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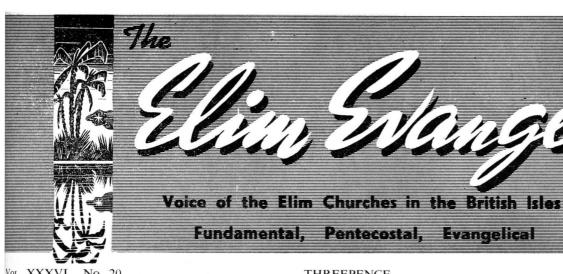
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**THREEPENCE** 

MAY 14TH, 1955.



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[W. H. Wingate

Ill the great liners sailing down the Thames to the open sea pass this point, many of these liners carrying missionaries to different parts of the world.

### Letters from Missionaries

#### Pastor A. Nicolson (Senegal)

As I write this letter, the one thing that I am most conscious of is the heat. The sun is blazing down and already things are looking parched and withered. It is quite an ordeal when visiting some of the huts on my medical rounds as I perspire most freely in these "inhabited ovens." Yesterday, for example, I had to visit a young man suffering from an infection of the thigh. He was in a small hut, the sun outside was fierce, and both he and I were bathed in perspiration. I gave him his penicillin injection and I was glad to get outside again.

Since coming out here the medical has played a big part in my ministry and I cannot refrain from thinking of its results, which as far as conversions are concerned remain indefinite. One great factor has been the proclamation of the Gospel to many whose villages have never previously been reached. And by the way, I am very much indebted to some of our Sunday Schools for their support in sending out bandages, etc. Others have sent toys and clothes for distribution and I want to say "Thank you" to them all.

This week has been a heavy one, as Mr. and Mrs. Baggs are at Fafacourou for a few days, and as often happens when I am on my own, the cases come in thick and fast. These have included meningitis, pneumonia, and two accident cases requiring six and ten stitches respectively in order to close the wounds. On top of this came a visit from the surgeon at the Ziquinchor Hospital. I blessed him over and over again in my heart as he brought the three large cases of medicines for which I had been waiting.

On turning to the spiritual side of the work, I think one of the most important events has been the return of Tammé from the Gambia. Tammé was one of the four lads who had been baptized. We often wondered about him and prayed much, so it was with joy that we learned from his own lips, also from a letter from the Methodist pastor, that he had been attending church regularly. He seems keen to go on and is testifying to the other young men. Pray much for this lad, for he has the makings of a leader.

#### Miss F. Grossen (Transvaal)

The unusually heavy rains in the last few weeks have curtailed our activities. Travel has been difficult and even dangerous, on account of the mud and the slippery roads. Had it not been for God's protecting care, we might easily have swelled the number of those who met with serious accidents, for on three occasions we were in grave danger. Added to that we had a number of punctures and breakdowns, all in the space of about three weeks. We are of course very grateful for the rain, as it spells life. There should be no famine this year, and the crops of mealies look really promising. We are yearning for some showers in the spiritual realm also. They would transform the work in the same way as the rain has changed the countryside. Will you pray with us to that end?

#### Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Francis (Pretoria)

#### AFRICAN CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Early in January there was a remarkable case of God's dealing with a man in one of our African Assemblies east of Pretoria. The man was unsaved and lived at Witbank and felt the urge, which he could not shake off, to visit his sister and brother-in-law who are Christians and workers in the assembly here. He arrived at the week-end and shortly after began to feel ill. He grew worse and suffered severe pains in his body and had a high temperature. At that time I was due to minister at that assembly and during the time of testimonies Petrus stood up and asked for prayer on behalf of his sick brother-in-law. The whole assembly joined in prayer for this man and I promised to visit him later in the day. He was certainly in a bad condition and ran a high temperature and could not lift himself up or move his legs. We again joined in prayer for his healing and salvation and immediately he was much better and able to sit up and move his legs. Some days later Petrus phoned to say that his brother-in-law was now well, although weak from his illness. A day or two later, to my sorrow, the local evangelist phoned to say that this brother had suddenly passed away. At my first opportunity I again visited the home and heard what transpired after my departure on the Sunday. The Lord had really raised this sick one from practically death's door to health again, to which fact he testified with grateful heart. He also testified to his salvation and expressed the desire to be baptized as soon as he felt stronger. At the end of the first week he was sitting outside with Petrus, speaking about the things of the Lord and said how well he was feeling, then a little later he explained that looking up, he saw a great light in the heavens and that his time to go had now come. He went into the house and lay down and without pain lifted up his hands and soon passed on to be with the Lord. This caused no little stir in the surrounding population and many friends, as well as relatives and others, attended the funeral.

In the same assembly there is a young man whom the Lord is leading out into the work among the children; he has a real experience of salvation and is constantly about the Master's business, although as yet he has not been set apart for this work as others in the same assembly have been. The Lord is guiding him to go here and there to open Sunday Schools in places miles apart and with the aid of Sunday School pictures he is teaching the boys and girls more about the Lord Jesus and His salvation. This young man has been led to this work by the promptings of the Holy Spirit and quite apart from any instructions from me except that of course I encourage the believers in this work. It is this spontaneous working by the Africans among their fellow compatriots that we rejoice to see, rather than some foreign work transplanted from else-(continued at foot of next page, col. 2) where.

