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## WHY I BELIEVE YOU CAN BE HEALED AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL THIS EASTER

By Ken Matthew (Minister of Elim Church, Worcester)

THERE is no slick answer to the many questions about Divine healing. No person knows all there is to be known about this great subject. For that matter, no one knows all there is to know about God; "His ways are past finding out." Some may profess to know all the answers, but these generally reveal their immaturity in attempting to confine God and His ways to the limitations of a filing system. The Bible teaches Divine healing both in the Old Testament and in the New, and Christ's final command, as recorded in Mark 16, was to preach the Gospel and lay hands on the sick ones. The fact that men still preach indicates that the Lord still saves the sinner; it is therefore logical to suppose that Christ still heals the sick person, for the Master linked together Gospel preaching and healing for the sufferers. Thank God both these blessings are ours today.

I have been surprised to discover, during my healing campaigns, that so many become side-tracked by looking at the problems connected with healing, rather than standing foursquare upon the teaching of the Scriptures. We openly admit that there are difficulties and perplexities; in fact the Bible seems to point them out. Trophimus, Paul's fellow-worker, was left sick at Miletum, yet Paul healed others. Our Lord healed all who came to Him on certain occa-

sions, yet we know that at other times He healed a few sick folk only. When the Lord came to the pool of Bethesda He healed only one, yet there were multitudes of sick people present. I would appeal to sufferers to look away from the problems and simply accept this fact based on Scripture—it is God's will to heal today. Do not interpret the Scriptures in the light of your personal problem, but rather bring yourself and your problem to Him knowing that His Word is true. I thank God for the teaching of the Elim Movement, long admired for its balanced and intelligent interpretation of the Word of God. Many are the modes of healing, numerous are the notions relating to it, all of which the enemy would have us adopt. We must guard ourselves against any departure from the Scriptures; to embrace any other than



the simple teachings of the Word of God is to court disaster in a harvest of shattered faith and disillusionment.

Many will share my personal delight that we are going to emphasise the subject of Divine healing on Easter Monday. The sick have always been remembered at these services, but this year we are making a platform stand for Divine healing. I expect something great from God. Why particularly? Because of the evil days in which we live, because iniquity abounds, because sin is rampant, because we have every indication of the closing end of the age, we can expect the Lord to move among us. If we seek the Lord in a big way He will answer us in a big manner. The latter day outpouring, wonderful though it has been, has not yet, we think, paralleled the first manifestation of the Spirit at Pentecost. This has yet to come in its fulness. Other nations have tasted something of this—I am persuaded that it is Britain's turn. Even as He moved upon the capital, Jerusalem, may He move in yet mightier power upon our own metropolis. If it is going to happen at all, it must be soon. You can be in that Easter gathering; you can share in the outpouring should we be so privileged.

The Royal Albert Hall meetings have ever been evangelistic. Many hundreds have been converted in our annual gatherings over the years. This is another great reason why you can be healed in this meeting. Healings are much more numerous in an atmosphere of revival and soul saving. Many thousands will be present for a day of soul winning. Unconverted friends will be invited. It would be like God and it would be the scriptural way for you to be healed in that gathering. "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy.) Arise take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" (Matthew 9: 6). Forgiveness and healing together. God's Word invariably couples salvation and healing. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103: 3). God declares through His servant the prophet, "And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity" (Isaiah 33: 24).

The time between now and Easter permits our preparation—yours and mine. There is a tendency to blame the seeker if he is not healed; it could be the fault of the minister. There is time for both to wait upon God. I prefer the method of preparation. First of all, *right thinking*. The woman who had the issue of blood said "within herself . . . I shall be whole" (Matthew 9: 21). In your prayer you must see yourself, as did that woman, perfectly whole. Secondly,

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## Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

### FASHION

FASHION, like the arts, seems to be adapting itself to this crazy age in which we live. *Honestly*, do you think that you will wear what the top fashion designers declare will be the high fashion for 1958? We all are slaves to fashion really, because we all accept it, however modified, in some form at some time or other, but looking at some sketches in a periodical I wondered who would like to look like any of them. "Hour-glass." Makes me think of an egg-timer! "Fish-tail"—a mermaid contour! Not for me. "Droop"—more like a "drip" to me.

Suits—short, straight and chic. That sounds better. We will like these. The feminine mind will take to the trend of fashion as a duck takes to water and as a man takes to a car. I frankly admit that I like clothes, and if I allowed myself I would indulge more in this fascination. I sincerely believe that every Christian woman should take an interest in *how* she dresses without being in the extreme of fashion—according to one's pocket.

