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YEOVIL'S FINE CRUSADER BAND

Harold Tilzey

editorial . . .

It was the writer's privilege recently to be present at the annual conference for missionary executives arranged by the Evangelical Missionary Alliance at Eastbourne. The theme of the conference was "The ministry of the Spirit"—a topic to warm the hearts of all Pentecostals! Surely this is indicative of a real and growing interest in the work of the Holy Spirit, and His relation to the great Divine purpose of spreading the Gospel message. One could not help being impressed by two things in particular: first that an Elim minister was invited to address the conference on the subject of "Pentecost," which duty was most admirably performed by Pastor H. W. Greenway, our Secretary-General, in the absence of our Missionary Secretary, Pastor S. Gorman, through sickness; secondly that in such a conference, attended by some ninety delegates, representing almost every evangelical missionary society in this country, there was such a gracious attitude towards our brother's message, as was revealed by the subsequent discussion on the subject. Some most favourable references were also made to the work of Pentecostal missions, particularly in South America.

We welcome most wholeheartedly the changing attitude of other evangelical bodies towards the Pentecostal message, realising that in the past too often stress has been placed by both sides on the things that separate us. In fact such conferences as that at Eastbourne reveal that whatever may have happened in the past, the things that now separate us from the general body of evangelical thought and witness are less than at any time since the early days of the Pentecostal outpouring. Today there is a growing realisation of the essentiality of the work of the Holy Spirit, a hunger for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the Church and a willingness to concede the validity of spiritual gifts.

That there are still some points of variance we cannot deny, but surely these are no greater than other differences which exist between evangelicals, and yet do not necessarily divide and separate them: differences of prophetic interpretation, of modes of administering baptism, of views concerning the sovereignty of God and human responsibility. Indeed, as Mr. Greenway pointed out in this conference, even among ourselves there are differences of opinion concerning the initial evidence of speaking with tongues. So often it has been insistence upon one view of this subject that has accentuated our separation from other evangelical brethren. While we appreciate that many have strong views on this subject, we are most happy that Elim has never taken its stand on an exegesis based on inference, but has rather proclaimed in its fundamentals the only truly defensible position from the scriptural point of view: "That this baptism *with signs following* is promised to every believer."

We have written recently on the dangers of compromise with those who deny the fundamentals of the faith so dearly held, and our need to ally ourselves increasingly with those of "like precious faith." We feel that conferences such as that held recently at Eastbourne are steps in the right direction.

PS.—Pastor Greenway's address at the Evangelical Missionary Alliance conference will be appearing shortly in our columns.

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Membership of an Elim church does not depend on any rites or knowledge of creeds, but upon a personal experience of salvation. All who have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and have been born again are eligible as members and can be received into fellowship by the minister at a church meeting. There are, however, certain doctrines to which Elim churches subscribe, and certain ordinances which are observed: breaking of bread and drinking of wine in memory of our Lord's death (Holy Communion); baptism by total immersion in water; anointing of the sick with oil for the healing of the body.

The Statement of Fundamental Truths accepts the veracity of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Salvation is through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is also acknowledged as the Healer of the physical body and the Baptiser in the Holy Spirit, a present-day experience for all believers. We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the Church today, and that those who are born of the Spirit should manifest the fruit of the Spirit. We also believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ to receive to Himself the Church and afterwards to set up His throne as King.

Standing uncompromisingly for the whole Bible as God's word to man, Elim contends for the faith, condemns extravagances, and promulgates the old-time Gospel in the old-time power.

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PRIDE IN POSSESSION

By an Elim Minister

I SHALL never forget the day I was married; I felt like a million dollars! The one I loved was now my very own wife; what pride in possession! No one else was to have her, she was *my* wife.

Paul felt just the same about the Gospel, just like the man in the parable who sold all to get the pearl of great price. Pride in possession—that's it. "*My Gospel*," wrote Paul on several occasions, and how proud he was of its truth. It is called "The Gospel of God," for it is Divine in origin; it is the "Gospel of Christ," for He was its Architect, but to Paul it was *My Gospel*.

What caused him to claim such exclusive possession, such a commendable selfishness? *My Gospel* indeed!

THE POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL REVELATION

Christ is the Truth, the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to the soul, and with the experience of the new birth comes the mind of Christ to the believer. Paul, when defending his apostleship in his Galatian epistle, claimed that Divine revelation and not human tuition brought him to a knowledge of the truth. The truth which God reveals to you, you will never forget or lose. A sinner may hear the Gospel often, read the Bible, and yet have no revelation of its personal truth and application, but to every soul there comes that moment when God's Spirit sheds the floodlight of Divine revelation on the Word, and the sinner sees the truth for the first time, either to reject or accept its message. Is the Gospel yours? Can you say *My Gospel*—by revelation?

THE POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Christ is the Way, and Christianity is a way of life, the only way to life. The early Christians were called followers of "the way," and Christianity must ever remain practical, for we are witnesses of the grace of God. A personal experience, a knowledge of God for oneself is so essential. Can you say "The Lord is *my* Shepherd?" Paul received a mighty experience on the Damascus road, which changed the whole outlook and character of this brilliant man. Can you say *My Gospel*—by experience?

THE POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

Christ is the Life, and Christianity is more than a life to be lived, it is a Lord to be loved, and how Paul loved the Saviour! Christ was the master-passion of his life, the mainspring of every action. "That I may know Him" in every phase of His life was the way Paul expressed his sentiments. "The Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me" sums it all up, for Paul knew intimate fellowship and communion with the Saviour he loved so dearly. I love to think that had I been the only sinner needing His salvation, Christ would still have left eternal glory to die on a Cross of shame for me! He loved the world, He loved the Church, but He loved me—the wonder of it all! And "we love Him because He first loved us." Have you seen the face of Jesus, in all its beauty and tenderness? Can you cry, convinced as Thomas of old, "My Lord and my God"? Can you say *My Gospel*—by a personal relationship to Christ?

THE POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL AUTHORITY

The blind man healed in the Gospel, when being browbeaten by the enemies of Christ exclaimed "This one thing I know," for his miraculous experience brought its own power and authority to his words of testimony, and one established conviction is worth more than a thousand doubts and suppositions. Paul had no doubts, he was so sure of the truth that this produced a dogmatism, a faith which nothing could shake. He could say "I know in whom I have believed." Can you? People look for the "ring of truth," the note of authority, for they know when we speak the truth, when we are right, although they may not always accept this truth. Can you say *My Gospel*—with authority?

THE POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL REDEMPTION

"The Son of God . . . loved me" is insufficient, for Christ could have loved a sinful world without leaving eternal glory to redeem us, but He did something about it. "And gave Himself for me," records the Scripture, for Calvary is the supreme expression of His love. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Do you know the joy of sins forgiven? Are you redeemed by His blood? Can you say *My Gospel*—by redemption?

Has that Gospel, Divine in origin, brought at the sacrifice of His Son, become your Gospel? There must be a personal appropriation. Can you say *My Gospel*?

