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Dedication and baptisms in the same service at the Elim Church, Salford. (See report on page 584.)

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

“Concerning the works of men, by the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.”
(Psalm xvii. 4.)

PARTAKERS OF DIVINE NATURE

(2 Peter i. 1-8)

Address delivered by Pastor A. Greaves at one of the devotional sessions of the Elim Conference

THERE ARE SOME WORDS HERE to which I would like to draw your attention: "Made partakers of divine nature." The thrill of one's soul as a believer in Jesus Christ is that we have been made partakers of Divine nature. This thought has been with me for some considerable time now, and has been a source of strength to my soul: When we came to Christ we realised that there was something in our life that ought not to be there; some of us were deep in sin, we became tremendous trophies of grace, and we praise God for it. Some of us could declare in our own personal testimonies how deep down in sin we were, but the Divine hand reached and lifted us. Ye were dead, but you hath He quickened, quickened by Divine nature. This is one of the greatest things in my life: I have been quickened by God. I thank God for everything that I have been allowed to enjoy in my life, but the greatest thing in any of our lives is that we are alive in Him. We are in a very real way new creatures in Christ Jesus. Jesus said, Because I live, as I live, by the same sense in which I live, ye shall live also. We are made partakers of Divine nature. Something snapped that day, something gave way, gave way in order to let the greater come in, and we were born again by the Spirit of God. These words are particularly applicable to us as the servants of God, as ministers and as laymen serving Jesus Christ our Lord. All we have and all we possess, everything must be upon the altar of God for His service; our lives must be laid down for Him so that they may be picked up by Him and used for the extension of His kingdom.

I suggest that this thought of being partakers of Divine nature is something which brings into our hearts a deep realisation of the contact we have with God. It is not I but Christ that liveth in me, and the life that I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God. It is very true that we were made new creatures when we came to Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank God that in this verse this morning there is nothing which would suggest to us a climax: there is nothing final about it; there is a wonderful spirit of continuity about this beautiful work in our own souls: that ye may be made partakers of Divine nature. The words of Jesus Christ in John xvii. 22, 23, come to us very forcibly in that very wonderful prayer of Jesus, verse 23, He says to God, "I in them, and Thou in Me, that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me." I in them, Thou in Me. Preachers teach us and we believe it with all our hearts, that Jesus Christ was the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

When I look again into these words of verse 23 of John xvii. I ask, Is it possible that this can be? Can I go down to the depths of this prayer of Jesus Christ? I hear the re-echoing answer in my heart, if Jesus never intended us to reach it He would never have uttered the prayer.

"I in them, and Thou in Me." Jesus Christ the fulness of the Godhead bodily, the revelation of God the Father. The request of Jesus was that we might be in Him as He was in the Father. Brethren, this is gloriously possible this morning. I believe that it is gloriously possible because Jesus requested it.

The Spirit of God has come and taken up His abode with us, and I believe that in the Spirit He dwells within us. As Christ manifested God, so can we manifest Christ upon the earth as we partake of Him, a Divine nature. May I suggest to you brethren this morning very carefully and lovingly, that Jesus Christ literally, in spirit form, dwells with each one of us, and then, thus dwelling in us, we become the very embodiment of Christ, that through this His life, through His ministry, we might portray as Christ portrayed to the world the wonders of the grace of God: we are partakers of Divine nature. It is really wonderful to my heart, brethren, something that has gripped my very soul, to think that I, one, who up to the age of eighteen was rolling in the gutter of sin, could become a partaker of the Divine nature. Only God could save a soul like that. When I realised that God could come Himself and dwell within me, and make me a partaker of Divine nature, the whole thing was astounding beyond measure. Thank God, that is true of every believer in Jesus Christ. Divine nature is mine in Jesus Christ, it is yours, Hallelujah, because we breathe Him into our very souls. Great, exceeding great and precious promises have been given unto us whereby we may partake of Divine nature.

Our brethren came here this morning to be prayed for. The promise, is exceeding great, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." Anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord and the Lord will raise them up. "Exceeding great," it is so common to us, but it is exceeding great nevertheless. Divine nature imparted into human beings by the very touch of God. We waited for our baptism, what did we receive? the touch of God? Some may have done, but I received the Holy Ghost: a Divine nature flowing in to flow out. Hallelujah! Nature is something which is always on the move. When Nature stops, death ensues. We have to be in constant contact with the force of the nature. This heart of ours has got continually to be on the move in order that we could move; when the heart stops we stop. But the heart never stops. We often sing, "Lord, fill me again with Thy Spirit," and down comes the flow of rich invigorating Divine nature.

One other Scripture I would like to draw to your attention is found in Ephesians: "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. iv. 3). There is no suggestion of a unity amongst believers here at all. I suggest to you that this scripture merely says "Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit." The unity of the Spirit,

as I see it, brethren, is this, here is the body of Jesus Christ upon the earth. Jesus Christ is seated on the right hand of the Majesty on high. He says of the Holy Ghost, "He shall take of Mine and shall show it unto you." Between the body and the head is a Spirit link which joins the head to the body, and becomes a source of supply of Divine nature. Endeavour to keep the Spirit of unity in the bond of peace.

I feel brethren this morning, that this Elim work of ours is destined for great things, but I believe that this Elim work of ours is destined for a great future, simply because we have been made continual partakers of Divine nature. God can only bring to pass His own desire, as we are in constant contact with the source of the nature that we need day in and day out. We say all sorts of things, but our

people do not even have to consider, and but for this inflow, this constant inflow, this constant possibility of partaking of Divine nature, brethren, we would never face up to the issue. Exceeding great and precious promises are given to us whereby we are partakers of Divine nature. May I say just this one thing, it is a very grand thing to realise that we can partake of Divine nature in this thing. It is very grand to know that we have been chosen into service, the messengers of God. Ours is a message of God, but we need the nature which is Divine to bring that message to bear upon the hearts of men. "Tarry ye at Jerusalem," said Jesus, "until ye be endued with power from on high." We have tarried, we have had our baptism, but we need the continual inflowing of Divine nature. Thank God for the possibility.

