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Looking
unto
Jesus

Who
endured
the Cross

And is
set down

At the
Throne
Heb. xii. 2.

Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Remarkable healings in Leyton

Reported by Pastor J. J. Way

Duodenal Ulcers dispersed.

It gives me great pleasure to testify of the wonderful healing power of our Lord Jesus. I have suffered with duodenal ulcers for three years, and quite recently spent three weeks in hospital. When discharged, just before Christmas, I was to continue as an outpatient.

I am a widow with a son at school, and in my weak condition things looked very gloomy. The passing of my dear husband, three years ago, left me in sadness and loneliness, an awful wound in my life I thought would never heal. My aunt is a member of Elim Church, Leyton, and asked the Pastor to visit me when in hospital and later in my home. It was during the latter visit that I told him of my unhappy lot. As I listened to what Jesus is able to do for soul and body, I knelt at His feet to give myself to Jesus. The Pastor prayed that I would be healed in soul and body.

Something happened! God answered prayer!

On my first visit, as an outpatient, I was discharged. No sign of an ulcer. No need to attend hospital!

Jesus has made me happier than I ever dreamed I could be. I feel a new woman!

"My heart is full of happiness, With others I'll gladly share, My days and nights now never lonely, I know, dear Lord, You are there."

—Mrs. Lane, Leyton.

Sugar Diabetes healed.

I have attended the London hospital for three and a half years, suffering with sugar diabetes. In December 1953, my doctor told me that all sugar had gone.

He said he could not understand it, because some never get clear, whilst others have many years of treatment. So I am discharged from hospital, but I understand it.

Jesus is my Healer. To Him be all the glory.

—Mrs. Richer, Leytonstone.

Healing from Hæmorrhoids.

Suffering from Hæmorrhoids, I entered hospital last June for an operation. The surgeon would not operate because of spinal trouble of longstanding, caused by a fall when a child. A specialist was called in and blood tests taken. The operation was performed, but as soon as I was recovering, the surgeon told me that my back was so bad that I would be paralysed from the waist downwards if I refused a course of treatment in a plaster bed which would last for about eighteen months.

An operation would be necessary. So I was sent

to a well-known T.B. hospital—God's people were praying hard for me. On arrival, several tests were made and X-rays taken.

Two days later, a specialist examined me, and to my great joy told me I needed no treatment. "In fact," he said, "you can return home, get strong again and return to business." I was only ten days in that hospital whilst they were checking up. After three months I had to see the specialist again, only to be told: "No treatment needed. Come again in twelve months."

I am feeling so fit and well, able to do my work. To Him be all the glory.

—Lily Baldcock, Forest Gate.

Arthritis Healed.

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb. xiii. 8).

I have never doubted that He is the same Jesus who walked this earth, healing the sick, giving the blind their sight, making the lame to walk, and raising the dead to life. He is the very same.

About two years ago, I began to have much pain in my knee and arm and, because it grew worse as time passed, I went for an examination. My shoulder was also dislocated. I was informed that I had arthritis. In consequence of this, I began treatment which lasted several months.

I realised that, though I was getting no worse, I was getting no better, and I began to wonder why I did not trust the Lord to heal me, for I knew that if it were His will, He could. So I just prayed for guidance. Soon after this, I was told that nothing more could be done for me, and I accepted this as the first part of the answer to my prayer. I, therefore, did not attend for any further treatment, so that God might make the next step known to me, which He did in a very wonderful way. He led me to the Elim Hall in Vicarage Road, Leyton, where I met Pastor J. Way, whom the Lord used to pray over me and give me a touch of healing.

From that day, November 24th, 1953, I have been healed of my complaint, and can say without doubt that His touch has still its ancient power, no word from Him can fruitless fall. Praise the Lord, He is the same Jesus and ever will be.

A few days later, a friend, who is a member of another Elim Assembly, called to tell me that a fortnight earlier, she had dreamed of my healing being accomplished, and I was able to tell her all about it. She had not known until that moment of what had happened—a sure revelation of what He was going to do. What a wonderful Saviour!

