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GREAT EVANGELISTIC SERVICE
ROYAL ALBERT HALL
EASTER MONDAY, 1953

Scene at the great evening meeting in the Royal Albert Hall

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

“If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed”

—John viii. 31.

ELIM'S GREAT OPEN AIR WITNESS

By Pastor Gordon Wright (Elim Church, Eastbourne)

DESPITE inclement weather Elim contingents from many parts of the British Isles gathered in Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday morning to witness to the glorious resurrection of our Lord. Pastor R. Gordon prayed that the witness might be made a great blessing.

It was thrilling to hear the vast company singing above the roar of the fountains, reminding us that no circum-

stance can damp the praise of ardent souls who draw their inspiration from Christ's resurrection. That the crowd was comprised of all ages, types and classes of people was an eloquent witness to Christ's power to meet man's need in every phase of his development and temperament.

The United Elim Male Voice Choirs contributed to the blessing of the service, and their singing of "Blessed

assurance, Jesus is mine" and "Saved by the Blood of the Lamb" was much appreciated.

A ripple of laughter passed over the crowd as Pastor D. B. Gray, the convener, announced the chorus, "Heavenly Sunshine." "That may make you take your umbrellas down," he commented. But the "rain" was the spray from the fountains caught in the wind! Had you known that, Mr. Gray, I am sure you would have said, "So many of our troubles are of human origin!"

Preaching the Gospel from the plinth of Nelson's Column on Easter Monday was not without significance. Those massive lions which, as it were, defy any to tamper with that emblem of victory, reminded me that the guardian of the message of the resurrection is the Lion of Judah.

Pastor T. W. Walker opened his address with the challenging question, "What is your life?" taken from James iv. 14. He pointed out that sinners seek for what they call a "good time" and "life," but they never succeed in this quest for man cannot be satisfied with material

comforts alone. This he substantiated by reference to Solomon who had every material blessing that life can offer, yet declared that all is vanity and vexation of spirit. "The age-old message of the Gospel is sufficient to meet man's every need," declared Mr. Walker. "Christ is offering you eternal life, but He leaves the choice to you."

Pastor J. Williams, who has been doing missionary work in Southern Rhodesia for the past four years, was given a warm welcome. He recalled an incident on the beach at Worthing prior to his going abroad. During an open air meeting a heckler had spoken disparagingly of the Bible. The man was silenced by Mr. William's answer: "Will you explain to me how it is that this Book, which you say is a bad book, can make bad men good?" Pastor Williams continued to preach on the transforming power of the Gospel, drawing his evidence from his work in Africa. "Before we went to their villages," he said, "they were just like animals; they didn't realise they had a soul." He cited the pathetic case of a husband and wife, who, in their days of darkness, had consulted the witch doctor when their little child was ill. He told how the child had died under the treatment. Then with great emphasis he declared, "The testimony of this man and woman is that they no longer go to the witch doctor but to Christ, for they have proved His transforming power."

With characteristic pentecostal fervour the great crowd sang, "Christ the Lord is risen today!" A break in the clouds, with the sun filtering through, coincided with the reading of the second verse. With his usual humour, Mr. Gray, coming to "Lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er", glanced up at the rift in the clouds!

The sky darkened considerably and rain threatened as Pastor J. J. Morgan stepped forward to give the closing message. A heavy shower shortened his address which was on the theme of Easter Sunday as the complement of Good Friday.

The service ended abruptly with the crowd dispersing in all directions to find shelter. We hurried away thanking God that once again on Easter Monday Trafalgar Square had been a place of praise, parable, purpose, and power.

Next week's Cover Picture will be of the crowd in Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday.

GREAT ELIM WEEK OF PRAYER

Commencing Sunday, May 3rd

All members and friends of Elim are called to this fellowship of Prayer.



Pastor D. B. Gray conducts the great open air meeting.

Focus

on the Churches

CROWDED CONVENTION AT LEEDS

The ushers pushed their way down the aisles with extra chairs and forms, the windows were opened to ventilate the large hall, the people were singing in the true spirit of Easter: it was Easter Monday evening at Bridge Street, Leeds. No one who has been to these annual meetings in Leeds can forget the experience, and this year it seemed that the crowds were bigger than ever. It was evident in all the meetings of this convention that the steady, plodding work of Pastors O. G. Miles and E. Moore had brought us to a climax of blessing.

The team of speakers included Pastors H. W. Greenway, C. J. E. Kingston, H. Palliser, and O. Perret. Miss O. Garbutt also spoke at the missionary meeting on the Tuesday afternoon, at which an offering of £66 was contributed to the work overseas.

Singing such as was heard of the splendid doctrinal hymns of our new REDEMPTION HYMNAL gave a thrill and a rich inspiration. There were times when the spontaneous outbursts of praise could be contained no longer, and the ministry of the gifts of the Spirit flowed out in exhortation and blessing.

The singing of the choir and of the duets by Pastor and Mrs. Greenway were greatly appreciated. In the upper room Pastor Kingston met seeking souls and dealt personally with problems and difficulties. At the Sunday morning communion service the Spirit of God descended in waves of power upon the worshippers.

What must have been one of the most remarkable meetings of the Convention came on the Tuesday evening. Pastor Palliser preached with such power on the place of prayer and revelation that a deep hush of solemnity came upon the gathering; it was obvious that the power of God was moving amongst us, and the second speaker continued the theme of the meeting, which many declared was the climax of the convention.

The warm fellowship among ministers and people was also an enjoyable experience. Christ was glorified, souls were saved, and some believers testified to Divine healing.

EASTER CONVENTION IN SHEFFIELD

By Miss C. I. Ladlow

Showers outside and showers of blessing inside were experienced at Sheffield during the Easter Convention.