#### Praise from Formosa

Extracts of a letter from Ken McGillivray

Praise to the Lord for the growth of the work at Inner Yuan Shan. Less than a year ago the chapel was built there. Now we are adding an extra room in preparation for a permanent worker to take care of the believers and evangelistic work.

Praise to the Lord that at last we have been able to secure an old thatched roof building to house the Sunday School at Outer Yuan Shan. We have requested prayer for this in previous letters. We do not have to buy or rent this building, but have only repaired it. About £4 bought new straw, bamboo, lime, and we supplied some old newspapers; the labour was voluntary, and now it is already in use.

Praise God for a new Sunday School opened in a settlement called "The Six Golden Knots." About sixty children have attended the last two Sundays. It is purely a spontaneous project requested by two or three families living there

Praise the Lord for not less than eighty new believers brought to the Lord during a campaign last month with Rev. John Trachsel. God signally blessed his ministry with us; we never had a smaller crowd each night. People went out in the daytime with mimeographed invitations to some part of Yi Lan, inviting folk to come. Among the new believers is the principal of the Senior High School for Boys in Yi Lan where there are more than 1,300 students. We have been praying for him for a long time and his conversion will have a great impact on the school.

Praise to the Lord for the indigenous development of the Church at Chiao Hsi. The weekly cottage meeting has grown to a point of maturity where a meeting place has been rented. Both rent and furniture have been met by the believers there. A weekly Bible study and prayer meeting have been added to the services.

Pray for the children at Inner Yuan Shan Sunday School. Many of them have been dispersed with their families to the south of the island, so this part of the work has been closed. We are trusting God to keep these children and ask your prayer for them also. A Sunday School for the Formosan children continues.

Continue to pray about the need of a church building here in Yi Lan. We have outgrown our present location. For a reason which we can only understand as the Lord's over-ruling, the piece of land on which we still have an option, was not bought by a private bus company who were negotiating for it; so we still have this tremendous opportunity. The fund has reached the halfway mark. Another 40 "Ping" (6ft. x 6ft.) at £6 per ping, would buy the land for the church. Would you like to help?

Pray for Mrs. Yang. She is the mother of Mrs. Chi who lost her baby last summer and of whom we have written before. Mr. and Mrs. Chi are going on steadily

with the Lord, but the Devil has attacked Mrs. Yang mentally. She is melancholy, distressed and seems to have lost her faith; this is making the home very unhappy. Only God can deliver her from this pressure of evil power. Take her on your hearts for believing prayer.

We must tell you a story in brief that will gladden your hearts. Our Chinese co-worker, Mr. Huang Huan Ying, went to Hsin Chu for a few days of services. On the street one day he saw a very fat pig. Some people were trying to load it on to a cart. The boss of the operation was an old man of 81. Mr. Huang opened up conversation with him and was informed that the pig was to be fattened and then offered to the idols in mid-summer. Mr. Huang then said: "Living people should serve the living God." The old man got irritated and told him that he served the foreigners' God. Huang then pulled out of his pocket a newspaper telling of a young Formosan who had faithfully worshipped the idols for years, always bowing and taking them gifts. One day it seemed to dawn on him that they could not help him, so he entered into the temple, and with one swift stroke with his stick, knocked the head off one of them; then, fearing that he may have been seen, wrapped it up quickly in a newspaper and took it home. But he had been observed and soon the wrath of the unenlightened people came down on his unlucky head. The police were called in and after much talk it was settled that he was to stick the head back on again, paint over the cracks, and the matter would be forgotten. The old man read the clipping through to the end, with Huang by his side, earnestly praying that the light would dawn. God was speaking to this old man and his heart opened and he said: "It is true; of course the idols cannot help us." Then he followed Huang as he prayed a prayer of penitence and faith. That night, followed by his wife, children, grandchildren, relatives and neighbours, he came to the Gospel service and testified to his faith in the Living God.

So one more among the millions who "sit in darkness and the shadow of death" has come into the light of the One who ever lives, because you have prayed, and are praying, and will continue to pray.

#### LETTERS FROM MISSIONARIES (continued)

We also have African nurses working for the Master among the other nurses with whom they work in the African wards of the Pretoria General Hospital, as well as working among the patients under their daily care. One particularly bright Christian is the Staff Nurse in the operating theatre; she is a quietly spoken girl, fluent in English and Afrikaans as well as African languages, and is really a power for the Lord where she lives and works. These African Christians and workers are able to do far more than even the missionary among their own people, as their hearts have been set on fire for God and their eyes taken off the things of this old world. Will you please join with us in prayer for these Christian workers who are labouring in sweet fellowship with us for His Glory!

