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**ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS CONDUCT WEEKEND SERVICES AT YORK.**

# Where are the Fathers and Mothers in Israel ?

By F. J. Day (Minister of Elim Church, Swindon)

WHERE are the fathers and mothers in Israel? Are they becoming extinct? Are they to be a long-lost race to future generations? Or are they merely to be recorded in the annals of the history of the patriarchs?

Our hearts go out to the children bereft of their parents for whatever cause. Do we ever give a thought to this and future generations being bereft of spiritual fathers and mothers? Many of our teenagers come from ungodly homes. What is to become of them? Are they to be caught up in the spirit of the world which has caught up many of the older folk in our churches?

I seem to hear the voice of our young people reminding me that our congregations are made up mostly of older folk. I have the answer: it is, dear young reader, that these older folk have lived long enough to know they cannot go on living without the Lord. Having put your minds at rest, dear young people, I want to speak to the folk who have reached a state of maturity in the Christian life; those who are old enough to take on some responsibility for the oversight. I ask you this question which comes from the hearts of the young people, though it may not be put into words by them but by me: "Where are the older Christians whose encouraging smile and kindly word were like a benediction upon our conflicting thoughts and perplexed youthful minds?" Today we find the older folk disinterested in the problems besetting so many of our young people. Yet they are problems that you had to face and answer, which makes you qualified to become a father or mother in Israel to them.

Though not a teenager, when in quest for life I found the Saviour in the city of Hull. I have cause to thank God for the fathers and mothers in Israel I found in the City Temple who helped me in my early Christian life. One I well remember, who, with a smile, a sweet and a verse of Scripture, would bid me "goodnight" as I stepped from the church. Occasionally he would invite my wife and me to spend an evening in their home—not a meeting night, for you would always find him at the church when you arrived, to give you a smile and a welcome. Those evenings of prayer and fellowship helped me immensely over a critical period of tran-

sition from the "old life" to the "new" with all its complex features, until I was more sure of my "new life." I trust you will pardon me for speaking of myself, but I feel I am speaking on behalf of countless numbers of converts and potential converts who would appear more frequently in our churches if they felt the warmth of parental care of spiritual fathers and mothers.

Let me quote another of my experiences with one of the old fathers in Israel. It was in the church at Liverpool many, many years ago. When I was seated and had said my prayers in the house of God, this old saint, Victorian in dress and dignity but not in heart, would quietly come and sit beside me and with his arm around my shoulder would inquire as to my spiritual welfare. In a few seconds I was comfortably at ease to enter into worship and fellowship with God's people when the service commenced.

I always feel that the Christian life of young people, in part, is fashioned by the influence of the older folk. Even the dignified manner in which the brethren serve at the Lord's table on a Sunday morning or take up the Lord's portion from the congregation can bear its influence upon us.

One more illustration, this time from the words of Joshua. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." These words were uttered in such a spirit as to draw the whole congregation to the same decision. Joshua was a giant of faith. Faith was in evidence through the record given of his life, which was amply rewarded when he led the children of Israel into the promised land. What greater reward could one desire than to lead others into the fulness and realisation of the promise. "Unto you and to your children," said Peter, was the promise of the Holy Ghost given. "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

Christian of some years standing, have you been moved by the Holy Spirit to help the younger people? Remember, you can give an encouraging smile, or speak a word of comfort, or give a cup of tea in the Lord's name, or pray a young brother or sister into the blessing of the fulness of the Spirit. Anyway, be a father or mother in Israel in your church.



# Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

## THEY SAY! WHAT SAY THEY? LET THEM SAY!

**W**HY worry about what people think and say?

Yet we do—we all do to some extent. Admit it, face it and determine to conquer it. Break away from the fear of what “they” think or say. Some have allowed their lives to be ruined through this.

Away in the West Country there lives a little old lady who has not been outside her door for seven years because she is afraid of what the villagers think about a tragedy that came to them. We stood outside the cottage, set in superb scenery, breathing in the invigorating air and feeling how grand it would be to stay in such a place, but it soon clouded as we stepped into the musty front parlour. In a thin, plaintive voice the old lady spoke of the past. Years before her daughter had left home for the big city, met a married man and was living with him. She had never returned to the village and I do not suppose the villagers knew anything about it, but this aged woman was dominated by the fear of what “they” would think or say. This thing had so eaten into her mind that she was a nervous wreck, full of misery and self-pity. Apart from the saving grace of Christ nothing would alter her.

Florence Nightingale had some nasty things said about her from a certain quarter, but dauntlessly she carried on nursing the wounded in the Crimea, and in time she and her cause were respected throughout the world.

“I can never live it down,” someone cries in desperation. “Whatever will people think? I wonder what they will say?” You may not be able to live it down, but according to the Scriptures you can live above it. “Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them” (Psalm 119:165).

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Fettered by pride, we fret over what “they” think or say, and forget that the all-important factor is what *He* thinks—“Is my Saviour pleased if I do this? Will this be to His glory?” Keep the uplook clear—seeing only Jesus. If we are more concerned about living right before Him we shall certainly live as He would have us live among our fellow beings. And even He was misunderstood and misjudged by some; is the servant greater than his Lord (John 15:20)?

Every sincere Christian's chief concern is to be certain of God's approval (1 John 3:21,22). This will beautify and simplify life, and with restful confidence we will leave our reputation in God's hands. Knowing the power of the malicious tongue, Henry Ward Beecher, the famous American preacher of the last century, said: “Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, inveracities, insinuations and misrepresentations which are uttered against him.”

*Text:* “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe” (Proverbs 29:25).

*Thought:* “From ever fearing what men think or say, cleansing for me.”

## Book Review

### APOCALYPTIC COMMENTARY

*An Exposition on the Book of Revelation*, by Clyde C. Cox (Pathway Press, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A. \$3.95).

This book is a fairly comprehensive but not all-inclusive and exhaustive commentary on the Revelation.

It is to be expected that any writer commenting in some detail on the chapters of the Revelation will more or less be compelled to embark upon controversy. It is because of this that there is quite a lot in the book that will not be acceptable to the recognised schools of prophetic interpretation. In the main it is written from the futurist viewpoint, but even some of the most ardent futurists will disagree with some of the author's conclusions—for instance, the implications of a partial rapture of the Lord's people—and with a few other things enumerated.

The book is interesting, informative and thought-provoking. The author has made a careful study of the subject over a period of years and writes as one who knows and is sure of what he believes, and states it positively and clearly.

SAMUEL GORMAN.

# EDITORIAL

## POSITIVE PREACHING

“WE are generally right in what we affirm and wrong in what we deny.” While many may immediately spring to the defence of the negative approach, and warn us of the danger of allowing evil to go unchallenged, this oft-repeated statement may serve as a guide in our presentation of truth. The power of positive thinking may not solve all our problems, but the power of positive preaching is undoubtedly the “power of God unto salvation.”