Focus

on the Churches

TREHERBERT PROGRESS

Treherbert Church recently celebrated its first anniversary. Special services were held, the message being given by Pastor J. C. Mulvagh. On Friday, a fellowship supper was held for members and friends, the supper being preceded by a short service conducted by Mr. E. Thomas, Treherbert Church Leader, and Pastor R. Smith of the Trealew Church.

Treherbert Elim Church was formed a year ago after a tent campaign conducted by Pastor E. Scrivens and party from the Trealew Church. Seventy-three souls were saved

during the campaign. The local Girls' Club was rented two evenings a week and all day Sunday for the meetings of the new Church.

Mr. Ernest Thomas, from the Trealew Church, was put in charge and under his enthusiastic ministry the membership during the past year has risen to fifty-three, all new converts who have testified to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The "Upper Room", as it has become known in Treherbert, has already seen many instances of the power of God moving amongst His people, bringing salvation and healing to many.

The most popular service of the week is the Revival Hour held on Sunday evenings, when people from several other denominations join in the fellowship.

On Fridays, Pastor Smith takes a Bible Study and has been able to show many of the hidden gems of Scripture. His simple approach and understanding of the needs of a new Church have been much appreciated.

Now, after one year, the new Church is finding its feet. Already it has taken part in services in other churches, and the members have started a building fund to provide money for a building of their own. It has been the matter of much prayer amongst the members that God will open up a way whereby they can worship in a place of their own.

CONVENTION AT TONYPANDY

By D. Wright

The ministry of the Word given by Pastors Mulvagh, McBurney, and D. J. Williams was much blessed.

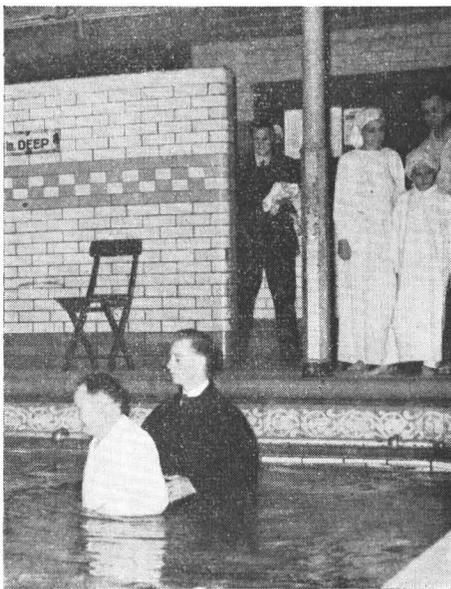
The dramatic illustrations of some of the characters of the Old Testament, given by Pastor Mulvagh, and the friendly and homely, yet inspiring ministry of Pastor McBurney, captivated the attention and interest.

During the latter part of the Convention the people were gripped by the deep, sobering messages of Pastor Williams.

Meetings were well supported by various Elim Churches. Stirring messages were given by Pastors Gorton, Reeves, and McAvoy, whose churches were also represented.

Much prayer had been made and we looked forward with anticipation to our Convention, and now we can say

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Pastor B. J. Hopkins conducting the baptismal service in the public baths, Oldham, reported in "The Elim Evangel," November 7th, 1953, issue.

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EDITORIAL

ANOTHER ELIM SONGSTER

Pentecost has good lungs and tuneful voices. The emotions of delight engendered by the infilling of the Holy Spirit express themselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. It is to be expected, therefore, that musical publications will have some success among such a people.

The third copy of Elim's special selection of pieces, EVANGELICAL SONGSTER NO. 3, is now off the press. We take the liberty of drawing special attention to this in view of its importance and the value it offers. It is attractively produced and invaluable to soloists and choir members. The Elim Music Board take a great deal of trouble to collect in these booklets well-chosen pieces for choir work, solos and duets, and general hymns in vogue among evangelical groups in many parts of the world. We consider it the finest value, at 1/-, of its kind on the market, and trust that Elim friends will avail themselves of this splendid offer.

This latest book contains the following pieces :

There is a Name
Just keep on praying
It took a miracle
O wonderful day
Walk in Jerusalem
Hail Him, Creator
It is morning in my heart
Are you living where God answers prayer ?
The still small voice
If I gained the world
Just for today
In the still of the night
His love sent Him to the Cross
Only Jesus can satisfy
Don't you hear the Shepherd calling you ?

Order your copy at once from Elim Publishing Company
(Price 1/-, by post 1/3).

BOOK REVIEW

ORAL ROBERTS' LIFE STORY. As told by himself.

A man of thirty-five who is able to pack, time after time, the world's largest Gospel Tent seating twelve thousand five hundred is no ordinary man. In consequence I picked up and read his life story with no little interest, and as I read my interest was maintained and increased. Christians interested in Divine healing will find in the book much to attract and inspire. It is chatty, informative and in places amusing.

Oral Roberts takes his readers into his confidence, telling of his despair in the face of his hopeless stammering, and later his T.B. God's mighty deliverances make thrilling reading. But what seems to me more impressive and more helpful is the way he shares his own deep experience of the call of God to the healing ministry, and what this cost in inner conflict. His power did not come cheaply. This portion of the book will be appreciated by all who value the ministry of healing. It will, if I am not mistaken, send many preachers to their knees to seek the same Lord for "signs and wonders" to accompany their ministries. It will drive congregations to their knees in intercession for their pastors.

