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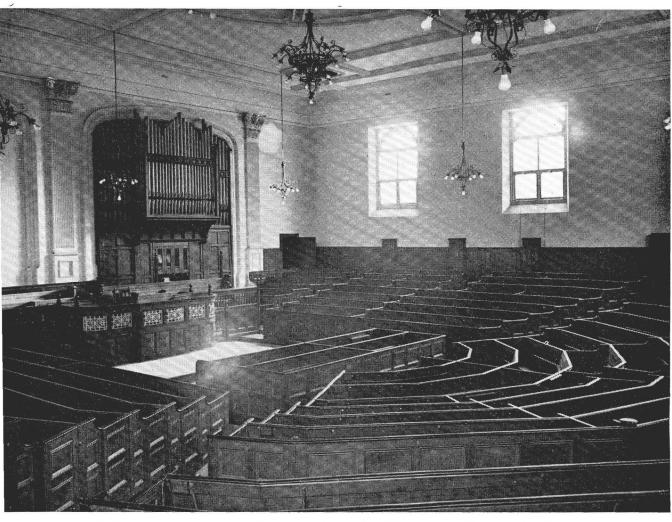


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INTERIOR OF NEW EXETER CHURCH



Full reports of campaign and opening of church, with pictures, will appear in a later issue of the "Elim Evangel" (see current report on page 358).

THE CAMPAIGN GOES ON

THE adventure of soul winning is catching the imagination of Elim members all over the country. The unsaved are being brought to our churches and members are receiving the greatest thrill of Christian stewardship.

Have you brought anyone to church since the campaign started?

WE PLAN TO DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR

Is this too hard? That depends entirely on us. It is certainly not too hard for our God, or for us if we all bring an extra friend to church.

This is what happened at one church. The minister writes: "I am glad to say the campaign has got off to a good start, and at our first guest service a week last Sunday we had nearly 200 visitors! I hope the enthusiasm will continue."

That's it! We must keep on with this job. It *must* continue. It's not enough to make one spurt and then settle down: we must keep the flame of enthusiasm burning in our hearts. Go out now and invite someone for Sunday. Telephone a friend—get in touch with somebody for Christ.

Another minister writes: "Many thanks for the brochure *Every Member Evangelism*. I congratulate Headquarters on the fine lead that has been given in this matter—keep it up.

"I also want to write a few lines to let you know that we at B— have been following the lead given at Conference. I am sure it will encourage you at Headquarters to know that we on the field are doing something about this business. Our folk here have taken up this matter with enthusiasm. We have divided the area around our church into four or five groups and plan to take twelve months to evangelise each group. A '*five-year plan*,' flexible, of course, has been adopted by us. For the first year we are covering 1,750 houses and reaching 3,000 to 4,000 people. We began by distributing Christmas cards (1957) and have already sent out two letters to each house. Each envelope is addressed. Almost immediately new faces were seen at church, and this has

continued each week since, in spite of the bad weather."

A minister who has been engaged in canvassing the district in an effort to reach the people writes: "I am glad to say the work has been keeping up fairly well in spite of the weather and outbreaks of sickness. We have had nine or ten decisions since the turn of the year; it is really amazing to see strangers coming in week after week, and we do praise God for those who have made decisions for Christ."

Other ministers add their news: "Thank you for your letter and booklet on *personal evangelism*. We have already started this scheme and God has blessed us in meeting all financial needs—and we have made some very good contacts which I hope will mean an influx of new members. Your literature will prove a great help to us."

One minister prepared a special letter and says, "We have addressed and delivered 1,000 in K-----. We hope it will produce some results."

In a well-known city up north the Elim church members were busily engaged in canvassing the whole of the city and the minister informed the writer that every house, which included some thousands, had been visited, and the visits at that time were being repeated. Quite a number of decisions had been made in the meetings as a result of new-comers attending. This is how the minister reported to us: "... Owing to the greatly increasing activities here in Y——, which are bringing such results that I will not be able to steady off with them for some time, namely the door-to-door evangelism and letters to the people. In two weeks time every house in Y—— will have had one letter and a third of Y—— the second letter.

"The result is that in the last five Sundays over thirty decisions have been registered for Christ and there is always some new face to be seen in the Sunday night services, and also at the midweek service. So for the duration of this effort I have seldom been at home, except at bedtime; I have even had my meals in town, and when not on the doors I have been duplicating, folding and addressing the letters."

HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR SERVICE IN YOUR CHURCH YET ?

Here is a word from an ancient prophet. It seems to ring the death knell of our civilisation when considered in the light of modern atom and hydrogen bombs:

"Sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it. even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them " (Joel 2:1-3).

The days in which we live are not only fraught with peril, they are also growing desperately short. Our opportunities to help the people who are descending the slopes to Armageddon are fast running out. There is every need for zeal and determination. New methods and techniques are being developed every day to save and mend the bodies of men. Are we going to do less in our attempts to save their souls?