—Mrs. G. A. R. Read, Stratford, E.15.

Then they knelt in prayer.

On a black October day in 1952, six-year-old Robert Pardon was sent home from school unwell, put to bed, and was soon asleep. But, with this sleep—or coma as it was soon recognised—came, for his parents, the dawning of months of anxiety, for when he awoke twenty-five days later his brain had been severely affected and he was unable to recognise them.

After a series of operations and a long spell in hospital, he was discharged, but this did not bring relief and happiness to the Pardons. Doctors told them nothing more could be done surgically and he was released only on condition that he was admitted to a special home.

But Today—

Today, however, Robert is an apparently normal seven-year-old. He is alert and energetic, a high-spirited and happy youngster. There is, in fact, nothing to betray his recent medical history.

To find the answer to this apparent “miracle,”

writes an *Express* reporter, I called to see Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pardon, at their home at 32, Hughan Road, Leyton, this week. They are convinced that this cure has been brought about only with the help of the devout congregation of the Elim Tabernacle.

It was during the days after Robert's discharge that the minister, the Rev. J. J. Way, heard of the Pardons' plight and came to their home where mother and child knelt with him to pray for a recovery.

Said Mrs. Pardon: “Within a week we could see a change in Robert. He continued to improve each week after Mr. Way's visits.” Now, there remains only one cloud to mar the family's happiness. Because of the gap in his schooling Robert can neither read nor write and therefore must go to a school for the backward.

But so far, after repeated enquiries, they have been told by the West Ham authority that there will be no vacancy in one of these schools for at least four or five months.

—*Stratford Express*, January 22nd, 1954.

Miracles of healing at Eastbourne

The following is an extract from the *Eastbourne Gazette* of January 27th :

“One person who is quite convinced that the age of miracles is not passed is Miss Jessie Deans of Brighton. Miss Deans, partially blind when she came to Eastbourne, could see again when she left this week—and see so well that she can now read a letter without glasses.

“The ‘miracle,’ as Miss Deans likes to call it, happened on Monday afternoon. She was staying at a guest-house in Lascelles Terrace. Her fellow guest was the Rev. Alexander Tee, a minister of the Pentecostal Church, who was visiting Eastbourne to conduct healing services at the Elim Tabernacle, Hartfield Road.

“At her request Mr. Tee prayed for the restoration of her sight. Almost at once she burst into tears of joy and announced to the other guests who were present that she could see again.

“Without any difficulty she read a newspaper, and on her way to the station that evening, to return to Brighton, she could read the number on the train.

“‘I have known Miss Deans for many years,’ Miss Phillips, the supervisor of the Lascelles Guest-house told the *Gazette*, ‘She has suffered from rheumatism behind her eyes and has been told by opticians that they are unable to help her. She has had the greatest difficulty in getting about as she could not even see the kerb when she went to cross the road.’”

“Miss Phillips says that now Miss Deans has completely recovered the sight of one eye. She still cannot see with

the other eye, but is hoping that this will be restored in the near future.

“The Rev. Gordon Wright, minister of the Elim Tabernacle, described Mr. Tee as ‘one of the younger ministers of our Church.’ He is at present in charge of the Church he founded a few years ago at Motherwell and before that he used to assist at the Pentecostal Church in Cardiff.”

This second report is from the *Eastbourne Herald Chronicle*, dated January 30th :—

“For the second time this week an instant cure was claimed during the Elim Tabernacle's Divine Healing Campaign.

“After suffering from arthritis in both knees for fourteen years, Mr. W. Rivella, of 60, Pevensey Road, declares that he was cured immediately when prayer was offered for him at Wednesday afternoon's service.

“On Monday afternoon Miss Jessie Deans, of Brighton, who was partially blind, asked the minister, the Rev. Alexander Tee, to pray for her, and now sees so well that she does not need glasses to read letters.

“Walking with his usual difficulty and using a stick, Mr. Rivella went to the first meeting of the healing campaign at the church. ‘I thought nothing about such things until I saw the advertisement in last week's *Herald Chronicle*,’ he said.