We began on Friday evening with a goodly number, despite the fact that "Sheffield goes to work on Good Friday," tarrying around the Cross at the Table of the Lord.

The speakers were Pastors L. N. Knipe and R. Lighton. During the Convention, which concluded with a great united Rally at Rotherham on the Tuesday evening, we experienced the blessing of God.

The youthful enthusiasm of Pastor Lighton and the mature experience of Pastor Knipe blended well together. Great numbers attended every meeting including friends from Parkgate and Rotherham.

Easter Sunday was a great day. In the afternoon we had a Daffodil and Cradle Roll service to which had been invited all the babies up to three years of age who had been dedicated at our church and whose names were on the Cradle Roll. Each baby was presented with a chocolate Easter egg. This splendid service speaks well for the future of our Sunday School. Some thirty-four eggs were presented and Pastor Lighton spoke to the children.

On the Sunday evening Pastor Knipe at the close of the Gospel Service asked those who had been saved during the past three years to stand to their feet, quite a number stood, and four others joined them, they too, were accepting Christ. This meeting was followed by a remarkable Communion service when the body of the Hall was packed with worshippers.

The main theme of the Convention, apart from the Cross, was faith, and many sick and discouraged ones were encouraged to trust the Lord.

CONVENTION BLESSINGS IN BIRMINGHAM

By Marjorie Dyke

Great and wonderful blessings were experienced during the Easter Convention held in the Graham Street Church. The speakers were Pastors E. C. W. Boulton and L. W. Green who both ministered with liberty and blessing. Good Friday morning and evening we drew near to Calvary and felt the great solemnity of Christ's death. But when Sunday dawned Easter was in the air, and through the ministry and our own experience, we were all made conscious that our Redeemer was no longer in the tomb. Souls were saved, and during the evening communion service sixteen new members were received into fellowship.

On Easter Monday, in the morning devotional service, the Lord descended in mighty power, whilst in the afternoon many sick people were healed. Words cannot describe the wonderful atmosphere of the evening meeting. It was deeply solemn with the awful power of the Spirit manifested. Souls cried out, and there was the sound of many weeping in all parts of the building. During the convention sixteen people were baptised in the Holy Spirit, several of whom had been seeking for many years.

Thought for the Week

It is a good report when some folk tell us they are not themselves today. It is a big improvement.

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EDITORIAL

ELIM WEEK OF PRAYER

The annual week of prayer throughout the Elim Movement has become a refreshing oasis in our busy year, and more in fact, than a season of refreshment, it has also become a source of power. The results of our prayer efforts are being demonstrated in the blessing which God has graciously granted to us. One commentator on the Easter Monday meetings this year calls attention to this fact, and ascribes the rich sense of blessing to the prayer which has ascended ceaselessly to the Throne of Grace through recent years. We hope that those who are hesitant about continuing this constant prayer barrier will take note of this. And the copious showers were not restricted to the London area, reports coming in from other parts of the country tell of a rising tide of spiritual power. Then too, there is the forward move in the Elim evangelistic campaigns, which must be associated with the wide prayer circle among our members.

We want to see mighty miracles taking place in our meetings and special efforts: they will be accomplished as we pray. Organisation has its place, but it must never take the place of prayer; it is subservient to it. Jesus Himself makes this clear in the case of the demon-possessed boy at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration. The distracted father is typical of many modern fathers in his presentation of his son to Christ: "I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him" (Matt. xvii. 16). How often we feel ourselves impotent in face of sickness and demon power. The disciples too were puzzled. "Why could not we cast him out?" (v. 19) they asked. The reply of Jesus is clear and to the point: "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place: and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

"If ye have faith." Surely faith springs into reality in the secret place of the Most High; in communion with Him we know His mind, and knowing His mind we pray with certainty—with faith. Jesus also said that these stubborn evils are only exorcised by prayer and fasting. We are reaching a stage of civilised culture where we find it hard to overcome the social custom of elevenes even for the demands of uninterrupted prayer; and as for fasting, there are many who are unwilling even to sacrifice a cup of tea in the cause of revival, or the healing of the sick. Only the medico seems to have power nowadays to put us on our backs without food; our belief in the Word of God, for all our protestations to the contrary, seem incapable of stimulating sufficient sacrifice to claim supernatural evidences.

"Prove Me now," says the Lord. "Prove Me, and I will open the windows of heaven in blessing upon you." This Week of Prayer is our opportunity to test God: our chance to prove His Word; the justification of our faith in Him. Let the days during the week commencing the first Sunday in May (3rd) become days of sincere intercession. Prayer requests will be many, and varied according to local circumstances, but the burden on all our hearts will be for a mighty revival in our land, a revival of such proportions that we shall not need to shout our results through propaganda channels, but a mighty moving of God that will change the character of our national life, that will produce such an abundance of evidences that men and women will have to pause and wonder at the presence of Almighty God.

"Prove Me now," says the Lord. "Prove Me." If we are prepared to break the silken threads of creature comforts which bind us, we can merge from weakness to strength, into the realm of the miraculous. Revivals in the past have come this way, and it can happen again in our own day and generation.

THE QUEEN'S WISH

Her Majesty the Queen has shown strength of purpose in her attitude to the encroachments which are made on certain royal privileges. This demonstrates her determination to uphold principle before expediency. The recent request that public houses should not be named after the royal children is a reasonable one, and in keeping with the noble tradition our Queen has set herself to follow.

On democratic issues Her Majesty has shown a wide sympathy and understanding, but where principle is involved an inflexible determination on the side of right. This augurs well for the future of our race, and commands the support of all Christians.