IBRA RADIO Radio Africa, Tangier

Listen to "This is Life," presented by the Elim Church on this station SHORT WAVE: 20.2, 26.5, 32.3 metres WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th, 1958 Programme : 10.15 to 10.30 p.m. Speaker : G. Canty (Gloucester) Subject : "Seek and ye shall find " The programme also includes : René Robert (soloist) featuring "Hark ! the song of jubilee," "Take time to be holy " and "Art thou weary, art thou languid ? " Broadcast from the Elim Radio Studio, London

Produced by Douglas B. Gray (announcer)

Friends wishing to join the IBRA Listeners' Federation should write for full particulars. Meanwhile pray for the broadcasts, and we invite your financial help. Send your gifts and address all correspondence to : Elim Radio Department, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

Children's Strip (concluded)

hirst fifteen will get one (and I will probably have something for any others who write!).

Cheerio and God bless you.

Bernard.

PS. I will announce the competition winners next week, and also give a new competition.



Conducted by Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

If you remember my promise of last week you will be wanting to know about the free gift I promised. Well, I have only fifteen copies to offer, so you'd better write for yours straight away. But first a story.

Have you ever read *Pilgrim's Progress*? Well, in the story you read how Christian, before he is converted, is shown things about the Christian life by Mr. Interpreter. At one point Mr. Interpreter shows Christian a palace, with a crowd of men outside who want to enter, but who are afraid. A little distance from the door of the palace there sits a man at a table, with a book, a pen and an ink-well, ready to write down the name of any man who dares to enter. In the doorway Christian can see a group of men in armour, ready to attack anyone who tries to enter.

Christian is puzzled as to what it all means, when up comes a man and says, "Set down my name, sir," to the man at the table. His jaw is set, and he obviously means business. He then turns and heads toward the door of the palace, putting on his helmet and drawing his sword as he goes. As he rushes at the door the men there attack him, but he cuts and hacks his way through them, giving many wounds and receiving many. Nothing discourages him, and at last he wins throngh and enters the palaee, when a voice is heard to say. "Come in, come in; eternal glory thou shalt win." Soon Christian sees the man appear upon the top of the palace to join the others who are there, all clothed in bright garments.

Christian is stirred by what he has seen, and tells Mr. Interpreter with a smile that he understands. The Christian life is a fight against evil. It starts when you receive Jesus as your Saviour and have your name written down in the Lamb's book of life, and ends when you reach heaven.

Now for the free gifts. I have fifteen copies of a grand tract telling this story, with a full colour cover of the man setting out for the battle. You can use it to witness to an unsaved friend. Just send me a stamped addressed envelope for your copy, and the

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EDITORIAL

"TAKE TIME TO PRAY"

THESE impressive words, contained in an article we read recently, constitute not only a very pithy and arresting phrase but also a challenge to Christians. In these exacting days of hustle and bustle, when everybody is so busy, there is the danger of the powerful medium of prayer being neglected to the detriment of the individual Christian and the Church as a whole. It is easily possible to be so taken up with the active side of Christianity that the prayer life is neglected. Therefore it needs to be emphasised continually that prayer is a vital necessity to progressive Christian experience and witnessit is the Christian's "vital breath," as the hymn writer has expressed. Andrew Murray stated: "Wait on God till you know you have met Him. Prayer will then become so different. And when you are praying let there be intervals of silence, reverent stillness of soul, in which you can yield yourself to God, in case He may have aught to teach you or work in you." Only by taking time to pray can this be realised in one's life.

The words "take time to pray" are impregnated with promise, for God will meet with, and supply the needed strength and grace of, those who wait upon Him in prayer. Through coming to Him in a suppliant and receptive attitude, and by tarrying in His presence, our souls are restored, and our weakness is girded by the infusion into our lives of His power. The tremble is taken out of the life, and there comes a deep sense of security in God. Yes, God imparts His strength to His needy people when they wait upon Him in prayer. It was this fact that enabled Paul, when imprisoned and in great need of the Lord's presence and power, to cry out triumphantly, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Paul realised that through praver he was able to tap the infinite Source of supernatural strength-he knew what it was to "be strengthened in the Lord and in the power of His might."

By taking time to pray the Christian is strengthened mentally. How often we approach God in prayer with a heavy heart and disturbed mind, but after waiting some time in His presence the mind is cleared and the depression lifted. It has been proved over and over again that depression impairs the acuteness of the rarest mental power in the same way as a damp atmosphere will blunt the keen edge of a razor or knife. When such a mental state is reached, and we wait on the Lord, Divine energy flows into and strengthens the mind. Mr. Hutton, the great essayist, stated at the time of Sir Isaac Holden's death that he believed the extraordinary fertility and inventiveness of Sir Isaac's mind had been nourished by the deep underlying spirituality and nobility of his life. Similar testimony could be given concerning others whose mental achievements both in the spiritual and material spheres have been unique. When a person waits upon the Lord he receives a mental quickening.