How fashion changes. It was only in 1947 that Dior launched the much publicised and discussed "New Look." Every woman eventually wore it. I liked it very much. It was such a luxury after the austerity of the war years.

An old Scots preacher said in his sermon, "Ye people of Aberdeen get your fashions from Glasgow, and Glasgow from Edinburgh, and Edinburgh from London, and London from Paris, and Paris from the Devil." That was his opinion, but the scripture does tell us that "the fashion of this world passeth away" (1 Corinthians 7: 31). What is more thrilling, we are exhorted to imitate our Lord Jesus Christ: "not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy . . ." (1 Peter 1: 14). It is ever the work of the Holy Spirit to fashion us into the image of Jesus Christ. *Meditate* on this. It is wonderful and marvellous. From the miry pit of sin we

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# God Heals Today

*Here are a few instances of healings during Elim Campaigns in recent years.*



*Miss Thelma Smith  
Burnley*  
**BLINDNESS**  
(one eye)



*Mr. V. A. Merrel  
Worcester*  
**STIFF KNEE JOINT**  
(Bullet wound 1917)



*Miss Dorothy Deakins  
Jersey*  
**PARALYSIS**



*Mr.  
Ben Mountney  
Mansfield*  
**CANCER**



*Mrs.  
Trennery  
Newquay*  
**CANCER**



*Miss Boyd  
Liverpool*  
**ARTHRITIS**



*Miss A. Adkin  
London*

**DEFORMED  
SHOULDER**



*Mr. Robert Campbell  
Kilsyth*  
**ULCERATED  
STOMACH**

***Attend the Elim Easter Meetings in the Royal Albert Hall, where prayer  
will be offered for all sick people.***



## EASTER MONDAY IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

**WHAT** a thrill of anticipation comes to our hearts as we read the announcements of this approaching day, when Elim friends from all over the British Isles and Channel Islands will gather in that mighty edifice, the Royal Albert Hall, to participate in Elim's annual demonstration and witness.

It has been very encouraging to note year by year how the numbers have increased, and how the former power and fervour which characterised those early Royal Albert Hall demonstrations have been manifested again. The last world war ruthlessly interrupted and affected our annual demonstration. London was emptied of a great part of its population; many left it to remain dwellers in the places to which they had been evacuated. After those war years it was difficult to gather together the threads and provide services equal to those by which so many thousands had been enthralled year by year. Because of war conditions Easter conventions had been arranged locally in various parts of the country, and these have become regular features in some of the churches, being signally blessed by God. Nevertheless, the last few years have produced again gatherings at the Royal Albert Hall which have thrilled and enthralled, inspired and inflamed, causing those long in the Lord's service to return to their churches rejoicing, having proved and experienced the glorious and mighty fact that God never changes and that His hand is not shortened.

Last year our numbers were swelled by new converts from the campaigns conducted by our evangelists in various parts of the country—men and women within whose hearts Christ had come to abide. This year we expect to meet and rejoice with still more who, only within the last few months, have commenced to follow the Saviour, having been brought to know Him in the most recent campaigns.

These dear ones will be gathering with us in a mighty pentecostal fellowship for the first time.

Thousands of hearts all over the country will at this time be brimful of expectation for this day, and this causes one to ask, "What are we expecting to derive from these great meetings?" Some will be looking forward to the joy of meeting old friends in warm and happy fellowship; others will be longing to meet again, and hear the burning messages of those who years ago left these shores to carry the Gospel message to men and women in heathen darkness. The inspiring ministry of the choirs will attract some, or the joy of listening to our young people who will be taking part. The blessing derived from the preaching of God's Word and the messages in song of our beloved visiting brother from Switzerland will draw others, while many will come with the great agonising longing within their hearts for a touch of healing in their bodies from the Saviour. To all, the crowning blessing of the day will be to see many souls saved. All these longings and desires are known to God, but what should the paramount aspiration of each heart be? Surely it should be to assemble together in one great and mighty concourse to join in *sublime worship* of the Saviour who was dead but lives again; to swell a mighty chorus of praise to Him who broke the bonds of death and rose in glorious triumph from the grave and lives for evermore.

Hallelujah! What a Saviour.

