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THREEPENCE

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Scenes at the Opening of the new Minor Hall of the Elim Church, Bristol. The main building will be erected as soon as possible.

(Pictures by courtesy of "The Western Daily Press and Bristol Mirror.")

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

"Alleluia : for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. xix. 6).

Opening of Minor Hall, Bristol

◀ By Pastor A. D. HATHAWAY, B.A. ▶

I DECLARE THIS HALL OPEN for the preaching of the full Gospel." With these words from our President, another milestone in the history of the Elim Church in Bristol was reached.

It is just a year ago that together with the evangelists Willard and Mrs. Cantelon, Pastor Brewster commenced the great Bristol campaign in the Colston Hall. Those of us who were present on the opening night recall the thrill of seeing that great hall packed to capacity with people, many of whom had queued for hours to gain admission, and the even greater thrill of seeing the crowd who wended their way to the front in a seemingly never-ending stream to make their decision to follow Christ.

Since those days, in spite of all the critics, the work has gone ahead under the faithful and untiring ministry of Pastor Ronald Jones. There have been many difficulties in providing suitable accommodation for the crowds that have gathered week by week, but now at last they have a building of their own, although this will still be insufficient to accommodate the great congregation that gathers each Sunday, despite a seating capacity of over 300.

As we reached the new building in Jamaica Street, it was obvious that many of those who had gathered outside the attractive hall would never find a place inside. Police were there to control the crowds that had gathered to witness

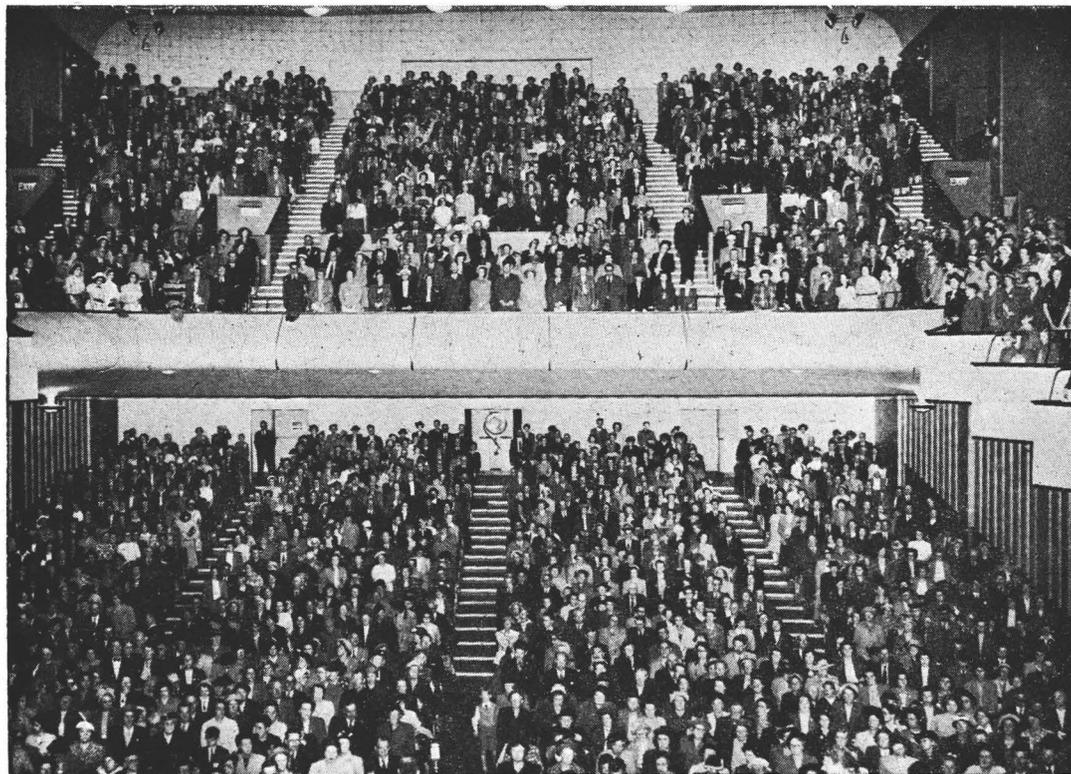
the opening ceremony in spite of the meeting being held in the afternoon when so many were at work.

Owing to the size of the crowd outside, the ceremony was a short one, and after a hymn and prayer of dedication, Pastor Brewster turned the key in the door, and declared the building open for the preaching of the full Gospel message. The people surged into the building, filling every available space, and crowding around the windows and open doors. Even then there were many who could not find any means of access to the building, such was the throng.

The ministers of the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and a number of Elim ministers and members from other churches in the Presbytery were present to join in wishing God's richest blessing on the Church in Bristol as they go forward in their new home.

Following a prayer of dedication by Pastor Reeves of Caerphilly and the reading of the account of the dedication of Solomon's temple, Pastor Brewster ministered the Word of God, gripping our hearts with his powerful message.

We were reminded, however, that this hall is only the Minor Hall, and we look forward to the day, not too far distant we trust, when on the adjoining site there will be reared a building worthy of the Church in Bristol and able to hold the crowds that gather week by week.



Flash back to the great days of the campaign in the Colston Hall, Bristol

The following appeared in the local press :

NEW CITY TEMPLE MINOR HALL OPENED

Landmark in Elim Foursquare Alliance

On a site in Jamaica Street, Bristol, once occupied by two houses, the Minor Hall of a new City Temple was opened yesterday — an important landmark in a campaign which was started in the city last year by the Elim Foursquare Alliance.

The hall, which seats 300, was built in only three

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TO THOSE WHO HAVE A DISAPPOINTING FRIEND !