“He told the Rev. Alexander Tee about his arthritis and was given an instruction card asking him to co-operate by prayer and meditation.

“‘Then on Wednesday afternoon, as Mr. Tee prayed, I felt better. I put down my stick and I walked up and down the aisle just crying for joy,’ Mr. Rivella told the *Herald Chronicle*. ‘Now I can bend my knees properly and I leave my walking stick at home.’”

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EDITORIAL

The Greater London Crusade.

Tremendous interest is being shown in the Crusade to be conducted by Billy Graham. Churches and missions all over the country are concentrating prayer and expectation

on this event. It is a joy to see Christian folk of every denomination rallying to the preparation meetings now being held in various parts of London. Hundreds of churches and ministers are co-operating, including the Elim Churches in the area.

Below we give some details of the Crusade which opens on Monday next, March 1st. Already great interest has been aroused by the visit of some of the advance party to some well-known churches. Recently Redd Harper, known to many as "Mr. Texas" and who also featured in Billy Graham's film "Oil Town, U.S.A.," paid a visit to St. Paul's, Portman Square. Rev. Colin Kerr's church.

An excellent picture book, entitled *Billy Graham* (2/6, by post 2/9. Obtainable from Victory Press, Clapham Crescent, S.W.4), published by Messrs. Marshall, Morgan & Scott, gives an attractive pictorial record of Dr. Graham's life and work. It is worth getting.

Now is the time for prayer groups to be multiplied all over the land to intercede for this great Crusade, that it may be a time of Holy Ghost visitation and lead to a great harvest of souls.

NOTE.—Will those who correspond with Mr. Arthur Campbell (Uncle Arthur) please note that his new address is now 120, First Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12.

Greater London Crusade

OPENING MONDAY, MARCH 1st

in the HARRINGAY ARENA, LONDON, N.4

Meetings will be held every evening (Sunday excepted) at 7.30 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Cliff Barrows, conductor of the vast choirs in the Billy Graham campaigns in the U.S.A., will be leading a choir of 1,000 voices on Monday, March 1st, when the Crusade opens.

Beverley Shea, renowned Gospel singer, will be the soloist at many of the services. Another member of the Team will be F. Carlton Booth, well known in America as a Gospel broadcaster.

Redd Harper ("Mr. Texas") will be in London for the Crusade.

Doan Moomaw, leading figure in American football today, will be in the Team. He has turned to Christ and turned down lucrative offers in the world of sport. He is now fully engaged in service for Christ.

A London Crusade Song Book has been specially compiled for the event.

Special trains will run from various parts to the Haringay Stadium, which seats approximately 11,000. Buses and coaches will bring parties to the meetings. Full information can be obtained from the Crusade office (Mr. Arthur E. Hall), 18, Gate Street, London, W.C.2.

Special meetings have been conducted to train and instruct workers, known as Counsellors, for personal work at the Crusade meetings.

Pray especially that as Billy Graham and the Team commence the Crusade, the hand of the Lord may be upon them mightily.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

News from Tanganyika

TANGANYIKA
Pastor and Mrs. A. D. Bull

(Kinonko).

My husband has just returned from a 270 miles journey on his small motor cycle over rough roads, across ferries and along winding mountain passes. It was a worth while journey for it has opened up another avenue of service for the Master. Further in the bush he contacted 1,000 families and several of the chiefs have expressed the wish that we would send them a teacher.



Mrs. A. D. Bull

Petro, our faithful African evangelist at Kitugalo has a real desire to work amongst the people, for unlike Kinonko which has a large majority of Mohammedans, the new area has very few, thus making a greater opportunity for winning them to Christ. Petro has endeared himself to us for he is a willing and zealous co-worker. He is seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit and during times of prayer the power of God has been upon him. He is obedient to God's revealed will and has seen the truth of tithing. He has been used of God in delivering a man who was possessed of an evil spirit. But the Devil could not remain idle during such activity on the part of one of God's own. Every day he was busy in proclaiming the Gospel to the needy people in this area, then he developed leg trouble and the limb became swollen, shiny and cold and increasingly painful and the work of the Lord was held up. Petro prayed, and we also, unknown to him had a time of special prayer. We heard later that God answered prayer that very day, the pain suddenly left him and has not returned and his leg became normal again. Together with Petro we praise God for this healing, and renewed in strength he has gone seeking the lost and has led some to the feet of the Saviour and Healer.