The book is quite well produced and contains numerous illustrations. Its price, by our standards, is rather high. This is due to high production costs in U.S.A. But in my opinion the story has enough real spiritual value, and is such a vital challenge to attempt larger things for God, that it is well worth its price.

This book is obtainable from the McColl-Gerard Trio. Price 10/9.

—G. Stormont.

Elim Prayer Circle

RETURN THANKS :

Mrs. Ruth Wigglesworth has asked us to return thanks for the healing of Bryan, for whom request was made.

This is to remind you that the Christmas Number of the ELIM EVANGEL will be a double number in two colours, and that it will contain special articles and pictures. Send a copy to your friends, and to ensure that you get your copies, order at once from your local bookstall or direct from Elim Publishing Co., Ltd.

CHRIST GIVES ME THESE FOUR GREAT ESSENTIALS

A world I can live in.
A work I can live for.
A self I can live with.
A Master I can die for.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

A Page of News conducted by Pastor G. H. THOMAS (Missionary Secretary)

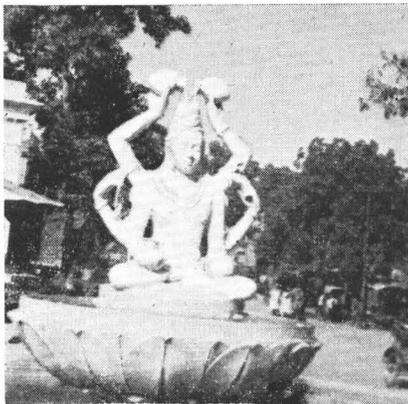
. . . PRAY YE . . . GIVE YE . . . GO YE . . .



ELIM MISSIONARIES RETURN TO THEIR FIELDS

A bigger number of Elim missionaries than usual have been home on furlough this year and the fine missionary rally held in the Elim Church, Camberwell, on the Wednesday evening of Conference Week, when ten of our missionaries took part, is still fresh in the memory of many of us.

Miss O. Routledge has returned to her work in France, much better in health after a few weeks' rest in this country. Miss E. Wriglesworth, who visited many of our churches during her furlough is now back on her station in Dudhi, India, and was given a warm welcome by the Christians there. On her return journey to India Miss Wriglesworth was able to spend a little time with Miss



An Indian goddess

Lilian Marshall, our missionary in Port Said, Egypt. On arrival in Bombay she was met by our missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Troke, and after getting through the Customs was able to spend some time with them before taking the long and tiring train journey

across India to Dehri-on-Sone. At this latter place she was met by Elim missionaries Miss Coralie Paint and Miss Sylvia Beardwell, and spent the night with them, then the following day continued her journey by ox-cart to Dudhi.

On 29th October, Pastor and Mrs. J. Williams and their son Michael embarked at Southampton on their way back to their station in Southern Rhodesia for their second term of service in that part of Africa. Mr. Idris Stevens (assistant pastor, Graham Street, Birmingham) sent the following report of the Farewell Meeting:

"A farewell service to Pastor and Mrs. Williams and their son Michael, who are returning to Penhalonga, Southern Rhodesia, was held at Graham Street Church, Birmingham, in October. Friends came in coaches from many assemblies, and the main hall of the church was

crowded. The service was convened by Pastor J. Dyke. After prayer, Pastor F. Shadlock read what he called the 'Missionary's Psalm' (xci.). This was followed by an item in song by the United Crusader Choir under the leadership of Mr. W. Billington.

"Pastor W. Patterson, speaking on behalf of the Birmingham Presbytery, quoted James v. 7, and made the comment that in heaven they would doubtless see much precious fruit from Africa.

"In her moving farewell address, Mrs. Williams mentioned that she had recently received news from Africa that two Roman Catholic priests who had caused them untold trouble had been transferred to another area; one owing to misconduct, and the other because of sickness. 'I hope they all fall sick!' remarked Pastor Dyke with feeling; and above the ripple of laughter that followed, many loud 'Amens' could be heard from all parts of the building.

"Pastor Williams spoke from Romans x. 13-15, and emphasised the fact that Africa needed God-sent messengers. 'Literature is not enough,' he said, 'for the majority of Africans cannot read. They need the living voice of a preacher to awaken them to their need of a Saviour.'

"It was a solemn moment when Pastor Dyke followed with a very strong appeal to young men to consecrate their lives for missionary work. 'In this country,' he said, 'preachers are treading on each other's toes. In Africa multitudes are dying without having even heard the name of Jesus.'

"The atmosphere was tense as the congregation sang:

Let the lower lights be burning,
Send a gleam across the waves.

"The meeting reached its climax when the senior ministers of the Presbytery laid their hands on Pastor and Mrs. Williams and Pastor Dyke committed them to the Lord.

"Farewells of any description are always memorable, and there is no doubt that this farewell service will live long in the memory of those who attended."

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION IN LETCHWORTH

By Mr. Harry L. Dennison

The missionary exhibition held in the Elim Church.
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HOW DO YOU FEEL about Flying Saucers? I say how do you feel—not what do you think about them, for how you feel will decide what you think. The heart will rule the head. Apparently the heart will rule the head in every case which rests upon evidence—whatever the evidence.

Evidence exists for Flying Saucers. Anybody who denies that does not even merit attention, for they obviously can never have troubled to make themselves acquainted with the mass of stories which have deluged the authorities especially in U.S.A.; neither can they be aware that American Army authorities have issued a report which has been described as “breathhtaking” although even in that document certain facts have been withheld which might have caused public alarm; nor that both Moscow and Washington give sufficient credence to many reports, after full and scientific investigation, to have expressed official concern. There is evidence all right, sifted, weighed, examined; sights in the heavens have been observed and even photographed, and certain aerial events have been established as facts though they defy all the knowledge and ingenuity of the military and scientific world to explain them. The *Daily Mail* Correspondent in New York, after at first hearing of such things and poking fun, said that he himself saw something that stopped his jibes dead, and forced him to admit that something queer was going on in the American heavens.