By taking time to pray the Christian is strengthened morally. Christian men and women of power and great moral courage are those who have found time to wait upon God in sacred and hallowed communion. Sometimes a smooth-tongued temptation assails us, and we find ourselves wavering, but immediately we go to God in prayer a vision of Him who conquered the adversary breaks in upon our souls, and we receive the needed strength to overcome. We are strengthened morally.

By taking time to pray the Christian can be strengthened physically. Many of the Lord's people. as a result of very strenuous activity in Christian service, or through the heavy demands of life's daily routine, have become run down constitutionally, and at such times have repaired to God in prayer and had their strength renewed. We could well couple with the words, "They shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31), the New Testament declaration, "He shall quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you." Some relegate the fulfilment of these words either to the remote past or an altogether distant future; but this can be the present and continual experience of all those who wait on the Lord -their physical strength renewed. The Lord quickens not only the spiritual but also the physical capacities of the life. This can be the experience of all those who " take time to pray."

SPECIAL NOTICE

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BROADCASTING TO SPAIN

By G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary)

SPAIN, the land of cathedrals, churches, convents and bull-rings. So near to Britain vet so difand bull-rings. So near to Britain, yet so different in various ways. The land of vineyards and olive groves, where wine is cheap and plentiful, and olive oil is a staple article of food. Where most people do not dine until 9.30. On summer evenings the folk make their way to the local parks, strolling up and down, the young men making eyes at the girls, who pass by pretending not to notice, nor to hear the complimentary remarks cast in their direction. Where lovers do their courting through the iron bars that cover the windows of the houses. Where on Sunday afternoons the people assemble in the bullrings to witness the fights between vicious bulls and the idolised bull-fighters. Images of saints are seen in almost every home, in niches in the walls on the streets, and in the shops and business houses. The Spanish people are polite and friendly. On meeting you they will say "Venga con Dios" ("God come with you"), and when they take their leave they will say "Vaya con Dios" ("God go with you").

Spain must have been a well-known country in the days of the Early Church, for the Apostle Paul, writing to the Church at Rome (Romans 15:24), declares his intention to visit not only Rome, the great metropolis, hut also Spain, and in verse twentyeight of the same chapter he emphasises his desire to go to Spain. While there is no certainty that Paul carried out his intention to visit Spain, there is an early tradition that he did go to that country.

The population of Spain is some 28,000,000 people, and while we think of the needs of India, Africa, China and other countries let us not forget the need of Spain, where there are hungry hearts. To help in meeting this need *Elim is broadcasting the Gospel to Spain*, with attractive musical items and clear Gospel messages, every Saturday on IBRA Radio. Tangier, medium wavelength 321 metres, at 7.45 a.m. B.S.T.

That the people in Spain are interested in the Spanish broadcasts is evidenced by letters received at IBRA Radio from Spain. Here are some extracts:

SALAMANCA :

"Honoured father:

"Yesterday I received your kind letter, together with the calendar and other literature, which is a great help for me in my Christian life. I can't do anything else but look up to heaven and thank God for that you so kindly wish to help me. Every day I hear your broadcast and frankly spoken that's wonderful. Especially the message today, it strengthened my faith in prayer. With great interest and with humble heart I listened in. and by the grace of God I am now able to continue on the Lord's way with strengthened faith and confidence in my Saviour. The whole day has heen a great joy for me, because the words I heard in my little radio receiver this morning have the whole day been ringing in my ears.

"I wish to thank you of all my heart for the great labour you are doing for souls salvation, because we need to follow the doctrine of the Lord and the people need to hear the Word of God and that's exactly what IBRA is doing. You can be proud over the possibility you have of bringing people in to a full salvation. You can be sure that those hearing your broadcasts are getting strength for their spiritual life...

" From your friend and servant for Christ.

J.M.J."

PONTEVEDRA:

"You can imagine my joy when I together with my wife and children every day am listening to your programme at 7.45 a.m.

M.P.R."

BENAVENTE:

"I wish to write to you in order to express my gratitude for your Spanish broadcasts. At the same time I want to ask you for a calendar and a New Testament in which I would like to read. Here in Benavente I have many friends who always are listening to your broadcasts. They are very much inspired and happy because through the programmes they get spiritual help to continue on the way that the Lord has indicated.

J.U.S."

You are invited to share in this fellowship of broadcasting the Gospel to Spain, both by your prayers and your gifts. Contributions towards this cost will be gratefully acknowledged. Send them to: Missionary Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

Continued Blessing on Exeter Campaign

By W. L. Bell (Pontardulais)

I was my joy and privilege during the week-end of May 17th and 18th to be present at the Evangelistic and Divine Healing Campaign now being held at the Civic Hall, Exeter, by Pastor P. S. Brewster and his party.

