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THE MEN AT THE HELM

By Rev. S. Gorman

The members of the Elim Bible College synod are appointed by the Conference of the Elim Church. They are Pastors J. T. Bradley, G. W. Gilpin (Principal of the college), S. Gorman, H. W. Greenway, A. D. Hathaway, J. J. Morgan and H. Burton-Haynes.

Their function consists in the general oversight of the college, planning the curriculum and considering applications for admission to the college. As well as being members of the faculty they are all on the tutorial staff and lecture on such subjects as New Testament analysis, systematic theology, Old Testament history and apologetics. All this well qualifies them for the work they undertake from time to time as members of the synod.

EDITORIAL—Common sense and Pentecost

The Elim Church considers that deep emotional upsurges and the effusion of spiritual life that accompany the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit are not incompatible with sound common sense and an education that furnishes the mind in all branches of life's many fields of learning.

With this in mind the synod of Elim Bible College and Missionary Training Institute has planned its curriculum. The two-year course of training leads to the E.B.C. Diploma and not only places special emphasis on aspects of Pentecostal doctrine, but is so arranged that a foundation is laid for any who wish to proceed to the C.R.K., the Diploma in Theology, or the B.D. of London University. Indeed, some Elim students are doing this just now.

The present-day phenomenon of spiritual visitation, accompanied by supernatural signs, makes the activi-

ties of this Pentecostal Bible college of tremendous importance. It provides facilities for the training of students from all over the world who wish to study the Word of God in an atmosphere of Pentecostal enlightenment and under the guidance of experienced tutors, most of whom have ministered in Pentecostal churches for many years.

The Principal and Matron, Rev. and Mrs. G. Wesley Gilpin, personally supervise the work of students and are available for advice and discussion where students' problems are concerned. The development of natural talents and the encouragement to deeper spiritual life are regarded as having priority over all educational activities.

PRINCIPAL, REV. G. WESLEY GILPIN.



ALL OVER THE WORLD GOD CALLS

M. DUNK

NEW ZEALAND

REALITY—a very hard thing to find. The world can offer a life that produces temporary satisfaction, but from a heart that has been sparked off by the Lord Jesus Christ I can say I have discovered lasting joy in a life with a purpose and challenge since I accepted Him as my personal Saviour.



R. BRODERICK

SOUTH AFRICA

In my Christian life I have found it is a good thing to keep a regular time for prayer each day. We are taught the value of discipline, careful planning and routine living, which is an excellent ideal.

However, ordered living, if not properly watched, can be dangerous. In our prayer life it is extraordinarily easy to allow routine to seep in. Some pray each day what they prayed the day previous; and will pray tomorrow what they pray today with little variation. Consequently the circle of prayer never expands to its permitted flexibility. I thank God for showing me this extremely subtle danger.



A. CUMMINGS

JAMAICA

The tree moved. I was scared. Returning from my first Pentecostal meeting in Jamaica, I had given the meeting little thought. Then a cherry tree in my pathway shook. Other trees were still and this unusual event frightened me. As I watched, God spoke to my heart—"There is no satisfaction without Me." I didn't understand the tree moving—but I did understand the voice and surrendered to it, finding that satisfaction.

MISS V. BOLLIGER

SWITZERLAND

For years I tried to please God with good works and sacrifice—yet I did not get nearer to Him. Neither could people see any change in my life. But one day I got so convicted and oppressed that I asked: "What can I do?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved." Then I understood; it was for me He died, to set me free. He is now my Saviour, the way, the truth and the life.



E. LEWIS

WALES

It is now nearly eight years since that afternoon when I was handed a blue pamphlet entitled "Becoming a Christian," written by John Stott. Within weeks I found myself reading through the New Testament. Then one night I knelt at my bedside, surrendered my life to Christ and found the glorious assurance of sins forgiven.



NORMAN WHITLA

N. IRELAND

"All without Christ face the 'condemned cell' of this world," commented a preacher on John 3:18. For the first time I saw that I was a guilty sinner. Condemned cells have limitations, and further years of pursuit of the world's attractions took me from Ireland to Canada. Here too I heard that through Christ there was pardon, since He had paid the penalty for sin at Calvary. In faith I believed this. The Lord saved me—now I am free indeed!

AND WE ANSWER— "HERE AM I"

NEHEMIAH

REBUILDER

By M. J. FRITH (New Zealand)

NEHEMIAH had to achieve the impossible to rebuild Jerusalem. Strong opposition was raised by many who did not want the desolate ruins restored. After a night ride around the city he shared his burden with the rulers, who found the spirit of his address, his credentials and example contagious. During the following days anger, scorn and ridicule were poured upon Nehemiah, who did not flinch but kept his eyes on the Lord, not on the opposition. Rich and poor worked side by side and when the threat of battle came Nehemiah divided his men, half working with weapons beside them, while half were armed at constant alert. All worked with a singleness of purpose inspired by Nehemiah on the spot day and night directing the work by exhortation and example.