The Swadlincote Campaign

ANOTHER GREAT VENTURE IN ELIM'S EVANGELISTIC EXTENSION PROGRAMME

SWADLINCOTE is a town of some 20,000 population in the southern extremities of Derbyshire and five miles away from Burton-on-Trent. Its chief industry is coal mining. As you approach the town it seems as though you are in Snowdonia, but black tips are a poor substitute for those green rugged hills of Wales. It is a town which boasts in the fact that *many* years ago it sent a male voice choir to London to take on the might of England and Wales, and returned triumphant. With a true Celtic outlook I have searched my history books and failed to find the account.

"Swadlincote has much to offer"; so said the official guide book, but we were not here to *obtain*. We had been sent by the North Midlands Presbytery to *offer*, offer something which was entirely new to the town, a town which could not number a Pentecostal church among its many.

The Lord was with us of a truth. The opening Sunday saw the town hall packed to capacity with 220 persons present, and thirty-two people making a decision. We were privileged to have our Field Superintendent, Pastor J. J. Morgan, with us on the opening night to dedicate the crusade, and to associate it from the very commencement with our Elim movement. I must be honest and say that the singing on the opening night was the best I have ever heard. Indeed one of the great features of the meetings was the outstanding congregational singing and the friendliness of these mining folk. The average weeknight attendance throughout was 100, and altogether 150 men and women made a decision for Jesus Christ, and a great number received healing in their bodies.

The first communion service was a very memorable one, as spontaneously men and women rose to testify

of their conversion and healing in the crusade. A young man, seventeen years of age, born with a hole in his heart, examined and treated by specialists in the Midlands and in London, and advised that nothing could be done for him, told us that up until the night God healed him he had been unable to walk more than a few yards at a time, and that with great difficulty. Now he was able to walk for miles, also run and lift heavy weights.

A young boy was brought for prayer with bronchial asthma. Tears were in his mother's eyes as she told of his deliverance.

Another lady, Mrs. Elson, told the congregation that she had had nine operations for her complaint, twisted muscles, and that she experienced no relief. For eleven years she had been in constant pain, with slight paralysis of the arms, and she was unable to walk. After prayer she ran all the way home, slept for the first time for years, and the following day indulged in what was to her "something wonderful." She washed and ironed for the first time in ten years!

Many others testified to deliverance from arthritis, asthma and other sicknesses, and a lady spoke about her cure from a growth which she had had in her ear for many years.

One must give thanks to the pianists and soloists from the Derby church who helped to make the crusade services inspiring and cheerful, and to the many who prayed. Thanks also to the *Burton Daily Mail*, the *Daily Herald* and the *Daily Sketch* for their help and favourable reports. Keep on praying. Pray that God will bless the new church which now meets regularly in the town hall every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, under the leadership of Pastor Robin Rees.



THE PRESS REPORTS ON SOME OF THE INSTANCES OF DIVINE HEALING

Woodville girl claims cure

Last night, in the comfortable sitting room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wardle, 69 Station Road, Woodville, a *Burton Daily Mail* reporter sat watching a pretty, dark-haired girl fixing her hair.

She did so at the reporter's suggestion, to demonstrate an action which she declared she had never been able to perform for the last four years—the raising of her right arm to place her hand at the back of her head.

Eighteen-year-old Deanne Wardle, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wardle, explained that for the entire period of those four years she had been suffering from a condition of the brachial nerve in her right arm.

Any attempt to move the arm sideways or backwards beyond a certain limited position produced severe pain—"the sort of pain you get when someone twists your arm behind your back," was her description of it.

Throughout the four years, the pain had always been there, though there had been an occasional day or two when it was not quite so severe, but on other days so agonising as to reduce Deanne to tears.

The past four years have seen her making visits to Burton General Hospital at intervals of about three



Miss Deanne Wardle demonstrates her healing.

months. She would visit for about four days a week, over a period of six to ten weeks, for physiotherapy.

The last time she attended was in August and eventually, says Deanne, she stopped going.

Many, many days in those long four years were spent "on the club," and eventually she gave up her job at a Burton factory and sought lighter work.

She took up employment at Ashby, but still she was obliged to lose a great deal of time because of the arm that never stopped aching.

"My arm had been pretty bad this last weekend, so the whole family decided to go to Mr. Lewis's meeting on Sunday night," Deanne went on.

"Then on Monday I said that I would like to go on

my own, and that I would go up to the front. Mr. Lewis put his hand on my head, and told me to pick up my arm.

"I did so, and it didn't hurt me, and it has not hurt at all since."

Deanne placed her arm behind her head, and fixed a slide in her hair. She leaned back and opened a cupboard door. These things, she said, would have been impossible before last Monday night.

Said Rev. W. Lewis: "Deanne came to Monday's meeting and returned on Tuesday with her mother. I tested her again in front of the congregation and she could swing her arm backwards and forwards better than I can."
Burton Daily Mail.

Swadlincote boy, nine years in irons, runs home from evangelistic meeting

"Look, mummy, I can walk and run now!"

The excited little boy who was running past the junction of Alexandra Road and West Street, Swadlincote, was not running very well, but the surprising thing was that he was running at all. Because, according to nine-year-old Richard Massey's mother, her only son, who had spent all of his young life with both his legs supported by calipers, or "irons," had never run before. And, as far as she is concerned, what happened to Richard this week is a miracle.

Someone else who believes it is Rev. Wynne Lewis, the Welsh evangelist, who, on Sunday last, opened in Swadlincote Town Hall an evangelistic and healing campaign, at which, each night this week, prayers for the sick have been offered.

For, say Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Massey, Richard, after attending all the meetings held in the town hall this week, is now able to walk better than he ever did before, and, on Wednesday night, walked the three-quarters of a mile from his home to the Swadlincote meeting, and back again afterwards—without his irons.

Richard's story, told to the *Burton Daily Mail* by Mrs. Constance Massey, has been one of nine years of disability. He was born with a spina bifida, a large mass on the spine which was removed by surgery at Burton General Hospital, when he was six weeks old.

"He used to crawl and shuffle about and, until he was four years of age, he never walked at all," she continued, "He had an iron fitted to one of his legs at the age of four, and to the other at five.

"When he became five, we took him to school in a push chair, and when that school closed, he went to York County School, the authorities arranging for him to be taken by coach.

"But he never walked about. He sat in the yard at school at play time, watching the other children play."

On Sunday night, she took him to Rev. Wynne Lewis's meeting at Swadlincote.

"He said he wanted to see Mr. Lewis," said his mother. "Mr. Lewis prayed for him and put his hands on his head, and told him to walk away from him. When he walked back to where I was sitting, he walked straight, without turning his right foot."

Richard, wearing his irons, had walked into Swadlincote with his mother, and, as was always the case, the effort "tired him and made him sweat."

On Monday night he went again, intent on attending the town hall meeting, and on this occasion, the effort, his mother asserts, did not tire him.

On Tuesday, he did the same again, with equal suc-

cess, and as he had done on the previous two nights returned home by car. And on each occasion, he went to the front of the hall to ask for Mr. Lewis's prayers.

"On Wednesday night," his mother said, "he walked to the town hall, for the first time in his life, without wearing his irons, and walked back again afterwards.

"On the way back he broke into a run, running and jumping as he has never done before. He is walking straight now, and he does not stoop as he used to do."