The campaign had commenced on the previous Sunday, and during the first week over 170 men and women had surrendered their lives to Christ by public confession.

Every night the Civic Hall had been well filled with eager seekers after truth, and with joy did I learn how these people had responded night after night to the Gospel call.

Not one service throughout the week had gone by without a number of souls passing through the inquiry room. With this knowledge I went to the Saturday night service with anticipation and great expectation. Nor was I disappointed. From the very commencement it was evident that the Spirit of God was present. and as I looked upon the congregation it was easy to discern the joy that filled the hearts of those believers who for a long time had prayed for a visitation from God, for it showed upon their faces.

My heart rejoiced too when I heard a number of letters read bearing testimony to so many who during the week had received a touch from the Great Physician. Without a doubt there were many evidences of God at work in the hearts and lives of many people present.

What a thrill it was in the after-church rally on Sunday evening to see the people streaming in through the open doors, and although many of them had probably attended services during the day they still came hungering for more of the Good News. The Spirit of God again blessed the preaching of the Word to the saving of many souls.

We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon His servants as they continue in the wonderful work of leading men and women to Christ.

W. L. Bell.

Please help to spread the Gospel by sending your gifts to: Evangelistic Campaign Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.





FTER the Coventry Cathedral incident the Lord's Day Observance Society has met with much criticism from religious leaders and the press. I can only express admiration for the L.D.O.S. If they so desire, let the church leaders and politicians agitate and legislate for reform of Sunday observance laws. The onus is upon them. Members of Parliament have previously been given an opportunity in an open vote to bring about such changes, but have been reluctant to commit themselves to such legislation. And since the Coventry affair the Home Secretary has refused again to set up a committee to see if changes are needed. It is a strange situation when a society is criticised for upholding the law, while the bishop and others are commiserated with for having been prevented from breaking the law. The challenge is "observe the law or change it," rather than "let the law stand, but ignore and defy it."

At seventy-three, Dr. Lewi Pethrus is retiring from forty-seven years' pastorate of Filadelfia Pentecostal Church, Stockholm, a church of over 6,000 members. At this age Dr. Pethrus retires as pastor to be able to devote more time to I.B.R.A. radio work, and to *Dagan*, the Swedish pentecostal daily newspaper. This is a splendid testimony to the vitality and vision of Dr. Pethrus, and a reminder of the great importance of the presentation of the Gospel through the medium of radio and press.

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Listening to a "Lift up your hearts" morning broadcast, I learned that in India only two per cent

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of the population is Christian. Yet seventy-five per cent of the nursing profession is recruited from such a meagre minority of India's 300,000,000. Only two per cent (and many of these possibly nominal Christians) appears a small accomplishment after many years of the Gospel, but the fact that three-quarters of India's nurses are from the Christian Church is a tremendous tribute to the qualities of sacrificial service the Gospel effects in lives won for Christ. Since India's independence ten years ago a Christian woman has held the post of Minister of Health.

The Elim Missionary Exhibition was a success when at our Church for three days. Far-off lands and their needs were vividly brought before us. Two days later a Christian Citizenship Exhibition was held in the town, bringing to our notice the needs and social services of our town. Christians of all denominations agree to the need and right of ministry in other lands to the spiritual, physical and social needs of the people. Sometimes there is criticism, but is there an argument against the sincere Christian who actively engages to show concern for the general welfare, and not only the strictly spiritual welfare, of one's fellow citizens ?

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I liked this story sent to the editor of a daily newspaper. An old Negro from a Karoo village in South Africa was in London for medical reasons. When walking near Knightsbridge a young man stopped him and said: "Let me fasten your shoelace, sir!" This made such an impression on the old man that he tells the story again and again, and marvels and remarks on the kindness and thoughtfulness of the British people. Such simple actions do more for good relations between South Africa and Britain than any political talking.

To the above I would add that such actions do good between people whether black or white, saint or sinner. The humblest action may make the most lasting impression.

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Reading about a plane being grounded by a sparrow being sucked into an oil pipe of the plane made my thoughts turn to the psalmist's words about the sparrow finding a place to nest in on the altars of God. It is a pleasant and poetic picture, but the psalmist must have meant, in a general sense, the tabernacle as a whole, for if the altar was in constant use in sacrificial offerings the sparrows would not have nested so close. It has been said, "You cannot prevent the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building their nests in your hair." (Continued on page 364) **O**UR Lord was a brilliant story teller; no wonder the children rallied around Him. About forty parables which He told are recorded in the Gospels. In the Gospel by Matthew we have a rich cluster of them. No one human parable or illustration can give an adequate view of the mysteries of the kingdom of God. When we take the seven that are related in chapter thirteen we have, seemingly, a complete picture. As seven is the number of perfection, these seven parables may form a circle of parabolic teaching, for they supplement one another. Jesus Christ did not interpret all parables, but He did say. "Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables ?" (Mark 4:13).