He overcame all obstacles by prudence and vigilance and thus finished rebuilding the walls in only fifty-two days.

RESTORER OF WORSHIP

By J. PUCKETT (Ycovil)

SURELY the chief desire of all revival-seekers is to see God honoured and worshipped. Nehemiah was no exception.

He saw God's name dishonoured by the state of his city and people. Seeing this need he wept, mourned, fasted and prayed. Then, standing upon the promise of God, he took that first great step in spite of his fear of man. With much hard work and the city restored, he sought to bring back the worship of God. That vital step—the reading of the Word—brought repentance, remorse, weeping and confession. Finally came floods of worship from clean hearts for the one true God.

The effects of revived, worshipping people are evident: Sabbath keeping, offerings to God, faithfulness to God's house (10:31-39) and God-given joy.

Could your assembly do with this kind of revival? Remember, Nehemiah sought God alone.

EACH ONE A

GOVERNOR

By S. HUNTLY (Letchworth)

AS governor over the captive Jews, Nehemiah was responsible for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the administration of the law and the restoration of the worship of God.

During his twelve years in office leading the people of Israel, Nehemiah, like every great leader, both worked with his men and led them into battle. He was also benevolent in that he did not tax his subjects but rather provided for their needs. Under the direction of God he took a census of the people and appointed them their duties.

In accordance with Mosaic law he purged the priesthood of undesirable elements. To preserve the purity of the Jewish race Nehemiah also separated couples who had intermarried.

In all his service Nehemiah tempered his forceful personality and persuasiveness with wisdom and tact. His secret of success could also be yours—"We made our prayer unto our God."

TWO-MINUTE SERMON

LAW RESTORER

By D. LAMBELLE (Finchley)

IS the work of the Lord progressing as it should? If not, it is through neglect of God's laws, His standard and required quality.

Nehemiah acted and did something to restore God's law. We find him encouraging charitableness towards the brethren (5:10, compare Exodus 22:5), restoring the temple's sanctity (13:8), bringing back tithing (13:11, 12), and tireless concerning worship.

It was only after prayer that God revealed this need. For Nehemiah "knew" (perceived, 13:10) and "saw" (13:15) so that he could set about the restoration. This he did for the common good.

A people serving God by their own standards could not have complete satisfaction, knowing that their worship fell below God's requirement. Yet in restoring God's law Nehemiah asks "Remember me for good" (13:31), and God will remember us also if we too restore His standard.

" WHY STUDY THE BIBLE? "

In comparison, why breathe, eat or drink? The obvious answer is "Life" (Matthew 6:25-34). Spirit-breathed Scripture radiates its Author's life—one revealed as ever willing to impart His "breath of life" to repentant sinners. Scripture reveals God, Creator and Sustainer of life; His plan, purpose and pro-

. . . asks P. Bannister (Gravesend)

vision for man's redemption. Through its pages we discern the form of Jesus Christ, "the Life" and Redeemer of men's lives; "the life-giving Bread," who also imparts "living water" to the thirsty soul willing to receive it.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

asks Trevor Partington (Sheffield)

What happens to former students? We are sure you are interested in the varied avenues of service they are now engaged in. Whether nursing, secular work, pastoral duties or missionary activity, all have found that "they take—He undertakes."

BILLY FERRACHE, NURSE. While in college she felt the Lord was calling her to do midwifery in training for missionary work. In spite of her previous dislike for this side of nursing, she has trusted Him and consequently found God's calling to be His enabling.

IDRIS RICKARD, PASTOR. On being posted to Lincoln he has had opportunity to take the Pentecostal message to other denominations through the meetings of National Young Life Campaign. Students of a local teachers' training college have shown interest in Pentecostal truths and have been given literature on these important doctrines.

MARGARET SCOTT, SECULAR WORK. God is the same in the office too. At a Swinton (Yorkshire) works, Margaret found her college training useful. Radiant living caused inquisitive minds particularly the boss.

IVOR NICKLIN, PASTOR. On leaving college, Ivor was appointed to the Devon and Cornwall presbytery, where his task was to tour some of the churches, seeking to encourage the saints, stimulate faith and extend the border of Pentecostal witness. He is now in Sunderland.

ROBERT PENDER, PASTOR. Bob is labouring at Pontardulais and has rejoiced to see young folk baptised in the Holy Spirit and believers go through the waters of baptism. Many lessons have been learnt—prime among them the importance of much waiting on God.

LAWRENCE HUGHES, MISSIONARY EXHIBITION. Before starting his duties with the exhibition a language course was attended by the former head student. This was six weeks of learning and practising language techniques. Tents and huts were utilised and furniture comprised an A.R.P. bed and an orange-box bedside table. "A wonderful, worthwhile preparation when I was able to prove God daily."

STANLEY SHAW, PASTOR. In October Pastor J. Harris conducted a mission in the Apsley Street, Belfast, church, where Stanley ministers. A number decided for Christ. At least seven people have become members; others have been baptised in water and filled with the Holy Spirit during the past year.