Richard Massey.



Burton Daily Mail.

PS. Richard now plays football, and also rides a bicycle.

New church for Swadlincote

At the end of his healing and evangelical crusade in Swadlincote, Rev. Wynne Lewis, the Welsh evangelist, has announced that a new church is to be formed in Swadlincote.

Mr. Lewis, whose own church is in Derby, has been holding nightly services in Swadlincote Town Hall since October 8th, and at his final Sunday service this weekend, when he asked all who claimed to have been cured during the crusade to stand, more than a dozen of the congregation did so.

He told the company that it was now the intention to start a new evangelistic and healing church, which would hold services regularly in Swadlincote.

He told the *Burton Daily Mail* yesterday: "We hope to build a new church in Swadlincote as soon as possible, but in the meantime all the services will be held in the town hall."

Last night, the final meeting in the month's crusade was held in the Swadlincote Town Hall, and the new minister, Mr. Robin Rees, was introduced and welcomed to the congregation, many of whom will be helping to found his new church.

Attendance at the meetings had been very good, said Mr. Lewis. The hall had been full for all the Sunday meetings, and there had been an average attendance of 100 at the weeknight meetings, in spite of rain, gales and a thunderstorm.

news and views . . .

DUNDEE

On Sunday, October 29th, 1961, a memorial service was held in Elim Church, Dundee, at which a minister's chair was unveiled and dedicated in memory of our much-loved and highly respected late minister, Rev. Walter H. Urch, who died in 1959, after a long and painful illness and at the early age of forty-six years. There was a large gathering of members and friends, and the present minister, Rev. F. F. Frost, presided.

Tribute was paid by Mr. W. S. Morrison, church secretary, to the faithful ministry of Mr. Urch, whose memory is enshrined in the hearts of those who were privileged to sit under his ministry.

The memorial chair, with suitable plate attached, was unveiled by Mrs. Urch, who travelled from Northern Ireland for the service and who felt very much the solemnity of the occasion.

The Elim President, Rev. T. H. Stevenson, was able to be present by the kindness of some of the ministers in the Scottish district presbytery, who agreed to a re-arrangement of the President's Scottish itinerary to make this possible. Pastor Stevenson dedicated the memorial chair, and referred in gracious words to the long friendship he enjoyed with the late Mr. Urch and spoke highly of his tolerance, understanding and wisdom as a pastor and friend.

SAM CAMERON.

LONGTON

The recent visit of Rev. and Mrs. Felix Lloyd-Smith to the Elim Church, Longton, proved to be of great spiritual benefit. Night after night for two weeks Mr. Smith ministered under a wonderful anointing, and the people came to the services in good numbers to hear these powerful sermons. God's people greatly appreciated this Bible ministry and our hearts were stirred to a deeper devotion to Christ, the flame of spiritual zeal was fanned to a blaze and we felt that we could never be the same again.

As a new venture we held a harvest thanksgiving service one Sunday afternoon at our branch Sunday school at Meir. Mr. Smith was the preacher. We were thrilled to see over sixty adults at this meeting. Some found Christ as Saviour during the crusade, but the effects have been felt since the campaigner left. As a result of the campaign we have sought God more earnestly and the



Rev. and Mrs. Felix Lloyd-Smith visit Meir, Longton, Sunday school.

unsaved have become a greater burden to us, thus we have had the joy of seeing many more unconverted in the services and more are finding Christ as Saviour.

We do praise God for church members who exhibit the spirit of Christ by the sacrificial way in which they support and work that these soul-winning efforts may be a spiritual success.

JOHN COLEMAN.

MANSFIELD

On Saturday, October 7th, a baptismal service was held at the Gospel Mission Hall. Pastor E. Adams, resident minister, convened the service and gave a timely



Candidates baptised at Mansfield.

word. Several of the candidates were new converts, and some had either not seen the need or not had the opportunity before. Pastor Adams is very forthright in his preaching, and the people have responded and been obedient. He was assisted in the water by his brother, Mr. H. Adams, who is church treasurer. One of the new converts, a real trophy of grace, came out of the water praising God in a new tongue. The joy of the Lord is seen on the faces of the candidates, in the photograph taken after the service. Pastor Adams is in the back row.

G. E. BROWN.

SALISBURY

The harvest thanksgiving services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Hardman. The church was tastefully decorated with a display of fruit and flowers, including decorative harvest bread.

The afternoon children's gift service was convened by the superintendent, Mr. F. Jeffries. It was a colourful occasion when the scholars came forward with their gifts of fruit and their posies of flowers, which were received by the minister and the superintendent.

At the Sunday school prize-giving, Rev. A. Gorton, of Bournemouth, distributed the prizes. The primary section gave their own version of "Roll your burdens away." Julia Kerley sang a solo, with Pamela Hardman at the piano. The Bible class girls sang. The Bible reading was by Jean and Linda.

Then followed the distribution of the prizes to the scholars, many of whom received Bibles at their own request. Pastor Gorton gave a timely address.

The Bemerton Heath primary section received their prizes in the morning from Mr. N. Coles (church treasurer).

On a recent Wednesday a large congregation keenly appreciated the programme provided by a talented party from the Winterslow Lifeboat Mission.

SHEFFIELD ASSEMBLY

The harvest festival was much blessed with large attendances, especially on the Sunday evening. Members gave their gifts lavishly and the Crusaders made a splendid display of them in the front of the church. Afterwards, the sick and aged members received gifts of fruit and flowers and also a large portion was sent to a Pentecostal eventide home.

On Sunday, October 22nd, we had a special evangelistic service at 8.15 p.m. in the City Memorial Hall which was attended by about 400 people. Prior to the service a prayer meeting was held in our own church (150 attending), after which our members went on the streets fishing and several people accepted invitations. The Gospel was given by stirring testimonies, duets and solos, a trumpet solo and pieces by the male voice choir. Pastor R. B. Chapman convened the service and gave the message. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit was very real. Sunday, October 29th, marked Pastor and Mrs. R. B. Chapman's fourth anniversary with us and they gave us a family service, pastor and his wife and two daughters taking part.

All these services were well attended and one or two professed salvation. Sheffield assembly is moving steadily onward in the service of the Lord.

CONSTANCE I. LADLOW,

SHE WALKED WITH GOD

By Pastor A. V. Gorton

WITH the home-call of Miss L. Shears, aged eighty-five, the Springbourne church has lost one of its choicest members and Pentecost one of its pioneers. She sprang from a godly home and at an early age proved the Lord as her healer. Her ankle had been badly sprained by a fall and when the rest of the family had gone to church she heard the Lord say to her, "You have not tried to put your shoe on." She hobbled and hopped upstairs and as she put her shoe on the swelling and pain completely went and she walked normally. In 1913 she was baptised in the Holy Ghost and at the time was a leader of a large Bible class in a Congregational church but because of her Pentecostal testimony and witness she was told to keep quiet or leave the church. There was no choice and no hesitation, she had to be true to her experience and with six other choice souls, including Miss Alice and Miss Lily Marshall, our missionaries to Egypt (retired), she came out. Her brother-in-law bought an empty church in Victoria Place, Springbourne, and with a co-worker Miss Shears laboured for the Master until in 1926, Elim came to Bournemouth and the building became the home of the Springbourne church. Down the years, Miss Shears has gone her gracious, godly way, a tower of strength to the assembly, beloved by everyone, a valued prayer warrior to every pastor, a friend indeed. She walked with God, her conversation was full of "Him," "His," "He." We had noticed that she was getting more frail but at the last meeting she was with us, the prayer meeting, we were amazed at the strength and vigour of her intercession. As she finished she said, "It will not be long before we see You," and within ten days that expectation was realised. Physically it was a stroke, but hers was a completed life. Like Enoch, the Lord "took her."

