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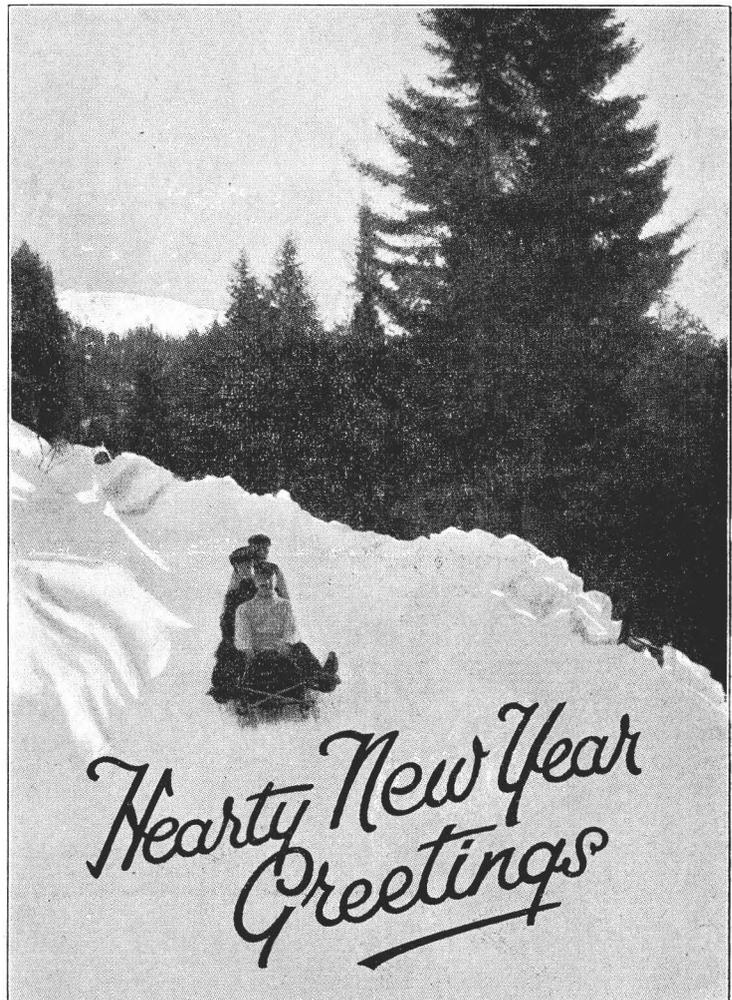
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OPPORTUNITY

Waiting a fairer day to dawn?
To do a nobler deed?
Time rushes by so swiftly
Like a warrior on his steed.
Hastening to the slaughter
'Ere life's sun be set,
Shrouding souls in darkness,
Deepening regret.
Up! Thy light is risen!
Hasten while 'tis day!
Pierce the gloomy prison
With His brighter ray.
Beat the swift avenger,
Hasten to the spoil,
Millions are endangered,
Pitiful their call.
Ride the hours with fury,
Mighty steeds of worth,
Onward to the conquering
Over all the earth!

—Leslie W. Smith.



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DEVOTIONAL MOMENTS

God-given Hopes and Horizons

"In the beginning . . . God." Genesis i. 1.

By Pastor E. C. W. BOULTON

FROM the cradle to the grave human life has many a new beginning; days in the calendar of life's history which mark some distinct departure from the old, and advance into the new; when tremblingly our hands thrust aside the curtain of the unseen, and we step out into the morrow with hope in the heart and a firm confidence in Him who is invisible. Occasions when the Divine urge is strong within the soul, and we grow bold to launch some new enterprise for God; when we are ready to shoulder some fresh responsibility, and accept some new relationship, surrendering ourselves to some high and holy endeavour, setting forth upon our crusade with the torch of truth in our hands and the flame of God in our hearts.

We can think of that moment when we flung ourselves at the feet of God in utter abasement and abandonment to His call and constraint; when Divine vision came to birth within the soul—vision destined to transform the whole course of life for us; when the hand of the Lord arrested and aroused in us a new consciousness of and consecration to the purpose of the Almighty. We can think of that hour when like Abraham of old we assayed to go out into the unknown, a decision which for ever separated us unto Him. Perhaps for some it was to climb the Horeb of blood-red sacrifice, or face the Peniel of spiritual conflict and crisis, or tread the Damascus Road of sudden and surprising revelation, which swept us into a new place of victory in God. That beginning, marked as it was by the opening of a fresh fountain of joy within the soul, led us out into the "large place" of service for God; when the channel of fellowship with Him was deepened and filled with a strange yet beautiful envelopment of the Eternal, life's pathway shining with a new-born certainty of His faithfulness.