BILLY GIRSON, PASTOR. First at Giltbrook, Nottingham, where he ministered with good results before moving to Hadley, near Wellington.

JOHN NODDINGS, PASTOR. Left college at Christmas and took up the pastorate of Colne, Lancashire. Despite a flood when the winter frost hit his church water system, there has also been a tidal wave of blessing since John took over.

STUDENT STATISTICS

THERE were ten graduates from Elim College during the session 1961-2. Of these, seven entered the Elim ministry. One lady has been accepted as nurse-missionary for Tanganyika. The current session commenced with thirty-nine students comprising twenty-nine British, two South Africans, three Swiss, four New Zealanders, and one Jamaican. Of students at the college from 1952 to 1960—eight years—forty-seven per cent are working on the home field, ten per cent are in missionary work, three per cent were foreign students, and forty per cent are in secular employment using college experience.

IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD

IN PALESTINE

MISS HEATHER THOMSON (ROMFORD)

"Great things He hath done" are the words which echo in my mind at the close of a year in the Bible College. God's call came to me at the completion of my nursing training.

I believe that God is preparing me for work among the people of His own land—Palestine. There I hope, with God's help, to attend to the spiritual and physical needs of the patients in a mission hospital.

IN SEEKING

MISS JUDY KILLICK (WIMBLEDON)

Always a church-goer, I first heard the Gospel of salvation eight years ago, and what a joy to find a real, living Saviour in Jesus. Then followed an up-and-down experience, seeking more of God, until I was desperate for power to live as I ought, Hallelujah! I found it. "Ask, and ye shall receive."

IN EMERGENCY

MISS FAEONA REES-THOMAS

(AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND)

Nothing mattered to me but the tense, rigid moment and the patient we were working on in emergency. We had to save him. I paused; we were desperately trying to save his body, but what of his soul? Because of that moment I am now in Bible college learning how I can best minister to the people's spiritual needs.

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS!

By D. Mills (Ealing), head student

WHAT AN EXPERIENCE! How many varied shades of meaning can be put into these words, and I think that without exception a Pentecostal Bible college student has used them all in his two-year study course.

The background to college life, which includes some 250 hours per year manual work; 500 hours of private study; 500 hours of lectures (on some thirty subjects); not to mention 1,800 hours, more or less, allocated for sleep—this background has been highlighted by numerous experiences of great joy and blessing.

Early in the college year ten students accompanied by the Principal and his wife took part in a ten-day tour of some twenty churches in Scotland and Northern Ireland—a trip that would have done justice to any presidential itinerary. This broke several college records, for it fell at the same time that a party travelled to the North-west Presbytery—thirty-eight students were out preaching the Word. This was also the first time the college had been represented in both Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Perhaps I should leave the minibus to record its own story. Purchased in April 1962, the mileage is already over 20,000 in travelling to over eighty-five churches.

Of course, such travelling is not without incident. For instance there was the time when the minibus was speeding along wet roads; suddenly it hit a large puddle, showering water everywhere. One student suggested: "We ought to get a Volkswagen." He then explained: "They are guaranteed to float for half-an-hour!"

United services with other Bible colleges are always blessed. This year was no exception. Our exchange with Kenley in December was preciously blessed with God's presence. The united Bible colleges' demonstration also proved a great success.

Prayer meetings in college are always a thrill. How richly we have felt God with us as we met together each night. Once a month, too, a whole day is set aside for a wonderful opportunity to meet the Master.

A little word of appreciation here to all who show such a keen interest in the work of the college and indicate this in the hospitality we are shown, the financial support given and, most of all, the prayers on our behalf.



TRIBUTE TO THE STAFF

By MRS. G. W. GILPIN (Matron)

It gives me pleasure to pay tribute to the selfless service of the college staff. The work of the college could not continue without this band of women who have felt called to this department of the Lord's work, and the young Christian ladies from the Continent who come to learn English and while here give unstintingly of their service. We are a democratic company, in that we share all types of duties, helping wherever help is needed and doing all as "unto the Lord."

Worthy of special tribute is Miss Amy Allison, loved by so many students, past and present. Hers is a real example of the spirit of true service. For thirty-six years she has served the Lord faithfully in the college. Amid many changes over the years she has been steadfast at the post of duty. She has decided to retire this year and best wishes for health and happiness under God's blessing go with her from her multitude of friends.

To all those who work "behind the scenes" I extend my personal word of thanks, trusting that with one common aim we shall continue to seek the extension of God's kingdom until "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of the Lord and His Christ."

**CHEQUE BOOK
IN HEAVEN**

Nearly forty students—some without even a grant to help pay college fees—have given nearly £100 to missionary work in the last nine months. Almost £80 has been presented to the Elim Missionary Society and a further £20 to other causes. All from students with no wage packet, but “a cheque book in heaven,” as C. T. Studd said.