WOMEN'S COLUMN

By Gladys Gorton

DILIGENCE WITH PATIENCE

THE women who make and knit garments, etc., for our missionaries should be encouraged because they are doing an essentially needy and grand work. The missionaries themselves are very grateful and eagerly look forward to receiving a parcel. At our sisterhood rally we decided to put on show many articles made by the missionary class. Unless such things are made public few know anything about what is being done by our women. This was fully appreciated by all. (Here's an idea for your next rally). A young girl, who before her conversion was on the stage, gave all her things to the class, who made them into lovely dresses, and another converted young woman gave her cherished dance dress. This made two beautiful dresses for two missionaries' children.

"You have a good memory," Mrs. S—— said to me as we were discussing a message one of the speakers gave at a meeting. "I suppose I have in some things," I replied. "But what kind of old lady I'm going to grow into I don't know, because I put things away and then I can't remember where! Unless I really concentrate on putting the thing away it's hopeless. I go to a drawer to get a certain thing and can't find it. Of course it's usually there all the time, but that's how it is."

We all laughed. "I'm like that too," said Mrs. R——. "I'm always losing scissors."

"Scissors," said Mrs. K——. "I lost a pair when we were laying a new carpet and didn't find them until the next year when we spring cleaned. They were under the carpet. We didn't even feel them when we vacuumed!" There was an outburst of laughter. When it subsided I continued: "The worst of it is I can't rest until I do find. It gets me all worked up and I have to put everything else aside until I find."

"Oh yes, I'm the same," most of them said.

"The parable of the woman with the lost coin shows how understanding the Lord is of woman and her ways," I concluded (Luke 15: 8-10).

Jesus in this parable expresses the same sentiment which He did in the preceding parable of the lost sheep. A woman would have more immediate, present joy at finding this lost coin than she would in the possession of those which had not been lost. So, says the Lord Jesus Christ, there is joy among the angels at the recovery of a single sinner, and He bids us go and seek them too.

Often there is the need of patience in waiting, "until." (Note this word which Jesus uses.) A woman in Weymouth lost a half-crown. It ran down between the floorboards so it was impossible for her to retrieve it. Twenty-five years later the house was demolished and she returned to search for the half-crown, which she found! *Diligence with patience* is essential in seeking a soul. A lady who lives abroad lost a diamond from her ring. With her servant she searched everywhere. The servant lit an oil-lamp, and put it down beside her and with a dustpan and brush swept the floor diligently, and looked by the light of the lamp through the dust until she found the diamond. She was so happy to find it that she went and told the other servants and her friends.

THE TRANSATLANTIC TOUR OF

Conductor : Rev. D. B. Gray, (V)
MORE THAN 11,000 MILES IN SEVENTEEN DA

IT was on Saturday, September 30th, that the London Crusader Choir party of almost forty voices, together with their conductor, Rev. D. B. Gray and Mrs. Gray, after having taken part in the crowded and inspiring national youth rally in the Westminster Central Hall, set off on their unique seventeen-day visit to Canada and the U.S.A. to sound forth the honours of the Saviour's name both in song and in word.

After bidding farewell to many friends at Westminster, we were conveyed by special coach to London Airport to begin the first stage of our journey. It was one minute past midnight, when after presenting our tickets and having our passports checked, the B.O.A.C. jet-prop Britannia took off into the blackness of the sky. After twelve hours flying we touched down in Montreal on Sunday, October 1st, at 7.30 a.m. (Canadian time). As we waited at the airport many of us thought of the Elim friends in Britain, who by that time (British) would have been to their morning service and would be having lunch!

Everyone, though tired, excitedly boarded the awaiting coach which conveyed us to the Evangel Pentecostal Church and gave us our first impressions of Canada. At the church we were met by Rev. Robert Argue, who gave us a very hearty welcome and made us feel perfectly at home—even though very far from home—and soon we were being served breakfast by the church members. After breakfast it was our privilege to gather for devotions and thus we returned thanks to God for His mercies to us during the long air journey.

Though feeling weary through loss of sleep, the choir members, under the genial inspiration and encouragement of Mr. Gray, rose magnificently to the occasion and gave of their best in both morning and afternoon services to the large crowds that gathered. Later that day we again boarded a coach and travelled well over 100 miles to Ottawa (capital of Canada) for an after-church rally in the Bethel Tabernacle. Here we discovered that a revival campaign was in progress led by an evangelist from Los Angeles, and just as we arrived the altar call had been given, and as we entered the church premises in company with the minister, Rev. Gordon Upton, we witnessed the large prayer rooms filled with scores of seekers after God. What an inspiration this sight was to almost forty tired songsters! Incidentally, by this time the people in Britain were in their beds for the second time since we left London, whereas we had not seen a bed at all as yet! However, here a great service was held; and what a crowded church, the people were packed in like sardines!

After the service, the choir members became the guests for the night of some of the members of the Bethel Tabernacle. We shall cherish for a very long time the wonderful welcome into their homes given to us by these grand Pentecostal Christians—not for a very long time had bed been so welcome!

Refreshed by a good night's sleep, the party spent the following morning (October 2nd) going on a sightseeing tour of the city, to such places as the Canadian Houses of Parliament, the residence of the Governor-General and other important public buildings.

During the afternoon, Toronto (Canada's second largest city) was reached by plane, a journey of some 250 miles, where again a great festival of song and testimony, with the ministry of the Word of God, was held in the Evangel Temple. It was a great joy to meet the pastor of this fine church, Rev. W. G. McPherson,

and also to have with us on the platform the General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Rev. Walter E. McAlister. Mr. McAlister, on behalf of the Pentecostal Assemblies, officially welcomed Mr. Gray and the London Crusader Choir to Canada and particularly to Toronto. In his remarks he said how they had been looking forward to the choir's visit and reminded Mr. Gray how he had been inspired and blessed by their singing at the Pentecostal World Conference in Sweden some years ago. Later that evening, Mr. Gray was interviewed on television on such matters as the activities of the London Crusader Choir, what he thought of Canada, etc. Some of us have wondered since what kind of answers he gave!

The following day (October 3rd) the party went by coach to the Elder Citizens' Centre for a reception and short programme of hymn singing. After lunch they left Toronto for Peterborough where the choir was presented with unique opportunities for witnessing for Christ, for in addition to the festival held in the Pentecostal church, they appeared on television and broadcast over the radio.