We would value prayer for Josafina, Petro's 18-months-old daughter. When she was a year old she developed what appeared to be infantile paralysis, resulting in the loss of power in one leg. It is pitiful to see her trying to crawl, dragging her useless leg along. We feel it is not God's will that this innocent child should go through life maimed. Please join in remembering Josafina before the Throne of Grace that she may be able to walk and run like her two energetic brothers, and her parents be comforted concerning their child.

We held five baptismal services during 1953. Following a recent such service we were caught in a cloud burst.

The road became a river in one part and Miss Topping and I had to get out and with the aid of a few Africans push it through. As we got soaked from above and below, Mr. Bull, being the driver, laughed at us from his dry position. We got the car out by "prayer and works" only to get stuck again. This time we were held up by the mud. As several Africans came to help, and we were near home, Miss Topping and I considered it our turn to laugh, so ceased our efforts to get the car out of the mud. We then ran through the tropical downpour to change our wet clothes and prepare for our fellow-missionary when he finally got "out of the mud and the mire!"



Pastor A. D. Bull

We are glad to report a steady flow of people seeking salvation. Recently in a Sunday morning service two more sought forgiveness and a backslider returned to the Lord. The Christians in the prison where we visit appear to be going on with God. As the Mission car is getting too worn to take us there, we can visit only occasionally if other transport is available. The sewing class continues with good attendances, keeping Miss Topping and me busy. These classes bring in some who do not attend other meetings, and among them there are several Mohammedans. We long to get a real break among the people of this binding religion, and it requires the power of God with signs following to do this. During Miss Topping's short local leave I set out earlier than usual for the sewing class, determined that instead of being one less in number we would be one or more extra. At each village an invitation was given with pleasing and amusing results, for I ended with a line of people walking behind me in single file, and on this occasion the class-room was crammed to capacity. Then began a hectic struggle trying to cope with so many single-handed.

Few Africans here have clocks, and one woman invited to the meetings came three weeks running, but each time arrived after the meeting was finished. Last week, however, she came in good time and a broad smile on her face as she realised she had at length achieved her object.

Here are a few prayer-requests and we would be grateful if you could remember them before the Throne:

That we may enter yet another out-station which we feel God wants us to occupy.

For Petro, our Evangelist, that he may continue to be
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ON TOP OF

ON TOP OF THE WORLD! What a place is that! According to popular opinion it is the place of greatest delight and satisfaction to heart and mind, the place where everyone would really like to be. Advertisers of certain beverages are constantly telling the public that after imbibing their particular product they will "feel on top of the world." Outfitters, too, have used it as their slogan and have told us that to be well dressed will make us "feel on top of the world." Hucksters of certain medicinal products have similarly boosted their wares, take this or that tonic, pills or stimulant, and you will "feel on top of the world"! and so we might continue.

There is one thing noticeable, however, about all these advertisements, not one of them claims to put a man on top of the world, they only promise to make him *feel* that he has arrived there. In other words they offer to us a form of self-deception. They promise to make us feel what we really are not, to give us the pleasure of achievement when, in actual fact, our feet may still be on the bottom rung of the ladder. What man craves for is something, someone, or some power that can not only give him the contented feeling of achievement, but can in very truth make him reach the top.

David in this Psalm tells of one who has done that very thing for him. He does not say that God has made him feel that he has arrived at the top, but has in reality enabled him to get there. "He setteth me upon my high places"! David has arrived! his hopes, aspirations, and ideals have all been realised and his heart is overflowing with gratitude. In his own poetic way he says that God has made that achievement possible by making his feet like hind's feet. I am convinced that if we can understand this simile and master the principles taught by it, we, too, shall be able to say that we have reached our "high places"; at last, we are on the top of our own particular world.