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# Andrew - the soul winner

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By J. Bashford Bishop

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WE do not hear much about Andrew in the Gospels, but on three of those few occasions we find him bringing someone to Jesus. First it is his own brother, Peter (John 1:41); next it is the lad with the loaves and fishes (John 6:8,9); and finally he brings a group of interested Greeks (John 12:20-22). Was Andrew indeed an unimportant Bible character? What might be the outcome if all of us gave ourselves with equal zeal and diligence to bringing men to Christ today? Let us observe the following suggestive truths:

*Andrew first met Christ for himself* (John 1:35-49). "Behold the Lamb of God!" said John the Baptist of Jesus. And so successful was John in pointing others to Christ that two of his own disciples, John and Andrew, left him at once in order to acquaint themselves with Jesus! That same day they had a sacred interview with Jesus and came away having accepted Him as their Messiah! What a tragedy that so many who profess Christianity today have never really met Christ. And how much worse that so many seek to engage in Christian service who know nothing themselves of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ and the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

*Having found the Christ, Andrew was zealous for souls though only a new convert.* "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus." And what is more fitting, more natural, more beautiful than that one who is himself a new recipient of Christ's redeeming love should at once share that love with others, especially those who are nearest and dearest to him? Let every new convert follow Andrew's example! And let every older convert beware lest he lose that passionate personal longing to win others to Christ!

*Andrew was an ordinary Christian, yet he figured greatly in the furthering of God's kingdom.* Andrew was not brilliant. He did not, as far as we can determine, become a great preacher or leader in the Early Church. But since it was he who was responsible for the conversion of Peter, who can estimate the extent of his spiritual influence? Most of us, like

Andrew, are ordinary Christians, and we dare not make the mistake of wrapping our one talent in a napkin! If we have but one talent, that is all the more reason to employ it diligently, remembering that "little is much when God is in it." Ezra Kimball was just an ordinary teacher of a Sunday school class, but through his faithfulness he won to Christ D. L. Moody!

*Andrew realised that opportunities for service were close at hand.* There is a tendency on the part of some Christians to heave sentimental sighs of concern for the lost heathen abroad and do nothing to win their own loved ones and neighbours at home. Such is a false piety. Again, there are those who always feel they could do a great deal for the Lord if they stood in someone else's shoes, while they overlook the fact that the God who has arranged their circumstances wants to use them right where they are! Andrew won his own brother to Christ, and then Christ called him to further fields of service!

*Andrew realised the worth of a single soul.* His first task upon finding Christ was to concentrate every effort upon winning *one* man—his own brother. Later on he was used of God among larger groups, but he began with one! In these days when mass evangelism is once again prominent, let us not minimise the profound importance of winning men and women through the personal touch. No church in any age has made such progress as the Early Apostolic Church; and the secret of its success was *not* mass evangelism, but *every-member evangelism!*

The writer has never forgotten the personal testimony of the conversion and early Christian life of one of America's great Christian industrialists. This man was converted after watching the life of a business associate who at the time of his conversion made the statement, "John, salvation is free. But in order to keep it you must give it away." The new convert never forgot the statement, and within a year he had won to Christ at least a dozen other business associates! Love for Christ expressed in just such consecrated living and action will do more to bring revival than any other method one can dream of!

*Elim Pentecostal Churches Newsletter.*

# STORIES OF OUR GREAT HYMNS AND THEIR TUNES

By Douglas B. Gray, F.R.S.A. (Director of Music)

TUNES have always fascinated me – good tunes I mean. Melody writing or tune composing is no simple endeavour as some imagine, and a good tune lasts. Recent years have brought to the fore the magnificent tune *Crimond*, and there is no doubt that this superb melody will never be forgotten. Its popularity and appeal have won it fame the world over, and fitted to the immortal metrical version of the twenty-third psalm it is indeed a classic in hymnody.

Who gave us such a tune? Well, there have been divided views as to its origin. Nevertheless, we have made considerable research and collected much information which does at least provide useful records. Firstly, *Crimond* appeared in the *Northern Psalter* edited by William Carnie, Aberdeen, 1872. In this psalter the tune *Crimond* is set to the hymn "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life."

David Grant, of Aberdeen, has long had the credit of being the composer of this tune. Grant was born in 1833 and had many musical interests and scored, in addition to choral material, music for instrumental parts for the *Northern Psalter*. The Rev. Donald Findlay, writing in the *Sunday Companion* (1948), says that David Grant was a member of the Footdee (pronounced in Aberdeen as "Fittee") church and choir. He composed another tune called *Raleigh* and Mr. Findlay quotes a verse of a song about him which said:

Then if our frien' should ever dee  
And seek the unkent valley, O,  
His epitaph it read shall be  
From Bon Accord to Callow;  
Auld Fittee bell shall mournfu' ring  
While o'er his grave our heads we hing,  
And softly, slowly, sadly sing  
Sweet *Crimond* and then *Raleigh*, O.

In many churches in the extreme north the *Northern Psalter* is still used.

