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Scenes at Oxford. Top left : Pastor P. S. Brewster opens the new church building. Bottom left and top right : Congregation in the tent for the baptismal service, conducted by Pastors E. Scrivens and A. Dennison (Bottom right). (Report on page 485).

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PAUL CANTELON AT HOVE

Healings and Baptisms in the Spirit Witnessed

By Pastor W. G. Hathaway (Elim Church, Hove)

After many months of prayer and expectation on the part of the friends at Hove, the campaign by the Rev. Paul Cantelon took shape in the month of August. A large marquee was erected on a plot in West Hove served by five buses. Great interest was aroused in this first visit to the South Coast of this famous evangelist-artist who has stirred audiences in many lands by his forceful preaching.

It was a delight to see the tent packed to capacity with an enthusiastic audience on the opening Saturday night. Right from the commencement of the campaign Paul Cantelon and his wife and little Sharon endeared themselves to the people of Brighton and Hove. The painting of the picture each evening attracted many interested folks. Many came just to see the painting, and remained to pray. With lightning strokes of his brush Mr. Cantelon built up a delightful picture in the space of ten or twelve minutes, and held his audience enrapt. During the painting a programme of music and singing was provided each evening, Mrs. Cantelon bringing from time to time delightful messages in song.

The singing of little Sharon charmed everyone, and there was always an eager audience waiting to drink in every word and hear every note and see every gesture as she came to the microphone.



Scenes in the tent at Hove during the campaign conducted by Rev. Paul Cantelon and Party.

The outstanding feature—the focal point of the campaign—was the fearless and forceful preaching of Mr. Cantelon. Each night he held his audience in the grip of the Spirit; his messages seemed to drip with drops of fire. Straightforward words, clarity of thought, and an obvious anointing of the Spirit upon the preacher was bound to bring the desired results. Right from the first meeting hands were raised to accept Christ, and each meeting saw many making the great decision. Influenced by his impassioned pleading as he, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, set before them the vital issues at stake, folks came streaming to the enquiry room night after night. Over a hundred were dealt with and decision cards filled in, but many others in addition registered their decision by their upraised hands or in other ways, without coming to the enquiry room.

The healing ministry of Mr. Cantelon was brought into action, and many testified to the healing power of Christ. Here are some of the cases reported: A man with chronic chest trouble completely healed. A lady who had to wear a spinal jacket was healed. A young girl, under treatment in a London hospital for a long time for asthma with complications and who could not sleep without tablets, was healed, her recovery being confirmed by the doctors. Another lady healed of partial blindness. Many others received a touch from the Lord in their bodies.

The campaign in the marquee lasted for two weeks, and everyone rejoiced in the fine sense of the presence of God which prevailed. Following the marquee, four meetings were held in the Elim Church, Portland Road, Hove. Here again enthusiastic audiences gathered to hear Mr. Cantelon and to witness his delightful painting, and to hear the singing of Mrs. Cantelon and Sharon. During these concluding meetings the seating capacity of the large church was taxed to its utmost, and on the last night folks were unable to gain admission because the church was filled to capacity. A special feature of these last meetings was the number of those who came seeking for the fullness of the Spirit. When hands were laid on them, several received a glorious experience of the fullness of the Spirit, speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The hearts of all the folks in the Hove church, as well as many other friends, have been thrilled by this God-blessed campaign, and for this visitation of the Spirit and the remarkable answers to prayer which were witnessed. This rich campaign, and the harvest of precious souls, has been a wonderful time of blessing, and many heartfelt thanks have ascended to God for His goodness in sending Paul Cantelon and his wife and little Sharon to Hove. Eternity alone will show the records of all the triumphs of this Campaign.

REVIVAL FIRES BURNING IN BURNLEY

By Pastor Laurence Lambert

Through a mixture of torrential rain and cold sunlight I drove last evening to the Campaign in Burnley. It had been noised abroad that Pastor Alec Tee and Party were experiencing great blessing, for the Lord was working with them. So I decided to go and see for myself.

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☆ JESUS AT BETHANY ☆

By Frederick D. Walker (*Evesham*)

WE ARRIVED at the south side of Bethany. Turning to take a view of the way we came, I was struck with the magnificence of the view. We have nothing in England to equal it. Bethany stands on a lovely spot, though it is left to run wild. From its elevation I caught a glimpse of the Jordan and the Dead Sea, the former winding its dazzling course along, with the mountains of Moab beyond, about thirty miles from us." These words by a recent traveller to Raesane, give an idea of the beautiful situation and natural environment of Bethany. This, together with the fact that it was only two miles from Jerusalem, gives it a certain prominence among other places in the Holy Land; but the stories of the village in connection with the Lord Jesus make it for ever famous. Did not Jesus say the story of Mary and her alabaster box would be told wherever the Gospel was preached? Other incidents, too, associated with Jesus at Bethany make it a household name among Christians everywhere. It was a place where Jesus loved to go, a place where He is seen in a way that stirs the hearts of men. In His dealings with the folk of Bethany, and His humble friendship with lowly hearts, we see His true humanity; and in the mighty power displayed in time of need we get a glimpse of His wonderful Deity.