The first thing set forth in our text is,

ASPIRATION :—"My high places." The Palestinian deer are seldom found in the lowlands or on the plains. Their natural habitat is the mountain fastnesses. High up the steep mountainside in the rocky heights they make their abode. Here the hind rears her young in the caves amongst the rocks away from harm and danger where none other can reach them. Thus the deer is ever looking upward, passing from one high crag to another, and is a fitting symbol of the soul that is striving to rise from the lowlands of life to the mountain peaks of victory.

David "lifted up his eyes to the hills." He set his mind upon certain ideals which he calls his "high places" and towards these he ever strove, aspiring to greater heights than those to which he had already attained, determined that he would eventually reach the top. He was a king,

then no doubt he desired to be the best king possible, ruling his people with justice and equity. He was a soldier, then he endeavoured to reach his ideal of what an efficient soldier should be. He was a husband and a father, with a wife and family to care for, and so he wanted to do his very best for them and ever be all that an ideal father and husband ought to be. He was a saint, seeking to live a holy life, well pleasing to God, away from the lowlands of sin and failure. He was a servant of God, the sweet singer and poet who wrote the songs for congregational worship, the one who arranged the order and manner of service in God's house. Surely, then, he strove to compose the best poetry and to write always under the inspiration of God's Spirit, and to arrange everything as perfectly as he knew. Perhaps these were some of his "high places", upon which his eyes rested, and like the swift, sure-footed hind he determined to reach them.

Have you set your eyes upon the high places in your life? You are a Christian, then do you not desire to be the finest example of true Christianity that you know? You are a Church member, have you an ideal of what a good Church member should be? You are a citizen, then do you not want to be the best kind of citizen possible, a blessing to your community? Perhaps you are a parent, have you set your eyes upon an ideal of true parenthood? Or, maybe, you are a son or daughter, have you looked upward to see how you can be of greater service and greater blessing in your home? You, who are an employer, have you an ideal of what a perfect employer should be? You who are workers, have you fixed your eyes on the high places in your work? Remember the words of the great Apostle, "Whatsoever you do, whether ye eat or whether ye drink, do all to the glory of God."

Alas, so many Christians just muddle through life! They have no real aspirations, no true ambitions, they are content to live on the lowlands, or to change the figure, to idly drift along with the current. I am convinced that God desires us to live for the highest and the best in every sphere of activity, to be "on top of the world." That the Christian should stand out as a shining example of virtue to the world around, making a success of all that he undertakes.

The next thing set forth in our text is—

CORRELATION—"Hind's feet"—The sad comment of so many to the things that I have said is "Ah, yes! I have



Pastor Gerald Ladlow

THE WORLD

"With my feet like hinds' feet
and I will come upon my high places"
(Psalm xviii. 33).



As given by Pastor Gerald
L. How at the Elim Church,
Brazon, Guernsey.

had such aspirations, but I never achieved anything, I always seem to fail, "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." That is just where our text helps us. Only the hind can reach the top, she alone can climb the rocks with safety. With never a slip or fall she climbs from one narrow ledge of rock to another, higher and higher and no pursuit can reach her. Nature has provided the deer with unusual feet to enable them thus to climb, and the

female of the species is the most efficient. The hind places her front feet upon a rock, or tiny ledge, and then brings her rear feet up to exactly the same place. Thus, as she climbs, she knows that if she can find firm footing for her front feet she will easily make progress and never will fall. Other animals not thus equipped by nature try to follow the hind, but when bringing up their rear feet they can find no place for them and so they fall, they can never follow, never reach the top.

The hind, therefore, reaches her high places by perfect physical correlation. All the movements of her body work in perfect harmony. The Psalmist means, then, that we can reach our high places only when all the powers of our complex being work in perfect correlation. The man who has discovered the secret of correlation between the activities of body, soul, and spirit has also learned the secret of "hind's feet." Jesus said that to reach the top spiritually and live the life well pleasing to God we must "love Him with all our **heart**, with all our **soul**, and with all our **mind** and with all our strength." All four "feet," heart, soul, mind, and body moving in perfect harmony. On another occasion He said, "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt **in his heart**, but shall believe that these things which he saith cometh to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." And again He said, "Ye, if ye have faith, though it be as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall ask what ye will and **nothing** shall be impossible to you."