Today, standing as we do before the open door of another New Year, what splendid hopes are kindled within the breast! The lamp of God is re-lit within the temple of our hearts. Maybe we are enjoying that sense of spiritual exultation which attends the soul's emergence into the bracing air of some spiritual upland, where things are seen which human lips cannot utter. Or is it that God is issuing some new challenge to faith, making some greater demand upon courage? Is the finger of God pointing to fresh spiritual conquests, and the spirit within us being stung to a deeper and more intimate acceptance of His Lordship? Are we being constrained to a fresh handing over to Him of the government of life? As we front this fresh year is the focus of our devotion being drawn from "His work" to Himself—from what we can DO for Him, to what we can be TO Him? And here we pause a moment to remember that, in God, commencement is the earnest of consummation; that to each Divine beginning there is some splendid sequel—sometime, somewhere!

At times the soul in its quest of eternal realities comes upon what it fondly regards as a fresh spiritual discovery of God, whereas it is nothing less than a glorious self-disclosure of God. The experience, precious and intensely real as it is, assumes the form of something entirely new, whilst,

in fact, it is simply the transfiguration of the old and familiar; the concealed glory bursting forth, as the sun breaks through the thick clouds to clothe a drab and dreary earth with golden beauty. Perhaps it is the re-kindling of the sanctuary fire, or the creation of a more passionate desire to know Him and the fellowship of His mighty love, or the upspringing and forth-flowing of a stronger and purer current of worship, which now possesses the soul. Or does one become conscious of some fresh and finer chord in the music of life, to which He is listening? The adding of a new shapeliness to the image of Himself in the earthen vessel upon which He, the Great Potter, is at work?

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New Year Thoughts from the President

Pastor P. S. Brewster

IT is common knowledge that if we knew more we would shape our lives accordingly. This is Coronation year, and in view of the veiled future insurance companies are accepting fifteen per cent as an insurance in case something happens and the Queen is not crowned. If we knew the exact day of our death I am positive that many things would immediately be done so that when the hour struck all would be well. The same thing would apply if we knew the moment of Christ's second advent. Hurried, vital preparations would be made, and sincere intentions towards God and man would be the order of the day.

If we really believed that God intends to keep His word as He has promised, then I am sure changes would be made. So many people seem to live in the air, in the realm of phantasy! They never seem to come down to earth and face up to the facts of life as they are, or to the solemn implications of the Word of God.

The Pharisees once said, "If we had lived in the days of our fathers we would not have killed the prophets." To prove this they began to whitewash and garnish the tombs of the prophets slain by their fathers. Whilst they were making this showy pretence of loyalty to a past age, they were planning to kill the greatest Prophet who ever lived. It was not long after this that Christ was crucified and nailed to a tree. Thus their words and intentions were void and empty.

In these last days we must be realists and face everything as it is and not what it appears to be. One day every Christian must give an account of his life lived from the moment of his conversion. The real truth will then come out as to how he has lived before God and man: whether he has lived for the glory of God, and the depth of his



Pastor and Mrs. P. S. Brewster with Alan, Ruth, Ann, and Linda.

spiritual convictions. Also how much he has really given of himself in blood, toil and sweat to the cause of Christ.

There is a great difference of opinion as to whether a spiritual revival will take place before Jesus comes, or whether the Saviour will burst through the sky and find His Church asleep and entirely indifferent. We cannot know definitely, but I personally believe that before that **great day** is upon us we are going to see a mighty manifestation of God's power in the salvation of precious souls and the healing of sick bodies, and the whole of the country stirred. The Church came into being with signs and wonders, and it is to be expected that she will be raptured with the manifestations of Divine power.

It is because we do not know when Christ will come that I now solemnly urge all Elim members and friends everywhere to treat this year as the possible advent year. To the Empire and Commonwealth it is the Coronation year, when our gracious Queen is to be crowned, supported by all the tradition, ceremony, and splendour of a vast and mighty Empire. Perhaps this year is going to be the **crowning year for the Church**, when the King of kings will come for His people. The Bridegroom returning for His Bride!

In view of all this let us spend and be spent in the Lord's service. Let us set for ourselves a target of increase during this year. Whatever time, talent, or gifts we have given to the cause of Christ, let there be a substantial increase in the days to come. Let us go outside the camp to Him and there dedicate our lives afresh to the hope of His glorious coming. The Elim Movement is well aware, and alive to the time by God's prophetic clock; therefore we must seize every opportunity to win the souls of men whilst there is time.