Let us look at those in that home He visited. There was Martha, who was "cumbered about with much care." Why was she so busy when Jesus came? Before condemning her, let us ask ourselves how we would act. What if we knew that Jesus was coming to our home? How we would strive to have everything just ready so that He who had no earthly home should find a worthy place to visit. What a comfort it was for Him to go to that humble abode and find everything to make Him welcome! This meant serving, and Martha seemed the one to do it. If Jesus did give her gentle reproof it was only that in love He might teach her that material comforts were not everything, and that He came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Notice that John says, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus." Martha's name came first, and she was the first to welcome Him when He came to their sorrowing home after what must have seemed a mysterious delay. But not only did she go to meet Him, she said that though He had not come in time to heal her brother, He could do whatever He wanted. In other words, He could raise him up. Though she had not sat at the feet of Jesus, like Mary, she had learnt sufficiently from Him to have that daring faith in His omnipotent power.

"Mary sat still in the house." She did not seem prepared for her Lord's coming. Did she think He had failed because of His delay? It was an awful test for her faith, but she came through to victory, and with the assurance that His delays are not denials. Even if Mary's faith and love did falter for a while, it became so strong and intense that she counted not the cost of her alabaster box, but

poured out her love on Jesus, though misunderstood and criticised.

What of Lazarus? We do not read of anything he said that would give us an insight into his character, but the one whom Jesus loved must have had a great love for Jesus, and though he, too, must have wondered why Jesus stayed away during that anxious time at home, yet he was to know the meaning of God's purpose and be a living witness of the power of his loving Lord. We read that many came to see him—many out of curiosity—but seeing Lazarus alive they were convinced that Jesus was the Son of God.

When we consider the stories of Jesus at Bethany we have to admit that the raising of Lazarus is the most wonderful. It is the highest peak in the mountains of blessings. Happening not many days before the trial and crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, this great miracle was the climax of His supernatural ministry on earth. Here was undeniable proof that He was the Jews' Messiah, the Son of God. Yet they blindly and deliberately cast Him out. How the fiends of hell must have been maddened at this master-stroke of His power! It brought confusion to the priests too, and those who were planning His death, for they had by then so far progressed with their evil scheme that it only needed a few more days (in God's permissive will, of course) to complete the net. When this happened they must have been terribly upset at such a setback, for on hearing that many of the Jews now believed on Christ because of Lazarus they determined to kill Lazarus also. What if they had? That would not have undone the miracle, and Christ could have raised him again if need be. They were baffled for a time, but they had their way at last, and Jesus died at their hands. Nevertheless, the witness had been given, and they knew it was the very Son of God who had wrought such a miracle at Bethany.

SERVING GOD

"When I was a little girl," said a useful and busy woman, "I came across a sentence by George William Curtis that I have never forgotten, and that has encouraged me more than any other saying I know. It was that 'an engine of one-horse power, running all the time, is more effective than one of forty-horse power standing idle.' I realised strongly that I had not a forty-horse power, that my life was narrow in many ways, and my opportunities were likely to be few. But one-horse power I certainly possessed, and I determined to run my little engine as hard and as steadily as I could."

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I. Cor. xv. 58).

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EDITORIAL

SKIDS AND SKIRMISHES

At the risk of appearing over persistent we return again to an old theme—the danger of hustling to the wrong destination. Like our jet pilots, civilisation seems to be in a desperate hurry to get somewhere with the least possible time lag. The "where" is considered quite unimportant when compared with the propellants by which we arrive.

Time was when our forefathers could enjoy a sight of the corn growing in the fields ; when the old grey mare jogged along on a lazy summer day and the flies had time to buzz around ; when home was a centre of affection, and though simple, afforded asylum to the younger members of the family in their hours of need. Now we go too fast for the flies to bother us, these subjects of Beelzebub are not yet adjusted to the speed of jet propulsion ! and the modern home has become somewhere to live next door to the garage—the old grey mare was killed long ago for cat's meat—we must have comfort and speed.

Yes ! that's it—speed. We must go faster, so fast in fact, that we have become slaves to gadgets and grumbles, and in rounding the difficult corners of social and international life we are in danger of skidding into the pit. When you haven't time to think out the moral problems of the age in which you live there is every possibility that you will land in a horrible mess.

On the moral side things could hardly be much worse. There is little time to listen to the voice of reason, much less the Word of God. Even the judicature is streamlined to the tempo of our twentieth-century impatience : sexual freedom has been granted in easier divorce laws—bad cases have been used to make bad laws—and the result is not greater happiness, but wider discontent and deeper misery. The marriage contract is entered into by some with the escape complex clouding the very signatures on the registrar's books—if it doesn't work there is an immoral way out ! It is not long before skirmishes begin and the marriage becomes hell on earth.

And so the whole of society tends to an atmosphere of greater conflict, from the fight on Clapham Common to the old lag who is permanently at war with his neighbours. In a splendid editorial on the "Moral Basis of Society" the *Daily Telegraph* adds this interesting paragraph : "The retreating tide of Christianity has left behind in our great cities a society—if that is the correct word for such a shifting, deracinated mass—upon which the Clapham Common case threw a blinding light. What brought this case notoriety was the unusual fact that a death was involved ; what is in fact significant about it is precisely what is least peculiar to it. Here we see a certain part of our nation's youth as it is : at once brutal, sophisticated and ignorant ; inclined towards violence as an escape from the boredom and futility of empty urban existence, and egged on by a diet of depraved entertainment, by the hero-worship of their contemporaries and by flabby-minded tolerance of their elders. Here we see what happens to people when all the restraints imposed by religion and tradition are loosened or non-existent." That's it. When the restraints are relaxed men head for trouble and strife.