Here we see the necessity for perfect correlation. We must, with the mind exercise faith in God and the belief of our heart must be in perfect harmony with the faith of the mind, and then **nothing** shall be impossible to us, we shall, according to the teaching of Jesus, reach the top every time. Our aspirations and ideals will all be realized. In the language of our simile we must put the "front feet" of the mind on the ledge of faith and bring

up the "rear feet" of the heart to the same place. Thus we shall always think, speak, and act according to our faith in God. The psychologist has said something similar when he tells us that to live victoriously "the mind and sub-conscious mind must work in perfect harmony." Here lies the cause of so much failure. We say we have faith, but, alas, we do not act in accordance with our profession of faith. How often, for example, have we said that we believe that God can meet our every need and yet, after acquainting Him with our need in prayer, we have continued to be anxious and to worry how the need is to be met, in spite of the profession of faith there has continued to be unbelief in the heart. With the mind we have accepted the promise of spiritual power for service in the cause of His kingdom, and yet through the fear and timidity of the heart we have never made an attempt to do the tasks near at hand. We certainly need hind's feet!

The third point we see in our text is—

REALISATION—"He . . . setteth me upon my high places." David has reached the peaks of victory in his life, but as he stands upon his "high places" his chest does not swell with pride. He does not boast in the success he has achieved as though by his own efforts and prowess he has reached the top. Not by the mastery of his own failures and by his own will power has he brought his powers to work in perfect correlation, but with all humility and with a deep sense of gratitude he attributes his success to the help of God, "He maketh my feet like hind's feet, **He** setteth me upon my high places." We shall never achieve our ideals in our own strength, not by force of will can we conquer our human weaknesses, our inhibitions and doubts and fears which prevent us thinking, speaking, and acting in full assurance of faith, but only as we are prepared to depend entirely upon Him and commit our way to Him. In the previous verse, David says, "God girdeth me with strength" and in the strength of God alone has he brought his powers to act in perfect harmony and thus has climbed to his "high places." Paul gives us a similar testimony to that of David, he, too, has reached the top. He is content in every experience, triumphant in every undertaking, victor over every circumstance, for he says, "I can do **all** things," but he is careful to add "through Christ which strengtheneth me." Paul reminds us that this has not always been his experience, for he says "I have **learned** to be content. He has passed through God's school, and by learning the lessons taught and relying upon the strength of Christ he has stood upon his high places.

To the one who is prepared to wait upon the Lord for daily strength and daily guidance, never to take one step without His aid, God is prepared to equip with hind's
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An Outstanding Conversion

Related by Pastor G. Canty (Elim Church, Gloucester)

LAST JULY, at the close of a Sunshine Corner service in the Gloucester Park, a youngish man came to the Bandstand and gave me several pounds for our work. He went away still a stranger to me, but I recognised him later in our Sunday evening service with his wife. Last Sunday morning he came to his first communion service in Elim, having walked for nearly two hours to get there, and was faced with a similar journey home.

Now I have permission to tell his story, for in his own words he is not the same person he was a year ago. Sid had grown up without comprehension of any way of life except to grab the next and nearest pleasure and that without regard for moral considerations. To his unphilosophical mind this was the instinctive pattern for behaviour in a world of people who only thought of material things. There is little point in describing the things he did, for it would merely read like a catalogue of the many vices in which the masses wallow and rot under the impression they are enjoying life. He had, however, some extras in his list, including regular burglary and thieving in gang style. His speech became a lurid example of profanity raised to the level of a fine art. He knew all the answers, carefully memorising the "good ones", and they were mostly more shockingly direct than could be called simply "suggestive." His thought-life matched his talk. If there were any sins he had not committed he had certainly given them sympathetic consideration, fear of the law alone restraining him.