Consider for a moment the preaching of the first disciples; you will find no criticism of the forces inimical to Christianity, no tirade against the leaders of Judaism, no exposure of the fallacies of a multitude of religious creeds—rather their whole message centres around one great fact and one great Person: the fact of the resurrection and the person of Jesus Christ. This Gospel was the power of God unto salvation, and so effective that, within the space of a few centuries, the carefully built up fabric of Roman religion had been dealt a conclusive death blow; while everywhere the faith of the once-crucified Christ was in the ascendant.

The defence of our faith and God’s Word may have its place in the theological institution, but it does not equally adorn the pulpit. Not many would emulate the youthful preacher who, fresh from Bible college, lectured his audience on the proofs for the existence of God, but maybe there is a temptation at times even in our witness in the office or factory to place too much emphasis on the answering of every adverse criticism, following up every question and imagining vainly that having so done we shall have won our man (or woman). Bitter experience will soon prove the contrary.

Many years ago there was a man who was faced with a fearful array of critics and questioners. Facing

this barrage, unable to meet all the arguments of men more learned than he, he did a very commendable thing—he held to the one absolute certainty amid the welter of human doubt and uncertainty. It was this: “One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see,” and no amount of arguing or questioning could get him to move from that strong and invincible position.

Never let the critics confound you with their theories—confront them with certainties. This man had no problems—he created them for the critics. The world has a surfeit of critics—it needs men who know because they have met the Saviour. Let us concentrate on the grand certainties of the Gospel, and men will be drawn as they were by the preaching of one who could say “I know in whom I have believed.”

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## You have written:

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the editorial “Is Church Evangelism Obsolete?” There is some truth in these criticisms, and as an ordinary church member I would like to make a few observations.

Our message must be positive. Few people today are led to salvation through fear. The power of Christ to transform lives, to give inner peace and health of mind, is news that attracts. Well-balanced teams may give brief testimonies to support these claims. There is a definite need for Bible teaching other than the long “Gospel message.”

People must make a definite act of acceptance and commitment to Christ, and I believe this is particularly important in the case of children, but there is a real need for further training and consolidation of our young Christians apart from Sunday school and the Gospel service.

Much evangelism should be done in the home and at work. Evangelism certainly is the responsibility of each individual Christian. It would be interesting to consider the possibilities of home groups where Christians could meet in fellowship, and where the stranger would not feel “odd man out.”

ARTHUR HOPKINS.

Dear Sir,

I believe that although the Gospel is the same power of God unto salvation today as it was yesterday, the method once used is no longer effective, therefore new ideas and methods are essential.

The old methods of witnessing are too abrupt for the younger generation, who resent it as interference on the others’ part as to their mode and outlook on life.

Personal witnessing must be carried out only after Holy Ghost anointing, because Jesus said, “He [the Holy Ghost] shall testify of Me” (John 15 : 26). We are merely the channels through which He testifies of Jesus, therefore no other witness is effective to the saving of souls. There is also much to be said about the attitude of the Church as a whole to any newcomer; until we can forget how many years we have been saved and become as babes in Christ to them they will feel out of it. Paul said he would be anything and everything to lost souls to win them to Christ. **Let us try this way!** If we worship in **cliques** the Gospel will not **click**.

H. PORTER.

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# THIS CHANGING WORLD

Clippings and Comments by W. G. Hathaway

## Tokyo outstrips London and New York

Tokyo, the world's largest city, now has 9,100,539 people, a population increase of 295,422 over last year. London has about 8,250,000 people and New York just over 8,000,000.

*Tokyo outstrips London and New York in its teeming millions. What a challenge to the missionaries and the world-renowned evangelists! It is time to awake to the possibilities before us while the daylight lasts, for the night comes when no man can work.*

## Childhood training leaves its mark

Even leading atheists will admit the truth of the biblical declaration "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." A Communist educator recently declared on a radio broadcast from Budapest, Hungary, that early religious training, instilled in youngsters by their parents, is making the atheists' task "far from easy."

"The child, when he enters school, does not carry with him a 'virgin' soul free from extraneous influences," lamented this teacher. "He carries with him all the influences of his home and surroundings, both good and harmful."

"Delusions inherited from the old society, and deliberately or unwittingly implanted in the child's mind by adults . . . cling to the texture of the child's soul like thistledown," he said.

*One of the old proverbs so often spoken by teachers of the truth is being confirmed here by the Communists. How absolutely essential it is that children should be taught by their parents the ways of God in early years.*

## Life span to reach 100?

A past president of the American Medical Association, Dr. Edward L. Bortz, of Philadelphia, Pa., has predicted that in the next couple of decades the life span in this country will be 100 years. The retirement age, he says, will be moved up to 85 or 90.

*Unless a man finds peace with God and the joy of salvation through Christ "all his days are sorrow, and his travail grief." So said Solomon the wise. (Ecclesiastes 2:23).*

## World's best seller

The Bible, according to latest reports of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is now going out in over 1,000 languages. In addition, 320 new translations are now in hand. Some translations are for tribal groups, with a limited circulation, but the Bible—the inspired Word of God—is still spreading the flame of the Gospel throughout the whole world.

The new English translation is now approaching completion, and the New Testa-

ment is expected to be published in the spring of 1961.

## Persecution in Colombo

The Protestants have now joined together in their protest to the Colombian government over the persecution which has been stirred up by the Roman Catholic priests. Fourteen thousand signatures were added to a memorandum in which protest is made against the breach of the constitution by which religious liberty is afforded to all. Three leaders in the Colombian government who have supported the action of the Catholics have been called to appear before the Legislative Assembly concerning this matter.

Let us pray that right may prevail and the bitter persecution of the Catholics may be held back by the government. Over recent years large numbers of Protestant churches and missions have been dynamited or fired, and many Christian ministers and workers have been brutally murdered at the instigation of the Catholics.

*The Pope in his Christmas broadcast complained of the Communist persecution of Roman Catholics in Communist countries, but he has apparently forgotten the bitter persecution of Protestants in Roman Catholic countries.*

A Baptist lay preacher, Fulton Bager (54), has been convicted in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., for violating the sidewalk ordinance by preaching on the street. The judge who convicted him suspended the five-dollar fine and said he would welcome an appeal against the conviction in order to test the constitutionality of the law.

His attorney has already served notice of appeal. Baker received unsuspected support from police chief Frank W. Story, who was out of town at the time of the arrest. Said the chief: "The law under which Fulton Baker was arrested is a violation of civil rights. I will request that it be revised immediately. It's a terrible law."