The same is true in international life. Nations are committed to a policy of speedy rearmament, and speedy rearmament means a lower standard of living through excessive taxation, and a lower standard of living means greater discontent, and greater discontent means trouble for someone or other. An elder American statesman has just warned the world that we are engaged in the most terrific arms race the world has known, with the reminder that every arms race since the Napoleonic wars has ended in war. When the speedy national chariot comes to a difficult bend in world affairs there is every possibility that it will skid off the path of peace into the horrors of a most ghastly war. We have reached a stage in human thought where we make a conscience about hanging a murderer, but prepare lethal weapons that will destroy millions of the fairest flower of our manhood.

How bitterly true are the words of Paul as he sums up the pagan world : "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. i. 22). The wise man of the Proverbs tells us that there are six things the Lord hates, and among them are "feet that be swift in running to mischief" (Prov. vi. 18). Indeed, Paul's summing up of a world under sin gives us a vivid picture of our present age : "Their feet are swift to shed blood : Destruction and misery are in their ways : And the way of peace have they not known : There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. iii. 15-18). The speed in preparing lethal weapons is associated with the destruction ; and the destruction is associated with the lack of peace ; and the lack of peace is the consequence of a rejection of God.

One thing our jostling generation has yet to learn is that its speed cannot compare with the swift judgments of God—"His chariots shall be as a whirlwind : His horses are swifter than eagles" (Jer. iv. 13). "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west ; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matt. xxiv. 27).

Focus

on the Churches

PROGRESS AT OXFORD

By Alan Dennison

History can be either entrancing or painful, yet, though we may not have the rhythmic beauty of Trevelyan or the stately prose of a Macaulay, we can claim that "our tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

It is ever a miracle that souls are won for Christ or new churches are established, and Oxford is no exception to this rule. In five months, from nothing, the work here has built up to a flourishing congregation possessed of its own tastefully decorated place of worship. Five months ago Oxford was flooded with posters advertising the Revival and Divine Healing Campaign; it seemed that the whole city was curious. Prayer must prevail, and, after the second week, an S.O.S. was issued for much more prayer on behalf of the campaign. All over the country warriors of the Faith burnished their armour, sharpened their spears and sallied forth to conquer. And this great citadel of learning fell before the determined attacks of the Army of the Cross. Within a few days Dr. E. Griffiths received his miraculous healing, and from that moment the warriors fell to possessing the land. How well they fought can be told from the tally of captives, for in four weeks over 1,200 were captured for Christ.

Generals, however, only lead the battle, and so, after the storming of the City, we regretfully bade farewell to those who had so faithfully led through the heat of the strife, and prepared ourselves for what was to prove a hard counter-attack by the enemy. As soon as the first stage of the work had passed the Elim Church was officially opened in the Union Hall, Oxford, where, overlooked by the busts of such learned and pious Christians as Gladstone and Disraeli, the second phase of our history commenced.

Under the leadership of Pastor E. Scrivens the work of God in Oxford was kept going, and indeed increased. With grit, gumption and grace, the fight went on.

The day came, however, when we were informed that we must remove from our beautiful building and go elsewhere, and so, we erected a tent, which was made, in one month, the birthplace of over 150 souls. In addition to this many were miraculously healed. Two baptismal services were held when sixty-five confessed faith in Christ.

But God had much more in store for us. Just a few days before we were due to move our canvas tabernacle God provided us with a building.

Both prayer and much time had been expended upon the search for a place to worship. Even the City Council prayed that we should not trouble them again, for the ministers had almost lived in the City Hall. But God met our need. Within a week of receiving permission to go

forward, the building was entirely re-decorated and the doors officially opened by Pastor P. S. Brewster.

Hardly has so much energy been expended by so many in so short a time. With buckets, scrubbing brushes, paint and paint-brushes, the saints of Oxford descended for the fray. The University lecturer worked side by side with the labourer, the converted Anglo-Catholic together with the converted rationalist; taxi-driver, school-teacher and housewife all brought their talents, until the whole building was fit for the Shekinah of God. Within seven days was done the work of twenty-eight days!

So the campaign in Oxford continues, for both members and ministers are consecrated to the highest call. All have vowed never to settle down. **AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM** is our watch-word.

RE-OPENING LLANELLY CHURCH

By Rosa Hansford

After some years of anticipation by the Llanelly assembly to see their church building renovated, this year our hopes were fulfilled. A few months ago it was decided to launch out, and overcome the financial problems, and take hold of the promise, "My God shall supply all your need."

The members rallied magnificently, gave gifts of money, loaned large sums, and we were able to step out. The work was completed in six weeks, and we returned with rejoicing and praise to see our church much improved in appearance and structure.

For the re-opening services we were privileged to have the ministry of Pastor J. T. Bradley, and a former member of our church, the Rev. Hirwyn Davies. The powerful and zealous ministry of the Word by His servants was blessed of the Lord, and continues under the faithful ministry of Pastor David J. Ayling.

CHELTENHAM CAMPAIGN

By H. Lyon

The Tent Campaign which was conducted by Pastor L. Barrie in the Elim Pentecostal Church was a source of great blessing.

A number made the decision for Christ. Each evening many sick people were prayed for, and some received a touch from the Divine Physician.

In spite of heavy rain, attendance was good, and the blessing received was mighty. We praise God for the opportunity of learning to know him better.