On our return to Toronto (October 4th), a lovely air-conditioned coach took us over 1,000 miles down to Cincinnati, Ohio—in fact, we did actually cross into the State of Kentucky. During this long and yet interesting journey we made calls for festivals in Pentecostal churches at Hamilton, Ontario (October 5th), Niagara Falls (October 6th), Akron (October 7—8th), Cleveland, Ohio (October 9th), Springfield, Ohio (October 10th), Dayton (October 11th) and Hamilton, Ohio (October



The London Crusader Choir, with Rev. R.

THE LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

(ident of the Elim Churches)

FROM THE DIARY OF REV. JAMES F. HARDMAN.

12th). Space does not permit a full description of all these places visited, yet everywhere the rich blessing of the Lord rested upon the choir's ministry. Though we faced a new congregation almost every night, Mr. Gray did an excellent job, not only in conducting the choir, but also in leading the services and causing both congregation and choir to feel perfectly at home with each other. In each place the order of service was very full, yet varied, and I feel glorifying to our Lord and Saviour. In addition to the singing by the full choir, there were items by the ladies' section, the male voice group, the ladies' trio and solos; then too, there were the reading of the Scriptures, testimonies, reviews on prison evangelism and the choir's contribution to missionary evangelism and epilogues.

Shall we ever forget the very fine buildings which are indeed a credit to the Pentecostal assemblies or the warmth of fellowship extended to us by these generous-hearted Christians both at the churches and in their homes? It is well-nigh impossible for me to describe the lavish meals provided for us on our arrival at these churches. In one place, where the meal was arranged in buffet style, someone counted no less than fifty different dishes from which we were able to partake!

Mention must be made of just a few high-lights during this 1,000-mile journey by land. What memories are awakened as we think of the stay at Niagara Falls—one of the scenic wonders of the world—where 23,000,000 tons of water from Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie plunge 167 feet into a 300-foot gorge every hour, and then flow on into Lake Ontario. As we stood

beholding this wonderful sight, we recalled the words of the psalmist: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! . . . The earth is full of thy riches." It was the happy privilege of the choir to conduct a great Youth for Christ rally on the American side of the falls in the First Church of the Nazarene.

A highly successful weekend was spent in Akron, Ohio, at the First Assembly of God Church. Akron is primarily an industrial community. The city spreads over rolling hills and is surrounded by beautiful scenic areas. Here we found a thriving church, enthusiastic and on fire for God; and the fine congregation clearly revealed their appreciation of the choir's weekend ministry. As our stay at this church included a Sunday, we were all keenly interested in seeing the American style of morning Sunday school. It begins about 10 a.m. and is a real family affair—parents, children, even to the babe in arms, are all present. Space does not permit me to go into details, but undoubtedly the morning Sunday school is one of the secrets of the success of the Pentecostal churches.

Leaving Akron, an interzone youth rally was held in First Assembly of God Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Then, en route for Springfield, Ohio, we made a call at Mount Vernon Bible College. This college is the outgrowth of the forward advance of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. It is a large four-storey building in its own grounds comprising over 300 acres. Mount Vernon is their most recently established college. L.I.F.E. Bible College in Los Angeles, the parent school, was established in 1925. Then followed the establishment of a L.I.F.E. Bible School in Vancouver, B.C. Mount Vernon is the third. Here the London Crusader Choir was entertained for luncheon and a brief meeting of song and praise was held with the faculty and students. We counted it a privilege to have fellowship with these friends of like precious faith—among them Dean William Mouer, Rev. Arthur Wolf and Rev. W. L. Koon (Supervisor of the eastern district of the I.C.F.G.).

The party left Cincinnati airport (October 13th) for Chattanooga, Tennessee—a journey of more than 300 miles. The stewardess of the plane, discovering that she had on board a Christian choral group from Britain, reported the fact to the captain, who requested that the choir should sing during the flight. There was a ready response to the request and so under Mr. Gray's able guidance, the words of the great Shepherd Psalm to the tune "Crimond," as well as other hymns, sounded forth in the plane, high up in the heavens over Tennessee State. The London Crusader Choir has been privileged to sing in a variety of places during its thirty-three years of musical evangelism—perhaps this may have been the first time they have had the opportunity of singing in a plane over 17,000 feet high!

Reaching Chattanooga airport, we were met by Rev. Ray Hughes (President of Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee), with a fleet of cars and were taken to Cleveland, a distance of some thirty miles. Here the choir were the guests of the faculty and general officers of the Church of God. Language fails me to express fully the generosity and kindness shown to us during our stay at this very fine college. Lee College is a Christian, co-educational school owned by and operated under the auspices of the Church of God. It has five distinct divisions: religious education, academy, junior college, Bible



ies, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

college and school of music. The college campus is situated in one of the most beautiful residential sections of the city of Cleveland and has between five and six hundred resident students.

On our arrival here (still October 13th!) we partook of a very lovely meal in the spacious and modern dining hall and immediately were taken by our able and genial guide (Rev. Ray Hughes) on a tour of many of the Church of God commodious premises situated on the campus, including the General Headquarters offices, Supreme Council and committee rooms and also the printing and publishing house. Here we were able to see the pages of their official magazine "Church of God Evangel" coming off the press.

Later that evening, the choir gave a symphony of song and witness in the college auditorium to an appreciative assembly, which included the College President, faculty, student body and a large number of invited guests. After this very inspiring rally we proceeded to the "Dating Parlour," where on arrival we were confronted with a most delightful scene of tables elaborately decorated and sumptuously spread with all kinds of American dainties—another token of their warmth of welcome and fellowship. During the course of enjoying this hospitality, the many officials of the main departments of the Church of God were introduced to us by Rev. Ray Hughes (College President) in a happy and informal manner. Again space does not allow me to mention all the personalities; suffice it to say that among them were Rev. James A. Cross (General Overseer of the Church of God), Rev. R. H. Gause, B.A. (Dean of the School of Religion), Rev. A. T. Humphries, B.Mus. (Dean of the School of Music), Stanley Butler (Dean of the High School), Rufus Platt, M.A. (Registrar), and Marvin Golden (Business Manager). It was in this happy atmosphere that everyone then chatted freely and a profitable time of fellowship was enjoyed.

The following day (Saturday, October 14th) was taken up by sight-seeing in the Chattanooga district, again with Rev. Ray Hughes as our guide and host. During the Civil War, the battles of Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge were fought in this area. Among the places of interest visited were the Confederama (where by the aid of all kinds of electronic devices, we saw the Civil War re-enacted in miniature); Rock City Gardens with its many attractions including the Grand Corridor, High Falls, Swing-along Bridge, Lovers' Leap, Fat Men's Squeeze, 1,000-ton Balance Rock and the "See Seven States" point. In this same area are the marvellous Ruby Falls—an amazing geological discovery in Lookout Mountain Caves, some 1,120 feet underground.

On our return to Lee College, the choir spent the entire evening in the Church of God radio room recording many of our great hymns, which are to be used in the "Forward in Faith" radio programme on U.S.A. networks in the coming months. We discovered that some of our best-loved hymns, such as "The Lord's my Shepherd" (tune Crimond) and "And can it be" were well-nigh unknown in the States, but that soon they became solid favourites.