By Pastor W. W. Kirkby (Elim Church, Hull).

IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE, but it was true : Cæsar had been stabbed by his trusted friend. Surprised, the dying man looked at his assassin and exclaimed, "What ! thou, O Brutus ?"

Something like that has happened to you : not that you have been stabbed to death ; but that the one whom you believed to be your friend has failed you. Just at a time when you needed him most, he broke his promises, and in trying to justify himself told deliberate lies. Had you been informed a month ago that such a thing was going to happen, you would not have believed it : but the unbelievable happened.

In your subconscious mind you decided never to trust anyone again. You would attend the assembly as usual ; have an occasional chat with your workmates, and be sociable with your friends and relatives : but as for confidences—never !

That attitude reminds me of a little girl, who, when she discovered that her beautiful doll was hollow believed everyone to be artificial. Crying, she ran to her mother and begged to go into a convent.

Let me pass on to you the advice Paul gave Philemon after his trusted servant had defrauded him and run away to Rome.

Sending Onesimus back, Paul exhorted Philemon to "receive him." The door was to be left open for reconciliation. To take the opposite attitude and refuse to trust a friend again will result in your eventually becoming friendless, for no one is perfect. You should expect disappointments, and when they come be prepared to forgive. Would you like to spend the closing years of your life in loneliness as Napoleon did ? It is fitting that he died alone for he confessed, "I never pretended to make friends."

Gilbert and Sullivan sold their friendship for a trifle. Sullivan ordered a new carpet for the theatre they had bought, and when Gilbert saw the bill he lost his temper. They battled it out in court, and never spoke to each other again. When Sullivan wrote the music for a new production he mailed it to Gilbert, who, after writing the words returned it by mail. Once they had to take the curtain call together, but they stood on opposite sides of the stage and bowed in opposite directions to avoid seeing each other.

The continuity of friendship is based upon forgiveness. True friendship does not hold grievances, but is willing to forgive ; and forgiveness includes forgetting. It was for this reason that Paul offered to repay the money Onesimus had stolen. He was desirous of annihilating the grievance in order that fellowship might be restored. It is your duty as the offended party to be open for reconciliation, and willingly to forgive your friend the moment he seeks your pardon.

A genuine forgiveness on your part may be the means of creating an even stronger friendship than previously. It would make your friend realise that you value him, and that you are above hold-

ing grudges. Remember : "To err is human ; to forgive, Divine." (Pope).

Paul exhorted Philemon to receive Onesimus, not now as a servant but as a brother. He was to bestow upon him greater affection than previously ; and that, because a work of grace had been done in his life. His contact with Paul had resulted in his conversion. Cannot it be said, too, that when your friend seeks forgiveness, a work of grace has been done in his heart. Think of Peter who confessed, "I am a sinful man, O Lord." Think also of the confession of the prodigal son. Augustine wrote—"The confession of evil is the beginning of good works."

Paul was of the opinion that if a reconciliation could be made between Philemon and Onesimus, a lifelong friendship would result. And even for Philemon it would be a bad bargain to refuse such a friendship by being unprepared to forgive. Friendship is one of the major things in life : you must not allow anything to rob you of this treasured blessing.

OPENING OF MINOR HALL, BRISTOL—Continued

months. By the end of the year, a factory and two bombed houses on an adjoining site will have been pulled down and work will begin on the erection of the temple to seat about 1,000 people.

Until the temple is completed—probably by the end of next year—the Corn Exchange will be used for revival services. The Minor Hall will be used for Youth meetings and other smaller gatherings.

A large crowd stood outside the hall for the opening ceremony yesterday afternoon, performed by the Rev. P. S. Brewster, of the City Temple, Cardiff, who is this year's President of the Elim Foursquare Movement and who led the revival campaign in Bristol last year. A thanksgiving was said by the Rev. Aubrey Hathaway, of Elim Church, Bath.

SERVICE HELD

Afterwards, a Service was held in the Hall by the resident minister, the Rev. Ronald Jones. The prayer of dedication was said by the Rev. Leslie Reeves, of Caerphilly, and the Rev. J. Eynon Tiffin, of Neath, read the Scripture.

Mr. Brewster, who preached the sermon, spoke of the success of last year's campaign (there were 1,000 converts), and described the progress that had been made since.

Occupying a prominent position in the hall is a picture painted by an American evangelist, Willard Cantelon. It was presented to the Church at the annual convention at the Royal Albert Hall last year.

A revival rally was held at the Corn Exchange in the evening.

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EDITORIAL

BREAKING THE FETTERS

Many observers look upon the ratification of the Human Rights Convention of the Council of Europe as a step upward in the evolution of the human race. One commentator remarks, "For the first time in history, there comes into being an international Commission to which member States and even individuals in certain circumstances can appeal when they believe that a human wrong has been committed or tolerated by one of the parties to it." This means that subject peoples can no longer be held in thrall—the tyranny of oppressive governments and political systems is past. At least, it is past for those who ratify the document.

Unfortunately, as with most of these high-sounding ideals, there is a snag in it. It might be made to work if all the nations of the world became members of the Convention—it is the fellow over the fence (or curtain, as may be!) who causes us the trouble, for when he begins to poke his nose into the affairs of other folk a war is likely to blow up which smashes at one titanic stroke all the freedoms and rights so grandiloquently upheld by the theorists.

There is, of course, a spot of bother among the bigger brothers in the human family as to the exact meaning of freedom. The organisation of society for the benefit of the majority naturally imposes certain restrictions, and there are diversities of opinion as to the measure and extent of these brakes on the human family. Paul B. Bull, M.A., says, "Freedom is not the absence of restraint. Free thought is not freedom to think what you please, as to think what is false to be true. Such free thought could only end in a lunatic asylum. Free action is not for each limb in the body to act with disregard to the whole. Such freedom would end in St. Vitus's dance. Personal freedom is to be free to make one's own contribution to the commonwealth in one's own way." It is obvious that we cannot

all do as we like for what we like may be obnoxious to the man next door.