Wickedness leavened the whole of his life, so that he would even pray to God while in the act of thieving, asking Divine help to get away safely, addressing the Deity in language angels never had learned, and which might surprise even Billingsgate. One might have looked for judgments to fall upon this kind of thing, but instead he was granted mercies—as, for example, when he left a coal-mine working just in time to escape a roof fall which it took fourteen days to tunnel through.

But God had not left Himself a witness, and conscience still flickered a troublesome light into the state of things. He began to promise God to amend, and vowed vast and futile vows which, beautiful as Jonah's gourd, withered just as rapidly. Then he tried to follow Jonah's example also by taking a ship, this time to the other side of the earth where he found, however, he was still himself; so he travelled back again. For three years he had worked hard to clean up his speech and God granted him grace first, and then the signal fortune of meeting a Christian aboard ship who showed to him that Jesus Christ was the only way by which those weakened by sinful habit could stand upright again.

One day, leaning over the ship's side, he saw a man in a boat struggling frantically to pull out of the wash of

the ship as it was leaving port, and he realised in a flash that the mighty propellers would in a moment cut the hapless man to pieces. Then he prayed a prayer for the man's safety, and instantly the boat seemed to be miraculously lifted out of danger. He knew then God had heard his prayer.

He arrived in England penniless and homeless, but with something he did not have when he left the Antipodes—faith, rapidly crystallising, as he came to understand the Gospel. He looked to God to care for him, and without delay he found money coming to him from unexpected sources and work was quickly available.

Soon after he found Elim, and God has prospered and blessed him continually. At first too sensitive even to sing a hymn, joy and confidence have stolen back into his life. Two weeks ago he ventured a public prayer, and God's Spirit fell upon him in such power and glory that he was like a man drunk with the wine of heaven, scarcely able to walk to catch his bus home. He was living in furnished rooms, and a better job with good living accommodation was offered him in Kent, but he was afraid he would not find the same spiritual home there as he had found in Elim in Gloucester, and for the Lord's work' sake he refused the opportunity. But God immediately honoured him, for a relative bought the house for him in which he had rooms, so that he as tenant became the landlord of the property. Each day he and his sweet wife and two children experience the good hand of God upon them. He has given them lovely trust. When a week's wages were lost, they prayed, and left their burden so completely with the Lord that they forgot their financial loss, until on returning to work, Sid discovered his wage packet, accidentally, where he would never have dreamed of looking for it.

So there Sid stood last Sunday morning, tall, good to look at, smartly dressed, glowing, telling us how he had prayed for the thaw so he could walk more than five miles to church. We all said how nice it was to have the man responsible for the end of the ice age with us!—but why not? God must work where there is faith.

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Elim Youth Page

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Politics—My Attitude!



Pastor Ken Matthew

Allow me to present (he needs no introduction) Pastor Ken Matthew, the writer of this week's feature, District Youth Commissioner for Wales. Converted at the age of 16 years in dignified York City—spent three and a half years in his local church as a Cadet Leader and Crusader Secretary—assisted in the shoe trade for a large firm in their branches at Scarborough, Leeds and Rochdale before entering the Elim ministry in 1938. Mr. Matthew has been at his present church in Pontypridd since 1941, where there is a live and active Youth work—is leader of one of Elim's Revival and Divine Healing Campaign Parties—has founded churches at Loughborough, Brixton, Salford, Mansfield and Accrington, and is a member of our Evangelistic Committee.

Names like William Wilberforce and Lord Shaftesbury will ever remind us of the tremendous influence that can be wielded by the Christian politician. This, however, is not a proof that all Christians should actively engage in politics. These men, and others like them, are called to a special mission in life, but for the guidance of Crusaders generally I would say "Steer clear of political activity."

Christianity is a fuller message, it reaches further than politics. Politics at best is limited to this present world. The Christian has a duty in this life, but he remembers His Master's Word, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). The politician labours for the temporal, the Christian labours chiefly for the spiritual; the one for the visible, the other for the invisible; one for present benefits, the other for future advantages. Politics is "NOW"—Christianity is also "Now" but goes much further and embraces "HEREAFTER."

