered in this wicked world. The Lord Jesus warned us: "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" And Paul continued: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Our reaction to persecution, trial, affliction, either confirms or negatives our profession of faith. O God, give me courage to face life's "crags and torrents," help me to sing as I climb the stony heights, save me from being perplexed by the windings of the track, and give me a radiant optimism that believes in Thy nearness even when the mist hides Thee from view.

WEDNESDAY, May 11th. Philemon 1: 1-14.

"Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me" (v. 11).

Though Onesimus was a young convert, Paul was convinced of

his sincerity. We feel sure of some converts on their first confession of faith. We have an inward witness that they have undergone a vital experience. Whatever their past behaviour, we are confident that their future will be Christian. This was Paul's conviction regarding Onesimus. He was confident that with Christ in his heart he would now live up to his name which means "profitable": his work would be of a higher standard for it would be done as unto the Lord; he was returning by choice, which suggests a strong attachment to his employer; having been converted he would seek to compensate Philemon for his past misdeeds. O God, enable me not only to glorify Thee in the sanctuary, but also in the workshop. THURSDAY, May 12th. Philemon i. 15-25.

"Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved" (v. 16).

Paul expected Philemon to manifest the love of Christ toward Onesimus. He did not deserve another chance: not only had he run away from his master, and had no regard for the inconvenience he had caused, but in all probability he had stolen his master's goods (v. 18). Yet Paul did not ask Philemon simply to give him another chance as a servant, but to receive him as a brother, and not merely as a brother, but as a brother beloved. Such a forgiving spirit is expected of all who trust the Saviour. "How oft should I forgive my brother?" asked Peter. "Unto seventy-times seven," replied the Lord. In other words, until we lose count.

FRIDAY, May 13th. Psa. xix. 1-14.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,

be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord" (v. 14).

Dr. Torrey said that he prepared many of his sermons whilst waiting for buses. If we would be enriched spiritually, we must not only deliberately set aside time for prayerful meditation on the Word, but we must use our spare moments for this purpose. Our minds are often free for meditation when walking, or when doing routine work which does not require concentration. This is invaluable time which is so often wasted woolgathering, and not infrequently in sinful meditation: we ponder over a grievance until we become bitter, or we think upon the hardness of the way until we become discouraged. Most of us have had trouble with our thinking. We are well aware that the mind is the Devil's first line of attack. So this fortification must be strengthened by positive thinking (Phil. iv. 8).

SATURDAY, May 14th. Psa. xx. 1-9.

"The name of the God of Jacob defend thee" (v. 1). The phrase "the God of Jacob" is most significant in this connection. Undoubtedly, the allusion is to the time when Jacob was commanded by God to return to his own country from which he

had fled from the anger of his offended brother. He went forward in obedience, but was fearful of the possible consequences. This fear was not without foundation. Years before his brother had vowed to murder him. Jacob had sinned grievously by being deceitful, yet because he trusted in God, God was so gracious toward him that the expected conflict became a welcome. God defended the undeserving Jacob. O God, how merciful Thou art.
Thou dost not deal with us according to our sins. Who amongst us deserves Thy deliverance, yet Thou dost appease the wrath of those we have wronged. O Lord, so sanctify us by Thy spirit that we might refrain from sinful actions which gender wrath.

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

The President, Pastor John Dyke, will visit the following churches

during the month of May:

May 7, Malton. 8, York. 9, Bishop Auckland. 10, Sunderland. May 7, Malton. 8, York. 9, Bishop Auckland. 10, Sunderland. 11, Driffield. 12, Scarborough. 14-15 (a.m.), Mason St., Hull. 15 (p.m.) City Temple, Hull. 16, Selby. 17, Harrogate. 18, Scnnthorpe. 19, Grimsby. 25, Blackheath. 30, Birmingham Town Hall. BIRMINGHAM. May 3-9. Elim Church, Graham Street. Special visit of Dr. Philip Green, U.S.A. BODMIN. April 30-May 22. Special return visit of Pastor W. George. Thurs. and Sats, at 7.30. Suns. 11 and 6.30. BOLTON. May 14-19. Elim Church, Moor Lane. 7th Anniversary Convention. Sat. Mon.-Thurs. 7.30. Sun. 11, 6.30. March.

sary Convention. Sat., Mon.-Thurs. 7.30. Sun. 11, 6.30. March of Witness on Sun. afternoon. Guest speaker: Pastor John Gardiner.