Freedom in the social sense is surely the right of man to share a common responsibility and a common privilege. Here are some of the rights and liberties which the Convention promises to protect :

Everyone's life shall be guarded by law. . . . No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment. . . .

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority. . . .

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude. No one shall be required to perform forced or compulsory labour.

Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly . . . the right to form and join trade unions.

Now it is quite obvious from the history of the nations that all talk of freedom, however noble, is an idle deference to empty words. Where the authority of God is not acknowledged there is no tribunal to establish the standards of moral behaviour, every nation believes in its own arbitrary right to set the course of its own actions. Even when some nations do agree, as is the case with the Western powers, there are others who have different viewpoints.

In view of all this, a recent report from America is of special interest. On July 2nd, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the "Declaration of the Seven Freedoms" prepared by the National Association of Evangelicals, which launched the "March of Freedom." This crusade is designed to point America back to God. "This is the sort of thing I like to do," said the President, after signing the document. He then rose and turned to the delegation of the N.A.E., and after pointing out that the March of Freedom Declaration was really nothing new, said, "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. . . . Many of us seem to have forgotten that these privileges are the gift of God. You do well to bring this fact to our attention in such a forcible way. I like the simplicity of your statement, based on the Twenty-Third Psalm. Keep it simple and the American people will grasp it."

"At this point in the conversation," says *United Evangelical Action*, "the Chief Executive recalled an incident in his experiences as head of N.A.T.O. One day he was talking with M. Jules Moch, eminent Socialist leader of France. Monsieur Moch was boasting that some sixty per cent of the people of France were 'free thinkers.' 'Do you mean,' asked General Eisenhower, 'that sixty per cent of France does not believe in God?' 'Well,' said M. Moch, with a little shrug of the shoulders and a significant look in his eye, 'possible.' 'If that is true,' concluded the General, 'then I know what is wrong with France.'"

The Declaration of Seven Divine Freedoms signed by the President are as follows :

Because the forces of evil in the world are bent on destroying our religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and specially protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution, ratified by the people of the United States, and . . .

Because these same forces are bent on destroying the very foundations of our democracy whose constitution owes its continued existence to the faith of the people in Almighty God, and . . .

Because America needs to be reminded of its spiritual heritage and its responsibility to Almighty God as its sovereign ruler, its purveyor of past blessings, its guarantor of a continuance of justice and liberty for all . . .

We do therefore affirm that the heritage of freedom which we cherish as Americans is from God, who is the author of the Seven Freedoms in the 23rd Psalm of the Bible, and

We do further affirm that only those who have an obedient faith in God are assured of freedom and the abundant life and that only those nations will live and be free whose people have this faith.

1. Freedom from Want—"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (v. 1).

2. Freedom from Hunger—"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures" (v. 2).

3. Freedom from Thirst—"He leadeth me beside the still waters" (v. 2).

4. Freedom from Sin—"He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake" (v. 3).

5. Freedom from Fear—"Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me" (v. 4).

6. Freedom from Enemies—"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies" (v. 5).

7. Freedom to Live Abundantly—"Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (vv. 5, 6).

Deeply grateful for the gift of these seven freedoms we now reaffirm our faith in Almighty God, the Author of these freedoms, and in repentance we humbly confess our sins and seek the forgiveness of God and His blessings for our nation, dedicating ourselves henceforth to uphold and proclaim these seven freedoms that all of the world may be free under God.

We were interested to note that "In the evangelical emphasis great simultaneous revivals will be held in which the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be preached and multiplied thousands will be saved." American freedom is on the right road if these statements can be adhered to. The slavery of sin in the individual heart is but the local source of slavery in every other sphere of human activity. Once we discover the secret of spiritual freedom we are heading for the happiness of life for which men in all ages have striven; "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John viii. 36).

BOOK REVIEW

LEARNING AND LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

By G. R. Harding Wood, M.A. Henry E. Walter, Ltd. 6/-.

I have read the various sections of this book with interest and profit, and admire the ability with which the subject is treated. As the title suggests, the book is divided into two parts: (1) Doctrinal, consisting of eight chapters on the following themes: Sin, Guilt, Repentance, Faith, Justification, Regeneration, Adoption and Assurance; (2) Practical, containing discourses on: Sanctification, Service, Watchfulness, Temptation, The Devil, Fruit-bearing, Witnessing, The Will of God, The Holy Spirit, The Bible, Prayer, Church. Pentecostal believers will not fully agree with all the writer says on the Holy Spirit, but much is stated which is scriptural, logical and helpful. Mr. Harding Wood in his introductory remarks says, "The one thing that all Christians—young and old—need today is Assurance, and the attainment of Assurance is by spiritual understanding." By his treatment of the above themes, and use of apt illustration, he has brought many of the deep and practical things of the Christian Life into clear perspective. In the production of this book the author has rendered the Christian community a signal service. I heartily recommend it to all, but especially to the new convert.

—E. Cyril Jones.

ELIM CONFERENCE, 1953

PUBLIC MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 7th and 9th at 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY

Induction of the President and Ordination of Ministers at **Bloomsbury Central Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2**

Conducted by

Pastor P. S. Brewster (Retiring President)

Pastor J. J. Morgan (President-Elect)

Service of Song from 7 to 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

GREAT MISSIONARY RALLY

at **Elim Church, Benhill Road, off Church St., Camberwell**, when a team of about 12 Elim Missionaries on furlough will take part.