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EDITORIAL

PLANS AND PROGRESS

Our eyes are on the future as we begin another year with God. The future alone is ours to use—the past is gone for ever. As we think ahead we wonder just how we can improve our service for the Master, and we plan according to the urge within us. There is always with us, of course, the humbling thought, that of ourselves we can do but little, and that at the best we are but unprofitable servants. Therefore, as we make our decisions we are very conscious that without the guidance of the Holy Spirit our plans are but the futile gropings of powerless souls. The word of the Early Church written in a letter to the Gentile churches is ever before us as an example : "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghnst, and to us" (Acts xv. 28). The Holy Ghost comes before the "us." We cannot have His power without acknowledging His presidency. But how wonderful our service becomes when He is given first place in our lives.

So precious, the fact of His Presence !

So real, His help every hour !

What joy, in our moments of weakness

To feel the surge of His power !

Now that we are attempting to improve our magazine we have before us the thought that it must continue to provide spiritual food and stimulating thought, in addition to its news value. We want our readers to feel the influence of the Holy Spirit behind our writers, and to this end we would solicit prayer on behalf of those who help in this literary ministry, that the Holy Spirit Himself will dictate our policy and our presentation of the message committed to us.

Among the features we hope to introduce in the days to come there will be a series of articles on difficult passages of the Bible, and another on unique texts. Pastor John Karamadzanis will be telling us something about important Greek words used in the New Testament, and he should know what he is talking about ! Our Brother came from Athens to this country in 1946, was a student at the Elim Bible College, and has since been in charge of various Elim churches. Pastor E. C. W. Boulton takes his experienced pen to provide us with "Devotional Moments," the first panel of which appears in this issue. Mr. Boulton has had wide experience in the Christian ministry and has written a number of books which have had a world-wide circulation. World Pentecostal news will be scanned more often to meet a growing demand in this country, and a page will be introduced from time to time to give the interesting items as they appear. The Editor also hopes to provide a series under the title, "My Camera and I." Some photos which have been taken over the course of the years in many places will be used together with a write-up on the picture.

Some ministers and correspondents have suggested that church reports are too long and occupy space which could be devoted to longer articles, despite the already overworked editorial blue pencil. Here the Editor finds himself between two opposing fires. Some indignant contributors write and complain that their reports have been mutilated in the process of condensation, other readers tell us they are not a bit interested in certain much-used phraseology, or in the fact that so-and-so had a sumptuous tea. Well, there it is, no fiddle ever suited all ears, and it is impossible to please all the people all the time. But we are making an effort to create more interest in our official organ, and we make bold to ask for the co-operation of all our members as we press on into the future. Items other than those mentioned are also being considered, and schemes will be announced later in connection with a special "On the Knocker for Christ Campaign."

1953 is obviously to be a year of evangelism throughout our Movement. The success of this will not depend upon careful organisation, but upon our acceptance of the authority of the Holy Spirit. This will bring revival into all our churches. The Evangelistic Committee recently considered applications for evangelistic campaigns from many parts of the country. These applications are in themselves an indication of the stirring amongst us for a more vigorous soul-saving effort. But we must beware of the danger of seeking cheap revival by calling on special men at the expense of personal endeavour. Thank God for the brethren amongst us who have been called of God to this wonderful ministry, but they need our love, and prayers, and support : we all have our part to play.

Our President has already called for evangelism in the Sunday schools, the prayer meetings, the Sunday morning services in literature, and in special efforts. Let us brace ourselves to the task with urgency, for signs around indicate the very near return of our Saviour.



THE FAMILY ALTAR AND ELIM PRAYER CIRCLE



A PAGE FOR YOUR DAILY MEDITATIONS AND PRAYER

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor J. A. Wright.

SUNDAY, January 11th. II. Samuel xiv. 12-24.

"God deviseth means" (v. 14). What a tangled and complicated business it was; this conflict between fatherly love and kingly duty. As though there really could be forgiveness without fellowship! Hopeless to try to reconcile love and law. It was a problem which God alone could solve. And He did! on Calvary (Psa. lxxxv. 10).

MONDAY, January 12th. II. Samuel xiv. 25-33.

Let the beautiful and handsome ones remember that they are made so by God, and for His glory. True beauty is of the soul and spirit. "You are very beautiful," said a young girl to a sweet-faced old Quaker lady. "I ought to be," she replied, "I shall be seventy tomorrow." But you cannot judge by looks alone. What a mean wretch Absalom was after all. Proud, ungrateful, and unrepentant. There is many an ugly character behind a fair face, and many a noble soul behind a plain one.