The practice of giving public houses noble titles is one of the curiosities of human nature. "Pig and Whistle" we can understand, but not "Lord Nelson" and the "Duke of ——" this and that. When a man turns out of one of these dens of vice and staggers into his own vomit in the gutter, we can understand his being associated with "Lord So-and-So," for the criterion of absolute drunkenness is to be "as drunk as a lord." A man can be drunk, dead drunk, or as drunk as a lord: when he has reached

the latter stage he has reached the absolute. But we cannot understand the effrontery that seeks to take the names of noble persons to bolster up the nefarious business of depriving men of their honour and sensibility.

The Queen's wish is not directed against any particular person or place, but against the threat to the dignity of the British Royal house. An indecent democracy can become the worst form of moral abuse.

“The Revival's Beginning . . .”

An Unsolicited Appreciation by Pastor H. Ward, B.A.
(Elim Church, Exeter)

THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL REPORT of the Royal Albert Hall meetings—others will have been commissioned to give those—but as one who was privileged to be present on this, as on many previous occasions, I feel I must write and express my appreciation of this year's gatherings.

For years now, through the war and other causes, Elim along with many other religious bodies, has been fighting an intense and uphill battle. But now, thank God, we see the light beginning to break. God's people, burdened with the apathy and indifference of the masses, have been driven to their knees: for over two years now incessant prayer has been offered within the Movement and, thank God, the answer is on the way! In the last few months have come many encouraging signs of the activity of God in our midst. Several very blessed and successful campaigns have been held: last year's Conference was hailed by many as the happiest and most encouraging for many years: then came the delightful and God-honoured broadcast from Cardiff in January: now the work of resuscitation has reached the Albert Hall meetings too.

To pin-point the cause of our blessing would be difficult, if not impossible. It was not merely that the attendances were much larger than previous years (surely the Press estimate of 4,000 was an under-statement!), that the preachers had more fire and liberty, or that the singing was more like Elim revival singing: it was that everything had upon it the touch of God! As one who sat up in the gallery in the afternoon I must testify that even at so remote a point from the platform one was very conscious of the unction of God upon the meeting. Gone was the empty feeling of many such rallies: gone too, was the feeling of detachment that one often gets in large gatherings: one felt, what I would describe for want of a better term, the “grip” of God upon the service. Seeing things from the angle of the platform in the evening, this feeling was intensified. It made one proud to belong to such a Movement: proud and yet at the same time humbled to belong to such a God who can, and does satisfy the longings and desires of His children so wonderfully!

Not for me is it to praise the speakers, conveners, organisers, or other participants in the services, my desire is simply to ascribe praise to God for what, to me at any

rate, were the most blessed Royal Albert Hall meetings since the war, and, again in my estimation at any rate, for some years prior to it. This, I believe, is part of the answer to our prayers and the foretaste of much greater things yet to come. It may be that as yet, the cloud is but the size of a man's hand, but it is, thank God, the earnest of an “abundance of rain.” Looking back over the past few months it is evident that God is again moving in and through His children. We link this on to the prophecy of Joel ii. 28, 29 and say—not as the product of wishful thinking, but born of the assurance of faith—“The revival's beginning and the power's coming down.” Hallelujah!

A telegram was sent to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II from the Elim Easter Meetings in the Royal Albert Hall,

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON.
CROWDED GATHERINGS OF THE ELIM
CHURCHES ASSEMBLED THIS EASTER
MONDAY IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL
SEND TO YOUR MAJESTY LOVING AND
LOYAL GREETINGS AND WARMEST ASSUR-
ANCE OF LOYALTY, PRAYING GOD'S BLESS-
ING UPON YOU IN THIS YEAR OF YOUR
CORONATION AND THROUGHOUT YOUR
REIGN.
P. S. BREWSTER,
PRESIDENT.

and the following reply has been received.

PRESIDENT, ELIM CHURCHES,
ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON.
THE QUEEN SINCERELY THANKS MEMBERS
OF THE ELIM CHURCHES FOR THE KIND
MESSAGE OF LOYAL GREETINGS WHICH
YOU HAVE SENT TO HER MAJESTY ON
THEIR BEHALF.
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Anonymous Gifts

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to those who have sent anonymous gifts as follows:

Elim Missionary Society: Sisters of Blackheath, £2: “In remembrance,” Reading (designated), £2: “For Missions” from a friend, Enniskillen, £5 10s.: Irish Sister, Armagh, £10: Student, E.B.C., £5: Essex, £7 10s.: Received in Royal Albert Hall, £10.

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A Royal Day in the Royal Albert Hall

By Pastor J. J. MORGAN (Elim Church, Bradford)

I ENTERED THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL about 1.30 p.m. on Easter Monday and found it shrouded in darkness, save for two little lights in the great dome. Workers were busy here and there, ushers were taking up their positions, the platform was being artistically decorated, and the organist was just getting the feel of the great instrument. I had just come in past groups around the doors, some of them singing despite the cold and wet. When the doors were opened the people seemed to flow in like waves all over the building. More and more lights went on, higher and higher rose the sea of faces, until the balcony was gradually being filled. Not since pre-war days did I see so many at the afternoon service.

The massed choir, having taken up its position, is soon pouring out its message of Easter. "Let King Jesus Reign" they sing, to be followed by "Wonderful the Grace of

Jesus." Pastor D. B. Gray is in the spotlight as he leads the choir, then comes "There is a Balm in Gilead," and "Longing for Home." The congregation join in singing "Heavenly Sunshine," and we seem to feel the warmth of Divine sunshine in our hearts. At last the song service is ended, more folk have flocked in and we stand for the opening hymn led by Mr. Gray. What better hymn could we start with than, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"? Our President, Pastor P. S. Brewster, welcomes us all to this Elim Family gathering and invites us to pray for God's blessing upon our services. We sing "Breathe on me Breath of God," and pray as we sing, then Pastor S. Gorman leads the great congregation into God's Presence. Pastor Brewster follows in prayer and asks God to bless the sick and afflicted ones, for whom special prayer has been requested.