GREAT YOUTH RALLY

ZION CHAPEL, BEDMINSTER BRIDGE, BRISTOL

October 17th at 3 and 6.30

Speakers:

Pastors P. S. Brewster, H. W. Greenway and T. W. Walker

Special Youth Items :: Visiting Singing Groups

Join this Witness to the Power of the Gospel in the Lives of Young People



✱
Pastor J. J. Morgan becomes President. Entered Elim ministry in 1926.



✱
Pastor John Dyke, re-elected to the Executive Council for another two years, and elected Vice-President. Entered Elim ministry in 1932.



✱
Pastor H. W. Greenway, re-elected to Executive Council for another two years, and now appointed Field Superintendent. Relinquishes editorship of "Elim Evangel." Entered Elim ministry in 1928.



✱
Pastor W. G. Hathaway, re-elected to Executive Council for further two years, comes back to edit the "Elim Evangel." Entered Elim ministry in 1926.



✱
Pastor J. H. Davies, elected National Youth Secretary. Entered Elim ministry in 1948.
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MY deepest impressions of the Conference ! GOD IS WITH US !

In the opening prayer someone said, "God is with us." In the opening reading someone read, "The Lord of Hosts is with us." In the President's opening remarks, he reiterated, "The Lord of Hosts is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge." It all reminded me of the little lad who was to take part in the Sunday School Anniversary. The sentence he had to say was this, "Victory is ours : God is on our side." All day long he kept repeating, "Victory is ours, God is on our side ; Victory is ours, God is on our side." But when evening came and he faced the congregation, his mind went blank. After a prolonged and intense silence, he blurted out, "You can't beat us,

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By Pastor L. W. GREEN

God's in our gang." To return to the more refined rendering, we recall the living words of a dying saint, John Wesley : " And the best of all, God is with us."

The Elim Conference provides a very fruitful field from which to glean a harvest of thoughts for a report. From North, South, East, and West ; by road, rail, sea, and air they come. Clarence Avenue has a warm place in the hearts of many, for if No. 20 is the hub of Elim, No. 30, with its acres of woodlands, is the home of Elim. How thrilling it is to meet the different personalities in this great pentecostal family. A famous artist has produced a painting of Calvary, viewing the scene from behind the crosses ; his intention being that those who gaze at the picture shall catch the meaning of it all by looking at the expression on the faces of the onlookers ; so may we sense His presence, feel His power, and gaze at the heart of this God-inspired Movement, as the various Conference delegates throw the floodlight of glory on Him. May the Lord help us to recapture this for you.

Here comes a prayer from a brother who has travelled from the Emerald Isle. In his unmistakable Irish way he pleads, "Father, send down instructions." In this report you will find many gems of inspiration from the jewel casket of Conference oratory. Perhaps they will glisten more if you see them in **This Type of Printing**, so read on, and look out for these gems of speech.

Come with me now to the Tuesday morning devotional time, and hear Pastor W. Kelly speaking from Job xxxiii. 23, on the need for an Interpreter. "God needs an interpreter," he said, and Christ, who was in the bosom of the Father, hath declared (interpreted) Him (John i. 18). An interpreter must be able to speak at least two languages, and Jesus, the Son of God, could speak the language of heaven and the language



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of earth. Christ needs an Interpreter, and the Holy Ghost takes of the things of Christ, and shows them unto us. Life needs an interpreter, and time is a wonderful interpreter. We wish we could linger longer on these illuminating thoughts, as we behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, but Pastor Kelly concludes by saying, "There are some people who never see the hand of God in anything. I prefer to see the hand of God in everything." (Pastor Kelly's message was recorded and will appear in the ELIM EVANGEL later—Editor.)

Now to business! Our new and esteemed President for the coming year, Pastor J. J. Morgan, occupied the Chair.

Executive Council: The following retiring Members of the Executive Council were re-elected: Pastors J. T. Bradley, John Dyke, H. W. Greenway, and W. G. Hatha-way; Pastor Dyke was voted as Vice-President.

Evangelistic Report: This was really exciting. During 1953, thousands have been won for Christ through pioneer

and other campaigns, and new churches have been founded. We thank God for the untiring efforts of our evangelists, who are so obviously called and anointed of God, and we pray that God will continue to use them, and supply the urgent needs for our Central Campaign Fund. We have in hand for pioneer efforts only £35. This is not bad, but good, because it shows that your gifts have not been stored, but used, and the results have been magnificent. It is a long time since we have seen so much accomplished by so few, but God is increasing the number of anointed evangelists in our beloved Movement—men with a vision and evangelistic drive. We believe that Britain can yet see another great revival. Will you take your share in this glorious work by sending a gift to the Elim Evangelistic Fund. Write to the Evangelistic Secretary, 20, Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4. The time is short—"eternalise" your money.

Admission of Ministers: The following brethren were accepted as ministers:

K. Weldon; J. E. Burston; J. H. Sainsbury; C. J. Watkins; W. J. Allen; A. P. Johnston; E. Fulton (from December, 1953); P. J. Brewer (from April, 1954).

Acceptance of Churches: The following churches have been added to the Elim Movement during the year and assigned to the Presbyteries indicated in brackets: Aber-



Members of the 1953 Elim Conference in the beautiful grounds of Elim Woodlands

cynon (S. Wales), Accrington (Lancashire), Aldershot (London, South), Lydney (Swindon), Oxford, and Treherbert (S. Wales).