Dr. Millar Patrick, an acknowledged authority on Scottish psalmody, writing in *The Hymn Society Bulletin* for July 1948, has something to say about the origins of this tune. He says, "By desire of the Royal Family the Scottish metrical version of the twenty-third psalm was sung to the tune *Crimond* in

Westminster Abbey at the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to the Duke of Edinburgh, and also in St. Paul's Cathedral at the service in celebration of the silver wedding of the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. In the *Scottish Psalter*, *Crimond* is ascribed to David Grant, who was a musical enthusiast and had a flair for skilful harmonisation. *This attribution is a mistake. The tune was actually composed by Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87), a daughter of the manse. She was born at Dunothar, where her father was minister before he moved to Peterhead and then to Crimond, one of the parishes in the north-eastern part of Aberdeenshire known as Buchan. Her father was the parish minister there in the middle of the last century. The people of the district are firm in their conviction that Jessie wrote the tune, and their belief is corroborated by a member of the family. Having written the tune, she had no skill for harmonising it, and so sent it to William Carnie, once famous in the north-east as a great conductor and teacher, and as editor of the Northern Psalter, 1872, which he was then compiling. Carnie, recognising its merit, handed it to Grant to put into shape for publication. It is difficult to understand why Grant tacitly accepted the credit of authorship as he did, unless the tune as submitted by Miss Irvine needed some reshaping as well as harmonising, so that he regarded it in its final form as, in a measure, his own. Miss Irvine, now that the tune has won such widespread favour and honour, deserves her meed of credit, for there is no doubt that she was at least joint composer of what, though not one of the venerable 'old' psalm tunes in constant use north of the border, has found a place with the dearest of these in the affections of innumerable hearts."*

And so from these beginnings of a grand and noble tune we remember with gratitude all those who during the centuries have been moved and inspired by the Holy Spirit's power, and have given to the Church such treasures of tunes.

In our next meditation we propose reviewing some of the great hymns of the *resurrection* and their majestic melodies.

"NOW LET OUR SONGS ABOUND . . ."

# CHILDREN'S STRIP

Conducted by Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

Here is the answer to last week's question: the words "gave," etc., appear seventeen times in John 17.

I promised to tell you about the five young missionaries to South America, didn't I? Here we go then.

Their names were Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, Jim Elliot, Pete Fleming and Ed McCully. The youngest was twenty-seven and the oldest thirty-two years old when they died. Their burning desire had been to take the Gospel to the fierce Auca (pronounced *ow-ka*) Indians. No one had ever reached them peacefully. The local Indians were afraid of them. To go straight to one of their villages would mean certain death. In any case, they were so hidden away in the jungle that they could not be found, but Nate was an airman (his missionary work mainly

consisted in flying), and after flying over the Aucan jungle area he finally discovered several Aucan huts. He invented a method of lowering gifts from his plane in a bucket, and began flying over the Aucan huts lowering gifts to the Indians to show that he was friendly. Through an Aucan woman who had left the tribe many years before, Jim Elliot compiled a booklet of various Aucan phrases, and the men would fly low over the huts lowering the gifts and calling out "We like you" in the Aucan language.

One day they felt a heavier pull on the bucket, and saw the Aucans putting a gift in it for them! The missionaries were thrilled. At last the Aucans were showing friendliness, but the missionaries would still have to be cautious. "Don't trust them" said the Aucan woman. "They may seem friendly, but will suddenly attack and kill," she warned the missionaries. But the Aucans showed more signs by giving more gifts to the missionaries, and by making a model of the plane and putting it on the roof of the hut.

At last the missionaries felt it was time to make a cautious attempt to reach them on the ground. But how could it be done?

Well, next week I'll tell you.

Goodbye for now, and God bless you,  
BERNARD.

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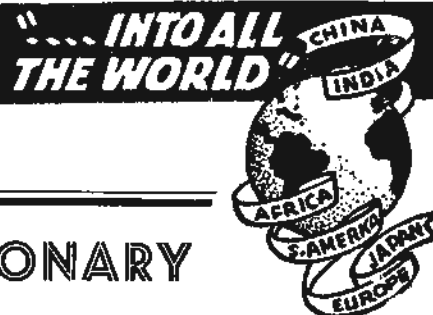
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# OVERSEAS MISSIONS

By G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary)



## WELCOME TO NEW MISSIONARY

*Tanganyika (Pastor Mervyn O. Thomas)*

OUR newest missionary, Pastor Mervyn Thomas, has been given a very warm (literally) welcome on his arrival at Kinonko, and has had his first experiences of missionary life. Of the journey to Tanganyika Mr. Thomas writes: "There was a number of missionaries on board and together we held Bible studies each day, and took evangelistic services on Sundays. As we were on the boat during Christmas and the New Year we had wonderful opportunities of witnessing to the passengers. On arrival at Dar-es-Salaam I had the privilege of preaching to an African congregation, with Pastor Bull interpreting, and in the evening to a Swedish congregation.