DO NOT MISS THESE NATIONAL GATHERINGS

LATE NEWS

Tent campaign at Lowestoft crowded. Miracles of healing. 60 hands raised for salvation.

WHILE ON EARTH and speaking of His return, Jesus said, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Today many good Christians have lost faith in everything. Though Stalin and Hitler signed a pact, they had no faith in each other. Mussolini never trusted Hitler; although they worked together, they never trusted each other. In America, employees have lost faith in each other. Unions do not trust managements. Many pastors lack faith in each other. Congregations have little faith in the pastor, and many pastors have lost faith in congregations. Although many have lost faith in humanity, there is still One in whom we can trust: Jesus said, "Have faith in God!" (Mark xi. 22).

Many Christians in this present era have built up their faith in an individual, and when the individual fails, their experience collapses too. Our faith should never be centred in an individual, but in Christ. Individuals may fail, but He never fails—nor will He permit us to fail if we trust and obey Him. There is a sad condition in the world today; many follow after man as if he were a god. Many who seek healing for their bodies still retain their ailments because their faith was in man and not in God. Healing does not rest with any individual, it rests with God. Today we promote certain men and build up the faith of the people in them. Then when that individual prays and no results are forthcoming, they immediately repudiate all healings. Had their faith been established in Christ, they could have received healing and gone home whole. The need today is not for faith in man, but to centre the faith of all Christians in Christ.

Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, had only one daughter, and she was dying. He had faith in the healing power of Jesus and went directly to Him. On His way to the house, the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Jesus' garment, and was healed. In the meantime, news came that Jairus's daughter was dead. Jesus spoke the wonderful words, "Believe only, and she shall be made whole." Faith is the requisite. Believe, and you too shall be made whole.

In the story regarding the woman who touched the hem of His garment there are four definite thoughts: 1. A woman was very ill; 2. She had spent all her money on physicians; 3. Though discouraged, she had faith in Christ; 4. A personal faith in Christ will bring healing.

The text informs us that a man named Jairus had appealed to Jesus on behalf of his daughter who "lay dying." Jesus immediately started home with this father when a great crowd thronged around Him. In that crowd was a woman who had been ill for twelve years. There is no doubt that this woman was weak from her loss of blood, but as she stood there faith began to well up in her heart. She looked longingly at Jesus, but a great obstacle had been placed in her way. The crowd barred her path to the

"Thy Faith Hath A Sermon on Divine Healing

Son of God. If you expect healing from the Master, remember the Devil will make every effort to bar your path and lay every obstacle in your way that he possibly can.

Let me illustrate it this way. While I was pastoring in Pennsylvania I was approached one Sunday night by a young convert, relative to a neighbour who was very ill and expected to go to the hospital the next day for an operation. The young convert became concerned about this woman, for he felt she was unsaved and might die. The woman had a tumour that was visible

on her side, and she was to be operated on for its removal. After the Sunday evening service I asked two other brethren to accompany me to the home. There we met our first obstacle, an ungodly daughter, who was preparing to leave the house. I talked with the daughter for some time regarding her personal salvation, but apparently I made no progress. The daughter felt her mother should not be disturbed, but I insisted that we pray for her. God expects a little tenacity on our part. Three of us knelt together after I had explained the Word of God to the mother. I was praying only a short time when the Lord gave me the assurance that the mother would be healed. I notified the daughter that I would be back in the morning to observe the results. When I arrived the following morning, I found the mother well and do-

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ing her washing. She had been healed, just as the woman had who had pressed beyond the obstacles and found Christ. The daughter was saved and is now a missionary in Africa. Later I talked to the physician who was to operate, and he acknowledged that the woman had a tumour large enough to weigh nearly three pounds.

This woman had spent all her money on physicians, yet could not be healed. The writer has no controversy with the medical profession ; they have done

this one pray for you and that one pray for you, and, like this poor soul, are " nothing bettered, but rather grew worse " (Mark v. 26). Forget your disappointments and look unto Jesus, " the author and finisher of our faith."

In one of our recent meetings there sat a young woman who had been prayed for often. She was deaf in one ear due to a child's disease, and now she was the mother of three fine children. For years she had not heard out of that ear and had been discouraged over the situation. One night we were praying for the sick, and the glory of the Lord came down as a woman, who had not raised her arm in ten years, did so. The deaf woman was in her seat, and as the power fell she began to weep. Suddenly she felt something warm run down the inside of her ear, and immediately she was healed. **Why?** She had touched the Master and not some individual. Later, while visiting a friend across the street, she heard her telephone ring with the ear that had been healed.

A personal faith in Christ will bring healing. Today many are running here and there to be healed by some individual, whereas the Bible teaches quite plainly that faith in Christ is sufficient. Many of the Bible healings were recorded for our learning ; and I am convinced that if we consult the record, clarity will come to us regarding personal faith. The Lord told this woman, "**Thy faith hath made thee whole!**" Not faith in Peter, or John, or some other apostle ; but faith in Christ. Mark ii. 5 reads, " When Jesus saw **their faith.**" Matthew xv. 28 states, " Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is **thy faith.**" Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, " Stretch it forth." It required faith in the individual to stretch it forth. John v. 8 reads, " Jesus said unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." It took effort on this man's part to take up his bed and walk.