**STAY-AT-HOME
MISSIONARIES**

By John Thomas (Stafford)

MANY missionary candidates never see the field that calls them; never feel the burning passion of their lives satisfied. Fully trained they wait and wait . . . and wait.



Miss Anne Stephenson,
Huddersfield.

And often this is not the fault of the candidate, or the society which claims his allegiance; but of national policy on the particular field which forbids the entry of missionaries—or lack of financial backing at home. So spiritually zealous would-be missionaries are forced to stay at home.

Elim has many trained candidates waiting for the ticket to their field—a ticket that may never arrive. Unless, of course, you answer your own prayers and theirs. Dare you pray for the extension of our missionary programme and wait for an answer which could be in your purse or bank book? At this moment YOUR college has at least twelve future missionaries, ready to leave tomorrow, if possible.

The zeal of YOUR college students is shown in three ways: (1) sacrifice of happy, often well-paid jobs; (2) giving, as shown above; (3) an extra weekly missionary prayer meeting. In their full curriculum they already have six prayer meetings—now the perfect number, seven. This shows the fervour of YOUR students for foreign missionary enterprise.

“WE DO NOT PLAY”

A French Communist said: “The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than our Marxist philosophy, but it is we who will finally triumph. We do not play with words, we are realists. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not practise it? You sacrifice neither time nor money for it. We will win. We are ready to sacrifice everything, even our lives, but you people are afraid to soil your hands.”

We must have vision. What is vision? It is seeing the situation through God’s eyes. God “so loved the world . . .”; Christ died for “the world”; the field is “THE WORLD.” That is the vision. Help us to help THE WORLD.

CALL OF THE DARK CONTINENT

Africa has always been the call of Miss Anne Stephenson’s heart. And now the Huddersfield missionary candidate has been told that her years of nursing and Bible study have been worth while, for she leaves for Transvaal later this year—Elim’s next missionary.

**MUSIC — IN
OUT AND UP**

Geoffrey and Mary Smales (Kingstanding)

IN. Music cannot be separated from daily living, neither can it be separated from life in the Elim Bible College. From all parts of the building issue varied and prolonged noises: voice or violin, accordion or clarinet, nothing surprises us, yet from this confusion emerges real music . . . everything from the band to the choir! God has bestowed talents upon many students who give up their time to practise Gospel music; and for all of us there are regular class lessons that we might be well prepared for the future.

OUT. Often the college talent is “called out,” and whether for campaigns or youth clubs, open-air services or conferences it matters not, since all is service for Jesus Christ. But what when we leave college and are out in churches? We shall still serve the Lord with music in some way.

UP. For music is no end in itself, but often a means of salvation, and up in heaven there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth; and when we reach our heavenly home our time of preparation and service in music will be consummated when we all sing a NEW SONG of worship, Hallelujah!

★ PICTORIAL

A camera round-up of college activities, from a working day with hammer or axe to the vital ministry in music, personal work, or by "the foolishness" of preaching.

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Ron MacKenzie, East Ham, puts finishing touches to a repair job in a skylight high up on the college roof.

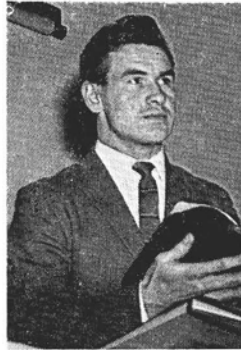
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Steve Haly
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share with

Head student

David Mills, left, former industrial chemist, now head student. Leaving in July, he goes into the Elim ministry.

Student pastor

Tony Williams preaches from the pulpit he has vacated at Brixton Elim Church. For twelve months he combined his duties as a student with the arduous task of pastoring the assembly.



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Music plays its part in college activity. Left to right: Geoffrey and Mary Smales, Tony Leavesley, John and Doreen Harwood, Bill Thornton and David Woodfield form the backbone of the musical success of the current college session.



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*"This day is salvation come
to this house." Luke 19 : 9*

Tony Leavesley, Leicester, and Graham Knight, New Zealand, join forces to take the Gospel of life to this Brixton house. Every week dozens of local people receive the message of salvation in this manner. The words which Jesus spoke to Zacchæus, "This day is salvation come to this house," have been heard in moments of rejoicing after souls have been saved.



Courses on New Testament Greek, prophecy, homiletics and publicity are included in the curriculum.

“Men are God’s method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.”

OUTWARD BOUND

HOME FIELD . . .

CHARLES STACEY (CARDIFF)

A gauntlet has been thrown down before me, and as a true soldier of Christ I am accepting the challenge—to preach the greatest message ever to a world whose need has remained unchanged since creation. Paul thanked God for counting him worthy of being placed into the ministry and I, too, pray earnestly that God may find me as faithful in the same high office.

The Lord told Moses: “Thou shalt serve Me upon this mount,” which challenges me to serve God on the mount on which He has placed me—the Elim movement.