Now we rise to our feet to sing tumultuously, "He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today," and answer to the roll call. We begin with Scotland, then Wales, Ireland, and England. Then follow our missionaries and friends from abroad. We are asked to shake hands with those behind us, and I shake hands with Pastor J. Karamadzanis (a Greek) and Mrs. Paul Cantelon and Sharon, and Mrs. Willard Cantelon from U.S.A. The President asks for those from Elim's most recently formed churches to stand. We hear him call "Motherwell, Bristol, Oxford, Harrogate, Leicester, Mansfield, and Aldershot," and they are all given a great welcome. Now we listen to the united choir singing "Jesus is the One."

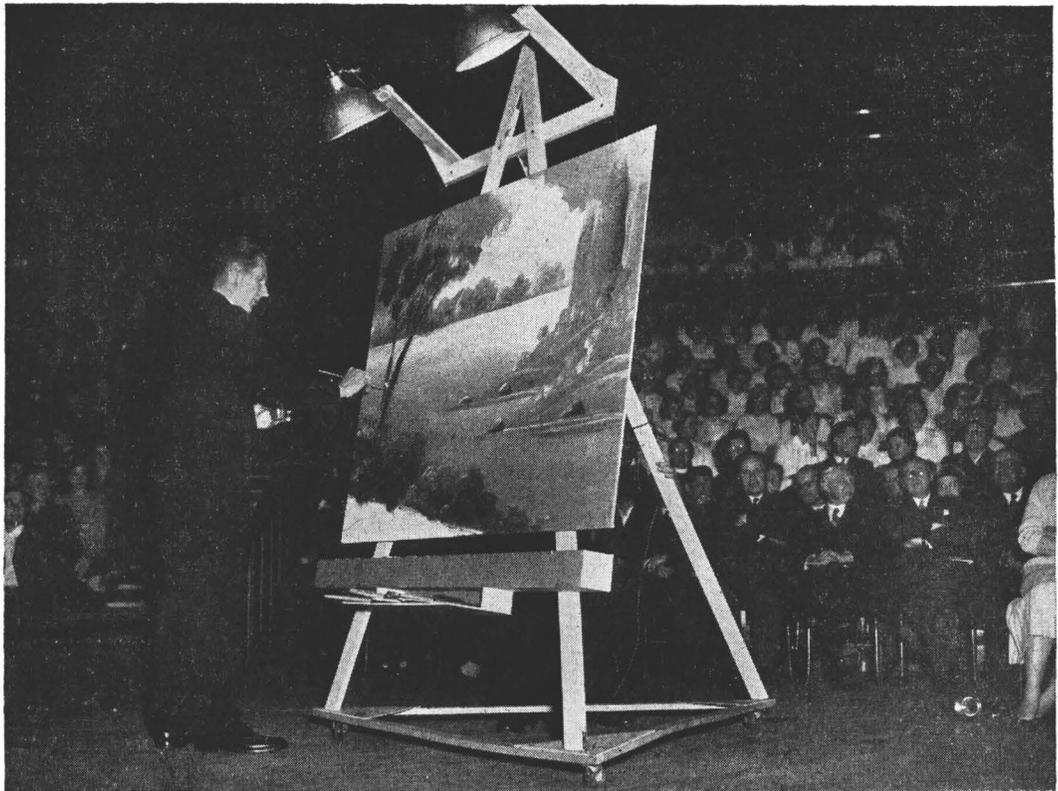
Elim missionaries bring us news from two of Elim's fields. Miss Wriglesworth from India is spotlighted, she tells us the spotlight is in the wrong place, "We want it on the Lord Jesus," and she takes us to see her work in India, where Christ is moving in His saving grace today. Pastor Jesse Williams follows. He greets us in the tongue of the people with whom he works in S. Rhodesia: "Peace be to you," he says, and we reply in our hearts, "Peace to you." Missionary work is the biggest business in the world: we are debtors to others. We must not think of missions as a charity but as a debt to be discharged, he tells us. Then we sing the triumphant song, "Jesus saves," and the London Crusader Choir follow on with "Boundless Love."

Announcements come next, and for a moment we see and hear Pastor E. J. Phillips, whose skill and organising



Miss E. Wriglesworth, missionary from India, took part in the afternoon gathering.

genius is behind all these great Royal Albert Hall meetings. An old friend steps to the microphone in the person of Mr. W. Ll. Bell whose song is a sermon in itself. **How Broad** is His love, then **How Deep** is His love, **How High** is His love, and **How Great** is His love, and the organist peals out the bells in the accompaniment (Thank you, Mr. Cooper). It is a theme worthy of ringing through the wide, wide world. Evangelist Willard Cantelon is our afternoon preacher. With him on the platform are his wife, his brother, Paul



Evangelist Willard Cantelon paints a picture of the River Jordan during the evening service.

(Courtesy, "Daily Express")

Cantelon and his wife, and four-year-old daughter Sharon. The latter sings a verse and chorus, "It is no secret what God can do," her father leads us in prayer, and before he preaches Willard Cantelon asks for a praise offering to God. What a shout of praise rises up to God from that great assembly. The preacher's theme is "Divine Healing." In no uncertain manner he gives us to see that we must **use** our faith in God, not just possess faith. He tells us of many hindrances which prevent God from demonstrating His power to save and heal, such as unbelief, and uncertainty about the will of God, etc. The appeal is given, and is a call to whole-hearted surrender to Christ. The sick and suffering are invited to come forward for prayer; a steady stream of people make their way to the platform from all over the building, and several ministers pray for them. The whole congregation, bowed in prayer, softly sing, and now the choir take up the theme, "There is a Balm in Gilead." We feel that Christ is here, standing in the midst. Our service ends with the singing of, "All hail the power of Jesu's Name." How appropriate the words, we feel the power to heal is truly in that wonderful Name.