Before I go further on the subject of “Evidence” it will be opportune to say what I, as a Christian, think about “Flying Saucers.” Something strange is happening in the heavens—that fact is as settled as any fact really can be. But what that something is nobody knows. Whether or not these sights are caused by objects from beyond our planet I do not know; I have no theories to offer. The highest and most reliable authorities best equipped to say so assure us, however, that strange phenomena are being observed. Enough.

But as a believer in the Second Advent of Christ and in prophecy I am bound to put the official statements alongside the Bible prediction that before the return of Jesus “fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.”

However, when we have evidence, what are we to do with it? An “Any Questions?” team discussed Flying Saucers on the radio recently. Three of them merely talked or joked without any serious indication that evidence existed. That is one way, simply ignore the facts, and that is the way that gets us nothing and nowhere. The last speaker probed right to the core of the matter. He was embarrassed by evidence for something which surpassed all human experience and expectation, and in fact he plainly did not want to believe any new, super-normal and utterly inexplicable thing could happen. He said so. He justified himself for this attitude, for he realised that in the face of the evidence some rational explanation must be forthcoming for doubt. The best he could say was that he had always been of a critical turn of mind—he explained the state of his mind as an excuse for not explaining the reports of Flying Saucers. Finally,

EVIDENCE and F

By Pastor G. CANTY

Our readers will have seen the controversy in the Saucers.

Many people have very grave doubts about the v. others accept them and build up their theories as to t. Mr. Canty expresses his views in this article.

he asked himself the vital question—“What about the evidence?” He answered, that if the evidence for Flying Saucers was rejected, then it made nonsense of evidence for anything, and threw into confusion the whole system of knowledge arrived at by evidence, even scientific evidence. At that unsatisfactory stage—though a most revealing one—the matter was closed by the Chairman.

So—! If you are finally baffled by evidence, you still need not believe what you do not feel like believing! Either ignore what happens, or else—well just explain why your mind will not let you believe. Unfortunately, one cannot expect the public to be satisfied with an “explanation” of outward evidence which is really only a description of the mental processes which reject the evidence and refuse to handle it.

This radio discussion shows us the pathological workings of unbelief generally. The weighty evidence for the resurrection of Christ—ignore it, or else say your mind will not allow you to believe. This kind of mind ejects disturbing facts and declines to think about them, like a weighing machine rejecting a bent penny. If man has no more control over his mind than that, then let us drop the curtain on “modern thought.”

It is as well for us to recognise the fact that one cannot compel a man to believe, by any amount of argument or proof, for his prejudice will win despite everything one can do or say.

Now that so many reports are coming in about people receiving supernatural healing, this subject of evidence is becoming particularly interesting. Ministers and Christians are among the doubters even. It would seem that it is possible to deny any miracle, or to refuse to recognise its evidential value. I caught my breath when I saw something which had never been clear to me before—namely, that some apostles saw Jesus alive after His crucifixion, actually saw Him—that is plainly stated in Matthew xxviii. 16, 17—and still doubted. If they could have unbelief still in such circumstances then we must not be surprised if anyone today manifests unbelief in the face of miracles. The disciples would try to rationalise their doubts by ex-

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Church, Gloucester)

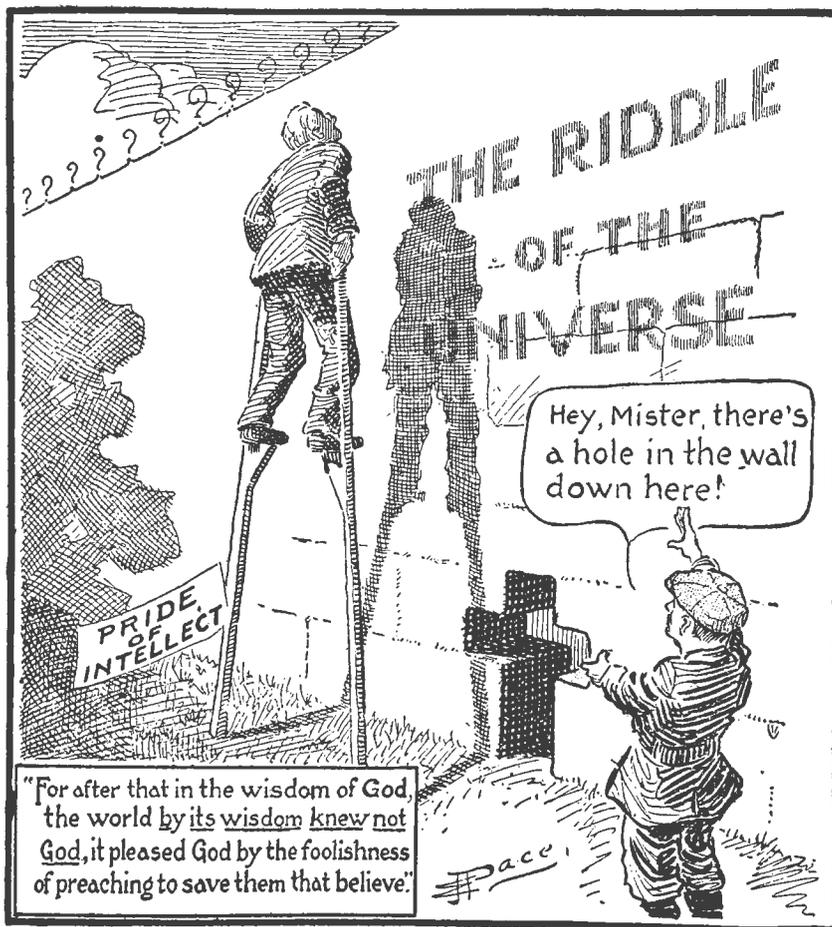
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rationalising is bound to have its exponents today.