Convener: Pastor T. W. Walker.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE. July 9-15. Convention (sponsored by the British Pentecostal Fellowship). Speakers: Pastors George Stormont (Elim), George Holmes (A.o.G.), and Ian Macpherson (Apostolic). Spiritual refreshment and Christian fellowship in the beautiful Lakeland. Book without delay. For accommodation write to Secretary, 26, Leyburn Avenue, Lightcliffe, Halifax, Yorks; enclose S.A.E. for reply. For caravans and Youth

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CROYDON. May 8. Elim Church, Stanley Road. Sun. 3 and 6.30, Sunday School Anniversary. Special speaker: Pastor R. Gordon (Caterham). Items by children, 6.30.

DUNDEE, May 7-9. Elim Church, Dudhope Crescent Road. British Pentecostal Fellowship Convention. Sat. 3.30 and 6.30. Sun., 8. Mon. 7.30. Speakers include Pastors T. Wieland (Cairnbulg) and S. Homer (Southport).

GLASGOW. May 7-12. Elim Church, Butterbiggins Road. Follow-up campaign, conducted by Pastor Felix Lloyd-Smith (Australia). Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

GLOSSOP. May 7. Elim Tabernacle, Ellison Street. District Presbytery Zone Rally. Sat. 7. Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies (National Youth Secretary). Items from visiting churches. Refreshments after the service. Sun. 10.45, 2 and 6.30. Sunday School Anniversary. Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies. Convener: Pastor

P. W. Millington. Children's March of Witness, 1 p.m.
HUDDERSFIELD. May 14. Queen's Street Mission Assembly
Hall. Halifax and District Pentecostal Fellowship. Public Rally, Sat. at 3 and 7. Speakers: Pastors H. W. Greenway (Elim), Ian MacPherson (Apostolic). Churches throughout Yorkshire specially invited. For further particulars send S.A.E. to the Secretary,

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ILFORD. May 1-8. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Ministers' Conference. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Pastor F. Hodge (Clapham). Weekdays: 10.30 and 2.30. 7.30, Public Rally. Sat. 7.30: Pastor A. Webb (A.o.G.). Sun. 11 and 6.30. Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

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PORTADOWN. May 7-9. Elim Church, Clonavon Avenue. Pentecostal Convention. Sat. at 3 and 7 (tea provided between services). Sun. at 11, 3 and 7. Mon. at 8. Speakers: Pastors John Phillips, Hanley (A.o.G.), Stanley Brown, Armagh. Special singing by Temple Male Quartet and others. Convener: Pastor Ronald Reid. ROCHESTER. May 21-26. Elim Tabernacle, Star Hill. Six day

visit of Australian Radio Preacher and Evangelist, Pastor Felix Lloyd-Smith. Week-nights at 7.30. Sun. at 11 and 6.30. Special illustrated

lecture on Australia on Sat. 21st at 7.30.

RYE PARK. May 14-16. Elim Church, Rye Road. Sunday School 25th Anniversary services. Sat. 6.30. Sun. 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7. Followed by prizegiving Guest speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies

SWANSEA. May 7-12. Elim Church, New Orchard Street (nr. High Street Station). Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor W. J. Martin (Irish Evangelist). Sun. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.15.

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WALTON-ON-THAMES. May 13. High Spot Hall. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. 7.30.

WATFORD. April 30-May 16. Tent Campaign at North Watford, next Public Library, each evening at 7.30. Evangelist Alec. O. Johnson.

WINSON GREEN. May 14-17. Elim Church, Handsworth New Road. 2nd Anniversary Convention. 3 p.m. St. Luke's Evangelistic Society. 7 p.m. Billy Graham film "Mr. Texas." Sun., Mon. and Tues., Pastor A. Rowland Smith (Nuneaton). Convener: Pastor L. T. Reeves.

WOOD GREEN. April 28-May 19. Elim Church, Russell Road (off Bowes Road). Four Thursdays at 7.45. Bible Studies conducted by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

The following churches will be visited by the National Youth Secretary:

May 7, 8, Glossop. 11, Bristol. 14, 16, Rye Park. 18, Lurgan. 19, Armagh. 20, Portadown. 21., Melbourne Street (3.30 and 7). 22, 23, Belfast (Ulster Temple). 24, Newtownards. 25, Cullybackey. 26, Ballymoney. 27, Randalstown 28, 29, Ballymena. 30, Belfast (Saunders Street). 31, Belfast (Beersbridge Road).

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from

Belgian Congo, will visit the following churches:

May 3, Tamworth. 4, Blackheath. 5, Langley. 8, Small Heath. 10, Coventry. 11, Oldhill. 12, Sparkbrook. 14, Yardley. 15, 16, West Bromwich. 17, Erdington. 18, Weoley Castle. 19, Winson Green, 21, Dudley. 22, Selly Oak. 24, 25, Graham Street. 26, Smethwick. 29, Nuneaton. 30, Birmingham Town Hall.

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