Elim Bible College Report : Pastor J. T. Bradley reported on the Elim Bible College. An intensive and comprehensive course of lectures is covered by twenty-five lecturers. Our College is expecting more students this term than there have been for many years. It would seem that God is calling and preparing the personnel for the coming revival.

Youth Report : The Elim Youth Movement showed a slight numerical increase in Crusaders.

The London Crusader Choir has had another year of fruitful service, including more broadcasts and regular recordings on the B.B.C.

Six successful Camps were held during the summer months.

The Conference recommends that branches of Junior Crusaders, ages 12 to 15, be commenced in our churches ; also that each minister should endeavour to form a boys' class. The proposals on these two new branches in our Youth work were adopted as follows :

(a) "A new group to be commenced called 'Junior Crusaders.' The age limits to be 12 to 15. A Junior Crusader badge to be introduced. Where activities other than of a devotional nature are included in these meetings, they must be within the bounds of the Constitution, and the time occupied by such activities must not exceed 50 per cent of the meeting. Rules for the new group to be framed by the Executive Council."

(b) "A boys' class to be called a "Boys' Guild,' to be conducted by the minister on a week-night for boys aged 12 to 15. The subjects chosen for the meetings to be of special interest to boys. This is specially recommended as a means of attracting and retaining boys in the local church."

Thanks and warm appreciation were expressed to Pastor D. B. Gray for his long and valuable service to the Elim Youth Movement. Mr. Gray is now appointed to the office of Music Director for Elim.

Headquarters Offices : Pastor S. Gorman relinquished the office of Field Superintendent. He will be visiting the Elim Churches, and plans eventually to visit Canada and the U.S.A. before returning to take charge of a church in this country.

The appointments to Headquarters Offices are as follows :
Secretary-General : Pastor E. J. Phillips.

Field Superintendent : Pastor H. W. Greenway.

Editor of the ELIM EVANGEL : Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

Dean of Elim Bible College : Pastor J. T. Bradley.

National Youth Secretary : Pastor J. H. Davies.

Missionary Secretary : Pastor G. H. Thomas.

Elim Church Incorporated : The result of the election of members of the Executive of the Elim Church Incorporated was as follows : Pastors J. T. Bradley, J. Dyke, W. G. Hathaway, C. J. E. Kingston, E. J. Phillips, J. Smith, and G. Stormont. President : J. J. Morgan, and Vice-President, J. Dyke. Pastors P. S. Brewster and S. Gorman remain in office.

Devotional Sessions : For a few moments, now let us return to a Devotional Session where Pastor A. Greaves is speaking on our being made partakers of Divine nature. "We were born again of the Spirit of God," He said. "Something snapped that day—gave way, to let something greater come in. I believe," he emphatically declared, "**I believe that this Elim Work is destined for a great future, because we have been made continuous partakers of Divine nature.**"

Discussions : During a discussion on the rising cost of printing, Pastor H. W. Greenway, in his unique way, said, "**You can walk round this problem just as the Children of Israel walked round the walls of Jericho, but you will find that the walls of printing prices are not coming down—they are going up.**"

Pastor Brewster led us in the great topic which was chosen for discussion, "What is Revival and how it may be promoted." Let me quote some of his inspiring utterances :

"I believe that God is much bigger than my thoughts."

"We are dealing with Divine phenomena."

"I believe a church can live in perpetual revival."

"I believe an individual can live in perpetual revival."

"In revival there is a re-discovery of the teachings of Christ."

"God can only bless truth."

"Our great Teacher and example was a Revivalist of the highest order. Jesus carried the sense of God."

"The will of God was Christ's highest prize, and the will of God is a very big factor in revival."

Pastor J. Smith followed (the whole personality of the speaker blazed with revival fire burning in his soul) : "**Our people,**" he said, "**are partakers of our spirits, as well as our words.**" He reminded us that in Bible days the appeal came not merely from the preacher to the people, but from the people to the preacher. Under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit they cried out, "What must I do to be saved?"

EVENING MISSIONARY MEETING AT CAMBERWELL

A wave of Holy Ghost emotion gripped one's soul as several Elim missionaries from India, Congo, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, and Egypt filed on to the spacious pulpit. It was good to see them all again ; some in native costume, but everyone clothed with the power of the Holy Ghost. We have now fifty-three Elim missionaries on the Field. Look up your YEAR BOOK and see their names and where they are working and pray for them.

It was good to hear Miss Marshall from Egypt, say, "Sometimes the Mohammedans say, 'Oh, do not tell us so much about this Jesus : tell us about Mohammed.' The first time this was said to me the Holy Spirit came upon me and I replied, '**I have no news of the dead, I have news only of the living**'."

Pastor J. Williams of Southern Rhodesia, said, "**When God puts you in a place, even the Devil can't get you out of it.**" And he informed us how a Roman Catholic official, speaking to Mrs. Williams, remarked concerning

their co-worker, Dr. Cecil Brien, "There goes a saint of God: I know of no man who would be willing to make such a sacrifice as that man." Pastor Williams concluded by saying, "We cannot all be Go-missionaries, but we can all be Co-missionaries with God."

Missionary Report: Heartfelt praise and thankfulness rose to God as we heard during the Conference that our missionary income last year was over £12,500. This year the Elim Missionary Society also received a legacy of over £3,000. It was agreed to have a Missionary Sunday throughout our churches every year. A message of greetings was sent from the Conference to all Elim missionaries serving overseas.