These seven describe the results of the presence of the Gospel in this present age. Chrysostom said that the effect of them upon the disciples would be one of encouragement and inspiration. Though there are many things to depress and discourage in and outside the Church, and have been from the first century until now, God's seed is incorruptible, it lives and abides for ever (1 Peter 1:23). The seed will survive; its disposition is to grow, expand and become fruitful. Despite the hard, shallow ground that abounds with thorns and tares, sown by God's archenemy, Christ's work and word will flourish and prosper even as He declared in these prophetic parables.

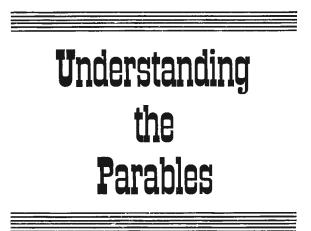
CHRIST AND THE PARABLES

These were given during His great year of popularity when the multitudes thronged Him. They flocked around Him thinking that their national hero and liberator was about to fulfil the role of King David and restore Israel to its former glory and prestige. Standing in a ship, He addressed the dense, milling masses on the shore. Observe how He commenced and concluded His first parable, "Behold, hearken," and "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." It is a matter of life and death, so listen with solemn attention to the unusual and memorable words. Hear with the inner ears, for many prophets and righteous men desired to see those things which you see and have not seen them, and to hear those things which you hear and have not heard them. He did not speak to satisfy their curiosity or their intellectual interest merely, but to reveal the moral responsibility which accompanies the serious privilege of hearing the words of life. The listener's eternal profit depends upon his faithfulness in receiving the seed sown by the Sower.

THE CROWDS AND THE PARABLES

When the inquisitive disciples approached their Master as to His method of teaching the people by

parables, His strange and mystifying answer was "because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not. neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time



they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart " (Matthew 13:13-15; Isaiah 6:9). What a graceless, demoralising state to be in: deaf, blind and past feeling. Could any preacher have a more unresponsive congregation; they were almost bordering on the edge of the unpardonable sin.

The spirit of stupidity and obtuseness was manifest. Had their spiritual perceptions been clear they would have caught the meaning of His simple stories, but moral obliquity existed in them. The Gospel ministry is a damning as well as a saving agent; it has made millions of light-rejecting Pharaohs. Christ revealed the moral heart of His age; many of His hearers were no wiser than when they came; they had the word of grace in their ears, but left with no work of grace in their hearts, for they were dull, hard and unimpressive. The prophetic scripture of Isaiah reappears at the conclusion of the Saviour's ministry (see John 12:37-41; Isaiah 6:9,10) and again near the end of Paul's travels (see Acts 28:25-27). This people which was exalted unto heaven shall be brought down to hell (Matthew 11:23). Little wonder our Lord said "Take heed how ye hear."

The Gospel reveals the awfully hardened condition of men; the multitudes of all classes and climes have no spiritual perceptions and have no vital sympathy with its message. The natural man has no understanding of the things of God because there is a blindness, a thick haze of sensuousness and sin which hides the spiritual from the soul's eye. On a later occasion Jesus bluntly asked the Jews, "Why do ye not understand My speech?" (John 8:43) and answering the question Himself with this devastating, crushing and penetrating reply said, "Even because ye cannot hear My word." As Matthew Henry says, "A parable can be like the pillar of cloud and fire which turns its dark side towards the Egyptians and confounds them. but a light side towards the Israelites which comforts them."

Let us now turn to the brighter side of the parables and consider

THE COMPANIONS AND THE PARABLES

At the end of this series of parabolic preaching the great Teacher asked His own intimate friends and companions, the disciples, "Have ye understood all these things?" and their joyous response was "Yes." Although much seed and labour had hitherto heen apparently wasted, here it had taken root. To those who are anxious to hear, more shall be given and he shall have more abundance, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Observe what He called those who comprehended the significance of His stories. He called them scribes who were likened unto householders who had treasures. They

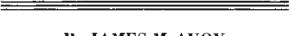
" Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things?" (Matthew 13 : 51)

learned that they, like Ezra the ready scribe, might teach. They became the trustees of the supreme interests of the kingdom of heaven. The better a disciple wisely considers the message of Christ the more qualified he is to minister it. As a doctor studies medicine and a lawyer law, so must the sincere believer, the scribe, study to show himself approved unto God.

Such a Christian scribe is compared to a householder who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old. The genuine disciple must not be a miser, he must not hoard his spiritual knowledge, nor put his candle under a bushel. He must use his talents, he must act the host and spread on his table various foods, that those like the prodigal son who are perishing with hunger might receive the Bread of Life. How liberal was the delighted father; the larder was emptied that the wanderer might be filled. Like Joseph in Egypt, the well-instructed scribe must open his storehouse to feed the famine-stricken and hungry. He should open his stores for the lasting benefit of others. "Freely ye have received, freely give" was the injunction of the Saviour who gave Himself as the Living Bread for the life of the world.