TUESDAY, January 13th. II. Samuel xv. 1-12.

"Forty" in verse 7 should be "four" (R.V.M.). There is not one relieving feature in the whole of this dark picture of Absalom's conduct. How low he sank who could so act towards a father who had forgiven him. As for Ahithophel, who came straight from worshipping God to share in the infamy, he was just another such. The Judas Iscariot of the Old Testament. Indeed, he was a type of Judas (Psa. lv. 12-14, 20-21; xli. 9).

WEDNESDAY, January 14th. II. Samuel xv. 13-23.

What a grand soul was Ittai (v. 21). In a day when many were looking to their own interests his self-abandoning devotion to David shines. And to think he was but a foreign mercenary. How the heart of the king must have kindled. What would he have given to have heard those same words from Absalom, his son! "O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end."

THURSDAY, January 15th. II. Samuel xv. 24-37.

"Behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him" (v. 26). What sweet submission and trust. The place for the Ark was Jerusalem. If David's flight was a sign of God's displeasure it would be little use taking the Sacred Chest. Within him he felt and knew he would return. Never be afraid of clever people whose hearts are not right with God. "Trust His loving wisdom though the hot tears start" and leave all your affairs to God.

FRIDAY, January 16th. II. Samuel xvi. 1-15.

Lies and greed so often go together. What an abominable act was Ziba's, opportunist and profiteer. How many risks had he run on David's behalf? Of Victoria's Consort it is written, "He spoke no slander, no, nor listened to it." We should always try to hear the other side as well. How sharply defined are these various characters in their attitudes to David. Remember that men will be judged according to their attitude to Christ in the day of His rejection.

SATURDAY, January 17th. II. Samuel xvii. 1-14.

Since a very brief time elapsed between David's departure and Absalom's arrival pursuit would have been easy; so Ahithophel's counsel was the right one of course. But David had prayed (xv. 31), and God answered by making Ahithophel's wise counsel seem folly (v. 14), with disastrous results to that vain traitor who could not bear to have his reputation damaged (v. 23, cp. Matt. xxvii. 5).

"What yo'-all doin' there, Sambo, strummin' at the banjo and singin' away all to yo' self?" exclaimed a passing person to a happy coloured man.

"Oh, I's just ser'nadin' mah own soul," was the quick reply.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (Eph. v. 1).

If every Elim Member

brings a new convert or friend into the Fellowship of Elim during 1953, our potential for Pentecost will be twice as strong. Plan to win one soul during the year.

AT the Elim Church Incorporated Conference last September it was recommended "That as an experiment several Elim Churches commence a Sunday School comprising children, young people, and adults on Sunday mornings prior to the worship meeting." This recommendation was carried without opposition, and several delegates expressed their intention of commencing a Sunday morning school as soon as possible. As the proposer of the original motion I should like to give some suggestions for the assistance of any churches considering carrying out this recommendation.

First, let me say, though comparatively new to England, this is not an untried experiment. Wales for years has had its adult Sunday Schools; the Quakers have had the same; while in the Pentecostal Churches of Canada and United States they have found the adult Sunday School such a blessing that in many churches the largest attendances of the week are to be found there, and it is estimated that 80 per cent of the Church converts come from the adults and young people attending the Sunday School.

It will be agreed by most thinking people that some new method of approach to the great unconverted masses must be found if we are to win many of this generation to Christ. Every age has been compelled to rethink its methods of approach in order that the message of the Evangel may reach the greatest possible number in its generation. For instance, the mendicant friars, though later to degenerate into parasites, began as a genuine effort to carry the Gospel to the man in the street; later the Wycliffe preachers tramped the hills and dales of England reading the Word of God, hand-written portions of which they carried with them; Wesley and Whitefield rediscovered field preaching as a means of reaching the people; William Booth invented the Christian army and reached the masses with band, drum, and uniform to help him; while we in the twentieth century have seen the revived interest in Divine healing attracting multitudes to hear and receive the Gospel who wouldn't otherwise have come under its influence. But we must ever be seeking a new approach to the man in the street. This is not to say that old methods are no longer needed, but it is necessary to rethink our problems of reaching the masses for Christ in our own day.