*Good for you, judge, and for you, police chief—and good for you, too, Brother Baker. May you long be spared to continue your preaching on the street.*

## Communists and Guinea

The Communists are making a strong attempt to pull the new republic of Guinea in Africa into their orbit, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association reports in its missionary news service. Arms from Czechoslovakia have been widely distributed and many young people are being trained by technical personnel from Communist countries. It is reported that the Communists are building a large radio station at Labe. Other reports indicate that the Roman Catholic Church has been warned that it will have to withdraw all missionary personnel by the end of 1960.

*Looks like another door being slammed shut against the Gospel.*

## Spain's closed door

Evangelical Christians in Spain are still denied the privilege of worshipping in their own buildings without fear of persecution. Twenty-two churches remain closed by government order, and oppressive measures are still commonly directed against individual Protestants, while difficulties are being placed in the way of those wishing legally to marry.

*Communism and Romanism have blood-stained hands in their persecution programmes. Fair words from their lips, but foul deeds from their hands.*

## Communism versus Christianity

*It is reported by the Evangelical Alliance that those who take an uncompromising stand for the Christian faith in East Germany are being persecuted by the authorities there.*

*Recently six pastors, two students, one lady worker, seven elders and a lay worker have been imprisoned. In August last one pastor was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment.*

*It seems obvious that the Communists are determined to do all in their power to alienate the youth from the Christian Church. Those who seek church confirmation run the risk of losing their jobs or forfeiting further education.*

*Here is seen the mark of the beast sure enough!*

## Africa and disease

Reports to hand tell of tremendous strides forward being made in overcoming two of Africa's worst diseases.

Leprosy, the scourge of Africa and eastern lands, thrives largely on lack of nourishment, and apart from education on the matter of diet, the disease itself is being successfully dealt with. Already one to one and a half million sufferers are receiving treatment with excellent results, and through the use of sulphones the percentage of those who are now non-contagious is high. The total eradication of the disease is within sight.

The other of Africa's scourges is yaws, which is both contagious and hideous. Penicillin is playing a large part in this campaign, and out of twenty million sufferers it is estimated that eight million have been cured.

*This is a noble and inspiring task, and not one of us can do other than rejoice and give thanks to God for this tremendous success in the work of healing and the alleviation of suffering.*

## Ex-ambassador an "ambassador of heaven"

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, who recently resigned as Chinese ambassador to the United States, is going to write a book describing the status of Christianity in Formosa. He is now collecting information by interviewing and observing missionaries.

Tong is known as an outspoken Christian believer. When asked about his plans for the future now that he has stepped down as ambassador to the U.S., he replied, "I have been promoted to the ambassadorship of heaven."

## Progress

The Assemblies of God opened 239 new churches in 1959, bringing the total number of new churches in the past five years to 1,432. The goal this year is one a day, the Home Missions Department has announced. Since 1960 is a leap year, this means 366 new churches.

*A noble goal for the present year. May they be enabled to reach and pass their target is our prayer.*

*Your Programme for*

# Easter in London

APRIL 18th, 1960

**Guest  
Speaker**



**REV.  
RAY H. HUGHES  
U.S.A.**

## THE DAY'S EVENTS

### TRAFALGAR SQUARE

- 11 a.m. Open-air rally conducted by Rev. H. W. Greenway.  
Speakers : Rev. I. Wynne Lewis and Rev. J. Osman, supported by the Blackheath "Y.F.C."  
Choir and Bradford Crusader Quartet. Testimony : Brian Wigglesworth.

### ROYAL ALBERT HALL

- Director of Music : Douglas B. Gray, F.R.S.A.  
Accompanists : Ronald Cooper (grand organ) and Geoffrey Cooper (grand piano).  
Doors open.  
2 p.m. Programme of music.  
2.30 p.m. Programme of music.  
3 p.m. Youth rally conducted by the National Youth Director (Rev. J. Hywel Davies).  
4.30 p.m. Prayer-time for those seeking the baptism in the Holy Ghost, and Divine healing (instructions will be given from the platform).  
4.30 p.m. Interval for tea.  
5.30 p.m. Doors open for evening meeting.  
6 p.m. Programme of music.  
6.30 p.m. Great evangelistic meeting conducted by Rev. H. Burton-Haynes (President) and Rev. H. W. Greenway (Secretary-General). Microphone interviews. Missionaries from three Elim mission fields.

Special features include : London Crusader Choir and Massed Youth Choirs,  
Special Youth Feature

# ROYAL ALBERT HALL

#### INFORMATION

Refreshments. Both before and between the meetings there will be seven buffets open on the premises. Several restaurants open in the neighbourhood.

Reserved seats. Seats may be reserved at 1/6 and 2/6, afternoon meeting; 2/6 and 3/6, evening meeting. Apply to Elim Headquarters, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4. Enclose stamped addressed envelope with remittance.

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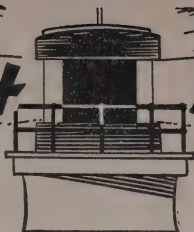
#### INFORMATION

Buses and Underground. Buses 9, 46, 52 and 73 pass the door. Underground : South Kensington, Kensington High Street, or Knightsbridge.

You are asked to be early. Coaches may set down passengers on the west and north sides of Trafalgar Square, or in Horse Guards' Avenue or Whitehall Place.

Further information from Elim Headquarters, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.

# CHURCH



# NEWS FLASH

## IMPROVEMENTS AT BURTON

A YOUNG minister who arrived in Burton last month has some projects which are perhaps going to startle a number of people in this town. The minister's name is Rev. Kenneth Smith and he took charge last month of the Elin Church in Moor Street. It was his turn first to be startled—and then shocked—by the conditions he found at the Moor Street church. He told me this week that he found the accommodation and facilities offered so uncomfortable that he felt that many people must have found going to church was a physically uncomfortable business. He immediately set about doing something about it so that at least people would not have the church building as an excuse for not attending.

He has now got rid of an old coke stove which provided little or no heat to anyone who was not sitting next to it, and he is now in the process of fitting five overhead gas heaters, which he is confident will make the church as warm as is necessary. Before he came, the only seats offered were old wooden benches. Those went, too, and in their places are going centre circle seats from the Hippodrome at Derby. Lighting, too, left much to be desired, so this is being replaced by fluorescent lighting. By a piece of commendable business, Mr. Smith has been able to provide all this for in the region of £100, and he is now making an appeal for this sum.

Because of these extensive renovations there will only be limited services until Whitsuntide, but then there will be a special reopening service, when the district superintendent from Sheffield, Rev. R. B. Chapman, will be the preacher.

“Burton Daily Mail.”

## ANNIVERSARY AT READING

On February 28th Pastor A. S. F. Horne, of the Reading church, held his first anniversary. For this occasion we were very privileged to have Pastor S. Gorman as the guest speaker. The attendance at these special services was good, and everyone was greatly challenged and blessed under the ministry of one who expounded God's Word in such a wonderful way.