TONY WILLIAMS (KIDDERMINSTER)

“Many people have an aim in life but never pull the trigger.” Reflecting on almost two years of study I can thank God for His faithful and changeless power.

Once I lived an aimless life, then Jesus saved me eight years ago and gave me a glorious purpose. (Ecclesiastes 3:14).

“My talents, gifts and graces, Lord,
Into Thy blessed hands receive;
And let me live to preach Thy Word,
And let me to Thy glory live.
My every sacred moment spend
In publishing the sinner’s Friend.”

P. QUEST (BIRMINGHAM)

Three years have passed since I first felt the constrain-

ing voice of the Holy Spirit in my heart, compelling me to enter into more active service for the Lord. Since then I have been amazed at the way in which God has guided and directed. Now the time of initial preparation is almost over; ahead lies the task for which I have been preparing. In the words of the hymn,

“Not mine, not mine the choice
In things, be great or small;
Be Thou to me my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom and my All.”

RON MACKENZIE (EAST HAM)

“Whom shall I send, who will go for us?” These challenging words to the prophet Isaiah echo and re-echo down through approximately 2,700 years of time. It was these words that clinched my desire to tell a needy world of a loving Saviour. My two years at college are fast drawing to a close and within a matter of weeks I shall be “outward bound.” Where remains to be seen. But I am certain that He who has called is able to guide, guard, keep and sustain (Joshua 1:5-9).

ALAN FAULKNER (OLD HILL)

We are all eager to see Christ’s command to go to “every creature” fulfilled. Britain today has an average church attendance of two per cent. How many of these are saved? Here lies the answer to the lack of missionaries who must come from the home base. England is heathen, not Christian. The supply station has itself become a needy field. How can the flame be spread from a dying home fire? Our country must be “set in order.” Such a task cannot be accomplished but by “prayer and fasting.”

. . . AND FOREIGN FIELD

MISS BRENDA WILLIAMS (LEEDS)

Where did my salvation begin? Christening, confirmation, regular church attendance? No! But when I met Jesus face to face and exercised active faith in His death at Calvary. God has since led me in wonderful ways.

Feeling His call for the foreign field I realised I must equip myself. Thus I spent five years in nursing training.

Outward bound—yes. But where I do not know. This, however, I am assured of—the heathen for my inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for my possession, for God has promised it.

DAVID WOODFIELD (SHREWSBURY)

Whatever the colour of a man’s skin, his heart, before God, is the same the world over. Can we who claim to know the salvation of God sit at ease while multitudes are dying without Christ?

If we, as Christians, do not tell the lost of Christ they will never hear. So I am preparing myself for wherever God wants to use me—in the snows of the north or the heat of the tropics. Everywhere man’s need is the same and I know the answer to that need—Jesus.

JOHANNES D. DE SWARDT (SOUTH AFRICA)

With Europeans, Indians, Cape coloureds and Bantus in South Africa to reach with God’s Word my opportunities will be unlimited when returning home. Assisting my evangelist father, a great gospel tent will be used to evangelise, establish churches and bring the Gospel to smaller villages. Communism, nationalism, Mohammedanism and other forces are after the nation—which makes it important that all possible means should be used to reach them without delay. But with Satan and sin as the main opposition, prayer and the power of God are the only solution.



GET IN THE PICTURE— JOIN US AT COLLEGE

Specialisation is an important factor in industrial development today. Why should less be regarded as necessary in the most important of all callings—Christian service? In order to do this you must not only know the Saviour but you must know His Book and how to apply its teaching. Any old thing will not do for this tremendous task.

You say: "I would like to be a more effectual Sunday school teacher," "I feel the urge to become a whole-time worker for God in my own land or overseas," "I am a day-school teacher but would like to use my position to influence the young people under my care." Then get into training—go to it with a will and you will find that God will supply your need.

The phenomenal growth of false religions, such as those put forth by the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, is the result of well-organised, concerted effort on a world-wide scale. There must be a Bible answer to this situation and yours is the responsibility to find it. Materialism and the "never-had-it-so-good" feeling of many people can only be broken into by the prophetic voice under Divine anointing. The know-how and the preparation are provided for in Bible school. The incidence of modernism is real, and destructive of faith. This is a challenge to every Bible-loving person to know the Book and join the ranks of those who "hold forth the word of truth."

So get in the picture! Get into battle array! Fight the good fight of faith with all your might!

G. Wesley Gilpin (Principal)

THE CALL GOES OUT

How do men and women react when the call of God comes to their souls? Here are testimonies from some who have met the call with a resolute determination to meet it and match up to the challenge.

G. WALLACE (Ballymena, Northern Ireland)

It is not God's way to take a person and place him in full-time service with no action on the part of the individual. And this is something I have had to find out.

After my conversion, at seventeen, I felt a desire to work for Christ. This was an urge that further years and eventually a wife and child could not change. So it was no hasty decision that led me to college. Much prayer, reading of the Word and the blessing of my family brought the final choice to a head; I would serve God in the pastoral ministry.