The tea interval is always an opportunity to meet and greet old friends. Entering the hall for the evening service I find the place is well nigh filled. The service of song is most refreshing; the two trumpeters add a valuable contribution to the volume of praise. We have still ten minutes to go before the appointed time for starting the

service, and Pastor Alex Tee goes into action. He has us singing until we nearly lift the dome right off the hall. Still there is a minute or two in hand, so we finish with "Heavenly Sunshine." We rise to sing the opening hymn, "Crown Him with many Crowns." It is great to hear that crowded assembly as they crown Jesus Lord of all. Pastor Hathaway moves to the microphone and reads the Word of God from Revelation iv. The writer then leads the congregation in prayer. We have another roll call, and this time we find there are folk here from Australia, Germany, South Africa, Sweden, Belgium, France, Denmark, China, Mongolia, U.S.A., etc. How we demonstrate our oneness in our Risen Lord and Master as we sing, "He lives, He lives."

We are thrilled to see this great hall full right up to the top balcony and to hear the singing which grips us. World-wide greetings are read to us by Pastor Brewster, then the choir render the piece, "His boundless love," following which Mr. W. Ll. Bell awakes happy memories as he sings to us about "The Old-fashioned Meeting." Willard Cantelon the artist-preacher is going to portray a Bible scene on the canvas for us. He has chosen a scene from the River Jordan. The lights are dimmed; the lights on the special easel and board are switched on; he stands in a blaze of light and we watch him as with dexterous strokes he plies his brush, weaving his colourful paints into a beautiful picture. While he works we listen to his wife as she plays "The Holy City" on her trumpet. Little

Sharon, her niece, sings again for us, and the choir follow on with, "There is a Balm in Gilead." At last the artist lays down his brush and stands back while we praise God for our brother's gift. What is to happen to the picture? It usually goes to the person who brings most people to the services, and the Bristol Church is presented with it, having brought a contingent of 273 people.

After a few words from Brother Cantelon we settle down to listen to Pastor Brewster as he brings us his message entitled, "This year of destiny." He takes us to the Book of Revelation, and reads to us from chapter v. He points out the change of leaders in most countries, in our own country we have experienced some of the worst disasters and reverses in our national life: "God has been trying to speak to us," he tells us, things are beginning to move, we see the hand of God in the affairs of men. What has this year in store for us? It may be the year of revival or of the Lord's return. At the close of his address he appeals for men and women to get right with God, and hands are raised all over the building. They are invited to come forward to the front of the platform for prayer together, and some twenty-seven kneel and seek God's forgiveness. Truly our cups are full and running over. It has been a wonderful day, and these decisions are proof of the Risen Lord amongst us. With full hearts we sing our last hymn "Christ the Lord is risen today." Before we sing the National Anthem a telegram is sent to Her gracious Majesty the Queen.

As we leave the hall the folks are still singing "Jesus is alive." We know He is. We have spent the day with



Pastor P. S. Brewster
addresses the great congregation in the Royal Albert Hall.

Him. The building empties, the lights lower, another Elim Demonstration has finished, but we carry away with us God's blessing in our hearts, and inspiration for the days to come. To God be all the glory! This has been a right Royal day at the Royal Albert Hall.

Home Missions

ELIM OPENS IN OXFORD!

By Pastor Alexander Tee

The opening of the Elim pioneer campaign in Oxford was crowned with remarkable success and caused the angels in heaven to rejoice. Hundreds of people from all walks in life crowded into the Oxford Town Hall, including a number of University undergraduates.

In the first service the London Crusader Choir played a most helpful part.

Soon this famous University City began to yield to the impact of the all-powerful Foursquare Gospel. All stiffness which was in the atmosphere soon vanished as Pastors Brewster and Cantelon, with the Revival Party, brought a lively yet dignified happiness. Right from the outset everybody felt at home.

Even before the time had come for the ministry of the Word of God the Holy Spirit began to breathe upon the people and there came a hush across the gathering.

Only a short but a most powerful sermon was delivered under the unction of the Spirit.

When the message had ended some one hundred and fifty men and women publicly walked right out to the

front of the building where they were asked to offer the repentant's prayer for forgiveness of sin and the new birth.

How thrilling to hand out literature to help the converts who were getting right with God!

Night after night the effort is continuing, and thus far not one single service has been conducted without men and women coming out to the front for conversion.

Reports of healing are already coming in, and although we are reluctant to make spectacular claims, it is enough to say that God is still honouring His evangelists who are fulfilling the Divine commission when they lay their hands upon the sick.

Another feature of the campaign is the fine number of young people who are attending. What a thrill to think that here is the birth of yet another Crusader branch.

The whole revival party asks very sincerely that the Elim family will unite in a great volume of prayer. There is much hard work still to be done, and this hard city must be smashed right open to the pentecostal message.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN FUND APPEAL

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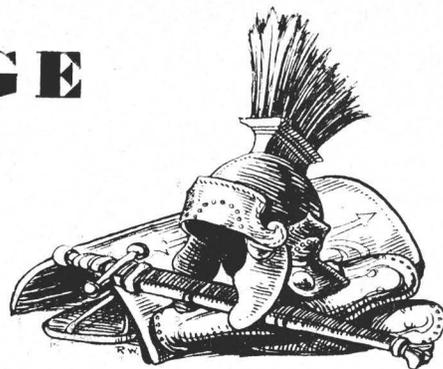
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Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY (National Youth Secretary)

“Fight the good fight of faith” (I. Tim. vi. 12).



The musical Trio who have added so much to the blessings of the Royal Albert Hall meetings.