During his first year Pastor Horne has been a true shepherd to his flock, and souls have been added to the kingdom.

## THE PRESIDENT AT WELLS

Here, in the midst of the Mendip Hills, in the small city of Wells, we were privileged to have a visit from the President, Rev. H. Burton-Haynes.

A goodly number was present, including Pastor Squire and some members of the Bridgwater church. The President's messages in word and song were greatly appreciated.

In the afternoon, at the Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Burton-Haynes ministered in word and song, her theme being “Divine comfort”—how apt in this world of grief and turmoil.

D. E. HODGES.

## TREHERBERT CONVENTION

After several weeks of really hard work, Paster E. Wall and the members and friends of his church were able to meet in a beautifully decorated building for their annual convention, which also coincided with Mr. Wall's third anniversary.

Pastor E. Scrivens, who was the pioneer evangelist seven years ago, ministered during the first weekend under a very evident anointing of the Spirit.

Pastors A. Brewster, G. Hillman, R. Hunston and J. Matts also gave inspiring messages.

Singing items were rendered by the Bush Mission and Caerphilly choirs.

The many who attended these services were able to testify that they enjoyed times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

## REVIVAL BLESSING AT EALING

Earlier this year we had the pleasure of welcoming Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Chuter to Ealing. The induction service was conducted by ministers of the North London Presbytery, and Pastor W. G. Hathaway ministered the following day with much power and blessing.

With gratitude to God we report a tidal wave of blessing, and practically every week precious souls have found Christ as Saviour under the anointed ministry of Pastor A. J. Chuter. The attendances and offerings have both increased.

The church building has been beautifully redecorated throughout, and most of the cost has been met. A thanksgiving service was recently held at which a special offering for the cost of redecorations was taken up and amounted to £208. At this service twenty new members were received into fellowship.

A monthly old-fashioned revival and Divine healing service has just been inaugurated, and with joy we report that the Lord saved and His power was present to heal at this service.

A water baptismal service was held on a recent Sunday evening, when seven candidates (mostly young people) were immersed and God set His seal to this service by the addition of seven to the Lamb's book of life and by the desire of several others to be baptised at the next opportunity. We praise God from whom all blessings flow and are looking to Him for greater things in the days ahead.



Candidates baptised recently at Ealing.



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# Blessed Endur

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THE smoke curled lazily upwards from the chimneys of the little settlement lying serenely in the soft green hills of Minnesota. The pines barely moved in the gentle breeze that floated ethereally through the calm, drowsy atmosphere. Industry was silent, no hoe or plough moved, no axe rang against bark. Scythe and spade lay silent. It was Sunday; Sunday, August 17th, 1862, at the Sioux Agency, Fort Ridgley. Almost the entire population went to church that morning, and most of the settlers did not fail to see and even solemnly shake hands with the tall, silent Indian who had sat in the back pew, aloof and morose. Children stared with awed fascination at his regal bearing, and although he was an Indian and for six and a half days a week wore the regalia of chieftain's office, today he was attired in white style, and with his black suit, white collar and dark cravat was the best dressed man in the congregation.

All knew him. He was Little Crow, chief of the great Sioux, friend of the white man, guarantee of their safety and peace. At the close of the service Little Crow solemnly said farewell to his fellow worshippers, complimented the preacher, mounted his horse and rode off, still a magnificent figure even in white man's freedom-restricting clothes. The settlers watched him disappear over the skyline. What a blessing to have him at peace! Not one of his fellow worshippers dreamed that by the next evening he would be elbow-deep in their blood.

In the ensuing massacre more than 200 of those people were killed. And thus opened with a gunshot and a hideous war-whoop the long nightmare of the Indian wars. The stunned settlers fought frantically to survive, but knew it was in vain. A mother who saw her husband and three children fall mortally wounded by arrow and bullet frantically grasped her small baby from its cot and, thrusting it into the arms of her only remaining child, a small boy, yelled to him to try to escape with the babe. With the simple mind of a child, the boy grabbed his bundle and snaked away. By great good fortune he managed to dodge the frenzied marauders, who

were bent on the total destruction of the white settlers. He was found eventually forty miles away, partly stumbling, partly crawling, falling and lying still, painfully staggering up and forward for a few more yards. The friends who found him were amazed to discover a tiny baby clutched tightly in his arms and had to apply pressure to make him let go. He had carried the babe every foot of the way, hiding when he could, subsisting on berries or what he could find. He was an emaciated skeleton, the flesh was worn off his bare feet, and he was unable to speak for days. He was on the verge of death. But the baby was safe and sound. He had nothing left of his family or home, but he had held fast to what he had.

This story can be repeated over and over in ancient as well as recent history. The above account is only selected at random as being a dramatic illustration of endurance for the sake of someone or something very precious. The little boy held on. He did not know why or what would be the end of it all. He had been told to and he did.

Jesus said to the Philadelphians: "Hold that fast which thou hast." But He also says why: "I come quickly."

The seven churches being typical of the whole church age, the message is applicable to us. At the end of a decade and the beginning of a new, the Church of Christ needs to grasp the significance of endurance. There may be revival in some parts of the world, and in places the work of God may be surging on, but in most places this is not so. While revival is the prayer and hope of all the saints, until it comes we must "hold fast." There may be much we have not got and a lot we want to have, but "hold fast *that which thou hast.*"

And what is there? I suggest that

## THE CHURCH MUST HOLD FAST TO ITS PECULIARITY

"Ye are a . . . peculiar people" (1 Peter 2:9). There is no other body of people on earth like the Church. It is unique in history and society. Not just an organisation, but a deathless body indwelt by the

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown” (Revelation 3:11)

By J. C. Mulvagh (Minister of Elim Church, Delancey)

mystery of a living Head. Yet the Church and the world it is supposed to convict and convert are so intimately mixed that it is excusable to cry “the bride of Christ has committed bigamy.” For a Christian to be peculiar does not necessitate being a deliberate crank, but his true loyalty to Christ will inevitably make him different, “peculiar.” The Christian should be different on Sunday. He may not actually go out and dig his garden on Sunday morning, but his unconverted neighbour will not be any less deceived to see him wheeling the baby, or to know he is still in bed. The Christian should be different on Monday too! He should be a better worker, driver, boss and man than those who look not for a coming King. Hold fast to the privilege of being peculiar.

### THE CHURCH MUST HOLD FAST TO ITS PASTOR

“When the chief Shepherd [pastor] shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” (1 Peter 5:4). “Our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd [pastor] of the sheep” (Hebrews 13:20). Jesus is the Pastor, the Overseer, the Bishop of our souls.