In the granary of the industrious, plodding servant there is a great variety, "things new and old," Man needs variety for his body, and God in nature has provided it. Man wants variety for his soul, and Christ in His Church has supplied it, As the housewife from her larder or refrigerator produces new (fresh) food, such as fresh bread and milk, and old (preserved) food, such as canned fruits and vegetables from last year's harvest, so there are truths for every phase of Christian experience, every stage of Divine growth and every grade of intellectual power in the storehouse of every generous spiritual householder. There is in Christ a perennial source of fresh life and heavenly manna, so there is no need for the fare to be monotonous and stale in the treasury of the godly householder; nor for Old Mother Hubbard's experience to be repeated in the life of those who can say "Yes, Lord, we understand Thy Word."

It was through those first Christ-confessing, selfdenying apostles that the good seed of the Gospel spread world-wide; they were true to their trust and faithful even unto death that the glad tidings of the Gospel might become ours. May the spirit that characterised Paul when he said "I am debtor.... So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel ..." (Romans 1:14-16) possess us all more fully, and in this coming year of *personal evangelism in Elim* may each one reach one. May we all learn of Christ,



By JAMES McAVOY (Minister of Elim Church, Portsmouth)





FALMOUTH

Those present at the recent annual fellowship meeting were given the heartening news that for the first time since 1946 all financial commitments of the church had been met in full and a small balance remained. This evidence of the blessing of the Lord was received with thanksgiving to God for His goodness. The fervent hope was expressed that this would prove to be the turning of the tide and that the great waves of God's blessing would roll inwards upon His people. It is the prayer of pastor and people alike that, guided by God and borne up by His blessing and faithfulness, the Falmouth church shall be enabled to launch into the deep and let down the nets for a draught.

LANGLEY ELIM CHURCH

R.J.

On a recent Sunday evening an excited congregation consisting of children from the Sunday school and their parents gathered for the annual Sunday school prize giving. The speaker was the resident minister's wife, Mrs. A. Smith, who, after speaking to both the children and the adults, distributed many prizes and certificates of merit for perfect attendance.

The filmstrip Mid-century Martyrs was the main item for the first night of the Sisterhood Anniversary. Supporting the film in song were Mrs. Frame from Smethwick and the Blackheath Young Ladies' Choir, who sang well under their conductor, Mr. Baker. On Sunday evening the Sisterhood presented a service of song entitled "In His Steps." The sisters are to be congratulated on such a fine performance. At the final meeting on the Monday evening ladies from neighbouring churches were welcomed. The speaker at all these meetings was the President's wife, Mrs. Kennedy, who also was the reader for the service of song. We praise God for giving us such rich blessing in His service.

BARNSLEY

One of the highlights at the recent annual fellowship and business meeting was the report of the excellent manner in which the members had so

generously given in support of the work here in Barnsley, Our missionary activities and contributions have also given rise to great rejoicing. The Sunday school in the town itself has suffered a slight decrease in numbers due to the expansion of the building estates that surround the town, and to the removal of large numbers of people to these areas. However, we have now opened a branch Sunday school on a nearby estate and now have a school of some 200 scholars. Finally, we have welded the church into a unit of unprecedented solidarity under the splendid leadership of Pastor Tranter, and give God all the praise.

H. BENFELL.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING AT BRAINTREE

During the last two months the Lord has been blessing in a precious way. Many souls have been saved and bodies healed. We have been visited by Pastor T. Stevenson, of Ilford, whose ministry refreshed us, as did the singing of friends from Clacton, Dunmow, Witham and Shrub End. We also welcomed for a few days' evangelistic campaign Pastor W. George from Romsey, who, despite his years, is still very much alive. Recently we were thrilled with the singing of the London Crusader Choir, and the climax of blessing was a baptismal service on Easter Sunday when thirteen candidates were baptised by the pastor of the church. There were two married couples among them and ten members of one family. For nearly thirty years the husband was the only saved one of the family, but recently his wife and seven of their children and a son-in-law have been saved. Four new members have been received into membership, with twelve more to follow. W. G. TURNEY.

LONGTON SISTERHOOD WEEK-END

We praise God for the wonderful way in which He is blessing the Sisterhood. Recently we held our Sisterhood week-end. The blessing of the Lord crowned the services. On Saturday the speaker was Miss P. A. Batty, the fiancée of our minister, Pastor John Coleman. Her message on "The Marys of the New Testament" was a blessing to all. It was our privilege to have Major Rhoda Jones, of the Salvation Army, Stoke, for Sunday and Monday. Her ministry was of the highest quality and all felt the challenge of God's Word. The messages were concerning the believer's devotional life.