"On January 17th Pastor and Mrs. Bull and myself, with an African teacher and a number of children, began our long journey to a main outstation where the 'official welcome' for the Bwana Mdogo (little pastor) was to be held. After the journey through the bush, we arrived at a large clearing the size of a football pitch, and across the bush road was a big board and on it was written in Swahili, "Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ." Then came the moment I shall never forget. The senior evangelist, Petro, came running from his house laughing all over his face. All the pre-planned Swahili greetings were forgotten as we gripped each other's hand and embraced each other quite spontaneously. He was just full of the joy of the Lord and seemed to be dancing with joy, and it was some minutes before all the joyful laughter was over sufficiently so that we could go on to the other part of the welcome. However, for me, if there had been no more, that would have been a royal welcome in itself, but there was more to come. We sat at a table in the centre of the 'football pitch'—for it was to become that later—and suddenly from the far side of the pitch there came the sound of drums, and coming towards us were the combined schools of the area—and some of these children had walked up to four miles to

get to this welcome. Nearer they came, beating their drums, blowing their whistles, marching like soldiers, with their teachers keeping a watchful eye on them all. Oh, it was wonderful! Here were boys and girls of another tongue and race and colour, and yet Jesus loved them too, and it was going to be my privilege in the days to come to look after them. Still they marched by, ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, eighty—more than one hundred, and still more. In my heart I just kept saying Hallelujah! and it became so strong that it got to my mouth as well and before long we were all praising the Lord. Then each school sang its own African welcome, and then the surprise came. Each school in turn came up to the table and presented me with gifts—one gave eggs, another pau-paus, another corn cobs, but the most surprising of all was the gift of the last school. I had watched their leader swinging his drum-major's stick up into the air, and he looked so proud of himself and of his beautiful stick, so you can imagine my thrill when he gave me this prized possession, telling me it was *the* Shepherd's rod. Then came the challenge football match: one school against another. What was that? The football's split? Repair it quickly—and in about twenty minutes after that technical hitch the game proceeded, and I am sure every football rule was broken. However, as I watched them I saw in them precious souls for whom Jesus had died, precious little lives which had been entrusted to our care.

"Pray for us in this wonderful youth work in Africa that these boys and girls will grow up strong in the Lord and be lights in this darkened land. Many of these children returned that day to their heathen homes where witchcraft is practised, and we have the responsibility of bringing to these people the glorious news of salvation."

### ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM NELSPRUIT

*Pastor and Mrs. H. C. Phillips*

In contrast to the above report from Pastor M. O. Thomas comes the interesting news from our veteran

missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. H. C. Phillips, of blessing on their many activities at Nelspruit. "Two months ago we called a special meeting of church leaders, and quite a number came, representing fifty-five assemblies, the farthest being 120 miles away. We had a time of great blessing, and put before them a new method of co-operation regarding church offerings. All were very pleased and the system is being given six months trial. It seems to be working well, and I think it will eventually help us to open up fresh places as all are now pulling together.

"A week ago twenty-four were baptised here at Nelspruit. We still have services every night, and the last few weeks have been conducted by a new convert who was formerly a 'jail-bird.' He has a real testimony for the Lord. Our local young people have saved up and bought a public address system, which they are making good use of in open air meetings. Now they are buying a portable organ. There are about sixty of them altogether and many of them are keen for the Lord. We also have two 'revival parties' who from time to time take a series of meetings. Many have been saved and healed in these special meetings. We thank God for the work these African Christians are doing.

"Here in Nelspruit there is a small European assembly and it has recently acquired its own hall. The third group is made up of Indians and coloureds. In their Sunday school there are fifty-seven scholars.

"The Gospel Press is continually growing and it is now quite a concern. Gospel literature has been printed in thirty-three languages. Last month our biggest press and biggest folding machine were installed, and both are working while I am typing this letter. New developments are always being planned to supply more evangelical literature to the African people. We constantly receive letters telling of conversions or other blessings. Owing to the growth of the printing work we are dividing it from the publishing.

"Work on a mission station never ends! If there are no meetings and talks with individuals, there are people dying; others having family troubles; misunderstandings among church members; Europeans to see about preaching on their property; people to be married; and others wanting schools. There are building difficulties; finances to be attended to; allocation of work to preachers and sometimes the dividing of their areas; travelling passes to be made out and Africans to be helped with the filling in of government forms; preachers to be taken to distant parts; and a thousand and one other matters needing attention daily. Brethren, pray for us missionaries!"