Surely there is no danger of losing Him. I will tread no devious paths of speculation or dogmatism about “eternal security” in this article, but even if “once a son always a son,” it is sadly true that we are in danger of “losing” Christ as far as His authority and influence are concerned. It is easy to sing “Stand up, stand up for Jesus,” yet is there the devotion to Him that there was once in our lives and in our churches? One hears many complaints that there is not the desire for God’s word and holiness that some can claim to remember in the “early days.” We may not have all the thrill and glamour of a work on fire. Things may be very dull in comparison, but there is at least as much necessity to be loyal to our Lord.

And of course, mere attendance at meetings is not always synonymous with spirituality. More than once people have openly declared that they “come to Elim because it’s brighter than the . . .” Choruses

and free-and-easy atmospheres are poor substitutes for devotion. A work that is measured only by statistics is only half measured. It is worldly to count heads and think that if there is plenty of something it must be doing well. The band of the first disciples was actually better spiritually when it was reduced numerically—by Judas.

True devotion to our heavenly pastor will, of course, bring equal devotion to our earthly pastors. Our church attendance will improve with our loyalty. But the demonstration of our devotion will not just be evident on Sunday night, but at the other and more “serious” meetings, such as the prayer and study, which put mental and spiritual demands on us. Hold fast to your Lord and show true loyalty to Him. Let no man take your crown, for if you do not hold fast someone may! How many former Sunday school teachers, local preachers, etc., are in these jobs no more, not because they have grown too old or too weak, but because *through their neglect another has taken their place?* And

### THE CHURCH MUST HOLD FAST ITS PROGRAMME

What is that? “A rescue mission at the gates of hell,” to quote another old cliché. “Go ye” and “ye shall be witnesses unto Me.” That is the programme. How many reading this article and attending the church where this magazine was purchased know what they believe? And how many could tell an inquirer how he too can believe to the saving of his soul? If the Philippian jailer cried at your door his urgent question, could you tell him how to be saved?

We are not too backward in our criticisms of other churches which we consider are worldly and modernistic, while we often pride ourselves on our fervency and the life in our meetings. That we are very often right I do not deny. But our smugness is no congratulation if we are in fact failing in our programme.

In evangelical circles today there are many whispers that we are backward and obscurantist. It is suggested that we should enlarge our cultural outlook. If we were better acquainted with the arts,

classical music, modern authors, films, etc., we would have a far better approach to the "man in the street," whoever he is, and be qualified to present the Gospel to the educated masses who are at present put off by our lack of knowledge and finesse.

Would this work? If we had film reviews and art criticisms in the *EVANGEL* would its evangelistic numbers be more useful? Much holy skin and hair would fly at the proposal! And supposing we did improve ourselves on art and music and politics and literature, and were able to get better openings as a result, we would eventually have to bring our unconverted and educated friend to the matter of his *sin*, and that would not improve our knowledge of the arts! He would have to be brought sooner or later to the Cross, which would be the same stumbling block that it was to the educated and culture-conscious pagans in the days of Paul.

It is not our programme to evangelise through compromise. The programme is to "preach the Gospel." We can never hope to convert all men, but we must evangelise all men. Thank God the programme of mass evangelism is ever increasing in popularity among us and our contemporaries, but too many of us are sadly failing to fulfil our programme of personal evangelism.

Our programme is to preach the "Word"; in and out of "season." And the Word is a convicting word. We must never fall into the trap of trying to make the Gospel attractive or more easily acceptable. An insipid evangelism which carries no denunciation of sin and no fearful warning of its consequences produces weak results no matter how many may sign decision cards or be joyfully hailed as "converts." Again the old trap of counting numbers! The writer can remember wistfully the old "blood and thunder" preachers who made judgment and hell as real as they were likely to be this side of eternity. Maybe a great many did not sign decision cards, maybe there were no decision cards to sign, for the evangelists of this category did not always go in for such finesse, but what "souls" there were were trembling with conviction and did not mind weeping at the penitent form. This is not to say for one moment that other types of evangelism are ineffective, but let us hold fast to the "Cross of offence."

The Church fulfilling its programme is the only thing that can do lasting good in the world. Scientific amenities are always welcome, but they do not improve morals, and it is claimed, with much justification no doubt, that they often ruin them.

Hold fast to your programme. It is not easy. People are no more keen than they ever were to

hear the Gospel. All the more reason for holding on. If it hurts and costs and is hard all the better. The rewards will be all the sweeter!

Hold fast! Keep tenaciously all you have got. And while holding fast, look up. Through the fog and gloom of worldly and smoky altars you will see a small break through which the sky is clear, and in the centre of the fog there shines, clear, magnificent, awe-inspiring and exhilarating, the sparkling splendour of the Morning Star. Soon the night is over. There is a crack in the clouds. The colours of eternity are streaming from the rainbowed throne, lighting the prophetic sky with apocalyptic dawn. Behind the morning star is the Day, and in His hand is an exceeding great reward. It is your crown.

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## *Baptisms at Falmouth*

"What doth hinder me to be baptised?" was the text chosen by Pastor Glyn Taylor, of Newquay, for his sermon at a recent baptismal service held at Falmouth. Apart from the hindrances mentioned in his sermon there were others, the overcoming of which said much for the zeal of the candidates, the majority of whom travelled thirty miles on a winter night to be immersed in water that was only just warm. Only those really determined to follow the Lord would be undaunted by such a prospect.

After Pastors Taylor and Jobling had baptised six candidates they had the joy of baptising a sister who at the last moment won a glorious victory over all her hindrances, doubts and fears by donning the wet gown of another candidate in order to signify her death to sin, and resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ.

R. J. (Falmouth).



*Falmouth baptismal service.*

# From my Diary



By T. H. Stevenson

IN a certain northern parish church, new railings have cost £1,000. The Bishop of Warrington showed himself displeased about it in forthright words addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury. "I ask you!" he said. "One thousand pounds spent on railings (chained and padlocked) to keep people out of church, when the same sum spent to get people into church would keep a missionary during a complete tour." We need to keep a true sense of values in God's work, and learn what are the first priorities.

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According to the above assumption, a missionary might be kept two full terms on the field for the price of a certain cigarette holder. Yes, when an entertainer's cigarette holder was stolen from his theatre dressing room it was declared to be worth £2,000. "Fools and their money are soon parted"; but in this respect I have not the artist losing his diamond-studded cigarette holder in mind. I am thinking of the multitudes who make the film and stage stars the wealthiest group in the country, for being entertained—or gulled—by them.

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Is it right for parents to refuse permission for their child to undergo a seemingly necessary operation, or for doctors to operate despite this refusal? This question arises out of the Sheffield Hospital Board's recommendation that the local authority should be given the power of consent. Christian Scientists and Jehovah's Witnesses are committed to refuse this permission to operate, even for their children. And we have known sincere Christian parents act likewise, believing that God would perform a miracle without means—whereas Jehovah's Witnesses refuse, though the child might die. Should one's convictions, when it concerns a life other than one's own, be enforced when every qualified and ex-

pert evidence points to the chance of a remedy? At that point I think the State's duty to a child weighs more heavily than the desire even of a parent.