#### THE ELIM EVANGEL

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### **EDITORIAL**

#### Down to the Sea in Ships

Nearly all the great vessels that pass down the River Thames carry missionaries to their stations in the uttermost parts of the world, some for the first time, others returning from furlough to the hardships and hazards of the field.

How often do we think of the sacrifices these noble stalwarts of the Cross are making in giving up home and the fellowship of loved ones, the careers and prospects that entice them, the comfort and friendships and family ties, for the hard path of service?

Yet how much we owe to such we hardly realize. The command of the Risen Lord brought missionaries to these shores with the Gospel in those far-off days, and but for them we might still be in heathen darkness. Said a new convert to one of the missionaries on one of the mission stations: "How long have you known this?" "Oh, many years," was the answer. "And did your father know it too?" "Yes." "And his father before him?" "Yes, but why do you ask?" said the missionary. "Then why, oh why, have you been so long in coming to tell us?" was the answer.

Only when we think of those lost in the darkness of eternal night because nobody told them can we begin to realise what Jesus meant when He said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Every creature! Startling challenge to the ease-loving, careless and indifferent Christians who bask in the sunshine, whoever perishes in the shadows.

#### Missionary Sunday

Sunday, May 15th, is to be observed in Elim Churches throughout the country as Missionary Sunday. On this day remembrance will be made in prayers, in messages from God's Word, in reports from our missionaries, in sacrificial giving, and in other ways, of the noble efforts of our brethren and sisters who have gone forth in the Master's Name, braving the privations, the lack of sufficient funds, the grave dangers to health and life, the many Satanic frustrations that attend their task in bringing to benighted souls the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Year by year the cost of missionary work, if it is to

be done effectively, mounts up at an alarming rate. If only the gifts and offerings of our loyal and faithful supporters kept pace with the rising costs there would be no anxiety and no need for urgent prayer. But these mounting costs present us with a challenge: Shall we draw back, or shall we go forward? By God's grace, and with His help there can be no going back. With keen and fervent spirit we must face the challenge of the multitudes who have never heard the message and never fail in our task.

But we need your help. Will you help us? You have enabled us to press the battle to the enemy's gates in the past, and many today are rejoicing in the light of Christ because of your sacrifices. But there must be no looking back, so we are relying on each one of our faithful supporters to do their part, and more, in the days before us. Let this Sunday be the occasion of a special effort for this purpose.

You can give to your local missionary offering for the Elim Missionary Society, or send your gift to the Missionary Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham, London, S.W.4, and God will abundantly bless you.

#### **Swindon Campaign**

A noble experiment in evangelism is being undertaken in Swindon by Pastor George Canty in the Tent Campaign which commenced on Tuesday, May 3rd.

"Elim's funds for evangelistic campaigns are," as he says, "pathetically small, and the policy has had to be adopted to devote such funds to pioneer drives where no effective Pentecostal witness exists. Only a few evangelists therefore can be supported from this fund in their campaigns." "Speaking for myself," he says, "I am haunted by the frightful figure of 36,000,000 unconverted adults in Britain, nearly all of whom will be lost unless there is a vast increase in the rate of conversions."

Feeling the challenge of this need, our brother has launched this great tent campaign in faith, trusting alone in God to supply the needs through those whose hearts have been touched by Him. The answer must be in God, so he has taken this step believing that God will supply all that is needed.

He is taking upon himself the whole financial responsibility for this effort. The Elim Church in Swindon, who are supporting him, will not be asked to contribute one penny.

Such a noble effort will, we know, command the prayer support of all who love the dying souls of men. Let us pray that God will bless our brother and give him great success in this campaign.

#### Late News Flash

Kidderminster campaign, by Pastor Ken Matthew, opened with 85 decisions the first week-end. A lady crippled with arthritis was healed and walked unaided and without pain.

Alloa campaign, conducted by Pastor Alex Tee, opened with 25 decisions at the first meeting.

### **Changing Missionary Methods**

By Pastor G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary)



Pastor G. H. Thomas

MISSIONARY SUNDAY throughout our Elimchurches affords an opportunity to present in a special way the work of our missionaries on the various mission fields.

Despite the efforts of the various missionary bodies to reach the peoples of the world with the Gospel, there are many millions who have not heard. These people are born, live and die without once having heard the Name of Jesus and God's plan of salvation. There are more non-Christian people in the world today than ever before. It is estimated that of Africa's 198,000,000 people, only four per cent are Protestant Christians. In Brazil, where the Gospel is making remarkably good progress, out of a population of almost 56,000,000, there are only 1,470,000 Christians; while in Japan (it is said) less than one half of one per cent of the population is Christian: and this condition can be applied to other countries—as India, China, etc.

It is evident that the missionary methods adopted up to the present will not avail in reaching these masses, for the ever-increasing populations of non-Christian countries are far in excess of those won to Christ.