The following were elected to the Elim Missionary Council: Pastors E. C. W. Boulton, S. Gorman, W. G. Hathaway, A. D. Hathaway, C. J. E. Kingston, E. J. Phillips, Miss Barbour, and a representative from the Elim Pentecostal Churches.

So God has blessed our work. Has this blessing been the outcome of Elim's year of continuous prayer? 1954 is also to be a year of concentrated prayer. The following recommendation was adopted:

"That this Conference recommends that the year 1954 be observed as a year of concentrated prayer for Revival throughout the Elim Movement, and that every Elim Church be asked to make its own local arrangements to put this recommendation into effect."

Regarding the Week of Prayer the following was adopted: "That a Week of Prayer be held throughout the Movement commencing on the first Sunday in May next: wherever possible it is recommended that this be continuous."

Space fails for us to tell of other Conference thrills. Here are three gems from Pastor Gordon Wright:

"We must not build castles for ourselves, but temples for God."

"Some people could not kill a mouse without publishing it in the 'Gospel Gazette': Samson killed a lion and said nothing about it" (Quoting from Spurgeon).

"Let us say much of what God has done for us, and little of what we have done for God."

And so the fire burns as we muse in retrospect and prospect.

THE PAST? God has indeed done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

THE CONFERENCE? What a fellowship!

THE PRESENT? God is with us.

THE FUTURE HERE? In the words of our ex-President, Pastor P. S. Brewster, "I do not think it would be wise to stay in a Movement if God is not in it. But I believe that God is in this Movement, and I see signs that God is going to use this Movement in a mighty way."

THE FUTURE YONDER? "If here it is so blessed, what will it be up there?"

ELIM YOUTH PAGE

conducted by

Pastor D. B. GRAY

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

GREETINGS TO THE

NEW NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY

Elim Youth Leaders, teachers and Crusaders will express greetings and welcome to Pastor J. H. Davies, the newly-appointed National Youth Secretary. We wish him God's best as he takes up his duties, and sincerely hope and pray that his period of office will be successful and advance the cause of Christ among the Youth of Elim.

We are assured that leaders everywhere will give the support he deserves. Youth leadership demands experience and qualities inbred and God-given. We believe these qualities and resourcefulness are found in the new National Secretary.

Some little time must elapse before it will be possible for Pastor Davies fully to take up his new duties. The interim period will not affect the forward march of our Youth Forces. Youth matters will continue to receive the interest and attention of those long associated with these branches of the Elim Movement.

YOUTH WORK AT LURGAN

By **John Abraham**

The Youth Work is steadily progressing under the leadership of Pastor G. Harpin. Crusader meetings were commenced on Monday evenings shortly after the recent campaign. At these meetings we are taught, among other things, how to construct messages; we feel this is beneficial and very interesting.

Almost from the first meeting we formed ourselves into a choir. Hymns and spiritual songs are sung in the Gospel services and in the open air.

On Saturday evenings a Youth Rally is convened. Many of the young people take part in these services regularly. Good attendances have been maintained and these meetings have been a blessing.

Sunshine Corner is faithfully carried on under the supervision of two of the sisters. The children usually turn out in fairly good numbers. A few of them have found salvation at these meetings.

We thank God for these results!

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The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Herbert E. Ward, B.D.

SUNDAY, October 18th. II. Kings xviii. 13-25.

"The Lord said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it" (v. 25).

Thus does Sennacherib justify his attempt to overthrow Judah. It was manifestly false as later events were to show. It was an attempt to justify his action—perhaps to himself—certainly to the faithful defenders of Jerusalem, by claiming for it the sanction of the Divine. It is strange how many people, even today, seek to cover sin and justify their self-willed actions by claiming Divine guidance. Be sure your course of life is in the will of God and that it is not really your own desire covered with the veneer of a spuriously claimed Divine approbation.

MONDAY, October 19th. II. Kings xviii. 27-xix. 4.

"But the people held their peace" (v. 36).

In face of Sennacherib's honeyed words and later open threats, the people, under Hezekiah's direction, maintained a dignified silence. Ranting against fate, flurried anxiety and arguing with the tormentor pays no dividends. In face of all his wiles and woeful prognostications, like Jesus before Pilate, "answer him never a word." Nothing is more infuriating to an adversary than to be met by an unruffled calm and a stony silence. Such an attitude is in the Divine order for, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

TUESDAY, October 20th. II. Kings xix. 5-20.

"And Hezekiah . . . spread it before the Lord" (v. 14).

It was a disturbing letter Hezekiah had received but he took it to the place where such matters are best dealt with—he took it to the Lord. It is no use fretting, moping, or consulting all and sundry when life confronts us with some problem, take it to the One who alone has the panacea for all ills, spread it out before the Lord: "A little talk with Jesus" may not remove mountains all at once but it certainly can remove burdens, and the finest attitude towards adversity is to deal with it—in the presence of the Lord!

WEDNESDAY, October 21st. II. Kings xx. 1-11.

"I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears" (v. 5).

I suppose Hezekiah felt very happy and gratified at the message brought from Jehovah by the prophet. Later events, however, were to prove that this answered prayer was not an unmixed blessing. During the fifteen years of life granted to him, Manasseh his son was born, and Manasseh grew up to be one of the most wicked kings to sit upon Judah's throne. Someone has written about "The

Perils of Prayer." Be sure your desire is in the **perfect** will of God. Beware that insistence that may result in your request being given, but the ultimate outcome being leanness in your soul (cf. Psa. cvi. 15).