At Trafalgar Square singing was heard that would be difficult to equal in any circle. The great crowds were on tiptoe for any request or lead, and everything went off easily and triumphantly in service to the risen Lord. The songs by the united Elim Male Voice Choirs were a pleasant innovation, and were conducted by Leonard Munt (Croydon) and Alex. McLennan (Hayes).

ANOTHER HOLIDAY CENTRE

Elim Youth Note !

At St. Columb Minor, Newquay, Cornwall, from 1st to 15th August next, a great holiday programme for all Elim Youth. The Camp padre is Pastor J. C. Mulvagh and Camp Commandant is Pastor Eldin R. Corsie. Send for details without delay. Make the most of this fine holiday centre. If you go, it will indeed be a “crowning year” for you. Applications and enquiries should be sent to Pastor E. R. Corsie, 203, Henver Road, Newquay, Cornwall.

SQUARE SINGING AND ROYAL ALBERT HALL MUSIC

Easter Monday, 1927, cannot be recalled by all. It was, however, on this great day that thousands were first enthralled by the singing of a great Elim Crusader Choir in the Royal Albert Hall. On that occasion the organist was Ronald F. Cooper ; the pianist, Laurence Prentice ; and the conductor, Douglas B. Gray. The same musical trio were in action as fresh as ever this last Easter Monday : they have been together on every occasion since 1927. Although in the main a new generation of Elim Crusaders now fill the Choir positions in the Royal Albert Hall, their singing this year was as vigorous and as soul-stirring as ever. The pieces sung were greatly enjoyed and covered a wide range. The music of every piece is contained in the EVANGELICAL SONGSTER, No. 2. Crusaders came from every part of the British Isles. They had had no previous united rehearsal, yet their singing reached great heights of musical excellence and spiritual dynamic. To every Crusader great appreciation and thanks are due for untiring and helpful ministry.

Despite the hundreds of miles travelled during the week-end by the London Crusader Choir, covering visits to Oxford and Dovercourt, they appeared as fresh and virile as ever, and maintained the standard of musical ministry expected of this experienced band of musical messengers.

THE GREAT ELIM FAMILY DAY

Telegrams and messages of greetings were received from other conventions and from many parts of the world :

Greetings from Senegal to Royal Albert Hall Convention. Leviticus vi. 13.—Nicolson.

Greetings from the saints gathered at Convention in City Temple, Cardiff. II. Corinthians vi. 2.

Greetings from Kikilo. Isaiah xxxv. 3, 6.—Tate.

Greetings from the Saints gathered at the City Temple from Pontlottyn.

Convention gatherings at the Elim Church, Sheffield, send greetings to the Great Elim Gatherings at the Royal Albert Hall. Zephaniah iii. 17.—Penney.

From Hataitai, New Zealand. Easter Greetings. Philippians iv. 20, 21.—Dunk.

Greetings from Truro convention. Revelation xxii. 6. —Mulvagh and Moore.

Greetings to the Elim Family and friends in the Royal Albert Hall. May God's richest blessing be your portion this Easter.—R. Simms (South Africa).

Warmest Christian greetings to all gathered on the occasion of the Annual Elim Easter Rally in the Royal Albert Hall, Easter Monday, 1953. May this year be the mightiest year of blessing with a great harvest of souls. God bless you all. Revelation i. 18.—Woodhead.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor W. J. Maybin.

SUNDAY, May 3rd. I. Kings xviii. 30-46.

“There is a sound of abundance of rain” (v. 41).

I take it that nobody but the prophet heard this pleasant sound. It was faith hearing. Elijah revisited Carmel to pray for rain, and at the end of a seventh journey to look for an answer, the servant reported a cloud the size of a man’s hand. To Elijah it was abundant rain, and acting in faith he sent Ahab word to fly. “Lord, I hear of showers of blessing.” Can you hear the sound of coming revival? May God give us faith to get it.

MONDAY, May 4th. I. Kings xix. 1-8.

Elijah’s reaction to the victory of Mount Carmel and God’s renewal.

In chapter xviii. Elijah throws down the gauntlet and fearlessly challenges the false prophets of Baal. Here we see the giant of Carmel galloping before Jezebel’s chariot, and finally grovelling beneath a juniper tree desiring to die. Depression had set in through physical weakness, but God provided him with sleep and food, and then gave him a job to do. When God’s servants tire physically and mentally, they must have sleep and food. God looks after his own.

TUESDAY, May 5th. I. Kings xix. 9-21.

“What doest thou here, Elijah?”

I remember reading an article entitled “Saints in the wrong place.” Elijah was not where God wanted him to be on this occasion. After extracting from him his complaint God revealed Himself in “the still small voice” and commissioned him to go forth with the “anointing oil” and anoint Hazael king of Syria; Jehu king over Israel; and Elisha to be prophet in his own stead. Don’t grumble in a cave of isolation when there is work to be done. Your job is to keep on keeping on.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th. I. Kings xx. 1-14.

“Thou shalt know that I am the Lord” (v. 13).

How was Ahab to know the Lord’s hand on this occasion? Through a miraculous deliverance. Thirty-three kings with all their military might and prowess against Samaria. So sure was Ben-hadad of victory that he prefaced his message to the besieged king with, “Thus saith Ben-hadad” (v. 2). Ahab had a “thus saith the Lord” from a prophet (v. 13). No matter what the odds against us, if you have God’s promise of victory (and we have) the host will be put to flight.

THURSDAY, May 7th. I. Kings xx. 15-30.

“And they slew every one his man” (v. 20).

The military strategy seemed to be, “Mark your man and get him.” Christians would do well to adopt this method in winning souls for Christ. An old woman occupied a seat in the gallery of her church every Sunday. From that vantage point she was able to view the choir perfectly, and God laid it upon her heart to pray for the choir one by one until eventually God saved them all. Have you tried this method?