Ten lepers had approached the Master and asked for mercy ; Jesus gave them a command and the record is clear, " And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed " (Luke xvii. 14). Faith in the Word sent them forth. The man born blind had to have personal faith ; otherwise he would never have gone to the pool to wash. John gives this record, " When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle (many today would classify that as unsanitary, and it is this pride that hinders their healing) and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And said unto him, Go,

ade Thee Whole"

22) - By Evangelist Harry Strachan

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Berdie Bell.

a wonderful job for a world sick with sin, but even today there are many diseases that still baffle the best of doctors. I hold in my hand a newspaper report of a five-year-old boy, having his Christmas in October as he may die before Christmas. I quote from the paper, " Richard Sanquist, dying of a malignant growth that forced the removal of his eyes by the time he was three, sat with his parents, and an older brother and sister, and opened presents at a Christmas party. Helen, twelve, who lost her sight from the affliction that is killing Richard,

came home from the state school for the blind." Doctors are unable to help.

Cancer still baffles the medical profession. Children are dying constantly with leucæmia. Although science has learned to split the atom, humanity continues to suffer. Science has learned how to destroy the human family, but has failed to produce help for sufferers of many malignant diseases. If you are suffering while you read this, just offer up a little prayer to Him who understands ; you do not have to wait until some certain individual passes your way to receive healing. **JESUS CHRIST IS STILL THE SAME TODAY.**

Though discouraged, the woman of our text had faith in Christ. Perhaps you, too, are discouraged. You have travelled from meeting to meeting, having

wash in the pool of Siloam. He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing" (John ix. 6-7). If you will examine the record, you will find that **faith** was instrumental; but that faith was in the heart of the individual who came to Jesus. Matthew viii. 10 reads, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

Healing from God is for us today; where man fails, He never fails. Exercise your own faith and you, too, will be healed. Christ could not do many healings in one place as unbelief was prevalent, but **He runs to honour faith**. Let your faith make you whole. As you read, pray and ask the Master to increase your faith that you might be healed. He is willing to heal you **NOW**.

Focus

on the Churches

BLESSINGS AT BRIDLINGTON

By Pastor W. W. Kirkby

On August Bank Holiday Monday the third annual rally of the N.E. Presbytery was held in Bridlington. The weather was glorious, and whilst many enjoyed the amenities of such a lovely holiday resort a large company of people proved that "In Thy presence is fulness of joy."

Our President was the speaker at both afternoon and evening meetings. During his discourses he emphasised the disciples' opinion of the healing of the palsied man: "We have seen strange things today." Pastor Brewster enumerated some "strange things" he himself had witnessed: he had seen the lame walk (Dr. Griffiths of Oxford); he had seen people healed by the power of God without hands being laid upon them (God's answer to those who believed he healed by hypnotism); and through the gifts of the Spirit he had heard ancient Greek spoken and perfectly interpreted by people ignorant of that language.

Pastors R. Chapman and L. W. Green convened and items were given from churches in the North Eastern Presbytery. Seven souls accepted Jesus as Saviour.

ELIM CONVENTION AT ROMSEY

From the Romsey Advertiser

The principal meetings of the 26th annual rally and convention of the Romsey Elim Church were held in the Baptist Church on August Bank Holiday, when the large congregations included visitors from various parts of the county.

The services were conducted by Pastor M. Bowler, minister-in-charge, Romsey. One of the speakers was a former minister at Romsey, Pastor C. St. Clair Robinson, now of Romford. Pastor David Ayling, of Llanelly, also addressed the meetings. Musical items were rendered at both meetings by the Southampton "Youth for Christ" trio, the Romsey Elim Choir, and by some members of the East-

leigh Church. The last group were accompanied by Mr. S. Eydman on the guitar.

Before the evening service began Mr. Eydman conducted an open air service in the Market Place.

Vigorous addresses were given by both speakers at the evening meeting.

PROGRESS AT SOWERBY BRIDGE

By J. W. Inwood

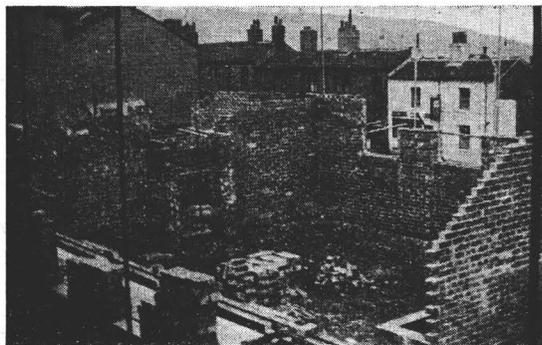
We are not often in the news, but thank God always in His care. We have had a year of much blessing at our church.

Our new church building is well on the way to completion and should be ready for opening about the end of October. Money has been saved through the purchase of second-hand doors, windows and pulpit from a demolished chapel. Hard work has been put in by local brethren, young people, and Pastor Lambert, to prepare these.

There has been a steady stream of converts, and several of them have been received into membership. Also ten, mostly young people, have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

During the summer months many of the Crusader meetings took the form of united open air meetings with the Halifax young people, held alternately in both towns. Hundreds of "Elim Evangelists" were given out. One Sunday, our Sunday School service took the form of a recruiting effort on a new housing estate.

A recent visit from the Salford trekkers brought abundant blessing, decisions for Christ were made, and to others the day of their Pentecost fully came.



The Elim Church building goes up at Sowerby Bridge.

THE RALLY THAT WAS DIFFERENT

The Battle of the Elements—and the Battle of the Vultures. Let me explain.

It was a Saturday at Elim Hall, East Ham; and East London were enjoying another revival rally. The afternoon service had just started when the rain commenced, and this was the start of the storm. There was a break during the afternoon and evening meeting, enabling us to have a short open air gathering.

Then the evening service began. Soon after, the storm returned with renewed fury. One expressed it thus, "The

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ELIM YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by

Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY (National Youth Secretary)

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

BARNSELY ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

The Sunday School steadily grows and a splendid programme was recently rendered by the scholars and a welcome extended to Pastor and Mrs. L. Tranter.