Two practical issues arise. First, do not allow somebody else's unbelief to lead you to suppose that modern miracles of healing are in some sense deficient as works of God. It is not an essential characteristic of a Divine miracle that it **compels** belief. If a sight of the risen Christ did not convince disciples, nothing God can do will compel that type of person to believe. "Though one rose from the dead they will not believe." We may expect that the devilish ingenuity of unbelief will detract from the glory and wonder of the greatest signs. Thus we find those who reject Divine healing miracles doing so on the grounds that they might be explained by "rare coincidences," or by "auto-suggestion," or that the preacher used psychology." Some make the clever discovery that the evangelist was merely human and imperfect, and discount anything that happens in his meetings. A favourite resort is to demand the absurd—for example to demand a majority of visible healings, when in fact most sicknesses and disorders are themselves of a kind which cannot be seen; or to insist that if a man is Divinely healed he will not be sick again—as if a man could not have the same thing twice! But as fast as one might rebut these things fresh heads will grow upon the Hydra. We may expect it, because human prejudice will always find a way around evidence, therefore, let us who stand for Divine healing make up our minds in advance that none of these things shall move us, and allow nobody to influence us and prevent us from giving God all the glory

for what He has done. This is the faith of the saints.

Secondly, many miracles may be of a kind that on the surface fit the plausible explanations of the unbelievers. But the man of faith will be aware of factors which the onlooker knows nothing about—"the spiritual man judgeth all things." He will know about the prayer, the fasting, the confession and restitution and the new light from God's Word. If psychology, etc., could work these healings, they would have occurred before. But the believer knows that they did not occur before because of spiritual reasons. When we find that spiritual revival and healings go hand in hand, we see a Divine process of cause and effect, and know the true secret. If similar minor healings are occasionally produced by the psychiatrist, or by a plumber born with the "healing touch," we know that our healings are wrought only through prayer, for we use no psychology, nor possess any healing touch. I never can tell whether the railway engines that pass the back of my house are coal or oil burning. The driver knows. And many of us pastors know the power behind healings today, but it will not always be clear to the onlooker. If it looks like psychology, we happen to know it is bound up with spiritual conditions that would be impossible to explain fully to the sceptic. But we know, "and that's an end on't."



FOCUS ON THE CHURCHES—Continued.

that our expectations were not disappointed. The messages of the Word and the spirit of the meetings have left an impression upon the spiritual condition at our church.

FAREWELL AT DUDLEY

By **J. Hughes**

Great blessing was experienced during the Farewell Services of Pastor A. Brooks, who is leaving us to take over the pastorate at Neath. Many expressed their appreciation, including representatives from the local Non-conformist Churches. A beautiful cake made like an open Bible, suitably inscribed, was presented. Sunday evening the Pastor preached his final message which the Holy Spirit backed home with mighty power, with the result that five souls were saved: a grand climax to a faithful ministry.

MISSIONARY AT PONTLOTTYN

By **E. Morris**

We gathered recently to welcome Pastor L. Wigglesworth. Pastor D. Keenan presided. We can truly say that this visit has given the saints a wider insight into missionary work.

PENTECOSTAL SHOWERS FALL ON SALFORD

God has been blessing the Salford Elim Church. Congregations have been on the upward grade, souls surrender to the Saviour—in fact as many as eight adults have professed conversion on one Sunday night. Pastor John Woodhead recently conducted a unique service. It opened with the dedication of David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Longworth, in the presence of a grand congregation and eleven adult candidates and a (boy) junior awaiting to be immersed.

Our Pastor took this opportunity of showing how unscriptural infant sprinkling is, and that repentance and faith were required before baptism. Each candidate gave testimony to a personal experience of salvation. Then Mr. Woodhead gave an address on another baptism—in the Holy Spirit. God's presence was so real that we fully expected to see the candidates baptised in the Holy Spirit as well, for such is the promise of (Acts ii. 38).

The congregation was much larger than is seen on the cover photograph as many more were in the gallery.

EASTBOURNE SILVER JUBILEE SERVICES

By **L. Henderson**

Twenty-five years ago, the "Elim Foursquare Gospel message" was brought to Eastbourne. Much has happened since then, but one thing is sure, "Our God is still wonderful" and has never changed. Praise His name!

Pastor E. W. Cole was the special speaker for this great occasion. At the opening service, on the Saturday evening, our attention was turned to Gideon, proving to us what God can do with the apparent commonplace.

Ecclesiastes xi. 3, "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth," formed the basis for our message on the Sunday morning. This was very applicable in the natural, because during the whole period

of the special services the elements were against us. This was a great disappointment to some, who were unable to venture because of the inclement weather.

We do praise God for eleven new members received into fellowship at the Sunday services. Praise Him for these encouragements. Quite a number sought the Lord for the forgiveness of the Holy Spirit, and proved that His presence was very real.

The final service was very informal, and commenced with a hand-round tea. Afterwards many testified to what the Lord had meant to them during these twenty-five years. Other younger folk spoke with conviction of the blessing and help received at this church. Pastor Cole concluded with a message, exhorting God's people to be steadfast, loyal and true. One of the old choruses was much in evidence, "Jesus, He is my all in all." How we praise God for this fact, that He never changes and ever abideth faithful. Hallelujah!

FAREWELL AT NEATH

By **Ll. Morris**

Pastor and Mrs. V. J. Walker said farewell to a very large gathering at Neath. It was with mixed feelings we said Good-bye: regret at the parting, yet with a knowledge that it was in the best interest of Mrs. Walker's health. We thank God for their ministry.