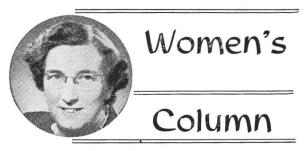
The musical items were rendered by members of the Sisterhood, and the guest soloist was Mrs. W. Loundes (Junior). The numbers at these services surpassed all expectations. The church was packed to capacity on Sunday and Monday.

MRS. O'KEEFE (President).

LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR AT SWANSEA

The week-end visit of the London Crusader Choir to Swansea records another grand occasion of fellowship and ministry. The visit was made at the invitation of the Swansea Christian Youth Council. On Saturday night the magnificent Brangwyn Hall was crowded. Despite the long experience and maturity of the choir in facing great crowds, the large congregation in this vast concert hall certainly was sufficient to create "nerves"! Nevertheless, the opening stanzas and moving congregational singing by this Welsh congregation soon dispelled momentary tensions, and the meeting quickly developed into a great occasion for festive praise and musical finesse. Following a full programme of choral, solo and instrumental features which were well up to the high standard of the choir, a stirring Gospel message was given by Pastor P. S. Brewster. This concluded with souls finding Christ as Saviour. Sunday was another full day: two services in the Elim Church and the great finale in the spacious and accommodating Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Here Pastor J. Hywel Davies ministered the Word. Testimonies by choir members were a special feature and brought blessing to the thousands who during the week-end had no reticence in showing appreciation and enthusiasm regarding the ministry of the visiting choir. To the very last item the presentation was unflagging and of high musical and spiritual order. Thus another great week-end during the present year has meant a richer and wider circle of Christian ministry and the privelege of sharing fellowship in the hearts and homes of our great Elim family.

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By Gladys Gorton A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

HUSBAND sobbed as he told the court how he found his wife dying. "I was awakened by the baby crying. My wife was not beside me in bed. so I got up and went to the kitchen to see if she was making the baby's food and found her beside the sink with a half-empty bottle of aspirins. She said she had taken two more bottles. Then she said, 'I don't want to hurt you, but I can't cope. I just want to go to sleep." She had taken more than 200 aspirins. A few weeks previously her baby was born prematurely and was kept in hospital for treatment. When the hospital decided to send the baby home she had been in bed for three weeks with 'flu, so had her husband and her two teen-age children. She did not feel fit enough to look after the baby. For more than a week she did not have more than two hours sleep at a time.

Reading this I thought, "Didn't they have any relations, friends or neighbours who could and would have gladly helped?" The tragic happening in that home could then have been avoided. Who knows, perhaps God spoke to someone to go and help this dear soul and she *disobeyed*. As Christian women we have a responsibility to our neighbour.

Mrs. Rolf, her husband and four children were all down with the 'flu. The doctor called and she asked him to leave the door unlatched when he left. The whole six of them were confined to bed, and as the day wore on they all felt desperately ill. She vaguely wondered if she could manage to get downstairs and make a drink for them all. She prayed that someone would call. Then she heard the door open and somebody step into the hall. "Is anybody at home?" a thin, piping voice inquired. "Yes, do come up," called Mrs. Rolf. Up came the visitor. She was somebody whom Mrs. Rolf knew very slightly. "I had to come," the visitor confessed. "The first thing this morning you kept coming before me. I thought it was my imagination, but the feeling persisted, so here I am. Can I do anything?"

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Sunday, June 8th. 2 Kings 5 : 1-14.

Naaman's going down was the evidence of humility and obelicance. How many people lose God's glorious salvation through some Abana or Pharpar? How many Christians lose God's blessing through some preconceived notion? "He will surely come..., call..., strike" (v. 11). Maybe few or even none are exempt at first from the attitude "This is the way it should be done," or "This is the way I am going to receive my healing or my baptism in the Spirit." We should say "Lord, teach us to say, 'Have Thy way.'" Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and in due time He will exalt you.

Monday, June 9th. 2 Kings 5 : 15-27.

Gehazi is a concrete example of the fact that it is not enough to live with a good man—to be born in a Christian home or carry out certain religious observances. Gehazi was Elisha's servant, but he was much more the servant of his own cvil heart and thus off the Devil. He did not understand the spirit of his master (v. 20), that the miracle had been wrought by God and therefore the glory and thanksgiving should be given to Him. It was an unclean hand that laid the staff on the dead child (chapter 4 : 31), a hand that was more ready to clutch the silver and satisfy avaricious eravings, and thus unlitted for Divine service.

Tuesday, June 10th. 2 Kings 6 : 1-14.