Two factors will favour the success of an adult morning Sunday School. The first is the growing interest in education. The Sunday School is intended to increase the knowledge of its scholars, both adult

ADULT MORNING

By PASTOR CHURCH

and child, in the Scriptures. It should be presented as an opportunity for gaining more knowledge on a much neglected subject. The other factor is the desire of many for some contact with God though combined with, and in some sense opposed by, the desire to utilise the Sunday as a day of recreation and pleasure. The Roman Catholic Church has been wiser in this respect than the Protestant churches: they provide an early morning service for their people. Indeed, so many want to avail themselves of this opportunity for worship that sometimes two or three services are held in the early hours of Sunday morning, and the church filled over and over again. Of course, it is not suggested that we adopt the view of secularising the Lord's Day, or of providing an excuse for spending it in recreation after making a gesture to God by spending a hurried hour in His Presence. Rather is it an attempt to catch the masses (or as many of them as we are able to attract) for God by choosing the time of worship at an hour more attractive to them than our usual 11 o'clock Sunday morning service. My first argument for the commencement of a morning



The work of Robert Raikes in far-reaching results on our Church

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

H. J. E. KINGSTON



Sunday School is thus the great need for evangelising the world today if by any means we may save some.

My second argument is based upon the need of our Elim members for avenues of Christian service which the extra classes, both children and adult, will provide. The happy Church is the fruitful Church. We should not expect our members to be constantly taking in without also having an opportunity of giving out. I know of a church where there is a continuous revival, one secret of which is that every member has some definite work to do for Christ. Should someone say they have no talent available for these extra classes, then one would suggest that training classes be commenced immediately to provide this fund of talent.

A third argument is the need for reaching the child of today. The *Daily Mirror* investigator, Paul Cave, came to the conclusion that "8 out of 10 of Britain's teen-agers have no contact whatsoever with religion." The

Daily Telegraph (Aug. 30th, 1952), gave the number of children and juveniles between 8 and 20 arrested in 1951 as 11,774, which was 1,385 more than 1950, and of these 67 per cent were found to be operating

in gangs. It is becoming more difficult to win adults to Christ, but we can still win the children. Dr. G. W. Bailey said, "Less time and effort are necessary for the winning of 20 children to Christ than one adult, and a Christian child is worth more in the extension of the kingdom of God than many adults." Dr. Starbuck (U.S.A.) made a scientific study of the history of conversions. He sent forms to 1,200 persons of note in the religious world, and found that the majority were converted between the ages of 12 and 16. After 30 years of age conversions were rare.

There is a fourth argument for the morning Sunday School: it enables the complete family to worship together. Classes are provided for each age group so that all may enjoy and profit by the lesson. There will be the kindergarten for the babies; junior and intermediate classes; boys' and girls' Bible classes for the teen-agers; young married couples' class; men's and women's Bible classes for the older ones. The object is Bible Training. In Pentecost we need to become, more than we are at present, the people of the Book—the morning Sunday School will provide this opportunity.

Supposing then we are decided to commence a morning Sunday School, how shall we go about it? It is assumed that the Church session has discussed the matter and that the Sunday School teachers are prepared to help this further effort to reach the unconverted. The next step would be to start the School, appealing to the Church members to give it every support, especially in its initial stages. The various classes should be formed, even though at first the numbers in each are small, and suitably talented teachers and class leaders appointed.

As soon as the Sunday School is in working order an enlargement campaign should be launched. This is a special effort by the Pastor and his local Sunday School staff in the form of a community canvass from house to house. Paul Copeland said: "You will meet with some rebuffs, but by the law of averages you will get some interested!" This community canvass is essential because if people will not come to us, we must go to them.

In organising the work of the campaign the workers should be divided into groups of at least four and if possible of six. Each group should canvass each street of their allotted district together. Such a group canvassing will impress the householders as important by their very numbers. Each canvasser should be given a number of cards, together with suitable Tracts (such as Victory Tract Club tracts), stamped with the address of the church. The cards

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are for the collecting of certain facts from the householders called upon, and a tract should be left in every home. James Montgomery, National Director of the Sunday School Department of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada says: "It is vital that proper instruction be given those making the canvass. Emphasise three things: First, that workers go to every home, talk with the people, no matter who they are, and get information concerning each one; secondly, that a separate card be made out for every family, and, thirdly that every question on the card be filled in by the canvasser."

A suggested information card for canvassing could be cheaply printed as follows:

ELIM CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CANVASS	
Name.....	No in family: Adults.... Children....
Address	
Ages: Husband Wife.... children	
First name of children (if any)	
Church member? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (check which)	
Attend Sunday School? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> . No <input type="checkbox"/> . Where?	
Prefers which denomination?	
(If no preference, write "None").	
Prefers which local church?	
(If no preference, write "None").	
Converted? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> . No <input type="checkbox"/> .	