There were difficulties to my entering college. I had a family—but little money. God, however, supplied all my needs "according to His riches." As I step out in a few weeks' time to the work I go forward not only to the reunion with wife and daughter, but more especially to a life of service for Him.



MISS D. WILLINGTON (Wimbledon)

Some know exactly where God wants them to work. I do not. My life has been spent following God one step at a time.

The first step was salvation—five years ago. Next I stepped into nursing, for four and a half years. Witnessing was difficult and, along with a call to full-time service which I quenched, caused a year's backsliding.

Lack of prayer was the main reason for this downfall. A two-week missionary conference led to my rededication and, eventually, giving up everything I possessed to God and His work.



J. HARWOOD (Yardley)

I WAS a teacher. I taught for one year in a Birmingham girls' secondary modern school. During that year I had the privilege of giving religious instruction to half the school, and the wonderful joy of seeing over forty girls give their hearts to the Lord.

For twelve months I gave out faithfully and enthusiastically from my knowledge of the Bible and my personal experience of the Saviour. After those twelve months I was in a state of spiritual exhaustion. I felt an urgent need to study more deeply the Word of God, and to consolidate what I already knew. The obvious answer to my mind was a full-time course of religious education at a Bible college.

The call of God consists of a passion for souls, a restlessness of spirit, and an uncontrollable desire to be given 100 per cent to the Lord's work. This is my experience.

"If you haven't heard the call of God—see if you are within calling distance."



SIEGFRIED AND MAGDALENA SCHATZMANN (Switzerland)

God always called men and women who first dedicated their whole lives to Him. It is something demanded by God before He will call anyone. This is still true today and was so in our lives.

At the age of about nineteen I, Siegfried, remember a distinct day when I yielded my life fully to the Lord. A few days later He called us to be His labourers on a mission field. My favourite country was Japan, but soon after I entered the Bible college the Lord showed me that He dislikes a preoccupied mind. I made myself free from all fixed ideas and was ready to go where He wanted me to go. Then, one Sunday morning, I heard the clear call of God to Japan. Since then He has wonderfully opened the way so that we hope to leave Switzerland next year for the field and would covet your prayers.

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SIX-POINT WORK OF WITNESS

SIR, I have no man . . ." (John 5:7). No, it's not the plaintive cry of an aged spinster, nor the desperate dream of a teenage girl. It is the word of despair from a man, sick in body, who realised he was helpless. Today that cry is echoed in the hearts of millions, hundreds of them in the City of London. But Christ is still ready to answer the call; still able to give life, to quicken the mortal soul in distress. And there are still men and women willing to be used by God to take the words of life to those in need.

In dimly lit Soho night club doorways; in the centre of a family gathering; on buses, underground trains; under street lamps—in fact wherever anyone will listen we are anxious to speak the words of life.

If there is no time for a chat then a carefully selected tract will do the work as efficiently. Over 1,000 tracts a week leave the college on their errands of mercy, forming the backbone of the six-point attack which students wage on sin. Soho, Embankment, door-to-door, open-air, children's work and literature are the spearheads which God is using in the increase of His kingdom.

★ The work in Soho consists of literature distribution and personal contacts on Friday evening from 11 o'clock until 2.30 on Saturday morning. Hundreds of people are contacted in these forays into enemy territory and many useful acquaintances struck up which often end in the salvation of souls.

★ On the Thames Embankment a similar task is undertaken, mostly among down-and-outs, with the co-operation of the London Embankment Mission.

★ Other activities include door-to-door work near to the college. There is usually an interest in the message carried by young men and women on fire for God.

★ An open-air spot in the centre of busy Brixton is the rendezvous on Sunday afternoon. As well as giving experience in speaking it gives an opportunity of salvation to many whose shadow never falls across the church doorway.

★ What must be the most important work, however, is the weekly children's meeting, with up to eighty packing the college lecture room. The message of Christ goes out on film-strip, flannel-graph or verbally. Since Christmas several youngsters have claimed Jesus Christ as Saviour and the work goes on—putting Scripture into the hearts of children so that they will be ready for the moment of decision when it comes.

This is what the students do for Christ. Much of it voluntarily; all of it, we trust, with the backing of your prayers. "Ye also helping together by prayer for us . . ." (2 Corinthians 1:11).

D. B. HALL (NUNEATON).

A STORY FOR CHILDREN

BE PREPARED

By BILL THORNTON (Enfield)

IT couldn't be! Not now! Not here! Oh, no!"
But alas, it was.

At a certain army camp many years ago, apart from lots of soldiers with big heavy boots, you would have seen a hut for the wounded. There they had nothing to do but sit, talk and wait while being nursed better. What a lazy time. Would you have liked that?

Well, one afternoon there they were as usual, sitting back in comfortable chairs, unshaven, scruffy. "Why bother?" they would say, when suddenly the door opened and . . . HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Oh dear! How they tried to tidy things up and smarten themselves, but too late. The Queen had arrived. What shame—they were not ready.