There is also in some countries a stiffening opposition to the Christian missionaries and what has happened in China with its huge population, may be followed by other countries whose leaders look upon the missionaries with disfavour. One must also take into account the fact that not only is there opposition to the Christian missionary, but there is a reviving of the non-Christian religions. It is reported that in Japan, while the people are not turning to Christ in large numbers, they are returning to Shintoism and Buddhism. In India, the Hindu leaders are becoming more and more active in the propaganda to gain non-Hindoos to Hinduism. While in Africa hundreds of trained Mohammedan missionaries are every year being sent to work among the various tribes to win converts to Mohammedanism. The Christian missionaries, in North Africa especially, find it most difficult to win the Mohammedans to Christ.

In the face of these conditions it is encouraging to note that Christian leaders are not only aware of what is taking place, but are meeting the challenge in a positive way. It is now universally recognised that national workers must be trained to take their place as pastors and evangelists to their own people.

More attention is being given to the publication and distribution of the Scriptures and suitable Christian literature in the language of the people. Dr. Frank Laubach estimates that until recently, with the exception of Japan, nine out of ten people in the missionary fields were illiterate, but that situation is now changing. Dr. Laubach and his team have visited 64 countries and have made reading lessons for 239 languages and dialects with surprising

results. In some languages it takes only a few hours to learn to read. As a result millions of people are learning to read, thus increasing the number of literates every year.

Missionary Societies are taking advantage of this open door to missionary work and are planning to reach these millions with the Word of God. An example of this comes from our missionary in the Transvaal, Pastor H. C. Phillips, who recently wrote: "We are now busily engaged under a big scheme for delivering a Gospel tract in every house and kraal in the Union (of South Africa), Basutoland and Swaziland. We are printing the tracts here and will need fifteen tons of paper and translations in about eleven languages. I think if you could see our office you would be surprised. We are having people of all denominations to help. Hospital patients, prisoners, etc., will get a tract individually."

The China Inland Mission is greatly increasing its literature work with a fast developing literacy programme through its Christian Witness Press in Hong Kong, as a key to the vast dispersed population of Chinese throughout Asia.

The Christian Missionary Alliance has raised its annual literature budget from 7,000 dollars three years ago to 40,000 this year. The Sudan Interior Mission has successfully published the African Challenge magazine in Nigeria, with a circulation of 150,000 monthly. Twelve full-time missionaries are now at work on the African Challenge magazine, along with several Africans, and it is expected that the staff will be increased considerably as the work expands. In French West Africa, Mr. Trevor Shaw, former editor of African Challenge, is beginning a similar newspaper style of Gospel magazine in French for that vast area. The French Cameroons and the Belgian Congo will also be served by this French language paper, with its interesting, simply written articles on Christian truth as it relates to African life. These new literates are hungry for reading material and this is the opportune time to feed them with the precious Word of God!

Recently the writer was among others invited by Sir Ivor and Lady Beauchamp to meet Miss Joy Ridderhof, Founder and Director of Gospel Recordings Incorporated, and heard the amazing and thrilling story of the remarkable growth of Gospel recordings. Miss Ridderhof was a missionary in Honduras, but her health failed and she was obliged to return home. Then the idea came to her to make a few records in Spanish to be sent to her former mission field. That was the beginning of the project to spread the Gospel by means of gramophone records.

Recordings have been made in more than 1,000 languages (continued on page 236)

During the past nine weeks, that we have been preaching here in East Africa, two things have impressed us most: the consecration and fortitude of our missionaries who carry on under most trying circumstances, and the testimony of the African Christians who have stood faithful in the face of Mau Mau terrorism.

Few people in the Western hemisphere are conscious of the facts that over fourteen hundred have been murdered by Mau Mau, many of these Christians, brutally slaughtered because their Christian testimony would not allow them to take the horrible Mau Mau oath. Few of our people in America and Britain are conscious of the fact that even at the present moment, the Government is spending one

PICTURES BELOW. TOP: The great tent with a meeting in progress. CENTRE: Willard Cantelon paints his picture and holds the keen interest of his audience. BOTTOM: Section of the crowd that filled the mission tent.



# CAMPAIGNIN

- REPORT FROM

hundred thousand dollars daily here in Kenya, seeking to suppress Mau Mau terrorism.

Had the events of the past months taken place in Europe, Britain, or America, new pages would be added to the history of martyrs who have died at the hands of their persecutors with glorious testimonies ringing out in their hour of death.

One man, who was hung up by his hands all night, firmly declared in the presence of his Mau Mau persecutors, "I'm not afraid to die for Jesus." One woman was hung up by her neck because, being a Christian, she refused to take the Mau Mau oath, and in the presence of her enemies, she sang hymns of praise to Jesus until she became unconscious.

Pages could be filled with the heroic testimonies of African Christians who have stood faithful to death in the face of Mau Mau opposition. As many as three hundred have been murdered in a single night in a manner more brutal than can be described. The night of our arrival in Nairobi, two young men were caught by the Mau Mau, who instantly cut off their hands and cut out their tongues. As I spoke with an old African the following morning, he said that never in the history of the African, even as far back as the most primitive times, has such cruelty been known . . . this is certainly the work of Satan! The words of the old African certainly declare in simple truth the real cause of Mau Mau—Satanic!