Canvassing is useless unless we are prepared to pursue the effort further. Immediately all the census cards are in they should be checked. Then all prospects should be called upon. The leader of the men's Bible class should call upon the husband telling him about the men's Bible class and inviting him to come; the leader of the women's Bible class should do the same with the wife; the children could be visited by the teachers or leaders in whose classes the respective ages would be placed. In this way each "prospect" will receive several calls and will feel that here at least is a church interested in their welfare. Do not be discouraged. It may require a number of short, wholesome visits to create an interest and desire to come. During the Conference debate one speaker stated he had recently had a census similar to the one outlined above and had received 100 per cent returns. Another speaker said he had found it easier to get men to a Bible class than to a church, and mentioned a Bible class of 104 men and another of 124 women as proof.

One final word. Be sure your Sunday School is well organised, and that an interesting programme is carried throughout the whole year. Let the teaching be instructive in the great Bible doctrines, so that the class members feel they are getting somewhere. Appoint Spirit-filled teachers who will be prepared to give solid Bible teaching, and let the adult Bible classes be discussion groups so that each member of the class may contribute something. Remembering that some, at least, will be non-Christians as a result of the community canvass, let the teaching

be evangelical, designed to bring such to a definite decision for Christ.

If possible, provide separate classrooms for the adults to which they may go for the class lesson. If there are none, movable partitions could be cheaply constructed of hardboard on a supporting base of wood, which could be easily moved into position so that some measure of privacy might be attained. Experience has proved that little disturbance is caused by the subdued hum of class teaching so long as vision is restricted.

Answers to Prayer

Healed in a Waiting Meeting

The following letter was received by Pastor G. Backhouse of Lowestoft, following a campaign by Pastor G. Stormont:

To Pastor G. Backhouse.

Dear Friends,

What a privilege there is in being able to write about the wonderful healing power of our Lord Jesus. For He heals just the same today as He did when He was upon the earth.

For many months I suffered with a bad back. In fact, one of my kidneys was diseased, and I was waiting to go into hospital to have it taken out. But thanks be to our wonderful Saviour I have not got to go now. At the beginning of November we had a visit from Pastor Stormont, and at a waiting meeting which was being held during that time after the Church service, the Lord wonderfully healed me. I have been to the doctor and the hospital since, and they have discharged me as fully whole. They also said that it was a miracle of the Lord. I do thank Him for healing me, also for saving my dear husband, for it was through the Lord healing me that he found the Lord Jesus as his Saviour.

Praise His wonderful name.

—D. E. R. THOMAS (Mrs.).

Devotional Moments (cont.)

Whate'er the call and the challenge of the hour may be, let us give ourselves to it without reserve. Let the opening year find us equal to that new thing that God desires to do in us and through us.

"Before me is a future all unknown,
A path untrod;

Beside me is a Friend well-loved and known,
That Friend is God.

Before me lies a new and unseen way,
Midst shadows dim;

Beside me is my Guide, and day by day
I walk with Him."

OVERSEAS MISSIONS



ELIM DOCTORS WORKING IN THE SCHOOLS

Drs. C. and M. Brien (Southern Rhodesia).

After many months of hard toil in planning and preparing material for their new station Drs. C. and M. Brien are beginning to see results, and the Africans from the surrounding villages are responding to the Gospel. The following interesting report is from Mrs. Brien:

"Coming, coming, yes they are,
Coming coming from afar.

"How often this hymn comes to our minds on a Sunday morning as we gather in our open air service on the mission compound and see a group of women coming single file from one village, another lot of men and women from another, and so on until every village within a radius of 3 to 5 miles is represented, and the number of all is anything from 150 to 200. People who have begun to dress for the Lord's Day, people who know many of the Elim choruses in word, and the ones and twos out of that number who are proving the truth of many of the words they sing since they have professed to believe in Jesus. How they laugh as they are asked to sing by themselves, first one village, then another, and another, and how they do sing when my husband says, 'Let them hear you altogether as they gather in Penhalonga' (Pastor Williams's station, many miles away).