Despite my controversial statement, one concedes that the "expert" is not always right. In the House of Lords, Baroness Wooton (a noted sociologist) and Lord Taylor (a medical doctor) both hit out against psychiatrists. Lord Taylor said: "What is needed is a great deal of patience and common sense." These eminent people have at least one admirer—the twelve-year-old boy at a juvenile court who refused to undergo psychiatric treatment, saying, "They just keep asking a lot of silly questions such as 'Is your mother an old hag?' They are all nutty." One prominent lady psychologist affirmed that she learned all about psychology from a Glasgow washerwoman with a big family. Some of the best psychologists have hardly heard of the frightening word.

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I well remember being psycho-analysed (without being told so!) by a Presbyterian minister friend. He was a practising psychologist and author on the subject, and also evangelical and sympathetic to our message. I related to him my experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Very kindly he began to inquire whether I had been fasting at that time. I confessed that the thought had never occurred to me. No, I had not been fasting, but I had been hungering, and God had satisfied my longing soul.

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I was interested in the observation made in the ELIM EVANGEL concerning countries which debar people from holding the highest office of state on religious grounds, according to whether the country is Protestant or Catholic. I am not championing the cause of Eire, but it is interesting to note that the constitution of this predominantly Roman Catholic country has no religious bias concerning the presidency. Dr. Douglas Hyde, the first president of Eire, was a Presbyterian.

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In a short address to mark the fourth centenary of the Reformation in Scotland, Rev. Professor J. S. McEwan, of Aberdeen University, said that "Knox had given a reformed communion for the Roman mass, which he hated; abolished the priesthood and formed the ministry; given the people of Scotland the Bible and told them how to use it." Professor McEwan concluded with a clarion call: "The message of the Reformation can be summed up in three short words—read your Bible." Not only Scotland but everybody is indebted to the great reformers, many of whom gave their lives for their Master—and for us.

# Calling BOYS AND GIRLS

By Bernard H. Norris

"Hello, Benny. I'm all ready with Part 9 of THE OUTLAW."

Benny slumped on to the floor. "Y'know, I've bin thinkin'. David's nothin' to do with outlaws, so why do you call this story THE OUTLAW?"

"Ah, that a good question, Benny. Actually David becomes an outlaw, and pretty soon now. You listen."

"After David killed the 200 Philistines he married Michal, Saul's daughter, so that David was now Saul's son-in-law. I don't think this pleased Saul. Anyway, he told his servants to kill David, but Jonathan heard about this, and went to speak to his father. He told David to hide in a field, and then took Saul there, so that David could hear what happened. He told Saul that David had never caused the king any harm, and finally made Saul see sense. So all was well again, and David came back to be with Saul as before."

"Well!" exclaimed Benny indignantly. "Well, I think that's a bit thick, that's what I think I don't think he's ever gonna be an outlaw."

"Now just you wait a bit, Benny. After this there was war again with the Philistines, and David went out against them, and completely defeated them. His was such a terrific victory that Saul's old jealousy came back again, and the next time David played for him Saul flung his spear at him, and David only just managed to move in time."

"Like a flash, David was off home to his wife. But Saul sent messengers to the house to watch, with orders to kill David as soon as he came out in the morning. Fortunately, Michal saw them. 'Quick, David,' she said. 'You *must* escape tonight. They'll get you in the morning if you don't get away now.'"

"Crumbs! This is more like it," said Benny, gripping his knees hard.

"It was hopeless to go out of the doors of the house—they were being watched. There was only one way to escape—through a window."

"Michal helped David tie some clothes together to make a rope, and carefully lowered David from the window. Good. No one had seen him. As silent as the night, David slipped away in the darkness."

"God had chosen him to be king, yet here he was—an outlaw. He was forced to run away, to leave his home, hunted like an animal by the king and his men. Where was God in all this? Why did He allow this to happen? David may have wondered why it

had all happened, but now was not the time to wonder. Now was the time to trust God, and get away.

"Ah, but what about Michal? Next time I'll tell you what happened in the morning."

"Huh!" grunted Benny, as he put on his duffle coat. "I might've known as soon as he became an outlaw you'd finish. Huh!"

Oh, well, he'll be back next week, and I hope you will be too.

Cheerio for now, and God bless you.

UNCLE BERNARD.

PS. See you at Carshalton on Sunday.

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## Blessing at Worthing

Owing to the long illness of our dear late Pastor V. J. Walker, our church was for many months without a regular ministry, which resulted in some waning of enthusiasm; but now, with the introduction six months ago of Pastor T. W. Jacobs, there is a real atmosphere of spiritual awakening in our midst, and our numbers are steadily increasing.

The other Sunday one of our recent newcomers, a sister who has suffered for twenty years with haemorrhoids, heard the Lord say to her during the morning service, "If you go forward for prayer this morning I will heal you." As Pastor Jacobs anointed and prayed for her she felt a drawing up inside; later examination confirmed that no trace of the malady remained!

During these six months we have welcomed in seven new members, and have seen four believers pass through the waters of baptism.

A recent visit of our local "Gideons" to our church coincided with the placing of their one-millionth Bible in a hotel.

STANLEY JACKSON.

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## Meditation!

How could we live without Thee, Lord, in this dark world of sin?

Thou art the very air we breathe, Thou art our peace within!  
Oh how we cling to Thee, dear Lord, for guidance, rest and love,

We know Thou hearest all our prayers, in Thy blest realms above.

'Tis joy to seek Thy presence, Lord, 'tis like a healing balm,  
To bring our troubled souls to Thee, to hear Thy voice so calm,

There never was a cloud so dark, a night without an end,  
That could blot out Thy dear sweet face, our tried and trusted Friend.

S. BRERETON.



## "Operation extension" at Rochester

**A**BOUT eighteen months ago, after a long break, the Crusader branch at Rochester reopened with about half a dozen members. Although numbers were small, the branch decided to set off on the right foot by forming itself into a working team in which every member played a part. Occasionally the Crusaders took the Sunday night service. Visits were made to other Crusader branches and such visits were returned. An open-air meeting was held after the Crusader outing to a nearby village. When the "Operation Extension" scheme was put forward the Crusaders set out with a will to swell the numbers. One member who had access to a duplicator produced 1,000 tickets advertising the meetings together with a weekly "Youth for Christ" rally to be held on Sunday nights. On the first Friday of the extension scheme about thirty teenagers and friends attended a "treasure trove squash," when a treasure hunt and ministry in connection with hidden treasure provided the means of presenting the Gospel right from the start. After subsequent meetings featuring films, illustrated talks, a visit from a young evangelist and many items both vocal and ministerial given by the established Crusaders, we finally ended our "Operation Extension" scheme with a Christmas party. The decisions for Christ during the twelve weeks the operation was in progress totalled twenty—and the average attendance had been twenty-five. The Christmas break, we felt, would prove whether those decisions had been sincere or not.