As I write these words, more than eighty-five thousand are in prison in this area, for being associated with Mau Mau. The details of the Mau Mau oath taking are too revolting to write on paper, but in order to reveal how.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Aubrey, Cecil, and Ruth, and Willard Cantelon, at Mbagathi Postal Bible School.



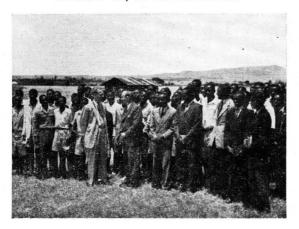
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purely Satanic this move is, it might be well to emphasize that many of the leaders of the Mau Mau are educated Africans, who are unconverted. By the time an initiate is ready to take the fourth oath, he must bring in a man's head, and by the time he is willing to take the fifth oath, he must eat the brain of a white man and the heart of a child; there still remain oaths six and seven, upon which we make no comment.

Although the Mau Mau persecution against the Christians has to some extent reduced certain Christian congregations, in some areas, it has truthfully been a separation of the wheat from the chaff. The professing Christians, who had no real experience of salvation, gave way in the face of Mau Mau pressure, while those genuinely converted stood true and faithful, regardless of the cost. As one African put it, "When they drag you out of your tent at night to make you take the Mau Mau oath, that is the time to prove whether Jesus Christ means everything to you, or whether He means nothing at all to you."

In conversation with many officials, we are convinced that the spirit of Mau Mau is spreading like a disease to other parts of Africa. Although Satan is seeking to organize his Satanic forces in a great invasion against the work of God, in these last days, in many respects, it is agreed that there are more challenging opportunities in Africa than at any previous time. When we see our missionaries giving their energies in such untiring labour, willing to forfeit the comforts of home and the fellowship of loved ones, and in the face of great obstacles throw their lives so fully into the task of reaching the masses in Africa, and when we consider the tremendous work that they are

Outside the Mbagathi School. Extreme right is Japhet, a Kikuyu brother. Next to him is Jonathan, a Wa-Teita from Mombassa. They are both fine Christians.



doing under God, there is a prayer in our hearts that those at home will stand by our missionaries as never before, in these most critical hours of African history. Our time for labour in this, one of the world's greatest missionfields, may be shorter than we realize.

Pastor Johnson, Elim missionary working in Nairobi, Kenya, writes: "We saw Willard Cantelon off by plane on Easter Monday. On that day in 1952 we first met him at the Royal Albert Hall in London. We have had a very successful mission with our brother, accompanied as he was by Alfred Garr, the singer. Many hundreds made profession of salvation, most being Indians and Africans. On Sunday, many came with us to our African service at Mbagathi Postal School, when about one hundred and fifty students gathered. The greatest joy came when twenty of them decided for Jesus.

"Mrs. Johnson was asked to join in an African service which was broadcast from Nairobi Radio Station. She sang three hymns in Swahili.

"One small picture of the Mbagathi Postal School was taken by Mrs. Alfred Garr, when the students were enjoying a good laugh. The other, showing Willard Cantelon and ourselves, was also taken by Mrs. Garr."

PICTURES BELOW. TOP. Willard Cantelon, Mr. Johnson, Alfred Garr, and some of the leading Christian brethren. BOTTOM: Willard Cantelon with Mr. Johnson at his Sunday morning service at Mbagathi. Nearly all these are recent converts.



#### **CHANGING MISSIONARY METHODS** (continued)

and dialects and new languages are continually being added and are sent out at the rate of 5,000 a week. The records are sent free of charge to those who will be responsible for using them for the purpose for which they are intended. Missionaries and national Christian workers use them and give them out wherever they can be used to spread the Gospel. Each side of the record bears a simple Gospel message, Bible stories, testimonies, etc., that a child can understand. Not only are records made and sent out, but a cheap, simple, hand-wind gramophone has been manufactured at the approximate cost of ten shillings each, but are sent free of charge to the missionaries.

Tribes who have never heard the Gospel and who are unable to read, even if it were possible to place the Scriptures at their disposal, are now listening to the message of salvation. Those who are prejudiced to the "foreign missionary" and would not listen to his message or accept his literature, are arrested as they hear the record speak in their native dialect. They stop to listen to the voice from the tin box.

The records find their way into countries closed to the missionary, often carried there by traders and merchants, and remain a "permanent missionary" in forbidden territory. The records are played over and over again until they are memorised and the seed of the Word finds a place in the hearts and minds of the hearers. Changing conditions on the mission fields call for new methods of approach to the millions of people still unreached with the Gospel.

#### MISSIONARY MISCELLANY

Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Stockdale with Mrs. Mason and the three children arrived in this country from India on the 26th April, and were welcomed at the London Docks by members of their families and Pastor and Mrs. George Stormont and Miss G. M. Garton. We are happy to report that Pastor Stockdale is much better and pray that the change at home will help to restore him to complete health.