FRIDAY, May 8th. I. Kings xx. 31-43.

“So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it” (v. 40).

A New Testament truth is enshrined here: we determine our own judgment as believers; it will be according to our works. Our daily works fall into two categories—“gold, silver, precious stones,” (or) “wood, hay, stubble” (I. Cor. iii.). Our manner of life determines our judgment, whether at the Bema of God we shall be rewarded or suffer loss.

SATURDAY, May 9th. I. Kings xxi. 1-19.

“The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee” (v. 3).

What a desirable courage to go against his majesty! Yet, the man honoured the word of God. According to Leviticus xxv. 23, and Ezekiel xlvi. 18 it was wrong to sell and wrong for the king to suggest it. It costs much to go against an earthly ruler, but it pays good dividends to obey God. Think of Daniel and the three Hebrew children. “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. ii. 10).

PLEASE PRAY:

For a sister suffering from ear trouble and nerves (Dundee); for a husband and children, that they may be saved, and that a certain need will be met (Ballymoney); for a backslider (Armagh); for a sister in hospital with a nervous breakdown (Cardiff); for a believer that God will deliver from heart trouble, and save certain relations (Walthamstow).

MISSIONARY FINANCES

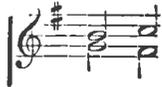
Following is the April statement of the financial needs of the Elim Missionary work and the amount of money received:

	Estimated Expenditure	Received
1952		
November	£1,100	£1,211
December	£1,100	£1,042
1953		
January	£1,100	£1,011
February	£1,100	£1,424
March	£1,100	£406
	<u>£5,500</u>	<u>£5,094</u>

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

The Hymns we sing—
the Tunes we love
MUSIC IN THE CHURCH



By Pastor D. B. Gray.

TUNES OF "MARTYRDOM" and "ST. PETER"

The tune "Martyrdom" is used twice in the REDEMPTION HYMNAL and was composed by Hugh Wilson. It came into being at the end of the eighteenth century, and for years it was not known who exactly was the composer. In order to confirm ownership a legal action to settle the copyright position was fought out. Two relatives of Hugh Wilson gave evidence that he not only had composed the tune, but had taught it to his classes at Fenwick, Ayrshire, his home town, at least twenty-five years before the case was brought to Court. The Sheriff was satisfied with the evidence. Some hymnals show this tune in the original time, i.e. common time. He wrote many Psalm tunes, but "Martyrdom" is the only one to find a permanent place in Church hymnody. It was first sung in St. George's, Edinburgh.

Our next tune, "St. Peter" is really inseparable from the hymn, "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds," although in REDEMPTION HYMNAL other words are set to this noble tune. Alexander Robert Reinagle is the composer and it appears to be his only tune thus included. The tune is named after the church, St. Peter in Oxford, of which the composer was organist for thirty-one years. Reinagle was of Austrian extraction and came of musical stock: he was actually born in Brighton. He published several other musical works, but the tune "St. Peter" is all we share of his contribution as far as we know.

COMING EVENTS

B.B.C. (London). May 3. Sunday Half-Hour Broadcast from the Studio by the London Crusader Choir and Massed Male Chorus, conducted by Pastor D. B. Gray, 8.30 (Light Programme).

BLACKPOOL. April 25, 26. Elim Church, Fredora Avenue. Visit of Pastor L. W. Green.

BRAINTREE. April 26th. Elim Church, Manor Road. Visit of Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir, 6.30.

CARLISLE. May 3-17. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by Willard Cantelon. Sun., May 3 at 8, Her Majesty's Theatre. Sun., 6.30, Elim Church. Week-nights (Tues. excepted), 7.30, The Methodist Central Hall.

CHELMSFORD. April 25. London Road Congregational Church. Great United Pentecostal Rally, Speakers: Pastors E. Crew (A.o.G.), S. Gorman (Elim), W. Baker (F.G.T.), 3.30 and 7. (Cups of tea provided).

CHIPPENHAM. Commencing April 26. Liberal Hall, Station Hill. Elim Pioneer Campaign conducted by Pastor A. D. Hathaway and Party. Tues., Wed., and Thurs., in Town Hall. Sun., 8. Week-nights, 7.30.

COULSDON. May 11-15. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Campaign conducted by Pastor F. A. Hodge and Party. Each night at 7.30.

COVENTRY. April 19-30. Elim Church, Stoney Stanton Road. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor H. A. Court.

CROYDON. May 14. Elim Church, Stanley Road. Missionary Film in colour, shown by Mr. F. B. Phillips, 7.30.

ENGLEFIELD GREEN. April 26. Elim Church, Bond Street. Pastor's Seventh Anniversary Services. Speaker: Pastor H. Burton-Haynes, 11 and 6.30.

HALIFAX. April 25-30. Elim Church, Hopwood Lane (Bond Street Corner). 21st Anniversary Celebrations. Speakers: Pastors J. Kennedy and T. E. Francis. Convener: Pastor J. Gardiner. Sat., 7. Sun., 10.30 and 6.30. Mon. to Thurs., 7.30.

HULL. May 9. Mason Street Hall. North-Eastern Presbytery Youth Demonstration. Speaker: Pastor A. Tee. Items by Crusaders. 3.30 and 6.30 (cups of tea).

INGATESTONE. May 3-17. Elim Pentecostal Church, High Street. Campaign conducted by Evangelist Harold Miles. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30. Baptismal Service, Wed., 13th.

LANGLEY. April 26-May 7. Elim Church, Mount Pleasant. Revival Campaign conducted by Pastor A. Wilson. Sun., 6.30. Week-nights (except Sat.), 7.30.

LEYTON. May 2, 4-6. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Opening of Church Extension by the President and special meetings. Mon., 7.45. Sat. Pastor C. Brookes and Party, 7.