Would those soldiers ever let that happen again? No. They were always ready just in case.

Listen, Jesus, our wonderful King, said He was to visit us again one day. We aren't sure when we are not going to be caught out, are we? How can we be ready? Obeying our parents and teachers, yes. Most of all by loving and serving Jesus. Remember Jesus said: "Be ye also ready."



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by L. C. Quest
(Minister of Elim Church, Erdington)

Monday, June 17th. Job 23 : 1-17.

"Oh that I knew where I might find Him!"

Job is desperate! While there is a sting in his reply, there are intimations that he is turning towards God. In his words of outward confession (23 : 3, 10, 14) is there a turning from self-centredness to God? This can and must be true of the Christian. When our faith is God-centred, not self-centred, and there is a looking away from ourselves to God, then are we better able to deal with sin and disease. A minister preached ten consecutive Sundays on "How to avoid a nervous breakdown," and ended up with one himself. Don't be centred on breakdowns—be centred on Divine resources!

Tuesday, June 18th. Job 28 : 1-28.

"But where shall wisdom be found?"

Job, the one-time wealthy man, proceeds to talk about the wealth of gold, silver, precious stones and other metals, and the inventions of men—the searching and finding of which only bring forth dissatisfaction—and having spoken of the wealth of the world he cries for something money cannot buy: wisdom! Inestimable wisdom! Not money, nor vain philosophy, but wisdom that is hid in God. For the child of God what a wonderful promise there is in James 1 : 5: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally."

Wednesday, June 19th. Job 29 : 1-25.

"Oh that I were as in months past."

What was it Job longed for? Health? Prosperity? A good frame of mind? His youth? Or was it the old realisation of the presence and power of God? It is surprising what tragedies and trials are revealed when we begin to confess. Thousands are echoing these words today for revival and restoration. The Bible assures us that God is a Divine Restorer. "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation" cried David (Psalm 51 : 12). God says, "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2 : 25). He is the God of new beginnings!

Thursday, June 20th. Job 32 : 1-22.

"I am young, and ye are very old."

This is a new voice, the voice of youth. Eliphaz, the man of the old prophetic style; Bildad, the wise man, with the lore of his time; and Zophar, with his intellectual or spiritual culture, have condemned Job without discovering a cause. Elihu, a young man of modesty and humility, a man of ability who has listened and learned, begs permission to speak. He claims to be a friend in God's stead. Youth must take its place in the church and in the world today. Paul knew Timothy's embarrassment among the elders of the church: "Let no man despise thy youth" (1 Timothy 4 : 12). Dedicated and sanctified youth are needed.

Friday, June 21st. Job 33 : 8-26.

"He shall pray unto God."

Elihu speaks more from inspiration than experience (33 : 4), unfolding two great truths—that God is infinitely greater than man, and that He is not accountable to us. Why strive against Him (33 : 13)? Man must be patient and penitent before God. Prayer for pardon, prayer for health

must be in the spirit of supplication, not striving. Is any afflicted, any sick? Let him pray. Peace in the heart and mind is essential to prayer. The right attitude of prayer is found in Hebrews 4 : 16: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Grace to help!

Saturday, June 22nd. Job 38 : 1-21.

"Then the Lord answered Job."

Then! After Job and his friends have been trying to find out the cause of Job's problems, and failed, then! Job has silenced his three friends and cannot convince them of his integrity in the main: Elihu has silenced Job somewhat; then God comes in and convices Job of his unadvised speaking and humbles him. This is the teaching of Christ in the parable of the Pharisee and the publican (Luke 18 : 11-13). Humiliation and contrition do not boil over with many words, but wait for God to speak. "Speak, Lord, in Thy stillness, while I wait on Thee."

Sunday, June 23rd. Job 38 : 22-41.

"Hast thou? . . . Canst thou? . . . Knowest thou?"

Man's extremity is God's opportunity. God answers Job in the form of an avalanche of questions. There are fifty-seven in chapters 38 and 39 alone. Each question is in itself a revelation and an education to the wavering patriarch. All God's "Hast thou?" and "Canst thou?" are evidence of what God has done and what He can do. This is a revelation and assurance to the heart, not to the brain. God did not consult weak and ignorant man about His creation and redemption. Known to God are all His ways. God is in nature, but the nature of God I find in Christ. He cannot fail, for He is God!

PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman

"He prayeth" (Acts 9 : 11).

The young man Saul of Tarsus is wonderfully converted on the road to Damascus. He is led by the hand into the city, blinded by the glory he has seen. In his blindness he prays and sees a vision of a man coming to him and bringing him his sight. Although blind, as he prays he sees. What revelations God gives when a man or a woman prays.

A man may seemingly be a failure as Abraham Lincoln, but when he sees God in prayer he sees what he can ultimately be. So as Abraham Lincoln took failure and turned it into success, so can the one who sees God.

When people are weary and spend time waiting upon God, a new vision of the eternal is given to them. Their strength is renewed that they may press on to the goal that the Lord has set before them.