"Last Sunday, at the very beginning of the meeting, the Holy Spirit took charge, and what blessing even we missionaries experienced as He revealed unto us Jesus in all His glory. How the 'Cishona' words rolled out as liberty was given to my husband, in the Spirit and in the language. Later a number of women stayed on till we had seen all the sick ones in order to make their peace with God. A year ago these people never thought of the Lord's Day and never dreamt of gathering to worship God. Friends, God is answering your earnest prayers

for Inyanga North, and the people are hearing the Good News. Our joy, too, is that as this number gathers here, over 100 gather at Mbiriadi School over five miles away, where a lady missionary staying with us walks each day over mountain trails in severe heat to give them the Gospel. Then at noon we go by truck to Cifambi where about 50 to 70 gather in the new school building there. It is a hard place among the Roman Catholics, and we do covet much prayer for this area. Sometime later, Pauro, our teacher-evangelist who has begun our fourth school at the Chief's kraal Katerere, holds a meeting for those blinded folk living in the heart of savagdom and witchcraft. How we experience the anger of Satan each time a new place is entered, for we believe he dreads the coming of Jesus and seeks to prevent those who have never heard from hearing of Jesus and His Gospel.

"The Lord definitely told us to start the work with schools, and He gave Pastor Williams wonderful guidance in applying to the Government for the various sites. Just think, one of our schools is only three miles from where the Roman Catholics expect to build their station, and we are free to hold services there because of being granted that site. Because of the urge to get schools ready we have had no time to begin the hospital yet. In spite of this the people come and put up very poor shacks where they stay for treatment. God has blessed in the healing of the sick and the people realise it.

"Let me tell you of one family. We heard of a young woman so ill in her village that she could not come to consult us. We went to her and found she was the wife of our first convert, at that time working in Salisbury. We persuaded the village headman to bring her to us in an ox-drawn sledge. The very deep-seated abscess on her leg was soon incised, and after a few weeks she was

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ELIM YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by

Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY (National Youth Secretary)



May 1953 be a year of blessing and usefulness
for all our Youth Leaders and their branches.

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STUDY TIME

In our Crusader branches study time will be part of the weekly meeting, for we now commence the new series specially prepared for Crusader Bible study. Studies in the Gospel of John is the theme, and the booklet prepared by Pastor John Dyke should be in the hands of every Crusader and Bible student. For the modest price of sixpence per copy this booklet is available for everyone. If not already supplied be sure to order your copy now direct from Headquarters.

Later on in the year an examination will be set for those keen to take part, and once more a National Diploma of Merit will be presented to the winning Crusader branch.

TIME FOR SINGING

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He Loves, He Saves, He Keeps.

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Boundless Love.

Another piece recently recorded. Now the music is available for all to sing. It will truly be a favourite.

There are other pieces, too, of equal charm and choice. Tell your friends about the new series of EVANGELICAL SONGSTERS.

Watch this column for publication date.



The attention of Youth is focused on many things these days. We must make 1953 a year of effort and direct them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Overseas Missions (cont.)

well and had accepted the Saviour. The next week her sister, a girl of about 16 years, came with a very high fever which proved to be typhoid. She accepted the Lord without any persuasion and her words to us each night as we visited her grass hut were, 'Please pray with me.' The Lord kept His hand on her and she got better. She now goes to our school at Mbiriadi, although engaged to be married, so that she may learn to read her New Testament. A week or so later her only brother, a boy of about 14 years became ill with the same enteric fever. One night a great burden came on us as we felt his pulse and noted his general condition. But that night, in all his weakness, he said he wanted the Lord to save him, and hands were laid on him in the precious name of Jesus. He had a few rough days after that, but he is now better. The mother and her sister have repented, also the eldest girl of the whole family. Most of these women referred to were among the crowd my husband saw at a village one Sunday morning about twelve months ago—all very drunk indeed. One woman has always attracted us by her intelligent face; to our sorrow we heard she was a baptised Roman Catholic and had been married in the Church of Rome. She came here later, very ill with pneumonia, but after a few days quickly began to get better. One evening she sent for my husband saying she wished to leave her church and accept Jesus. He did not feel led to go but sent Pauro to her to explain all that it meant. Later, when I called to see her, her face was radiant and she kept saying, 'Nda garika' (I have come to peace). She added, 'Oh, it was dark for me when the doctor did not come; I felt he would never come, but he did, and Jesus has come in and I have peace.' After being at home a few days my husband saw her on the road while he was out in the lorry. She asked to be brought to the hospital. He inquired if she was ill again. 'Oh, no,' was her reply, 'I am going to the hospital to stay overnight so that I can attend an evening meeting there again.' Please pray for her, for the Roman Catholics are not letting her go easily. Remember she cannot even read.