Pastor and Mrs. J. MacInnes and their young son, Phillip (their elder son, Ian, is already in this country) are due to arrive from British Guiana for the furlough on 25th May.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Haws (née Miss Faith Christie, Elim missionary) on the birth of their little daughter, Mary, on 14th April, in South Africa.

The steady growth of the Elim Missionary Society is shown in the following figures:

In 1935 there were 12 Elim missionaries on the fields

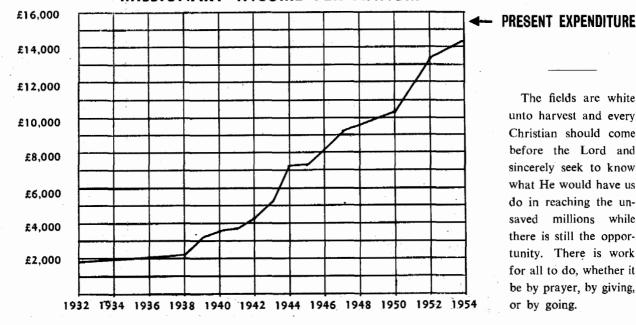
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Despite the increased income every year, our expenditure is much higher than the income.

#### MISSIONARY INCOME PER ANNUM



The fields are white unto harvest and every Christian should come before the Lord and sincerely seek to know what He would have us do in reaching the unsaved millions while there is still the opportunity. There is work for all to do, whether it be by prayer, by giving, or by going.

We are Crusading for Christ

# Elin Youth Rage

We"Fight the good fight"

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

#### Whatever may be your age

#### YOU MUST READ THIS!

The Rev. A. R. W. Nipper is the writer of this feature. He is a Pentecostal minister in South Africa and during the visit of the N.Y.S. to the Editor's Church at Hove, attended one of the services en route for the U.S.A., where he later penned this article. He is desirous of obtaining 34 in. square second-hand coloured religious slides for his children's work in South Africa. We shall be glad to hear from anyone who can assist him.

FIRMLY BELIEVE that the Church of tomorrow is the Sunday School boy and girl of today, and as I see it, the only answer in forming this Sunday School is personal evangelism. Personal evangelism is the heart of the Sunday School. The heart of the Sunday School is the teacher's voice! It was a voice that awakened little Samuel. It will take "voices" to awaken our Samuels in this wicked twentieth century world.

I say this because the teacher's "voice" of today is the Church's Gospel of tomorrow. The teacher's Gospel of today is the Church's epistle of tomorrow. That's right. Someone once said, "The pastor is across the street, the superintendent is at arm's length, but the teacher is face to face! Therefore, Sunday School work becomes the greatest institution for personal evangelism.

A certain organization made a survey of its Sunday School work covering sixty-four years. This is what it discovered—95 per cent of its preachers, 85 per cent of its workers, 85 per cent of its converts, and 75 per cent of its organized churches were direct results of their Sunday School work! This was wonderful, but an even more amazing find was made. It discovered that among the pastors, superintendents, and teachers they had given only 10 per cent of their time! Here is the point—in other words, they had received a 90 per cent reaping for a 10 per cent sowing! What an investment! What an opportunity! I tell you, brethren, it's the greatest opportunity that ever came our way. We ought to attack it vigorously.

Marion Lawrence once said, "Save an adult and you save a unit. Save a child and you save a multiplication table!" How true. The following is just one example of her statement:

A teacher once went into a boot store, and there he gave twenty minutes of his valuable time to the lad serving behind the counter. The result was that the lad was gloriously saved. Now here is the point. This lad eventually became the "father" of millions. Yes, that's right; he was D. L. Moody! One teacher's voice today is often worth a thousand tomorrow. Think it over, reader; you

might want to start something around your neighbourhood. I hope and pray you do, because I'm a firm believer in child evangelism. I've seen little children around ten years of age saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Polycarp was converted when he was nine years old, Bishop Taylor at ten, Bishop Simpson at four, Richard Baxter at three, John Fletcher at four, David Brainerd around ten, Robert Moffatt at ten, Matthew Henry at ten and Adam Clarke at four! Then, of course, there are the thousands who have been converted at a young age but of whom nothing has ever been heard. What about it, neighbour? How do you feel now about child evangelism?

It has been said that 60 per cent of all living Christians were converted before they were fourteen years of age. Only one in every thousand ever gets converted after he has turned twenty. If this is correct, I'm afraid we shall have to change our views and ideas about child evangelism. We must now realize more than ever before that here is a golden opportunity.