Mrs. Walker in her farewell message gave the secret of the blessing in the three outstanding points of her message:

A Loving Grace.—Truly they loved all, and gave encouragement in weakness, comfort in sorrow, and help when needed at all times and any time. They practised the Christ that they preached.

A Living Grace.—The best tribute that could be accorded was shown towards Pastor and Mrs. Walker, when unsaved people around the locality came to the meeting to say farewell.

A Levelling Grace.—This was very true of them, for they were always approachable to the lowest, whether saint or sinner.

Pastor Walker in his farewell message, before handing over the work to another of God's servants, exhorted the saints to be on the alert in God's work, "Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain."

With these farewell messages ringing in our ears we say, "Thank you Pastor and Mrs. Walker for your ministry at Neath."

Suggestions for Bible Study

By **Arthur T. Pierson**

1. **Search**—The wonders of the Bible do not lie on the surface, like shells on the beach; they are hidden, like nuggets in veins, and must be dug up.

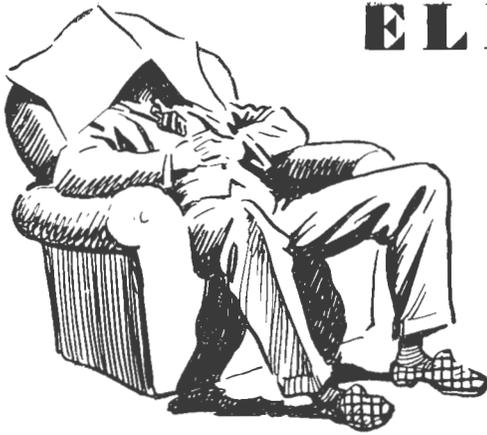
2. **Meditate**—There is a process akin to chewing in order to extract the nourishment. As you dwell on the Scriptures, you draw from them sweetness, life and power. Without such meditation, reading is like eating without digesting.

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ELIM YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by

Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)



WAKEY! WAKEY! . . . GET CRACKING!

"Rather vulgar, don't you think?" the old English gentleman gently remonstrates. And I agree. Nevertheless, these words are most expressive, and to hear them rasped out in Sergeant Major fashion now would cause an immediate reflex action in my muscles. The shortest route to the greatest effect.

There are many people like Jonah in the storm-tossed ship, sound in doctrine but sound asleep. This is a call to arms. We are on our Father's business. There is work to do for Crusader and Cadet alike, in fact, all engaged in Youth activities. The answer to dwindling numbers is to be found in live numbers. Alerted to the need, aroused to desire, let us set out to be enthusiastic in our crusading for Christ.

Here is a common temptation. Numbers are small, new faces rarely seen, lack of interest in almost everyone we talk to, our resources are negligible; no money, no help, no encouragement, no nothin' at all if we go on like this for long! The result? We give up. "What's the use?" we almost tearfully ask ourselves. Let's get into that chair, where are my slippers? When this has taken place the Devil is happy. Read again these soul-stirring words of Christ, "All power is given unto Me . . . go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Do you believe that Christ is all powerful? Of course you do. Then on we must go, fortified even by that thought and confident that our work is not confined to time which passes as quickly as it comes, but work which will see its fruition throughout eternity. I am proud to follow Christ, aren't you? Let us then follow Him with vigour, with determination, with delight.

We have the secret of success within our grasp. It is found in this challenge, **EVERYONE ON ACTIVE SERVICE**. Inactivity leads to indolence, and indolence to indifference. Listless, lifeless, and languid—the three "Ls" in which some people live. The best way to keep warm on a cold morning is to keep moving. Are you using your talents and energy in the crusade for Christ? Have you spent time this week praying for opportunities to serve God? Yes? Now go forth and take them in both hands. Seek to encourage those who worship and work with you. Plan a campaign on your own to win that office companion, your school chum, the girl next door, or that

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

other one you know so well for Christ. Yes, you can devise a plan. Why not? Begin with prayer. Lay a siege on a soul by prayer. Then when you believe that it is God's time, seek an opportunity for a little chat. Just a few words maybe, but something that will make that one think of Christ's invitation and the need of the soul. Maybe an invitation to the church can follow, with a word to your minister beforehand. Yes, we must be thorough in our Crusade for Christ. We mean business for we are on our Father's business—the extension of His kingdom.

Last of all, there are those who have made the numbers small by staying away. Perhaps some read these words today. It depends on you. Perhaps you have allowed other interests to crowd out your Christian responsibilities. Maybe your energy, your money, your ability is expended selfishly and sometimes recklessly. If every young person in your church was as you are now, what would be the chances of it continuing in its service in your town? Your place is at your church as often as you are free from unavoidable duties. Why? Because Christ needs you in His plan to save the world.

Crusading for Christ is thrilling, satisfying and uplifting. It is the only life worth living. So, Wakey! Wakey! Get Cracking!

NEWS KALEIDOSCOPE . . . Foursquare Facets!

● "Bonfire Night with a Difference" writes Joan Evans from the Selly Oak Crusader Branch. Around an imitation but realistic bonfire in the centre of the room Crusaders gathered for a meeting which included "Sparkling Testimonies," "Squibs" (Gospel shots), two spiritualised "Jumping Jacks" and a "Rocket" (Joan didn't write who got it!). Two Crusaders gave talks on the words "Fire" and "Guy", with another two providing refreshments to finish a happy evening of spiritual blessing.

● "Let your light shine over Tollesbury" sang the village children of Tollesbury at the "Children's Hour" campaign conducted by Pastor W. G. Turney of Braintree. In the four-day campaign beginning on November 3rd the room in the Village Institute was filled to capacity. Three of the older children decided for Christ, and now a Sunday School is held in the cottage of Mr. Mulligan (Church Secretary). Let us pray for this new Sunday School.

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A NOTE TO ALL YOUTH NEWS REPORTERS.