THURSDAY, October 22nd. II. Kings xx. 12-21.

"What have they seen in thy house?" (v. 15).

With a rash pride Hezekiah displayed his treasures to the emissaries from Babylon. It was an action that was to have disastrous consequences. By his action Hezekiah revealed what really lay in his own heart: pride, selfish vainglory and reliance upon a well-stocked armoury. What we are is revealed in what we do. As God looks upon us what does He see in our hearts? Does He see the same traits as Hezekiah displayed? A greater foe than Babylon also waits to encompass our destruction; what advantage do we give him by our unguarded actions?

FRIDAY, October 23rd. II. Kings xxi. 1-15.

"He built up again the high places" (v. 3).

One of the besetting sins of Israel and Judah was the worship of Baal: altars were raised to him in every shady copse and on every hill top. When Manasseh came to the throne he sought to undo the good his father had done, and this was one of his first acts of abomination. The high places stand for the sin that holds a strange fascination for us, whenever we are in a low place spiritually we turn to it immediately. Let us heed the exhortation of Hebrews xii. 1 and put these things far from us. Let there be no "high places" in the life!

SATURDAY, October 24th. II. Kings xxii. 1-10.

"I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord" (v. 8).

That newly-discovered book was to work a wonderful transformation in the land. Its precepts were to be the foundation on which a national revival were based. Spiritual prosperity followed its being read and obeyed. It is always so, "Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them." What position does the Bible hold in your heart? is it read, honoured, loved, or lost amid the debris of a cluttered-up life? If the last, like Josiah's priests, hunt it out and give it its proper place, and spiritual prosperity will come to you also.

Thought for the Week

"IF"

If I really trust Him
Shall I ever fret?
If I really do expect Him
Can I e'er forget?
If by faith I really see Him
Shall I doubt His aid?
If I really, truly love Him
Can I be afraid?

COMING EVENTS

BOURNEMOUTH. Oct. 14. Elim Church, Victoria Place, Springbourne. Sisterhood Anniversary Rally (followed by Tea). Speaker: Mrs. L. Wigglesworth (Congo), 3.15.

BRADFORD. Oct. 10-18. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastor and Mrs. L. Wigglesworth (Congo), and Pastors J. Gardiner, J. Gee, and T. Stevenson. Convener: Pastor J. J. Morgan. Sat., 7. Sun., 10.45 and 6.30. Week-nights, 7.30. Presbytery Rally, Oct. 17. 3 and 6.30 (Cups of tea).

BRIGHTON. Oct. 10. The Connaught Institute, Lewes Road. United Rally under the auspices of the British Pentecostal Fellowship. Speakers: Pastors A. Atkinson (A.o.G.), J. J. Way (Elim), Hugh Mitchell (Apostolic), F. H. Squire (F.G.T.), 3.30 and 6.30.

BRISTOL. Oct. 17. Zion Chapel, Bedminster Bridge, nr. St. Mary's Redcliffe Church. Great Youth Rally conducted by Members of the Youth Committee: Pastors P. S. Brewster, H. W. Greenway, and T. W. Walker. Youth Items. 3 and 6.30 (Cups of tea provided).

COULSDON. Oct. 17. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. United Pentecostal Rally. Speakers: Pastors J. T. Bradley and P. Snook. Elim Bible College Students. 7.

COVENTRY. Oct. 10-15. Elim Church, Stoney Stanton Road. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors C. J. Martin, G. Newsholme (A.o.G.), Idris Stephens. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights, 7.30.

CROYDON. Oct. 24. Elim Church, Stanley Road. Youth Conference and Rally, conducted by Pastor J. Atkinson (Youth Commissioner). Speaker: Pastor F. J. Slemming. 10.30 (Prayer); 3 (Youth Conference); 7 (Public Rally). Buffet tea between meetings.

EALING. Oct. 18. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Minister's Fourth Anniversary Services. Speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway. 6.30.

EASTLEIGH. Oct. 10-22. Elim Church, Nutbeam Road. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by Pastor W. George. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30.

ERDINGTON. Sept. 27-Oct. 11. Elim Church, South Road. Special Gospel Mission conducted by Evangelist Adam Chambers of the London Evangelisation Society. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30.

LEEDS. Oct. 3-18. Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, Bridge Street. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Paul Cantelon and Party. Suns., 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30. Sun., Oct. 11. at 7.30 in Leeds Town Hall. Sat., Oct. 10 in Belgrave Central Hall, Briggate.

LEIGH-ON-SEA. Oct. 10, 11. Elim Pentecostal Church, Glendale Gardens. Third Anniversary of Church Re-opening. Speakers include: Pastor L. W. Green and Mrs. A. Parham (U.S.A.). Sat., 3.30 and 7 (tea provided). Sun., 11 and 6.30.

LETCHWORTH. Oct. 22-25. Elim Church, Norton Way North. Missionary Exhibition. Speakers: Pastors S. W. Law (India) and G. H. Thomas (Missionary Sec.), and Miss R. Simms (Africa). Sun., 11 and 6.30. Thurs. to Sat., 7.

NEWQUAY. Now proceeding. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign in Newquay Theatre, St. Michael's Road (behind car park), conducted by Pastor Ken Matthew and Party. Suns., 6.30, 8. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30.