Parents and visitors gathered in goodly number to hear the scholars' musical items and poems called “Flower Fancies.” Many scholars are fully grown now, but we continue to pray God's blessing upon all the willing nursery-men and women who so lovingly water the seedlings in our Elim nursery, presenting for the future years lovely blooms and many flower fancies.

BRAINTREE YOUTH EVENTS

Crusaders have visited the Old People's Homes, including one for the blind. The ministry in message and song was much enjoyed and return visits are eagerly awaited. The Sunday School anniversary was an inspiring occasion. Pastor D. W. Anthony (Youth Commissioner) thrilled the children with his object talks. Items by the scholars were well rendered and appreciated by all present.

SCOTTISH CAMP SUCCESS

A glorious Youth Camp has just concluded on the lovely West coast of Scotland—at Ayr. Over sixty young people were at the camp with Pastor Alex Tee. Application has already been made for similar accommodation for next year.

MARCH OF YOUTH AT BRITON FERRY

A great march of witness was held in Briton Ferry in which the Elim Sunday School participated. The singing of children's choruses made a great impression. Following the march a fine tea was provided and a time of happy recreation was enjoyed.

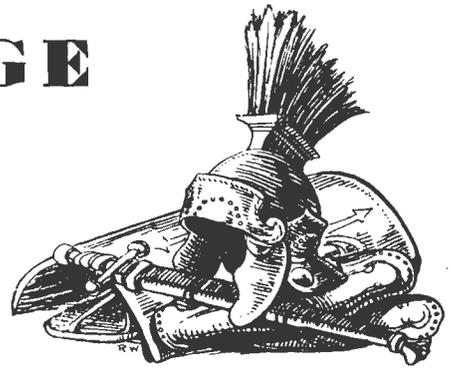
CHILDREN'S OPEN AIR MEETINGS IN PONTYPRIDD

By Mrs. A. Withey

God is abundantly blessing Friday nights in the outlying districts of Pontypridd. Children's open air meetings are being held in an endeavour to bring the Lord to those who do not attend any place of worship.

Auntie Beatrice and Auntie Millie have adopted more than 200 nephews and nieces since this work began five weeks ago. The children are quick to learn choruses and have been heard singing them in the streets as they play.

Competition is keen in working out puzzles and jumbled texts, for which prizes are given; there is great interest in the flannelgraph stories of Jesus and the Old Testament



saints; the children vie with one another to recite passages of Scripture. It thrills our hearts to see them progress in their knowledge of Him who said, “Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

We pray that through these children we may reach the parents, awakening in them the desire to know more about Jesus.

Our Sunday School is growing as a result of these meetings. It is a delight to see many children meet their Aunties in the Lord at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. Pray with us that they will grow up knowing the joy of having Jesus as their Saviour, and the pleasure to be found in serving Him and glorifying His Name.

ADULT DELINQUENCY

Fathers and mothers listen to me,
Who is to blame for delinquency;
You, or your untrained girl or boy,
Who turns to crime in search of joy?

Do you delight in obeying God,
And train your child with reproof and rod?
Or does it grow from babe to youth,
Devoid of knowledge of Christian truth?

Do you take your children to Sunday School?
To learn of God and the Golden Rule?
Or are they sent to a picture show?
Where most delinquent youngsters go?

They learn of crime and sinful lust,
But not of Christ whom they ought to trust.
They learn to lie, to steal, to kill,
But not to love and do God's will.

Who is to blame, you or the child?
If it turns to crime and becomes defiled?
Who should go to the prison cell,
The rope, or chair, or even to hell?

God is your Judge in heaven above,
He bids you repent in His grace and love.
To turn from your careless and wicked way,
And begin to study His Word and pray.

Forsake the world with its social whirl,
And go to church with your boy or girl.
Oh, parents pause, and listen to me,
You are the cause of delinquency.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

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

SUNDAY, September 6th. Luke xx. 1-18.

“Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things” (v. 8).

The verses before us tell of a concerted effort on the part of the leaders to dislodge the Lord Jesus from the position of influence He held over the people. It was a position unsought by Him. He preached the Gospel, He ministered to the spiritual and physical needs of the multitude, who coming to Him, were abundantly satisfied. Joining forces behind this question were the chief priests, scribes and elders. They considered their net was strong and the mesh close. Never was Jesus too busy or preoccupied to give His counsel to even the humblest enquirer. This was not a sincere question. He discerned the motive behind it, the spirit that prompted it. Every sincere and needy heart will find its answer in prayer—tell Jesus!

MONDAY, September 7th. Luke xx. 19-26.

“Just men” (v. 20).

The emphasis is not on the just (the quality of being equitable, impartial), but on the fact that they were not different from others—“just men.” In many ways the chief priests and scribes were distinct from the ordinary people; on this occasion, however, these marks of distinction were cleverly disguised—some of their number became spies in an effort to deceive Jesus and to entrap Him in His words. Most of the leaders considered they were in a class by themselves (v. 46). “Just men”—they were only that anyway! Pride is of Satan. In Colossians iii. 12 we read of humbleness of mind. This should be unaffected by whatever comes our way—position or gifts or honour. Side by side with this humility of mind is contentment. If we are not honoured as others, let us maintain a happy contentment of heart.

TUESDAY, September 8th. Luke xx. 27-47.

Underlying the verses making our lesson is the futility of man to help man in spiritual matters without Divine help. Verse 27 tells us that the Sadducees deny resurrection. Following the words of Jesus to the Sadducees one can see the evident pleasure of the scribes (verse 39) that the arguments of their old protagonists had been so completely answered by Jesus. That spirit of man against man is everywhere around us. True unity can only be had under the blood of the Lord Jesus, accepting His lordship and the authority of His Word. A delightful example of this is in Galatians i. 18. Who but Jesus could have brought these two men together! The nearer we get to Him, the closer we get to one another.