"Three nights ago we had great blessing in our evening prayer meeting when we saw, 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper,' and how we rejoiced in that, believing that the Lord would give us real victory. My husband had felt very tired all day, but was quickened in the meeting. However, at 10 p.m. he woke up very ill indeed with malaria, but by today he is pulling out of it. Praise God! The work this dry season has been very heavy and very constant for him day in and day out. Every hour is precious now before the rains begin again. The weather is very hot and many jobs, such as roofing schools, have been quite new to him, but God has undertaken wonderfully, to Him be all praise! Daily we experience His blessings. What love and care He showers upon us. He truly does give the very best to those who follow Him. Thank you, Elim Family, for remembering us and the work here in your prayers."

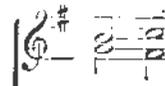
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The Hymns we sing
the Tunes we love

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Our Musical Meditation



A new series of brief articles will commence in the ELIM EVANGEL on January 9th (next week) giving information and some background history concerning many of the hymns and tunes we sing each week in our Churches. These will be taken from the new REDEMPTION HYMNAL. This knowledge will be of more than passing interest. We hope it will enlighten us and give all a fuller insight and understanding of how some of these glorious hymns were brought into being. The story of tunes will also be given, and some passing paragraphs concerning the composers themselves and their contribution to Church music will be included. Pastor Douglas B. Gray, who is a member of the Elim Hymn Book Committee and known to us by his many other musical activities, is responsible for this new feature.

WATCH THIS COLUMN!

Thought for the Week

The Lord has called His people to be pillars; but alas, some are just caterpillars.

COMING EVENTS

ALDERSHOT. Regular services are now being held in the Rechabite Hall, Victoria Road. Sun., 11. 3. and 6.30. Wed., Fri., and Sat., 7.15.

BARNSELY. Jan. 14. Elim Church, Nelson Street. Study on "Sermon Construction." Speaker: Pastor C. Duncombe. 7.15.

BIRMINGHAM. Jan 3-4. Elim Church, Graham Street. Visit of Pastor R. Chapman. Sat., 7.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

BRIXTON. Jan. 4. H. M. Prison. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir, 2.30.

BROADMOOR. Jan. 11. H.M. Institution. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. 5.

CAMBERWELL. Jan. 1, 2, 4. Elim Church, Benhill Road. Visit of Pastor D. Ayling. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Weeknights, 7.30.

CANNING TOWN. Jan. 17-19. Elim Church, Bethell Avenue. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: Pastor F. Hodge. London Crusader Choir and Pastor D. B. Gray, and Items from Churches. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Sun., 6.30. Mon., 7.30.

CLAPHAM. Jan. 4. Elim Church, Carfax Square. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir, 6.30.

COULSDON. Jan 17. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: Pastor F. Squire and Croydon Male Voice Choir, 7.

GLASGOW. Dec. 31-Jan. 4. Elim Church, Butterbiggins Road. New Year Convention. Speakers: Pastors E. F. Cole, T. E. Francis, and W. Lewis and Kirkintilloch Choir. Dec. 31, Watchnight, 11. Sun., 11 and 6.30. New Year's Day, 3 and 6.30 (Tea provided). Fri. and Sat., 7.

NOTTINGHAM. Jan. 16. The City Temple, Halifax Place. Study on "Sermon Construction." Speaker: Pastor C. Duncombe. 7.30.

READING. Jan. 3. Elim Church, Waylen Street. United Christian Youth Rally. Pastor A. Magee and Ilford Male Voice Section. 7.15.

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Moore.—On November 20th, to Pastor and Mrs. Ian Moore, of Yeovil, God's precious gift of a son, Philip Daniel; a brother for Robert and Roland.

Newman.—On October 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, of Yeovil Assembly, God's precious gift of a son, Terence Allen.

WITH CHRIST

Allen.—On December 9th, Frederick George Allen, aged 59, of Lowestoft. Funeral conducted by Pastor George Backhouse.

Bell.—On December 9th, Miss Annie Bell, member of Elim Church, Finchley. Funeral conducted by Pastor G. Whiting.

Forster.—On December 10th, Alice Emily Forster, aged 71, of Lowestoft. Funeral conducted by Pastor George Backhouse. "Till He come."

Frederick.—On December 11th, at Tunbridge Wells, Mrs. Charlotte Sophia Frederick, Elim member for many years. Funeral conducted by Pastor H. W. Greenway and Mr. East.

Gascoine.—On December 8th, Audrey Gascoine, Elim Crusader. Funeral conducted by Pastor H. Burton-Haynes.

McFarlane.—On December 6th, Mrs. Mary McFarlane, aged 82 (mother of Mrs. Walter Kelly), old member of Elim Church, Glasgow. Funeral conducted by Pastor R. D. Bradley.

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