Sunday morning (October 15th) we travelled by coach to the East Chattanooga Church of God where we had been planned to take the morning service. Actually we arrived in time for the morning Sunday school; and so that we might become even more acquainted with this side of church activity, the choir members joined in the respective classes, according to age and sex. Sunday school over, the morning service of worship followed with the choir participating. This was a wonderful service, the church building was charged with the power of God as praise, like the sound of many waters, filled the place.

After a most delightful lunch provided by the church,

we made our way again to the Chattanooga airport and there boarded a plane which took us to Washington, D.C., a journey of over 500 miles. Incidentally, we had originally planned to fly to Washington on the previous day, but owing to U.S.A. military manoeuvres all civil aircraft had been grounded in the eastern section and so we had to make this journey the following afternoon. Darkness had already fallen by the time we arrived in the capital—the seat of the President, Congress and the Supreme Court—and thus we were not able to do the amount of sight-seeing that we would have desired. However, once more we were met by a fleet of cars and though there was less than an hour to spare before we were due to sing and speak in the evening service at the National Church of God, the majority of the choir members were taken by car on a quick tour of the city. How impressive it was to see the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Washington Memorial and other places of interest all floodlit. On our arrival at the church, we found a crowded congregation and that the minister was about to commence the service. Soon the choir members had taken their places on the platform, the ladies in their attractive white dresses and red roses—their dresses, I must add, still looking very fresh after all the travelling and continual changing (!), and the men really quite spruce in their dark suits and wine-coloured ties. The minister introduced Mr. Gray and the choir, and we settled down to this our last service in the States. It was a service that will long be remembered, the atmosphere was charged with emotion. The singing was of a high standard, even after such a strenuous tour, and the testimonies and epilogue were all richly blessed of the Lord.

Monday (October 16th) was to be our last day in America. We arrived at the Washington airport at quite an early hour and boarded a plane which conveyed us to Idlewild airport, New York. During the morning we enjoyed an organised tour of New York City. It was a thrill to see the great sky-scrappers, the Empire State Building (102 floors), the United Nations Headquarters, the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street—and I believe some of the ladies visited Macy's, the world's largest store!

At 6 p.m. that same day we boarded another plane for home, and after about twelve hours of mainly smooth flying (admittedly there were a few bumps!) we touched down at Prestwick (Scotland) early Tuesday morning (October 17th) where we were greeted by heavy rain and gale-force winds, which presented such a contrast to the glorious weather in the States where there had been an Indian summer and the temperature had been eighty degrees and more each day. After touching down again at Manchester, we eventually landed at London airport at about 11.30 a.m. We had left the warm weather of the States and were still clad in light summer attire, and thus feeling chilly and tired we took farewell of each other and made our way to our respective homes with hearts that were full of praise to a loving heavenly Father who had granted us journeying mercies and richly blessed the choir's ministry in every place during the 11,000-mile trip.

Already I am sure I have used all (and perhaps more!) of the space allotted to me, but before concluding this report of the tour, I would like to say what a joy it was during our trip to renew fellowship with former members of the London Crusader Choir and also with former Eilm ministers and members now residing in Canada and U.S.A. I also take this opportunity to thank all the choir members for their splendid witness for Christ in song and in word, and all those who had special duties during the tour; and especially on behalf of all the party, to thank Mr. Gray for his untiring efforts over many months, in planning and organising this unique, extensive and God-blessed transatlantic trip. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

THIS CHANGING WORLD

Clippings and Comments by W. G. Hathaway

Bishop warns against "debunking" miracles

Episcopal Bishop Gerald Francis Burrill of Chicago warned Christians against debunking miracles. He said miracles are at the core of their faith, and Christians should not forget it.

"It may be a source of embarrassment to some churchmen to confess that Christianity is based on mystery and miracle," he told the 124th annual convention of the Chicago Diocese. However, he said, the "mighty acts of God" in such miracles as His incarnation and the resurrection cannot be accounted for adequately by symbolic explanation.

"These great historic events are the ground and root of the whole Christian faith," he said. "Either they are evident and abiding truth, or our preaching becomes an empty, albeit pious, codification of the capricious moral style of the day."

Good, plain, straightforward speaking! Let's have some more of it. Bishop!

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Judas honoured in Scotland

The *Monthly Record* of the Free Church of Scotland recently reported that a new organisation has arisen in Scotland called "The Church of Judas." It states that one of the sights now to be seen in Scotland is that of a man carrying a cross and advertising this new organisation.

"This modern missionary is acting," the magazine states, "in the interests of a Spiritualist body who, in their necromantic excursions, claim to have made contact with Judas Iscariot, and think that the betrayer of our Lord has suffered the contempt of men for quite long enough. Judas, apparently, is now trying to make amends for his betrayal of Jesus by founding a church on earth. What next? Is there any limit to the extremes of nonsense and irreverence that men will go to when they turn away from the Gospel of Grace?"

We suppose they will make Judas their president—in his absence. Yet another proof of the Satanic power behind Spiritualism.

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Students at Hebrew University

Of the 7,200 students enrolled at the Hebrew University about 1,600 are freshmen, while 1,500 of them study in the University's Tel Aviv branch. Inaugurating the thirty-sixth academic year at a ceremony in the Wise Auditorium, the University's President, Prof. Benjamin Mazar, mentioned a plan for African studies. This term's 200 foreign students include 140 from the U.S.A. and eleven from Canada. The others come from England, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Norway, France, Italy, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and other European countries; from Japan (2), Ghana (1), Nigeria (1) and Ethiopia (9). There are six in the Faculty of Medicine.

Already Israel is blossoming out and producing wonderful fruit.

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Religious television via satellites

Religious television broadcasts to every corner of the world via communication satellites is a realistic prediction, according to Dr. Clarence W. Jones, dean of Protestant missionary radio broadcasting.

In Milwaukee, U.S.A., to direct the third annual World Conference on Christian Communications at Concordia College, Dr. Jones said mission agencies should be preparing for this revolutionary development to become a reality within ten years.

Jones, founder of the world's first missionary radio station (Quito, Ecuador's HCJB) lectured some 250 missionary radio executives, technicians, artists and speakers at the conference. He said the stations of the delegates "blanket the world from transmitters in 20 countries."

HCJB was licensed in May to install the world's first missionary television station and will be ready soon to present a daily schedule of

news, cultural, educational and religious programmes.

Well, why not use every device to beat Satan at his own game and thereby spread the glorious news to every corner of the globe—before it's too late?

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Pilate's name on rock

The name of Pontius Pilate has been found inscribed on a stone along the Mediterranean coast of Israel.

Professor Antonio Fraya, director of the Antiquities Dept. of Northern Italy, made the announcement, stating that this is the first time archaeological evidence has been found of the Roman procurator of Judea who ordered the crucifixion of Christ. Heretofore, his name has only been known through the Gospels and the writings of the Jewish historian Josephus Flavius.

Once again the Bible records stand confirmed by the spade of the archaeologist. The Bible still stands unchallenged and unchallengeable.

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Billy Graham on Peace Corps

Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking at a Youth Night service during his crusade, has warned that the Communists will make mincemeat of President Kennedy's Peace Corps and it will be "one of the most miserable flops in history" unless American youths participating "are deeply dedicated to Christianity."