We have only one page in our magazine, which means approximately 700 words. In order that a variety of news is presented in this small space, please send main details of events and I will incorporate them in the News Kaleidoscope.

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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, December 13th. Ezekiel xi. 14-25.

“ Yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary ” (v. 16).

Driven from their own land they were not to be driven away from their God. He would still be with them and all that the sanctuary in their midst had meant to them He would continue to be. It had stood as the emblem of protection and provision: it symbolised the actual presence of God. This would still be their inalienable possession. This assurance is ours also. The poet has said, “ I know not where His islands lift their fringed palms in air: I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care.” Paul expresses the same thought, “ I am persuaded . . . nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God ” (Rom. viii. 38, 39).

MONDAY, December 14th. Ezekiel xviii. 20-32.

“ The soul that sinneth it shall die ” (v. 20).

There is a dread ring of finality about these words. It is one of the underlying principles of God's universe. There is no escape from it. From the days of our first parents until the day that the last trump shall sound, this fiat stands. “ Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death,” writes James. All sin has the elements of death in it and those who become enmeshed lay themselves open to receive its inevitable consequences. No struggling or scheming can evade this, but simple receptive faith can, for though “ the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord ” (Rom. vi. 23).

TUESDAY, December 15th. Ezekiel xxxiv. 1-19.

“ I will seek that which was lost ” (v. 16).

“ God as Shepherd ” is no revelation peculiar to the New Testament, though perhaps it finds its culminating expression there (John x.). Here, in the Old Testament, God is describing His activities on behalf of His erring nation, and this tender figure is used. Elemental human nature changes little in the passing centuries: modern man differs little from his remote ancestors. Still there is that proneness to wander away from God; that eagerness to comply with the demands of one's own will denounced so forcibly by the prophets. Thank God, as a great counter-balance to this continued waywardness, there is the unchanging love of the Divine Shepherd. It is as true now as when God uttered these words through Ezekiel or as when Jesus said them of Zacchæus that, “ The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost ” (Luke xix. 10).

WEDNESDAY, December 16th. Ezekiel xxxiv. 20-31.

“ There shall be showers of blessing ” (v. 26).

God is speaking through the prophet of the restoration of the nation. This is a gracious promise of Divine favour.

Israel was far from meriting the blessing of God but still God promises it. One marvels at the Divine condescension. When human actions merit His disfavour—and even more—still He goes on loving, and seeks by the very power of love itself to break down the hard, rebellious heart. When conduct deserves punishment God's lovingkindness calls us to repentance and at the first sign of this the showers of blessing begin to fall again. Well said the Psalmist, “ He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him ” (Psa. ciii. 10, 11).

THURSDAY, December 17th. Ezekiel xxxvi. 21-38.

“ A new heart also will I give you ” (v. 26).

The heart, among the ancients, as with us, was looked upon as the seat of the affections. Thus God is seen dealing with the perversity of His children at the very root of the matter. Attempts to reform man in any other way are like trying to cure a poisoned spring by cleaning and painting the pump. Outward reformation and piecemeal attempts at improvement will never satisfy the demands of a righteous God. Conformity to outward forms, rites and the like are no substitute for true regeneration of the life. Indeed, as Paul writes, “ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creature ” (Gal. vi. 15).

FRIDAY, December 18th. Ezekiel xxxvii. 1-14.

“ Spoken it . . . performed it ” (v. 14).

The two are correlated when the Divine utterance and performance are involved. God's pronouncements and promises are not empty vapourings. When He purposes none can turn Him aside: when He promises it is as sure as if it had already come to pass. Whether it is the creation of a world, the resurgence of a nation, or just the provision for some personal need, it matters not. When God speaks it is done. It will be as true in your life as it was in Israel's history (and we are now seeing the context of these words being fulfilled) as it was, way back in history at the re-ordering of our cosmic system that “ He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast ” (Psa. xxxiii. 9).

SATURDAY, December 19th. Ezekiel xxxvii. 15-28.

“ I . . . will cleanse them . . . ” (v. 23).

The outcome of this purifying process was to be the re-cementing of the bond between God and Israel, and the re-establishment of the “ My people . . . their God ” relationship. The bond between God and His own is indissoluble. Sin may disturb but it cannot dis sever it. Sooner or later God will take the necessary remedial action and the purged soul will be re-united with God. The process is not easy nor painless, and often it takes a long time, but God is a persistent lover—if one can use the term reverently—and ultimately will win through. “ For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness, and all the upright in heart shall follow it ” (Psa. xciv. 14, 15).

OVERSEAS MISSIONS—Continued.

Letchworth, was a great success. Six specially constructed stands with picture backgrounds of missionary work in India, China and Africa were laden with interesting exhibits.

Services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday were convened by Pastor G. H. Thomas. Pastor S. W. Law (India) and Miss R. Simms (Africa) described the various exhibits and gave stirring addresses on their work, illustrated by an excellent selection of lantern slides from photographs taken by themselves. A missionary film of work in the Belgian Congo was also shown.

Pastor Thomas spoke at each meeting on Elim missionary work in general. A large congregation attended the final meeting on Sunday evening, convened by Pastor S. Gorman (Chairman, Elim Missionary Council). Miss Simms and Pastor Thomas gave addresses on their work, descriptions of the difficulties experienced, and the conditions under which people live in other lands. Elim work in other lands has grown rapidly. There are more than fifty Elim missionaries on foreign fields, five of whom have gone from the Letchworth Church. The exhibition was organised by Pastor Thomas, ably assisted by Pastor C. J. Martin and the local church officers.

BRITISH GUIANA

Pastor and Mrs. J. MacInnes.

Here is an item of late news from our missionaries in British Guiana, the British colony that has been so much in the news lately. Pastor MacInnes writes: "We praise



Pastor J. MacInnes and two of his friends.