NEWTOWNARDS. Now proceeding. Elim Church. Revival and Healing Campaign conducted by Pastor and Mrs. J. Osman and Pastor R. R. Taylor. Suns., 7 and 8.30. Week-nights, 8.

OXFORD. Oct. 31. Elim Church, Botley Road. Visit of Sparkbrook Choir.

PONTYPRIDD. Oct. 3-11. Elim Church, Thurston Road. Youth Week. Suns., 11 and 6. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.15. Oct. 6, visit of Pastor J. H. Davies (National Youth Sec.).

SALFORD. Oct. 17. Elim Church, Nursery Street. Visit of Mrs. H. W. Fardell and Longton Bethel Temple Choir, 7.

SOUTHAMPTON. Oct. 10. Elim Church, Park Road, Freemantle. Induction of Pastor A. R. Smith, conducted by Pastor J. McBurney. 7.30.

SOUTHPORT. Oct. 10, 11. Elim Church, Manchester Road. Visit of Idris Davies (Welsh Evangelist). Sat., 7.30. Sun., 10.45, 3 and 6.30.

SOWERBY BRIDGE. Commencing Oct. 25. Princes Hall, Town Centre. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by Pastor J. Woodhead and Party. Convener: Pastor L. Lambert. Suns., 6.30 and 8. Week-nights, 7.30.

SWINDON. Oct. 15. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. Visit of Pastor S. W. Law (India). 7.30.

WARRINGTON. Oct. 10-15. Elim Church, Knutsford Road. Visit of Pastor J. Hyde (Scunthorpe). Sat., 7.30. Sun., 6.30. Harvest Thanksgiving services. Mon.-Thurs., 7.30, Special Studies on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

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

Oct. 10.—Kingstanding. 11.—Smethwick. 12.—Oldhill. 13.—Sparkbrook. 14.—Erdington. 17.—Silverdale. 18.—Longton. 19.—Stafford. 20.—Weoley Castle. 21.—Blackheath. 22.—Coventry. Farewell Meeting in Graham Street, Oct. 27, at 7.30.

Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, will visit the following churches:

Oct. 16.—Aberystwyth. 17.—Pontardulais. 18.—Llanelly. 19.—Swansea. 20.—Neath. 21.—Briton Ferry. 22.—Aberdare. 24.—Caerphilly. 25.—Barry. 26.—Newport. 27.—Hereford. 28.—Cardiff. (Continued on back page)

HOME MISSIONS—Continued.

Half an hour before the start of the service I discovered the large Congregational Sunday School Hall over half full. By the time the ministers ascended the platform the hall was filled with several hundred men and women, eager beyond description for the things of God.

The revival party had returned to Scotland, and I must confess I was rather disappointed at not seeing some saved Scots in skirts. However, the singing was splendidly convened by the newly-appointed minister, Pastor Jim Watkins. The radiant faces and responsive singing afforded abundant evidence that he had already won their love and esteem.

Then for forty-five minutes we listened to the powerful, persuasive preaching of Pastor Tee. Forty-five minutes and not a soul stirred. Please note all ye who cast furtive glances at the clock, or restlessly turn the pages of hymn-books, or shuffle in your seats if the minister preaches longer than half an hour. It really thrilled my heart to hear the great truths of, not only salvation, but also Water Baptism, Separation, Sanctification and Pentecost fearlessly presented to these new converts.

During the sermon a huge piece of plaster crashed from the high ceiling, narrowly missing some of the congregation; it could have killed someone, it could have ruined the meeting, but so great was the power of God that in seconds there was calm again. It was obvious that that Sunday school was not built for Elim singing.

In response to the appeal several people stood to their feet, including some fine young men. I was unable to stay for the Divine healing session, but in the service—and I spoke to some—were men and women who had been miraculously healed.

On the way home I was saddened by one thought: that up and down this country there are hundreds of towns and communities waiting for this great message of salvation and healing, and yet there is a danger of our evangelistic activities being seriously hampered through lack of finance. Christian friend, will you help by praying and giving? If your money lies buried in the bank, why not open the grave with a fountain pen?

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Hudson.—On August 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hudson, of Sheffield, the gift of a daughter, Angela Mary; a sister for Ruth.

MARRIAGES

Hackett : Darby.—On September 19th, at Elim Church, Blackheath, by Pastor L. P. Cowdery; Norman Hackett to Evelyn Ruth Darby.

Hainsworth : Ward.—On September 23rd, at Elim Church, Bradford, by Pastor J. J. Morgan; Raymond Hainsworth to Marjorie Eileen Ward (Crusader Secretary).

SILVER WEDDING

Dyke : Thomas.—On October 8th, 1928, in the Full Gospel Church, Rockfield Street, Newport, Mon., John Dyke to Christina Thomas. Service conducted by Pastor W. G. Attwood.

WITH CHRIST

Cox.—On September 8th, Miss A. Ellen Cox, faithful member and well-loved Sunday School teacher of Elim Church, Ashbourne. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. E. Burston. C.238

Wicks.—On September 11th, Miss Maud Wicks, aged 47, of Swindon, passed into the presence of the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor L. N. Knipe.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES—Continued.

Miss F. Grossen, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following churches:

Oct. 17, 18.—Bishop Auckland. 20.—Sunderland. 21.—Malton. 22, 23.—Scarborough. 24.—Driffield. 25, 26.—Hull (Mason St.). 27.—Hull (City Temple). 28.—Scunthorpe. 29.—Grimsby. 31.—York. Nov. 1.—Harrogate.

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