LONDON. April 25. Kingsway Hall, Kingsway. Annual Festival of Music presented by the London Crusader Choir, 7.

MOTHERWELL. April 24-28. Orange Hall, Milton Street. Great First Anniversary Celebrations. Speakers: Pastors J. M. Moore, G. Newsholme, J. Smith, R. Barrie and W. Lewis. Convener: Pastor A. Tee. Three visiting Youth Choirs. Sat., 5 (full meal for visitors). Sun., 8, Divine Healing Service in Motherwell Town Hall.

PLYMOUTH. April 26-May 10. Elim Church, Emma Place, Stonchouse. Special visit of Pastor W. George.

PONTARDULAIS. April 25-27. Beulah Elim Church. West Wales Revival Rally. Speaker: Pastor C. Rees. Sat. 7, in Hermon Chapel. Sun., 11 and 6. Mon., 7.

READING. April 30. Elim Church, Waylen Street. Quarterly Missionary Box Meeting. Speaker: Miss E. Wriglesworth (India), 7.30.

ROMSEY. May 16-18. Elim Church, Middlebridge Street. Ex-Service Reunion. Messrs. Harrison, Sutar, Rayner, and others (war-time visitors to Romsey). Messages, Testimonies, Musical Items. Convener: Pastor W. George. Sat. 7. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon., 7.30.

SALISBURY. April 29. Elim Church Scots Lane. Speaker: Pastor S. Gorman, 7.30.

SCARBOROUGH. May 2-14. Elim Church, Murray Street, off Londesborough Road. Revival Campaign conducted by Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy. Sun., 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.

SMETHWICK. May 2-5. Elim Church, Oldbury Road. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors C. J. E. Kingston and J. Dyke. Convener: Pastor F. Shadlock. Sat. 7. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon. and Tues., 7.30.

SPARKBROOK. April 26. Elim Church, Golden Hillock Road. Visit of Pastor H. Fisher. 11 and 6.30.

SWANSEA. April 26-May 4. Elim Tabernacle, New Orchard St. Revival Campaign conducted by Rev. A. Rowland Smith, F.R.G.S., F.V.I. Sun., 11 and 6.30. After-church Rally, 8.15. Week-nights, 7.15.

THORNTON HEATH. April 26. Elim Church, Moffatt Road. Baptismal Service conducted by Pastor L. G. Hawes, 6.30.

TREDEGAR. April 25. Calvary Pentecostal Church, Charles Street. Visit of Sparkbrook Choir and Pastor W. Patterson, 6.30.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor and Mrs. J. Williams, Elim missionaries on furlough from Southern Rhodesia, will visit the following Elim churches:

April 27.—Burton-on-Trent. 28.—Leicester. 29.—Ashbourne. 30.—Nottingham. May 1.—Long Easton. 2.—Rotherham. 3.—Barnsley. 4.—Parkgate. 5.—Sheffield. 6.—Mansfield. 7.—Beeston.

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BIRTHS

Yates.—On March 22nd to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Yates of Ilford, the gift of a son, Andrew Kenneth; a brother for Eunice and Ruth.
Pike.—On February 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pike, of Salisbury, the gift of a daughter, Loraine Kathleen.

DEDICATION

Taylor.—Eric Malcome, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor, members of Elin Church, Petersfield. Dedicated by Pastor J. McBurney of Portsmouth, on February 8th.

MARRIAGES

Cowper; Thompson. On April 4th, at Elin Tabernacle, Aberdeen, by Pastor J. Leslie Timbrell; William Cowper to Thelma Thompson.

Dalheim; Walker.—On March 28th, at the City Temple, Hull, by Pastor Tom Walker, assisted by Pastor L. W. Green; Martin E. Dalheim to Mary Walker; both Elin Crusaders.

Deighton; Smith.—On April 4th, at the City Temple, Hull, by Mr. R. Daere; Desmond Deighton to Mary C. Smith; both Elin Crusaders.

Dennis; Cusick.—On March 28th, at the City Temple, Hull, by Pastor L. W. Green, assisted by Pastor W. Kirkby; Archibald Dennis to Betty Cusick; both Elin Crusaders.

Gregory; King.—On March 21st, at the City Temple, Hull, by Pastor L. W. Green; Cyril Gregory to Maureen King; both Elin Crusaders.

Sainsbury; Maidment.—On April 4th at Elin Church, Salisbury, by Pastor F. J. Stlemming; Pastor John Sainsbury to Doreen Maidment.

WITH CHRIST

Baden.—On March 23rd, at Parkstone, Mrs. K. Baden of Elin Church, Springbourne, Bournemouth (formerly of Elin Church, Graham Street, Birmingham). Funeral conducted by Pastor W. J. Hilliard.

Blowers.—On April 7th, Arthur James Blowers, aged 65, faithful member of Elin Church, Lowestoft. Funeral conducted by Pastor George Backhouse.

Campbell.—On April 6th, little Peter Campbell, aged 10, went to be with Jesus. He was beloved by all, and a faithful attender at Elin Sunday School, Bradford, and Sunshine Corner. Funeral conducted by Pastors J. J. Morgan and H. Dawson.

Harrison.—On April 1st, Herbert Harrison, member of the City Temple, Hull. Funeral conducted by Pastor W. Kirkby.

Tomlinson. On March 28th, Mrs. Phoebe Jane Tomlinson, aged 80, of Elin Church, Salford. Funeral conducted by Pastor F. H. Coleman. "Till He come."

Walker.—On March 20th, Mr. T. Walker (Hull), grandfather of Pastor T. W. Walker. Funeral conducted by Pastor L. W. Green.

Parsons.—On April 7th, Mrs. Rosina Parsons, aged 80, faithful member of Elin Church, Salisbury, passed into the presence of the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor F. J. Stlemming.

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