Child evangelism is a long-term policy, and that's just where the Devil has blinded us. Let me put it this way. When an adult gets saved, there is an immediate change, and the evidence is seen (II. Cor. v. 17). The individual stops blaspheming, stops smoking and snuffing, cuts clear from the world, comes to services, gets baptized, and is soon filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. It's not long before he becomes a worker in the church, and, also a faithful tither! The result is that he is the talk of the town, and everybody goes about shouting and praising God. Now this is good and is all very fine, but here is the point. The new adult convert has left behind a dirty, filthy train, say forty years long, and he has been responsible for scores going down to a lost eternity. Even suppose he is now filled with the Holy Ghost and is blazing a new trail, remember that no matter what he does for the Lord in the new trail he can never undo or cover what he did in the old trail. Remember, too, the new trail will be only about ten years long against the old trail of forty years.

On the other hand, if a child gets converted, very few

get excited, few shout and praise God. It's a case of, "Oh, I see the Jones kid got saved last night; I hope it's genuine—he's so young, you know." Why do people talk this way? I'll tell you. When a child gets converted, there is no immediate change as far as outward manifestations are concerned, but I ask, "Why should there be?" He has never wallowed in sin; he has never blazed a trail of unrighteous living forty years long; he has never been associated with the world; he has nothing behind him to undo. But I'll tell you what he can do. He can, with your help, blaze a trail of holiness and righteousness fifty to

sixty years long in the future, and you'll have less trouble with him than you will with some who have known what it is to live in the cesspool of iniquity all their lives. No, sir, adult evangelism is a short-term policy, whereas child evangelism is a long-term policy; nevertheless, it's the best one. I tell you, brethren, child evangelism is the greatest need of the hour!

Beloved, it's later than we think. Our boys and girls are drifting, and it's going to be a race against time. If we start now, I think we'll just about make it. Come on, brethren, let's go.



# The 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 15th. Psalm xxi. 1-13.

"Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thine own strength: so will we sing

and praise Thy power" (v. 13).

God is sufficient of Himself to overthrow all His enemies. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." The sovereignty of God has often been challenged, but never removed. Earthly thrones may fall, the balance of power my shift from one nation to another: but the throne of God is from everlasting to everlasting. All the boisterous efforts of the Devil have hardly caused a ripple on the eternal sea. Should that sea be lashed into foaming billows, God would rise with majestic grace and say, "Peace, be still." O God, we praise Thee—Thou ever-conquering Spirit. Thou who wilt trample every foe in Thy fury, conquer sin in me.

MONDAY, May 16th. Psa. xxii. 1-21.

"But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people" (v. 6).

Pause, my soul, and wonder. This is a subject deserving prolonged and frequent meditation. He who is despised as a worm, reproached, scorned, ridiculed—is the Lord of glory, the Maker of heaven and earth. That convulsions should have shaken the earth when man slew his Creator was no surprise to devout and trusting souls. O God, how merciful Thou wast to me. Thou didst bear the scourge, the wrath, the shame for me. The sin that dwells in me was the sin that nailed Thee to the cross. Yet how painstaking I am to avoid the scorn, the frown, the deprecatory glance. O God, I am baser than a worm. Forgive my reluctance to suffer for Thee, and by Thy grace enable me to rejoice in persecution.

TUESDAY, May 17th. Psalm xxii. 22-31.

"I will declare Thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the

congregation will I praise Thee" (v. 22).

Verse twenty-two marks a change from the minor to the major key. The sufferings were transient: the triumph is eternal. The voice of the Son of God was not destined to eternal silence, but to proclaim in earth and heaven His victory over the Satanic hierarchy. Ye fearful saints, look up! "The highest place that heaven affords is His by sovereign right." "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee." "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow." The despised Nazarene is marching on to victory, and will not rest until He has established righteousness in the earth.

WEDNESDAY, May 18th. Psalm xxiii. 1-6.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" (v. 6).

This conviction follows the reflection of devoted souls as day follows night. Having proved the sufficiency of God (v. 1), the

guidance of God (v. 2), the preservation of God (v. 3), the comfort of God (v. 4), and the provisions of God (v. 5), how can we fear what our remaining years may bring. What He has been, He will be. The goodness of God will continue to supply our needs, the the mercy of God will continue to blot out our sins. Let us return to this refreshing psalm whenever we are tempted to complain of the inequality of life. Should we be denied the luxuries of this modern world, let us rejoice the more in the riches of Christ. Remember, our experience of the goodness and mercy of God is dependant upon our need.

THURSDAY, May 19th. Psalm xxiv. 1-10.

"He shall receive the blessing from the Lord" (v. 5).

That is what we want: the blessing from the Lord. Former experiences have whetted our appetite. Our knowledge of God prevents our limiting His blessing. However much we have received, there is more to follow. Like the manna it can be new every morning. It can be gentle as the dew: refreshing, comforting, enlivening to one's own spirit: or it can be as explosive as dynamite: driving us to the ends of the earth to preach the Gospel to the heathen. God's blessing not only enriches our devotional life, but it equips us for life's vocation. The blessing of God is our paramount need. Nobody doubts that God often bestows His blessing as we pray and meditate upon the Scriptures, but the Psalmist emphazises the preparation of holiness (v. 4). O God, sanctify my heart that the blessing of God might rest on me.