Having recommenced the meetings we still find that the average attendance is about eighteen. Often there are twenty-five young people present. Two weeks ago three more boys made a decision for Christ. Last week many asked to be put on the Crusader roll and to become fully fledged members. One or two attend church on Sunday night. Last week too, for the first time, the boys ran the meeting. They worked out the programme, led the meeting and took part in the various items, and some, a few weeks before, knew virtually nothing about the Lord and had been saved a matter of days. Soon we are

to visit a local youth club to be responsible for its epilogue.

We were cheered when after a visit from a local Christian policeman we were assured of the backing of the police force and of the prayers of the Christians in it.

So please pray for us in our efforts. We are not out of the wood yet. We still have problems of discipline at times, for some of our boys are of the "Teddy boy" brand and their unsaved friends sometimes come to be a nuisance. However, most of the boys are growing more and more enthusiastic, and although they are sometimes noisy they are lively, sincere and always ready to take part.

We know the Lord has His hand on these boys, and we praise Him because He has answered our prayers—our Crusader branch has been enlarged by almost 200 per cent even if some boys are not yet on the roll.

HELEN INWOOD.

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### *The Spiritual Railway*

The Line to heaven by Christ was made;  
With heavenly truth the Rails are laid;  
From Earth to Heaven the Line extends  
To Life Eternal where it ends.  
Repentance is the Station then  
Where Passengers are taken in;  
No Fee for them is there to pay,  
For Jesus is Himself the way.  
God's Word is the first Engineer,  
It points the way to Heaven so dear;  
Through tunnels dark and dreary here  
It does the way to Glory steer.  
God's Love the Fire, His Truth the Steam  
Which drives the Engine and the Train;  
All you who would to Glory ride  
Must come to Christ, in Him abide.  
In First and Second, and Third Class,  
Repentance, Faith and Holiness,  
You must the way to Glory gain,  
Or you with Christ will not remain.  
Come then, poor Sinners, now's the time  
At any Station on the Line.  
If you'll repent and turn from sin  
The Train will stop and take you in.

*Words written on a tomb-stone.*

# The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

Scripture Union Portions, Notes by C. J. Watkins  
(Minister of Elim Church, Bolton)

**Monday, April 11th.** Matthew 26 : 59-75

When Jesus was tried before the priests they could find no fault with Him, no reason why He should be put to death. They could only bring some false witnesses against Him. While this was going on Peter was with the servants, just watching to see the end of it all. But Peter was afraid; all his bravado had gone and he dreaded the thought that others might identify Him as one of Christ's followers. After a while he was recognised and his accent also gave him away, but he denied with oaths that he had any knowledge of Jesus at all. Yes, Peter failed miserably, but he has one or two things to his credit nevertheless: (a) he remembered the words of Jesus and took them to heart; (b) he went away and wept bitterly. He realised his blunder and was sincerely repentant. Let us always be willing to respond to God's Word, and when we fail, as we often do, the Word of God will help us to repentance and to our being restored to blessing again.

**Tuesday, April 12th.** Matthew 27 : 1-10

Judas sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. Money seems to blind some people to such an extent that everything else is sacrificed for it. Judas loved to have money, but he discovered too late that money was no substitute for Jesus Christ. He could not keep his ill-gotten gain and took it back hoping that those with whom he had made the deal would understand, but they had no time for him then and he threw the money down before them and left. May we realise that there are no substitutes for Jesus Christ. We may neglect Him or deny Him for money, for fame, honour, position, pleasure or friends, but eventually we are the losers. Only Jesus gives true joy and happiness. Only in Christ is peace found, with the assurance of eternal life.

**Wednesday, April 13th.** Matthew 27 : 11-26

Pilate was fully aware of the purposes and intents of the priests, but he was not wise to their craftiness. He knew Jesus was innocent and thought that the crowd when faced with the choice of Barabbas or Jesus would choose Jesus. He was deceived by the priests, who had such a hold upon the people that they were persuaded to ask for Barabbas. Pilate then sought to get out of his dilemma by washing his hands before the people, signifying that he had nothing to do with their plot to put Jesus to death. It appears that many try to wash their hands of Jesus today. They think they can put Him out of their life and thought. But when faced with the challenge of Jesus Christ we must come down on one side or the other. We cannot remain neutral; we are either for Him or against Him. I trust we have come over to His side, and have said of Him, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

**Thursday, April 14th.** Matthew 27 : 27-44

The soldiers made grand sport of Jesus as they led Him away to be crucified. They did not know as they mocked Him that He was King of kings and, had He so desired, could have commanded a legion of angels to aid Him. He was determined to go through to the bitter end for our sakes. Think of the shame of the Cross; the law had pronounced a curse on all who suffered in this way. He was crucified with common felons. Think of the loneliness of the Cross; He

was forsaken by men and by God as the world's sin rested on Him there. Think of the sufferings endured on the Cross; they offered Him vinegar mingled with gall to deaden the pain, but He would not take it. Nothing was allowed to mitigate the sufferings He bore for you and me. They sat and watched Him die and others made fun of Him, but He suffered it all in order to bring salvation to mankind.

**Friday, April 15th.** Matthew 27 : 45-56

The rending of the veil of the temple was not just a coincidence, it was the witness of God to the effectiveness of the death of the Cross. No longer was the presence of God shut off from ordinary men and women, but now through a new and living way they might come into the presence of God. The ministry of the priests and the order of the old economy were now over for ever; they would not be needed again; there was no further use for them. Christ had made at the Cross an atonement for sin, complete, once and for all. Someone has said that the rending of the veil was not the desecration of the temple but the consecration of the world. Every place where a person seeks God through faith in Christ may become a holy place because of the direct fellowship between God and man by virtue of the Cross of Calvary. Satan's head has been bruised and his grip upon the race released, for once again the presence of God is available to mankind. The meeting place is at the Cross.

**Saturday, April 16th.** Matthew 27 : 57-66

Tender hands took down the body of Jesus and it was laid in a new tomb with a large stone rolled against the mouth of the tomb. To those who had loved Him so this seemed to be the end, and they were filled with sorrow. But the priests were not finished with the affair yet; they wanted to make sure that this was the last they would hear of the Nazarene and His followers. They wanted to make sure that nothing further could possibly happen. They set a watch over the tomb, they sealed the stone and felt most secure. They failed to see Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, they did not reckon with the great power of God. Many today turn away from Christ and think that that is the end of the matter; they forget God, that Christ is God, that they cannot throw Him off like they might an old glove. He is the Judge before whom all must stand. Men may think they have finished with Him, but He has the last word in all matters.