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**Introducing...**

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*René Robert*

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**T**O many Elim members the Rev. René Robert needs no introduction. Immediately he finished high school in his home country, beautiful Switzerland, he came to England and the Elim Bible College, where he was a student during the years 1936 and 1937. He has many memories of service with the London Crusader Choir in H.M. prisons, and took part in many Elim pioneer evangelistic campaigns during pre-war days.

In Switzerland he has held pastorates in Geneva, Vevey-Montreux (known as "Little England" because of the many English tourists who visit this delightful resort), and La Chaux-des-Fonds (the capital city of Swiss watchmaking, and the highest town in Europe), which is nestled in the Jura mountains. The latter is where Mr. Robert is now ministering and is one of the largest of the Swiss Pentecostal Churches.

Not long after the war Mr. Robert went to Canada, where he became the Superintendent of the French Pentecostal Churches of Canada, and was the Director of the Christian Academy (day-school and boarding-school for 150 pupils). At the same time he was able to find time to lecture at the Canadian Berea Bible School, and co-pastor the Evangelical Centre (the largest Protestant French speaking church in Canada, which is also pentecostal).

During the year 1949 René Robert, with a team of evangelical ministers in Switzerland, commenced a radio project in the French language under the title *Radio-Reveil* (Radio Revival), and has been broadcasting every week since its formation. Now this radio evangelism has been increased to cover the Italian, German and Spanish languages. There is even a project in view to build a Christian radio

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**T**ODAY the Methodist Church in Britain reports a numerical loss of 2,764 members last year, chiefly in the northern industrial area. The present Methodist membership is 739,680. The Baptist Union has also issued a statement concerning numerical strength. Membership has increased, but at a slower rate than in the two previous years. Baptist Sunday school statistics show a loss of 8,742 during 1957. There is no room for complacency anywhere. Even in our own midst we increasingly need visitations of God's Spirit, and a greater vision and vigilance among us to see souls added, not only to church registers but to the Lamb's book of life.

Three elderly ladies of our church live happily together. One of the ladies (the mother-in-law of Pastor J. J. Morgan) wrote to the local editor requesting that he might publish appreciation of the neighbours' kindnesses in little practical ways to these elderly people. The editor did more; he sent along a reporter and a photographer. The result was a lengthy report and a large press photo of our elderly sisters, with mention also that each Sunday they are brought to the Elim Church by a member in his car. Here are dear elderly Christians who guilelessly found favourable publicity for themselves and the church they love, because they wanted to publicise the virtues of their good neighbours.

A local minister announces his church activities in a showcase on the station platform. I usually read his artistic efforts whenever waiting for a train. I

was impressed to read these words: "Nothing in life is more wonderful than faith—the one great moving force we can neither weigh in the balance nor test in the crucible." I pondered these words over, but was soon on my train journey reading an article on prayer in *Reader's Digest*. Imagine my pleasure when in the last paragraph of my reading I again found the gracious words already quoted, and learnt that the author was not a theologian but a famous physician, Sir William Osler.

I have just returned from a week-end preaching engagement in, presumably, our largest Elim Church. There is such an array of talented organists and pianists that they appear to operate a rota system. On the night previous to my visit there I was preaching at an induction service in a small Elim Church, where unfortunately there is no accompanist for piano or organ. It showed a great contrast. "The strong ought to support the weak," but unfortunately over 200 miles lie between these two. There is usually a need and opportunity in all Christian work for those who are willing to give the time and talent to prepare themselves for a ministry of music—this is a talent many of us lack but would be glad to have.

Dr. Donald Soper (a former President of the Methodist Church) is an outspoken and much-quoted preacher. In the same day of reading a recent sermon of his, with its obvious condemnation of Dr. Billy Graham's brand of evangelism, newspapers were reporting Dr. Donald Soper's commendation of A.I.D. and the maternal hope it offered lonely spinsters. It would have been more worthy of this religious leader if his commendation had been for evangelism and his condemnation for A.I.D. Dr. Donald Soper once described Elim as belonging to the Protestant religious underworld. Some of this quack reminds me of another very famous Donald.

Concerning A.I.D., one national paper acknowledged that of every ten letters received on the subject nine were strongly against and only one for it. A.I.D. may spell aid, but that is the one thing it cannot do. It may add, but other than add to the population it also adds to many problems, moral, legal, theological and psychological. Science may declare it as an accepted fact, but who can declare it as an acceptable fact? Who can condone a manner of birth the knowledge of which must for ever be hidden from the child thus conceived?