#### FRIDAY, May 20th. I. John i. 1-10.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (v. 9).

What a merciful provision! We miss much of the wonder of this verse when we apply it to the unregenerate. Doubtlessly, many sinners have been saved through it, but God primarily intended it to encourage His own people. Despite God's abundant mercy and grace manifested toward us in our salvation, we must humbly and frankly acknowledge that we sometimes sin, if not often. The wise parent lifts his child when she falls, brushes the dirt from her clothes, advises her to take more care as it is so easy to stumble, and giving her a kiss and a hug encourages her to trot along in confidence. This is but a faint reflection of the love and care of the Heavenly Parent. When we stumble, He steadies us. When we fall, He lifts us.

#### SATURDAY, May 21st. I. John ii. 1-17.

"He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now" (v. 9).

John, as well as James, informs us that our manner of life is the test of our faith. Faith in Christ is not merely a creed, but a creative force. Faith links us to the living, purifying forces of the Almighty. Faith plants in our hearts the seed of righteousness which, being nourished by daily prayer and the reading of God's Word, and watered by the Spirit, grows into a tree—healthy, fruitful, symmetrical, as a tree planted by the rivers of water. With the development of that tree the fruits of love, joy, peace, etc., increase; and its vigorous nature kills the undergrowth. O God, how persistent the undergrowth of sin can be. A lack of nourishment for the tree of righteousness renders the conditions favourable for all manner of obnoxious weeds. But Thou art the Husbandman, and my confidence is in Thee.

#### COMING EVENTS

#### PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

The President, Pastor John Dyke, will visit the following churches during the month of May:

May 11, Driffield. 12, Scarborough. 14-15 (a.m.), Mason St., Hull. 15 (p.m.) City Temple, Hull. 16, Selby. 17, Harrogate. 18, Scunthorpe. 19, Grimsby. 25, Blackheath. 30, Birmingham Town Hall.

BALLYMONEY. May 14, 15. Elim Tabernacle, Edward Street. Elim Convention Services. Sat. 3.30 and 6.30. Sun. 11.30, 3.30 and 7. Speakers expected: Pastors Joseph Smith (Belfast), Ronald Reid (Portadown), T. W. Thomson (Belfast). Convener: Pastor W. H. Holohan. (Refreshments provided).

**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 of Witness on Sun, afternoon, Guest speaker: Pastor John Gardiner.

Convener: Pastor T. W. Walker.

BRADFORD. May 21-26. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Special visit of Dr. Phillip Green (U.S.A.). Sat. 7. Sun. 10,45 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30. Wed. 2.30.

COLCHESTER. May 21. Moot Hall (Town Hall). Pastor D. B.

Gray and London Crusader Choir, 7.

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COULSDON. May 21. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road.
United Pentecostal Rally. Pastor Fredk. H. Squire and Students
(I.B.T.I.). Pastor R. W. Down (A.o.G.), 7 p.m.

DEWSBURY. May 9-June 5. Elim Church, Liberal Rooms, Bond
Street. Campaign: by Pastors T. Wilson and Gerald Rowlands
(A.o.G.), Pastors Mervyn O. Thomas and Paul Dyson (Elim).
Suns. 11 and 6. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.

FARINGDON (Berks). May 16-28. Elim Church, School Lane.
Salvation and Healing Campaign conducted by Eddie Smith.
Nightly 7.30. Sun. 3 and 8. Final Rally, Sat. 28. Items by Crusaders from Reading and Swindon.

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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, 36, Turnpike Street, Elland.

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MONRUSH, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Commencing May 21. Pioneer Revival and Divine Healing Campaign in the "Canvas Cathedral." Week-nights at 8 (Fri. excepted). Sun., After-church Rally at 8.30. Conducted by Pastors R. Reid and S. Brown.

NUNEATON. During May. Elim Full Gospel Church, Queen's Road. Prayer and Preparation for Revival. Mornings at 7.

Sunday evenings 8 to 12 midnight.

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

SWINDON AND DISTRICT. Commenced May 3. Salvation-Healing Campaign in big tent, conducted by Pastor George Canty, with Terry Sharp "new discovery" Gospel tenor and Reitta Canty. Week-nights 7.30. Suns. 7. No Friday meetings. Euclid Street Recreation Ground.

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

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YARDLEY, Birmingham. May 14, 15. Elim Church, Broadstone Road. Missionary Week-end. Sat. 7.30, Pastor L. Wigglesworth. Sun. 11 and 6.30, Pastor John Parker, International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill. Hear the Amazing Story of Revival from

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#### MISSIONARY ITINERARY

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

May 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.

Pastor W. McKeown, prospective Elim missionary to Southern

Rhodesia, will visit the following churches:
May 13, Bristol. 14, 15, Bath. 17, Wells. 18, Yeovil. 19, Bournemouth (Springbourne). 22, Newquay. 24, Truro. 25, Falmouth. 26, Penzance. 28-31, Camborne.

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