**Sunday, April 17th.** Matthew 28 : 1-10

With great deliberation the priests set a watch over the tomb where the body of Jesus lay. They had not left anything to chance. But how vain were their efforts! The stone, the seal, the watch—all were helpless when Christ burst forth triumphantly from the grave. He rose in splendour; death could not keep its prey! The glory of the Christian faith is the empty tomb. "He is not here: for He is risen." This fact makes the Christian faith different from all other world religions. Jesus had claimed, "I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11 : 25). His resurrection proves His claim, and also His ability to give eternal life to those who believe on Him as Saviour. He rose in power and majesty; He has destroyed the great power of death and has brought hope to mankind to whom death had brought great fear. The darkness of the grave has been shattered by the Light of the world. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that because He lives we shall live also; eternal life is assured us in Christ.

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## LATE NEWS FROM STOCKTON-ON-TEES

*138 decisions for Christ in first week of campaign.  
Please continue in prayer for Pastor Woodhead and party.*

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# COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

**BIRMINGHAM.** April 10, Presbytery day of prayer and fasting. Commencing in Elim Church, Graham Street, 10 a.m. Concluding in local Elim churches, 7.30 p.m.

**EALING.** April 10. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Revival and Divine Healing service. 6.30.

## ITINERARIES

**The President.** April 23, Cardiff; 24, Caerphilly; 25, Pontypridd; 26, Mountain Ash; 27, Trealaw; 28, Ebbw Vale; 29, Dowlais; 30, Barry; May 1, Bridgend; 2, Aberdare; 3, Neath; 4, Swansea; 5, Llanelly; 6, Pontardulais.

**Miss Marion Paint.** April 23, Dundee; 24, Aberdeen; 25, 26, Edinburgh; 27, Shotts; 28, Alloa; 30, Motherwell; May 1, Coatbridge; 2, Paisley; 3, Glasgow; 4, Greenock; 5, Kirkintilloch; 8, Dumfries; 10, Carlisle; 11, Whitehaven.

## LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

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

April 10, Lewisham; 15-17, Bournemouth; 18, Royal Albert Hall; 23, Royal Albert Hall (Male Section); 24, Brixton prison; 28, Caxton Hall, Westminster; May 1, Holloway prison and Brixton Town Hall; 14, Elim Bible College (Bible College Day); 15, Ilford (all day); 17, Bloomsbury Central Church; 22, Wormwood Scrubs prison and Clapton; 28, 29, Bristol (Colston Hall and City Temple. B.B.C. Broadcast Sunday. 8.30 p.m.); June 4-12, Channel Islands (Guernsey).

## EASTER CONVENTIONS

**BIRMINGHAM.** Elim Church, Graham Street. Speakers include S. Gorman and A. Caple. Good Friday 11 and 7.30, Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 11, 3 and 7, Tues. 7.30.

**BOURNEMOUTH.** Elim Church, Hawthorne Road, Winton. Visit of London Crusader Choir, conducted by D. B. Gray. Easter Sunday, 11 and 6.15.

**BRADFORD.** Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Ritchie Evangelistic Party. Great musical programme, Gospel films and ministry. Wed. April 13th and Thurs. 14th 7.30, Good Friday 7. Sat. 7. Sun. 10.45 and 6.30.

**CLAPHAM.** Elim Central Church, Clapham Crescent. Speakers: J. Lancaster, J. Sainsbury and H. Palliser. Soloist: Sonia Griffiths (Southport). Conveners: J. Craig Kennedy and John Smyth. Good Friday 11 and 6.30, Sat. 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

## OPENING OF NEW ELIM CHURCH CLEMENTS ROAD, ILFORD

Saturday, April 9th

3 p.m. Opening of church by the President,  
**REV. H. BURTON-HAYNES**

3.30 p.m. Dedication Service conducted by  
**Rev. H. W. Greenway**

Preacher: **The President**

To be attended by the Worshipful the Mayor  
and the Mayoress of Ilford

6.30 p.m. Chairman: **Rev. T. H. Stevenson**  
Preacher: **Rev. E. J. Phillips**

April 10th—17th

Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

Preacher: **REV. A. J. K. MAGEE**

Good Friday, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 7.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Preacher: **REV. WYNNE LEWIS**

Join with us in our thanksgiving to God

**CROYDON.** Elim Church, Stanley Road. Speakers include H. Palliser. Convener: H. Burton-Haynes. Thurs. 7.30, Good Friday 11 and 7, Sat. 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

**EALING.** Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Speaker: **D. M. Chuter.** Convener: A. J. Chuter. April 14-19. Sat. Youth for Christ 7, Sun. 6.30 Baptistal service.

**ISLINGTON.** Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Speakers: Eldin Corsie, A. Lambie and John Smyth. Convener: F. H. Coleman. Good Friday 11 and 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

**LEEDS.** Foursquare Gospel Church, Bridge Street. Speakers: G. Backhouse, J. Dyke, J. F. Hardman, F. Newcombe and Miss N. Bennett. Singer: J. F. Hardman. Good Friday 7, Sat. 7, Sun. 10.30, 2.30 and 6.30. Mon. 3 and 6.30, Tues. 3 (Missionary) and 6.30, Wed., Thurs. and Sat. 7.30, Sun. 24th, 10.30 and 6.30.

**LEYTON.** Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Speaker: A. S. F. Horne. Convener: L. Knipe. Thurs. 7.45, Good Friday 3 and 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

**LONGTON.** Elim Church, Fiveways, Lightwood Road. Speaker: J. R. Brown (Stockport). Good Friday 11 and 7.30, Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

**PALMERS GREEN.** Elim Church, Russell Road. Good Friday 11 and 7.30, speaker: R. Oliver (Worcester), Sun. 10.45 and 6.30, visit of London Pentecostal News Team.

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## BIRTH

**Birchall.** On March 10th, to Pastor and Mrs. A. Birchall, of Aberystwyth; God's precious gift of a daughter, Elisabeth Joy; a sister for John William. C.282

## DEDICATION

**Coleman.** On March 20th, Andrew John, son of Pastor and Mrs. J. B. Coleman, was dedicated at Elim Church, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, by Rev. J. Osman (Selly Oak). C.281

## MARRIAGES

**Caple : Bailey.** On March 5th, at City Temple, Nottingham; Pastor Alan David Caple (Elim Church, Hadley) to Marlene Bailey. Officiating ministers: G. Harpin, C. Grayson, D. A. Jones and N. West.

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## WITH CHRIST

**Giles.** On February 15th, Edward Giles, aged 63, of Southampton. "At home." Officiating minister at funeral: C. Brookes.

**Morton.** On March 8th, suddenly, William Morton, aged 67, husband of Minnie Morton and faithful member of Elim Church, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. Funeral service at Elim Church; cremation at Carmountside Crematorium. Officiating minister: J. B. Coleman.

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