God that as we have walked or cycled through the estates in spite of the strikes, trouble, confusion and anti-white feeling, we have not been interfered with. We have heard the people talk and even shout at us; 'Go home limey' and 'Go back importee.' They sometimes stand near the house and listen to our afternoon service, and as there are no walls, they see and hear everything, but they (Muslims and Hindus) have not interrupted our services.

So we praise God that in spite of all the attempts of the adversary to hinder, the Lord's work still goes on. Hallelujah!

"Just now, no more than five people are allowed to gather together on the roads or streets, or in houses and public buildings without permission from the authorities; as a result our open air meetings have been banned. We trust that this ban will soon be removed. Our work has been built up as the result of our open air witness. We are still permitted to conduct all the other services."

Our readers are requested to remember in prayer our missionaries and their work in this British colony.

COMING EVENTS

BRIXTON. Dec. 6. Elim Church, Milstead Street, Blenheim Gardens. Visit of Pastor A. Wright.

CLAPHAM. Dec. 5. Elim Church, Carfax Square. South London District Presbytery. 3. Evening Rally Speaker: Pastor J. Dyke. Musical Items by Woodlands Trio. 7.

EALING. Dec. 12. Elim Church, Northfields Avenue. Youth Rally. Speaker: Pastor J. Lancaster. 7.

HAYES. Dec. 5. Elim Church, Keith Road. "Christ is the Answer" Rally. Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies. Items by Ealing Crusaders. 7.

INGATESTONE. Dec. 5, 6. Elim Pentecostal Church, High Street. Convention. Speakers: Pastors E. C. W. Boulton and G. Stormont. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Sat., 3 and 7 (tea provided).

IPSWICH. Dec. 5, 6. Elim Church, Vernon Street. Visit of Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir.

ISLINGTON. Dec. 9, 10. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Visit of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Upton (Canada), 7.30.

KINGSTANDING. Dec. 6. Elim Church, Warren Road. Divine Healing Service conducted by Pastor R. J. Morrison.

LURGAN. Dec. 6-21. Town Hall. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor A. Wilson and Pentecostal Revival Team.

MANCHESTER. Dec. 12. Houldsworth Hall. United Rally under the auspices of the British Pentecostal Fellowship. Speakers: Pastors Dan Phillips (A.O.G.), J. J. Morgan (Elim), T. V. Lewis (Apostolic), and J. Salter (C.E.M.), 3 and 6.30.

MANSFIELD. Dec. 11-13. Elim Church, Co-operative Hall, Clerkson Street. Visit of Pastor L. P. Cowdery. Fri. and Sat., 7.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

RYE PARK. Dec. 5th. Elim Hall, Rye Road, Rye Park. Visit of Pastor C. J. Coe of Canning Town and Special American Records. Sat., 6.30.

WORMWOOD SCRUBS. Dec. 13. H.M. Prison. Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir, 2.30.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

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

Dec. 5, 6—Jersey. 8—Guernsey, Vazon. 9—Eldad. 10—Delancey. 11—Vazon. 12—Delancey. 13—Vazon, a.m., Eldad, p.m.

Miss R. Simms, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following churches:

Dec. 6—Hayes. 12, 13—Swindon.

ITINERARY OF THE McCOLL-GERARD TRIO

These talented Sisters from Canada will minister in the following centres. There will also be a showing of the Oral Roberts Film, "Venture into Faith," as indicated.

Dec. 5—Loughborough (Film). 6—Lincoln. 7—Beeston (Film). 8—Sheffield (Film). 9—Mansfield (Film). 10—Rotherham (Film). 12—Hull City Temple: 3.30, The Trio; 6.30, (Film). 13—York. 14, 15—Harrogate: 14th (Film). 16, 17—Scarborough.

ELIM YOUTH PAGE—Continued.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ?

Soon we will be introducing to you through this page various topics for your consideration and comments. For example: "Sport—How far should I go?" "A directive for a Young Christian businessman"; "What should be my attitude to politics?" "Courtship—A Christian's Attitude." Are there any topics which you would like to see discussed? Send your suggestions to me; if suitable we will consider them.

Tailpiece—Labour builds up strength, but long idleness destroys it.

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BIRTHS

Bath.—On September 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bath, Church Secretary, Salisbury; the gift of a daughter, Pearl Ann; a sister for Roy and Joy.

Wakeman.—On September 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wakeman (Salisbury Crusaders) the gift of a daughter, Theresa Ruth; a sister for Terrence.

WITH CHRIST

Hayter.—On November 20th, Florence Hayter, aged 78, of Romsey. Funeral conducted by Rev. R. S. Dainton and Pastor W. George. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

Rose.—On November 10th, Charles Rose, of Cheltenham, passed into the presence of the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor S. Rawlings.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY—Continued.

3. **Compare**—Any error may find apparent support from some isolated text, but no error can stand the test of the whole Word of God. Compare Scripture with Scripture so that one passage may interpret another and may correct false impressions.

4. **Pray**—"Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law." The Spirit who inspired must be the Spirit to interpret. Prayer is the illuminating secret to the intellectual eye.

5. **Believe**—In all other spheres, men come to believe what they study; in the Divine revelation men come to know what they accept as the Word of God. As Isaiah said to Ahaz: "If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established"—confirmed in knowledge (Isa. vii. 9).

6. **Obey**—You cannot learn God's second lesson until you have practised the first. "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching" (A.S.V.). Doubt is usually the result of disobedience. Obey what God teaches and He will lead you into larger knowledge.

Thus by searching and meditating, by comparing and praying, by believing and obeying, we are enabled to see in this Book its Divine Author; we discover the remedy for man's sinful state and nature; we come into the knowledge of the mysteries of God which He has revealed.

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