WEDNESDAY, September 9th. Luke xxi. 1-11.

“The offerings of God” (v. 4).

In Mark's account of this incident we read, “Jesus

sat over against the treasury” (xii. 41). The abundance of some and the penury of the widow were known to Him, and from the place He occupied He could see what was cast into the treasury of God. It is “according to His riches in glory” (not just “out of”) that God in His grace ministers to our needs. Similarly, our giving to Him and to His work should be as He hath prospered us. “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”—we give, not just because of this, but in love, and from hearts conscious of their deep gratitude to God.

THURSDAY, September 10th. Luke xxi. 12-24.

“It shall turn to you for a testimony” (v. 13).

Interwoven into the great and solemn events foretold by Jesus are His words of counsel and comfort. They are the threads of silver and gold in an otherwise dark and sombre fabric. Particularly bright and shining are these words in verse 13. We read in the previous verse of arrests, trials and imprisonments—all these but accentuate the words, “It shall turn to you for a testimony.” It was so in the lives of Peter and John, Stephen, and Paul. In the lives of the martyrs, too, this has been gloriously true. If persecution comes to you accept it as an opportunity of witness. His grace is sufficient.

FRIDAY, September 11th. Luke xxi. 25-38.

“In the day time He was teaching in the temple; and at night He went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives” (v. 37).

Counterbalancing the public ministry were the nights alone on the mount of Olives. Presumably much of these nights was spent in prayer and in fellowship with His heavenly Father. This is a vital and necessary part of the Christian's life, when the soul is occupied with HIM rather than His work. The words “Like a tree planted by rivers of water” are found in Psalm i. 3. No tree will withstand the storm unless it is deeply rooted. Just as the roots are ever reaching forward and intertwining with the soil, so must the soul seek fellowship with God in the reading of His Word and in prayer.

SATURDAY, September 12th. Luke xxii. 1-13.

“He shall shew you a large upper room furnished” (v. 12).

An additional word is seen in Mark's account of this incident—“furnished and prepared.” It but adds to the thought that nothing further remained to be done. The message is one of preparedness—the Master may have occasion to call upon me today. Were there other places in the city more suitable than this one? If so they were passed by and the place that was furnished and prepared was chosen by the Master. It is not so much your gifts and suitability as your consecration, willingness—and readiness.

RETURN THANKS :

For recovery of Pastor J. J. Morgan.

PLEASE PRAY :

For a believer of 85 suffering from head injuries, and for an agnostic nephew (Croydon); for a matron who is suffering through overwork (Forest Gate); for a sister with cancer who has only been given a short time to live (H.F.).

Bible Puzzle Corner

(No. 7)

By Leon C. Quest

HOW IT IS DONE

- (a) The letter of each name, person, place, or thing, forms an **initial**, and the total initials downwards form a text, a title, or a saying.
- (b) The correct scripture must be given for each name with the **initial**.
- (c) The correct scripture must also be given for the answer.
- (d) Sometimes it is wise to answer the third or the seventh, or some other number, if the first is difficult.
- (e) Let there be a space between each word.

1. The cousin and wife of one of the patriarchs.
2. A king of Bashan who fought against Israel.
3. A disobedient wife.
4. A beautiful girl who was adopted by her cousin.
5. A burden which we are to carry which is light and easy.
6. One who is mentioned by Paul as a faithful and beloved brother.
7. Paul's helper in Christ.
8. A faithful daughter-in-law.
9. A high priest who helped to rebuild Jerusalem.
10. A captain of the Syrian army in the reign of Benhadad.
11. The eldest brother of a great king of Israel.
12. The heathen god for whom Paul was mistaken.
13. An archer who was the ancestor of a great nation.
14. One who became greater than his elder brother.
15. One who, with his daughters, helped build the walls of a ruined city.

The INITIAL letters of the answers give one of our Lord's commands to those who follow Him.

Answers to these questions will be given in next week's ELIM EVANGEL.

FOCUS ON THE CHURCHES—Continued.

thunder thundered; the lightning lightened; the rain rained, and the wind blew till it couldn't blow any bluer." How the elements raged, but we were fortunate to have Pastor Court as the preacher. He is rightly named "Leather-lungs," and truly he was "in his element" against the fury of the gale. As the noise increased, he automatically raised his voice in protest, and remarked that the weather had a bad habit at times. Although the rain descended, the blessing of God also came down upon our souls. This was the "latter rain" from heaven, and by Monday evening it reached the marvellous climax. The message given concerned the vultures pictured in Genesis, chapter xv. As the Word was administered under the Spirit's unction, conviction came, insomuch that over twenty young people came forward for reconsecration, many weeping bitterly as they "got right" with God. It was indeed a "Bethel" to the saints who were present there. Praise God!

The Rally that started with natural showers ended with spiritual deluge. Hallelujah!

COMING EVENTS

BURNLEY—PIONEER CAMPAIGN

Commencing on Sunday, August 30th, a full-scale Pioneer Revival and Divine Healing Campaign will be held as follows: Sundays: 8.0 p.m. in the Empress Ball Room. Then every night at 7.30 in the Co-operative Hall, Hammertone Street. Conducted by Pastor Alexander Tee and his Revival Party.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS PIONEER EFFORT

CAMBERWELL. Aug. 30. Elim Church, Benhill Road. Visit of London Crusader Choir, 6.30.

COULSDON. Commencing Aug. 23. The Mount. Tent Campaign conducted by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston and Party. Suns., 6.45 and 8.15. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30.