Ministers in their pastoral visiting are interested in the people they go to see. We certainly do not go to

inspect our members' homes! Personally (maybe I am unobservant). I would never be able to tell whether there were white curtains, tartan ones, or none at all on the windows. But looking at our own colourful flower bulbs, potted and petted by my wife, I have realised that the same scent and scenes seem to be in most of the members' houses. Is this because we particularly love these flowers, or is it that we are longing for the spring with all the life and optimism that it brings? To describe the appeal that spring has, who could ever excel the most beautiful words of Solomon (Song of Songs 2:10-13)?

### Women's Column (continued)

were lifted by His power and grace, and made new creations, made children of God, heirs of God, made joint heirs with His Son our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We are not to be conformed to the fashion of this world, but to be transformed day by day by His grace, and when we see Him we shall be like Him.

Prayer: "Fashion me after Thine image, O Lord.  
Thine is the strength and the power.  
Press in my substance Thy title, Thy Name.  
Keep me true each moment, each hour."

### Why I believe you can be healed in the Royal Albert Hall (continued)

confessing sin or shortcomings and putting them away, knowing that as forgiveness is ours through the merits of the Saviour so is healing. Thirdly, *developing faith*. People talk about boosting someone's faith. I do not think that is the way to have faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). The more you read and the more you heed the Word the more will faith increase. You cannot be healed without faith in Christ, and this is the means of begetting faith. And when the great day arrives we shall take our stand upon the simple word of Christ "In My name . . . lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18).

God seems to be honouring our simple confidence in His Word. In our last campaign in Eastbourne we witnessed more healings than in any previous campaign; we take it to be an indication of the mounting blessing. You can be healed on Easter Monday!

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## PRAYER WEIGH?

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We are in need of Crusaders who will earnestly pray for the success of this year's Royal Albert Hall meetings, and the great open air rally in Trafalgar Square. You may not think that your prayer matters, but it can matter—if you can pray earnestly. Become a desperate prayer warrior for Easter, then your prayer will weigh considerably.

I came across this interesting account of one woman's prayer:

"How much does a prayer weigh? The only man I ever heard of who tried to weigh one still does not know.

"Once upon a time he thought he did. That was when he owned a little grocery store on the West Side. It was the week before Christmas, after World War I. A tired-looking woman came into the store and asked him for enough food to make up a Christmas dinner for her children. He asked her how much she could afford to spend. She answered, 'My husband did not come back. I have nothing to offer but a little prayer.'

"This man confesses that he was not very sentimental in those days. A grocery store could not be

run like a bread line. So he said, 'Write it on paper,' and turned about his business.

"To his surprise, the woman plucked a piece of paper out of her bosom and handed it to him over the counter. She said, 'I did that during the night watching over my sick baby.'

"The grocer took the paper before he could recover from his surprise, and then regretted having done so: for what would he do with it, what could he say?

"Then an idea suddenly came to him. He placed the paper, without even reading the prayer, on the weight side of his old-fashioned scales. He said, 'We shall see how much food this is worth.'

"To his astonishment the scale would not go down when he put a loaf of bread on the other side. To his confusion and embarrassment, it would not go down though he kept on adding food, anything he could lay his hands on quickly, because people were watching him.

"He tried to be gruff and he was making a bad job of it. His face got red and it made him angry to be flustered. So finally he said, 'Well, that's all the scales will hold anyway. Here's a bag. You'll have to put it in yourself. I'm busy.'

"With what sounded like a gasp or a little sob, she took the bag and started packing in the food, wiping her eyes on her sleeve every time her arm was free to do so. He tried not to look, but he could not help seeing that he had given her a pretty big bag and that it was not quite full. So he tossed a large cheese down the counter, but he did not say anything; nor did he see the timid smile of grateful understanding which glistened in her moist eyes at

## For this year's Easter meetings in the Royal Albert Hall

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- \* Hundreds of unconverted people will come
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this final betrayal of the grocer's crusty exterior.

"When the woman had gone, he went to look at the scales, scratching his head and shaking it in puzzlement. Then he found the solution. The scales were broken.

"But as the years passed he often thought of it and wondered if that really was the solution. Why did the woman have the prayer already written to satisfy his unpremeditated demand? Why did she come at exactly the right time when the scales were broken? What confused him so that he did not notice it and kept piling on the food, with only a scrap of paper in the weight pan? He had felt like a fool and hardly knew what he was doing.

"Well, faith is a funny thing, anyway. And prayer is a funny thing.

"The grocer is an old man now. His head is white. But he still scratches it in the same place, and shakes it slowly back and forth with the same puzzled expression. He never saw the woman again. And, come to think of it, he had never seen her before either. Yet for the rest of his life he remembered her better than any other woman in the world and thought of her more often.