Although he commended the general idea of the corps, Dr. Graham cautioned that the young people taking part must have a moral and spiritual philosophy undergirding their efforts.

The evangelist reminded his audience that America already has a gigantic peace corps successfully at work.

"We have tens of thousands of American missionaries in over eighty countries of the world living with the people," he said. "They have built hospitals, schools and taught the primitive peoples of the world agricultural and industrial techniques. They have taught them how to read and write and, above all, taught them to believe in a Gospel of love."

He said it was those "dedicated Christians who had been trained and taught by the missionaries who eventually broke the back of such evil movements as Mau Mau in Kenya."

Never can this attempt to spread peace and progress by the Peace Corps succeed without Christ. The gigantic peace corps of tens of thousands of missionaries is an excellent thought and a great fact.



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Youth news

Summer camping

THE Elim Youth Camp at Porthpean, Cornwall, was blessed with God's presence from the very first day. Barriers were soon broken down and everybody joined in the spirit of the camp.

Prayer meetings were held almost every morning at 7 o'clock, without which the spiritual tone of the camp would have suffered. The numbers gathering for this meeting ranged from ten to sixty.

Every evening at 7.30 we held a service in the large marquee, campers from different parts of Britain giving items at each service. A great blessing was afforded by the group playing musical instruments comprising piano, accordions, guitar and trumpet. Choruses and hymns went with a swing, the favourite chorus being, "Alive, alive, my Saviour is alive."

Altogether about twenty-six decisions were made for Christ, a number received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, several were healed and many backsliders returned to the fold.

Outstanding features were the singing by moonlight on the beach accompanied by the band, and the baptismal service in the sea for the Paignton campers. The latter service was conducted by their own minister Pastor P. J. Gnppy, which was a great open-air witness to holiday makers.

Outings to Lands End, St. Ives, St. Mawes, Looe, Polperro and Newquay were arranged and enjoyed by all, especially as the weather was kind to us. For the more sporty type free canoeing lessons were given, several learning the hard way! Sports equipment could also be borrowed free of charge.

The main thanks for such a happy and spiritual camp must undoubtedly go to the leaders, Pastors F. A. Hodge and W. G. Blackler and their respective wives and also to Pastor G. Taylor. Our thanks must also go to the permanent staff who did the catering, gave canoeing lessons, issued blankets, etc.

I believe we can all thank the Lord for such a successful camp from every aspect and I for one shall not miss going next year if it is possible.

ANTHONY WM. LEAVESLEY (Leicester).

Thornton Heath youth squash

"Never heard of it," you say. I reply that it is in South London, just a few miles from Croydon, and add that the people of our town are called the Thornton Heathens—and what a descriptive word!

Come with me to Elim's outpost, a fine modern building with an enthusiastic band of young people eager to serve the Lord. Here in the hall our monthly youth squash is in progress, to reach those who never think of church. It is a bright, informal meeting that has attracted many young people who have made decisions for Christ.

Wednesday night is youth night, and the strains of lusty choruses greet you as you approach the church, to be told "Oh, it's only Sunshine Corner," but how the children love it. We feel all the organisation is worth while as we can point to children who have made decisions (even as I write this report) to accept Christ.

The same hall is the venue for the Crusaders who come to enjoy programmes such as "The top ten," "Music hath charms," "Power link," "It's in

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the news," and "180 of them each," that have brought much blessing recently. As a result of our witness here we are trusting Psalm 102:15 to be fulfilled.

We are "holding the fort" here in Thornton Heath while waiting for our "Great Commander." How about a dispatch from your branch?

LESLIE TODD (Crusader Secretary).

St. Peter Port, Guernsey ; anniversary services

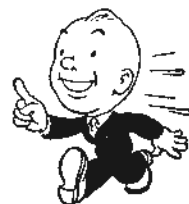
Our Sunday school anniversary services were held recently, and we do praise God for the rich blessing received. The afternoon service, which was most ably conducted by our superintendent, Mr. P. de Garis, was devoted mainly to the primary and junior scholars. After a word of welcome given by a senior scholar the school choir rendered an introit, "To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we bring upon this day of days." Primary scholars told how God who sees the sparrow fall cares for each of us and loves us all, and how we can help somebody each day by giving a cheery smile. The school choir then rendered the anthem, "Soldiers of Christ be strong," followed by an action poem based on "Jesus Christ the door." The centre piece of this service was a dialogue given by seven primary scholars entitled, "A message from cups," and portrayed the cups of sin, sorrow, suffering, salvation, joy and wrath, finishing with the question: "Will you make the choice and accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour?" This item was illustrated with illuminated cups as each scholar rendered his or her message. The choir then rendered the anthem, "The children are coming today," and Pastor J. Gardiuer gave the afternoon message, pointing out the need for Sunday schools in our day and urging parents and friends to encourage the children to attend Sunday school, knowing that it is here they can find life which will fit them for the future.

The evening service comprised a demonstration service of song and praise conducted by Mr. P. de Garis, entitled the "Sword of the Spirit," when approximately thirty scholars took part in singing and recitation, signifying that the Christian warrior needs a weapon, and there is none more potent than the sword of the Spirit. The hilt of the sword depicted courage and the blade was divided into six sections—knowledge, truth, love, faith, prayer and hope. This service was also illustrated with an illuminated sword.

We praise God for blessing His Word through the scholars and for giving wisdom and guidance to the teachers in training the scholars. To Him be all the glory.

MARJORIE E. KEYHO (Sunday school secretary).

SUNSHINE CORNER



DOWN WITH SCHOOL!

Hello Sunbeams.

I am sure you look forward to the end of term and the holidays, sunbeams. How wonderful to know that holidays are on the way. The Jones family were feeling glad about the end of term—but let me tell you all about it.

Tom came in half an hour late from school and slung his satchel across the room. "Latin!" he said scornfully. "Old Tu and his Latin! Why can't he be content with English? That's bad enough, but Latin of all languages!"

John looked up from the table where he was beginning his homework. "Just you wait until it's time for your G.C.E.," he said. "Ten subjects I've got—with Latin, French and German among them."

"Down with school!" chanted Peter, the youngest one. "Rotten old sums, horrid old history." "And horrible beastly school dinners," added Jenny, "yes, down with school!"

Daddy was seated in the armchair by the fire. He listened but said nothing. Later that evening, just before bedtime, Daddy reached down the big picture Bible and handed it to Tom, for it was his turn to read. It was the story of the Hebrew boys in captivity and when Tom had finished reading Daddy began to speak slowly and quietly as though he were thinking a lot. "Just think," he said, "those boys, hundreds of miles from home. Maybe they didn't even know where their mummies and daddies were. They had to learn a completely new language. They were given strange new clothes and were called by a strange new name. They had to appear before wise men and answer lots of questions. In spite of all this they were faithful to God. They refused the king's food because it had been dedicated to an idol and they lived on dried peas and water. When they were expected to bow down to heathen idols and were threatened with the lions' den and with being burnt alive they did not flinch but remained true to God! They believed that God would help them—and He did!"