DELANCEY. Sept. 12-17. Elim Church. Visit of Pastor A. J. K. Magee. Sun., 11, 2.45 and 6.30. Week-nights, 7.45.

DUDLEY. Sept. 5. Elim Hall, Upper High Street. Visit of Sparkbrook Choir and Pastor W. J. Patterson. 7.

EALING. Sept. 12-17. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Campaign conducted by Pastor J. Woodhead. Convener: Pastor T. W. Walker. Soloist: Mrs. J. Woodhead. Sun., 11. Week-nights, 7.30. Sun., 13th, in Ealing Town Hall, 6.30 and 8.

ELSTREE. Commencing Sept. 7. Pioneer Campaign in Tent at Elstree, Herts. Further particulars next week.

HAYES. Sept. 5. Elim Church, Keith Road. Speaker: Harry Young, Esq. Duettists: Joan Henson and Nancy Richardson. 7.

LANGLEY. Sept. 6-7. Elim Church, Mount Pleasant. Sisterhood Anniversary. Sun., 6.30. Mon., 7. United Rally. Special Speaker and Soloist, Mrs. A. Woodhead.

LEYTON. Aug. 29. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. N. London Presbytery Rally. Pastor G. Stormont, Ilford Male Voice Choir and other items. 7. (Business meeting 2.30).

LOWESTOFT. Now proceeding. The Marquee, London Road (opposite Central Police Stn.). Campaign conducted by Pastors C. Brookes and G. Backhouse. Suns., 3, 6.30 and 8. Week-nights, 7.15.

PLYMOUTH. Aug. 29. Methodist Central Hall, Saltash Street. United Rally under the auspices of the British Pentecostal Fellowship. Speakers expected: R. J. Locke (Assemblies of God), J. T. Bradley (Elim Church), Ian Macpherson (Apostolic Church), W. Millington (Full Gospel Testimony). Sat., 3 and 6.30.

PLYMOUTH

Commencing on Saturday, September 5th, Revival and Divine Healing Campaign in Large Marquee, Union Street, City Centre, by Paul Cantelon and Party (Artist-Preacher from Canada). Sat., 7. Suns., 6.30 and 8. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30. The sick will be prayed for.

NEATH. Sept. 12-21. Elim Church, Briton Ferry Road, Coronation Year Convention. Speakers include: Pastors J. McBurney, W. Evans, and Ann Lodwick Lewis, Idris Davies, and E. T. Rees. Soloists: Miss Mair Jones and others. Convener: Pastor V. J. Walker. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.

READING. Sept. 5. Elim Church, Waylen Street. United Christian Youth Rally. Rev. A. Gove and Team (Basingstoke Baptists). 7.15.

ROCHESTER. Sept. 5, 6. Elim Tabernacle, Star Hill. Minister's 21st Anniversary. Special visit Smethwick Choir. Guest speaker: Pastor A. J. K. Magee. Cups of tea provide. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

SPARKBROOK. Sept. 12-14. Elim Church, Golden Hillock Road. Choir Week-end. Speaker: Pastor G. Cauty and Gloucester Male Voice Choir. Sat., 7. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon., 7.30.

WATFORD. Sept. 5, 6. Opening of New Elim Church and Special Services at Douglas Avenue by Pastor P. S. Brewster. Speaker on Sun.: Pastor H. W. Greenway. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Sun., 6.30.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor and Mrs. J. Williams, Elim Missionaries on furlough from Southern Rhodesia (Border of Portuguese East Africa), will visit the following churches:

Sept. 15—Warrington. 16—Oldham. 17—Glossop. 19—Wigan. 20—Salford. 21—Blackpool. 22—Blackburn. 23—Southport. 24—Liverpool. 26—St. Helens. 27—Accrington. 28—Burnley. 29—Colne. 30—Bolton.

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Eastbourne.—A delightful holiday is assured at the Elim Guest House; one minute from sea, with views of both sea and Downs; spiritual fellowship and home comforts. Illustrated brochure from Miss Phillips, Lascelles Private Hotel, Lascelles Terrace, Eastbourne. (Phone: 633).

MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale.—"Great Texts of the Bible" (Hastings), 20 vol., £5; "Treasury of David," 7 vols., £2; Matthew Henry's Commentary, 6 vols., £3; Young's Analytical Concordance, £2. For list of other books write: Box 743, "Elim Evangel" Office.

BIRTH

Porter.—On August 12th, to Pastor and Mrs. G. M. Porter, of Guildford, the gift of a son, John Miller.

MARRIAGE

Hewitt : Harper.—On August 8th, at Elim Tabernacle, Bath, by Pastor A. D. Hathaway; Alan James Hewitt to Irene Harper. Both Elim Crusaders.

WITH CHRIST

Bainbridge.—On August 5th, Mrs. E. Bainbridge, aged 83, oldest member of the Wigan Church. Funeral conducted by Pastor T. E. Francis.

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Conducted by

PASTOR P. S. BREWSTER AND PARTY

also

Willard Cantelon (Preacher-Evangelist from America)

Please Pray for this Effort

THANKSGIVING

T—For the Thorns that pierced His brow,
H—For the Heart that is broken now,
A—For the Agony suffered for me,
N—Naked and shamed by man was He.
K—For the Kiss, His betrayal sealed,
S—Stripes, He received that I might be healed ;
G—Up Golgotha Christ was led.
I—Innocent blood for me He shed.
V—For the Victory won over sin,
I—I live in the hope of His coming again.
N—Is the Need of His presence Divine,
G—Go and tell others this Saviour is mine.

TO HELP YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL—

we have produced a most attractive recruiting folder. It has a fine cover in two colours with a photo of lively children. The inside message is clear and to the point. The back page is blank for details of your Sunday School.

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