It is illuminating and arresting to consider the last clause of verse 12. These are days of scientific wonders. Conversations can be recorded by miniature microphones hidden in a room or carried in the pocket; telephone wires can be tapped; but here was something apart from human contrivance. The whispered secrets of an evilly intentioned king were disclosed to the one hd sought to entrap. The prophet was in touch with God, and that was all that was necessary to confound wicked devices. Jesus said that He had prayed for Peter (Luke 22 : 31), and that all would be well; Paul said that he was delivered out of the mouth of the lion (2 Timothy 4 : 17). Let us take comfort in that the God of deliverances is with us today.

Wednesday, June 11th. 2 Kings 6 : 14-23.

"Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes" (v. 17). We might profitably so pray for all our young men, and young women too, particularly for the young people of Christian homes. They know a great deal about God, as indeed this young man did, but spiritual eyes need to be fully opened. Think on the words of 2 Peter 1 : 5-10, where it is stated that "he that lacketh these things is blind [literally short sighted], and cannot see afar off." When the Lord opened his eyes he saw not only the near danger but the nearer deliverance. Strangely enough, when our spiritual eyes are fully opened the far-off things become nearer than the near dangers or delights of this world.

Thursday, June 12th. 2 Kings 7 : 1-11.

The sorry state of the four lepers was the hinge upon which the door of deliverance swung. This will be called by some an accident, one of the coincidences of life, but there are no trifles in God's economy. Let us strenuously reject any suggestion that we are the sport of chance, that our lives are a chapter of unconnected happenings, a number of unrelated incidents. The more we walk with the Lord, the more the extraordinary becomes ordinary, the seeming incidental and coincidental become the mighty outworking of His plan for our lives and for His glory. "His heart hath planned your way and mine. Have faith in God, have faith alway."

Friday, June 13th. 2 Kings 7 : 12-20.

It can be no surprise to us that the world should reject the promise of God that there will be a bright tomorrow. To the logical lord it was an impossibility that within twenty-four hours famine would give place to fulness, siege to salvation and despair to delight. Looking at the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, it can be no wonder that men call it foolishness when we say that it is the medium for the salvation of the world. Still they wag their heads as they pass by, but remember that the Lord is no more slack today concerning His promise than He was in the day of Elisha. The tragedy is that man's unbelief robs him of the feast of fat things, even of life itself.

Saturday, June 14th. 2 Kings 9 : 14-28.

We see here the word of Elijah given years before (1 Kings 19:15) coming to pass. The time may have seemed long, but suddenly the moment arrives (v. 6), and we can only commend Jehu for the prompt way he answered the call, especially when we consider the tremendous charge that was laid upon him (vv. 7-10). We might wonder why King Joram went out to meet Jehu when he was weak in body and must have been very suspicious of the strange conduct of the messengers he had sent out, but once again all the scening accidentals and incidentals were to the end that the word of the Lord should be minutely fulfilled. Let each of us be as efficient in our calling as Jehu was in his.

Minister's Diary (continued)

When this diary appears, I do not know if the Great Powers will be any nearer the proposed Summit Talks. But all the time we are getting nearer the brink. Our hope is to look beyond Summit Talks. "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Women's Column (continued)

What a godsend that woman was to that family. Having no home ties, living entirely alone, she was able to stay and look after the whole family until they were well again. This woman was willing to be just what God wanted her to be to meet this emergency. She obcyed His call.

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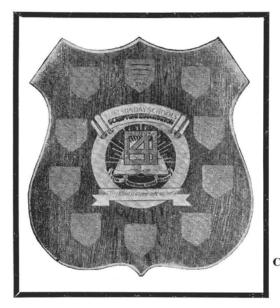
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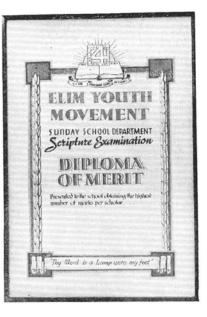
Gloucester Prison. Pastor G. Canty and Gloucester Male Voice Choir visited the prison. After Gospel appeal by Mr. Canty twenty-three men decided for Christ.





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ELIM YOUTH



FOR the last two years we have commenced our letter to Elim ministers with the news "Better than ever" and, in spite of being accused of having nothing else to say, we still say "Better than ever"! Actually we would have reached exceptionally high numbers if it had not been for the severe weather, as more than twenty extra schools joined in the Scripture Examination this year, bringing the total number of schools to 140. During the last few years the number of schools entering the examination has doubled, and this has been a great encouragement to the members of the committee. The total number of scholars who entered for the examination this year was 3,013.

Once again it is our pleasure to announce Bangor, Northern Ireland, as the winner of the *National Shield*, for the second year in succession, and Greenock, Scotland, has gained the place for the award of the *Diploma of Merit*.

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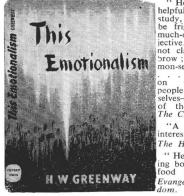
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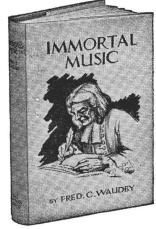
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