When Daddy had finished speaking there was silence for a little while and then they had prayer. Daddy prayed that when they were faced with difficulties and trials God would help them to keep true to Him like the Hebrew boys.

Before they said good-night Jenny whispered to Daddy, "We're sorry, Daddy, we're awful moaners, aren't we?"

There was quite a difference in the Jones boys and girls after that. They didn't grumble about things, but tried to be faithful to the Lord and to help others. We too should remember Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego when things are difficult.

'Bye for now, and God bless you all.

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by R. R. Taylor
(Minister of Elim Church, Knottingley)

Monday, December 11th. 1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18.

"With a shout" (v. 16).

Jesus went away with a shout of triumph and the sound of a trumpet (Psalm 47 : 5). He has been away for a long time. He is preparing a place for us. He is living to make intercession for us. He went away, but not to stay. This same Jesus will return in like manner. The trumpet shall sound ! The dead shall rise ! What a word of comfort for us to know that whether dead or living we shall be caught up to be with Him for evermore. "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My special treasure" (Malachi 3 : 17, margin).

Tuesday, December 12th. 1 Thessalonians 5 : 1-11.

"Ye . . . are not in darkness" (v. 4).

Isaiah in his prophecy tells us that darkness shall cover the whole earth. The reason for this is not hard to find. Men love the darkness of sin rather than the light of righteousness. In this benighted age the child of God is called to let his light shine clearly and brightly. Blind men cannot lead the blind, but we whose eyes have been enlightened are able to guide their feet into the way of peace. Alas, how many who have been rejoicing in the light are now living in semi-darkness. How shall men know the truth if our light is hidden under a bushel? Let us rise and shine and give God the glory.

Wednesday, December 13th. 1 Thessalonians 5 : 12-28.

"Prove all things" (v. 21).

Many things are being taught today that cannot be proved. In spite of the fact that the myth of evolution has been exploded many times it is still taught in our schools. Often the teachers do not inform their scholars that this, at its best, is only a hypothetical doctrine. The Christian faith does not rest on supposition. We have proved the reality of conversion, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Divine healing. How? By the Word of God; by our own experience; and by the clear testimony of multitudes the word over. These things cannot be disproved. God issues a challenge: "Prove me now" (Malachi 3 : 10). If you will, He will.

Thursday, December 14th. 2 Thessalonians 1 : 1-12.

"You who are troubled" (v. 7).

"Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble" (Job 14 : 1).

Certainly we live in a world that is troubled by many things. It is plagued by sin and all the many evils that are directly or indirectly the result of sin. Some are in trouble through disobedience to God's word, as was Jonah. Some are in trouble because of their faithful adherence to His Divine commands, as were Paul and his companions (2 Corinthians 4 : 8). What is the remedy? "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee" (Psalm 50 : 15). Jonah called and was delivered (Jonah 2); Paul called and was delivered (2 Timothy 3 : 11). Whatever the reason for our trouble let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and call upon Him.

Friday, December 15th. 2 Thessalonians 2 : 1-17.

What a battleground for the several schools of prophetic thought has been this chapter. We have read many books that have given various interpretations of these scriptures.

Without entering into any controversy we see in this passage a titanic struggle between good and evil; righteousness and sin. From the beginning this battle has been raging and as the age draws to its close it seems to be getting more intense. Today many are being defeated and are falling away (v. 3). Iniquity is abounding and the love of many is waxing cold. How necessary therefore for us to don the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand in the evil day.

Saturday, December 16th. 2 Thessalonians 3 : 1-18.

"The Lord direct your hearts" (v. 5).

If the Lord does not direct our hearts then we are in danger of going astray. Because mankind has not allowed God to take over the reins of his life, his deceitful and wicked heart (Jeremiah 17 : 9) has led him into the byways of sin. On one occasion David took over the direction of his heart and we all know the tragic result. David was, however, deeply concerned with his crimes and in anguish cried out, "Create in me a clean heart" (Psalm 51 : 10). The sinful heart of man can be cleansed by the precious blood of Christ and as the new life is directed by God he walks in the paths of righteousness.

Sunday, December 17th. Psalm 45 : 1-17.

"The oil of gladness" (v. 7).

Without any doubt at all we know that the psalmist is writing of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is made abundantly clear from the first chapter of Hebrews. Among the many wonderful things taught here is the truth that real, lasting happiness is to be found in righteousness. The Devil has, through the ages, deceived men into believing that the opposite is true. The oil of gladness is poured upon those who hate sin and love Christ (He is our righteousness). Sin, in whatever form it takes, brings ultimate regret, remorse and misery in its train. "The ransomed of the Lord shall . . . obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35 : 10).

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The lonely and shut-ins these winter days.

A servant of God who needs healing.

Thought for the week

Prayer is the power by which that comes to pass which would not otherwise take place.

COMING EVENTS

BARKING. December 9. Eim Church, Ripple Road. Building Fund Rally. Visit of students from college.

PALMERS GREEN. December 9 and 10. Eim Church, Russell Road (off Bowes Road). Church Anniversary. Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Speaker: A. Brooks.

ROMFORD. December 9 and 10. Eim Church, Wheatsheaf Road (off Brentwood Road). Visit of Dr. John Wesley White (All-England Crusade Evangelist) and Team. Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Laurie Hall, Romford Market Place. 8.15 p.m. December 16-18. Saturday 3 and 6.30 p.m. Revival Rally in Salem Baptist Church, London Road, Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and Monday 7.30 p.m. in Eim Church. Guest preacher: L. Cowdery. Southampton Youth Choir.

THORNTON HEATH. December 24. Eim Church, Mersham Road. Family Christmas Service 6.30 p.m. Carols by candlelight, tree, etc. Children specially welcomed.

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Urgent prayer request

Prayer is requested for Mrs. Bristow, wife of Pastor Bristow, of Wimborne, who is seriously ill in a London hospital.

FROM OUR POSTBAG

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the article "Why the Sunday school is important," in this week's EVANGEL (November 18th). The two American writers suggest that the Sunday school is important: (i) to stop the spread of Communism, (ii) to prevent the rise in crime, (iii) to save from callous behaviour at home. Surely all these things are secondary to the fact that the Sunday school is an effective way of winning souls for Christ. If the American writers are correct, then the motive for my Sunday school efforts has been completely wrong. We try to teach them the love of God, and bring them to accept the Saviour. Out of the sixty or so young people in the church here, half have come through the Sunday school. Youth is the time when great decisions are made . . . that is why the Sunday school is important.

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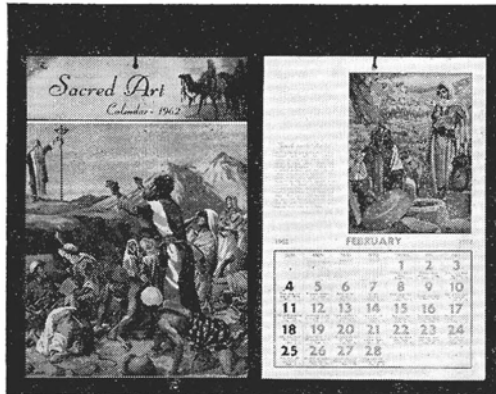
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