"He knew it had not been just his imagination, for he still had the slip of paper upon which the woman's prayer had been written: 'Please, Lord, give us *this* day our daily bread.'"

### LATE NEWS FLASH—

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**Sunday, March 23rd.** John 14 : 1-14.

"Let not your heart be troubled" (v. 1).

Countless numbers of Christians must have been, and still are being, encouraged by these classic words of Christ. In sickness, sadness and sorrow these words in the radiance of the glory light are silhouetted against the darkness of the black cloud experience, making an indelible impression on mind, heart and circumstance. They promise His presence and peace here and assure us of His preparation for our hereafter. How powerful the Name which prompts and proves our prayers! There is no need for any Christian to suffer from this kind of "heart trouble"!

**Monday, March 24th.** John 14 : 15-51.

"He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (v. 17).

Another Comforter—the Spirit of truth—with and in you! A strong proof of the need for and the fact of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a separate experience from salvation. The Holy Spirit gives a conscious assurance of the indwelling of the Father and the Son (v. 23). He teaches all things, and reminds of all things. Christ's peace becomes experimental by the Spirit's indwelling. Paul prayed, "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3 : 19). This is that!

**Tuesday, March 25th.** John 15 : 1-17.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches" (v. 5).

How vital Jesus is to us! Without Him we can do nothing. We, too, are vital to the Father. Jesus Christ is the vine; we are the branches; the Father is the owner, or husbandman. Three degrees of fruit-bearing are possible: (a) fruit (v. 2), (b) more fruit (v. 2), (c) much fruit (v. 8); but obviously the latter is expected of us. For this, however, pruning (purging, cleansing) is necessary. The thought of much fruit-bearing is most appealing to us all, but the experience of pruning is not so welcome. But we cannot have one without the other. See Hebrews 12 : 11; think on the "nevertheless afterward," and submit to the Divine pruning, for "herein is My Father glorified."

**Wednesday, March 26th.** John 15 : 18-27.

"For My name's sake" (v. 21).

What power there is in the name of Jesus. Not only are people delivered "from" by this Name, but many are willing to be delivered "unto" (v. 21) for this Name. We pray "for Jesus' sake": we live for His "name's sake." The power of the name breaks every fetter, yet binds as no other fetter can those who have known its power. It attracts, motivates, overmasters; hence the vine and the branches.

**Thursday, March 27th.** John 16 : 1-15.

"It is expedient for you" (v. 7).

It was expedient for us that Jesus should die (11 : 50) and that He should go away (v. 7). By the first we are saved,

and by the second we are sanctified. The Comforter—what a lovely description of the Holy Spirit's person and presence (14 : 16, 26 ; 15 : 26 ; 16 : 7)! In another sense He is also the Advocate. As the Spirit of truth He reproves of sin, righteousness and judgment; guides into all truth; speaks of and glorifies Jesus Christ; calls to remembrance things past and shows things to come, and teaches all things. Can you sing: "The Comforter has come"?

**Friday, March 28th.** John 16 : 16-33.

"Be of good cheer" (v. 33).

How do you feel today? Have you had a trying week? Are things getting "on top" of you? Have you tribulation and are you troubled? Jesus says to you: "Cheer up!" He wants you to have peace because He has overcome the world, and that is just where you and your troubles are at the moment. Re-examine your standing just now. If you are in the world, that is the reason you are feeling "under the weather." If you are in Christ, you are more than conqueror and you should be feeling so. Note the two "ins" of verse 33 and get out of the latter and back into the former. Ephesians 2 : 6 and Colossians 3 : 3 are worth reading and thinking upon.

**Saturday, March 29th.** John 17 : 1-12.

"I pray for them . . . not for the world" (v. 9).

This chapter is the real "Lord's Prayer." "Our Father" is the disciples' prayer. While it is true that Jesus loved and died for the world, it is also solemnly true that He lives and prays only for those who, though His, are still in but not of the world. Verses like verse 2 and 6 : 37, 44 are certainly no excuse for our not preaching the Gospel to every creature. He, not we, knows the number of the elect. By our preaching the Gospel we make it possible for men to be drawn to Jesus and to receive from Him God's gift of eternal life. May we, like Jesus and Paul, reaching the end of life's journey, be able to say the words of verse 4. God bless and be with you.

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**LONDON.** Easter Monday, April 7. Preliminary announcement. Trafalgar Square Open Air Rally at 11; Royal Albert Hall Youth Rally at 3; Royal Albert Hall Evangelistic Meeting at 6.30.

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