Dear reader, did you once have a goal before you? Did you secretly hide within your heart an ambition which no one knew but yourself and God? Somehow with the passing of the years the ambition has not been realised, the goal not reached. Why not look away to God in prayer and let the vision be renewed? Saul had to wait until Ananias was assured that the persecutor of the Christians was really a Christian himself. There may be reasons why the ambition has not been realised. Saul did not know about the man who was to come to him being so slow to go at God's bidding. He may have wondered at the delay, but at last he came and the vision of earthly things was restored. Behold, he prayeth. Keep close to God in the place of prayer.

Prayer is requested for

Revival throughout Britain.

God to encourage His servants in hard places.

The Elim missionaries in Formosa.

Thought for the week

"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry" (Psalm 34 : 15).

COMING EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM, Selly Oak. June 22-24. Elim Church, Alton Road. First anniversary of new church. Guest speakers: W. J. Maybin and Nataraja Moodliar with his piano accordion, supported by singing group from Worcester and Graham Street and Selly Oak choirs. Convener: Frank Shadlock. Saturday 7.30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday 7.30 p.m.

BOGNOR REGIS. Elim Church, Waterloo Square. Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30 p.m. Minister: Neville West. Visitors welcome.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. June 15-17. Elim Church, Moor Street. Sunday School Anniversary. Speaker: R. Morrison. Saturday 7.30 p.m. (convention). Sunday 3 and 6.30 p.m. Monday 7 p.m. June 22, 23. Sunday School Anniversary. Speaker: P. Brewer. Saturday 7.30 p.m. (convention). Sunday 3 and 6.30 p.m.

CHELTENHAM. June 15, 16. Elim Church, St. George's Road. Visit of J. J. Morgan to open new meeting hall at 117 St. George's Road. Saturday 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE. June 15. Open Day. Grounds and college open from 2.30 p.m. Marquee services at 3 and 7 p.m. Guest speaker: H. Palliser (Carlisle).

ILFORD. June 29. Elim Church, Clements Road. Monthly Rally. Speaker: Wesley Gilpin, with Mrs. Gilpin and family. 7 p.m.

JERSEY. A very warm welcome is extended to all holiday-makers and visitors to Jersey to visit the Elim Church, Glenham Hall, New St. James's Place, St. Helier. Sundays 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 7.30 p.m. Minister: J. S. Matts.

LONDON. June 16. Elim Church, Carlisle Street. Dresden. Branch Sunday School, Pinewood Crescent Schools, Meir. Anniversary services. Speaker: David Rees-Thomas (New Zealand). Procession of witness, 2 p.m. Anniversary service in school. 6.30 p.m.

MOSBROUGH. June 15-27. The Marquee, Blenkinsop's field. Revival Crusade, conducted by the Crusade Team: Fred Hammond, Herbert Cocking and Eric Garner. Weeknights 7.30 p.m. Sundays 8.15 p.m. June 29. Presbytery Rally. Speaker: the President. 7.30 p.m.

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THORNTON HEATH. June 15, 16. Elim Church, Mersham Road. Church anniversary services. Speaker: L. Tranter (Worthing). Saturday, Watford Crusaders' Musical Group. 7 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. June 23. Sunday School Anniversary. Special items from children. 6.30 p.m.

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA. June 23. Elim Church, Electric Avenue (corner of Fairfax Drive). Special speaker: Bernard Hobrow. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. June 30. Special speaker: Wilfred Brinkman. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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Miss M. Gwynne, on furlough from Southern Rhodesia, will visit the following churches: June 15, Finchley; 16, Barking.

Joseph Smith will visit the following churches: June 10-16, Dumfries and Greta; 17-23, Greenock.

M. O. Thomas will visit the following churches: June 15, Rathfriland; 16, Moneyslane; 17, Banbridge; 18, Annaghanoon; 19, Lurgan; 20, Portadown; 21, Megaberry; 22, Armagh; 23, Armagh and Market Hill.

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MARRIAGE

SAUL-HEMMINGS. On May 25th, at Westcliff Elm Church, Francis Joseph Holmes Saul to Grace Maud Marion Hemmings. Officiating minister: George Buckhouse.

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WITH CHRIST

HOLDEN. On May 20th, Archibald Howard Holden, aged 80, member of Elm Church, Hove, for many years. "With the Lord." Officiating minister at funeral: L. G. Brooker (in absence of J. J. Way).

LATE NEWS

Great meetings and wonderful fellowship at Elim Conference in Skegness, just concluded. Holiday-makers joined with delegates in the morning devotional periods, enjoying the rich ministry of the Word, and also in the four great public meetings in the Algitha Road Methodist Church, which were very well attended. The offering at the Tuesday missionary meeting amounted to £100. Our brother John Carter, of the Assemblies of God, ministered most acceptably at the Thursday evening ordination and communion service. Full reports and photographs will appear in a later issue.

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