One cannot fight effectively for two kingdoms at once. However important the political endeavour, it is secondary to Christian activity. I have been saddened to see fervent Christian workers gradually turning aside from their spiritual operations in order to take up more and more political work. It is impossible to be fully engaged in the Lord's work and fully engaged in the political field; one or the other must suffer. Those Christians who are active political workers must needs miss the very necessary weekly prayer meeting and other services, and far too often their political meetings are on the Lord's Day. The result of all this is seen in the impaired spiritual life.

The political field provides very well for our material needs, but it does not meet our spiritual needs. Christianity meets the latter and it is inadvisable for a Christian worker

to forsake his "Soul Saving" efforts in order to engage in work of secondary importance which is already being executed by others, and when these others cannot undertake the Christian mission.

Christ unites, politics divides. A successful minister with a large congregation became actively engaged in politics, but his biased preaching turned away the crowds that once revelled in his Gospel message. Any Crusader Branch would become divided if Crusaders all took up political persuasions.

A Communist once said, "Communism provides men's needs in this world, but Christianity is all for the next world." He was wrong, he had the cart before the horse. He believed in providing for the material needs of man and neglecting his spiritual requirements. The Christian puts the horse before the cart by placing spiritual needs first and material needs next. The Christian has a duty in this world. Christ showed His scorn for the religious Levite and Priest who both neglected the poor bruised and bleeding man who lay half dead on the Jericho road. Christianity includes practical endeavours to help make this world a better place. **The Christian is the finest politician.** Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." The Christian makes the best citizen. Let him register his vote, unite with other evangelicals against social evils, pray for the Queen and for the souls of men, be out-and-out for Jesus, and he'll never improve on this by joining a political Party.

COMMENTS—Your correspondence on this subject will be passed to Pastor Matthew.

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The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor T. W. Walker.

SUNDAY, February 28th. John iv. 15-30.

"I that speak unto thee am" (v. 26).

There is something sublime in this statement. It is not a defence, an apology, it is a plain revelation. That which men argue and quibble about, the Bible takes for granted. This simple utterance divides mankind. We either believe or we do not. Some may be near but not in the Kingdom. The jumping-off ground is taking God at His word, believing "that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. xi. 6). From then on, we find new vistas of glory opening before us. "God is," "I am"—in such everyday words is expressed the marvel of independent existence, complete self-determination, and limitless power and grace.

MONDAY, March 1st. John iv. 31-42.

"White already to harvest" (v. 35).

We must ponder these words of the Master very carefully. In these hard times for preaching salvation, other eras seem to have been easier and other places less difficult now. We need a sense of proportion; it is no good weeping for what was or for what is elsewhere. We are called for the times in which we live and for the people around us. We should be out of place in former times and in different locations. Christ told the disciples that the harvest was ripe and ready in a period strangely akin to our own, one which had Calvary as its climax!

TUESDAY, March 2nd. John iv. 43-54.

"The man believed" (v. 50).

Remembering the days were yet young in the Lord's earthly ministry, put yourself in the place of this ruler. The words of the Master could easily have seemed mockery. It could have been thought, "He cannot be bothered to visit my son!" This son, no doubt the apple of his father's eye, became the subject of the greatest test of faith the nobleman had known—and he won through! The difficulty for us is to know when the call is for importunity, as when Elijah sought the Lord for rain (I. Kings xviii. 41-46), and when the need is to stand upon God's promise as is in the case

of this ruler. Each problem requires separate consideration and approach.

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd. John v. 1-18.

"Another steppeth down before me" (v. 7).

This portion is a devastating comment on human nature. The chronic invalid was not reckoned to be very much amongst the clammering throng. There was only one chance of healing and it was every man for himself, first come, first served; nobody had time for the helpless man. Even after his healing, the Pharisees brought a carping criticism. It was not enough that a man had been healed after thirty-eight years—he had offended against a technicality of the law and was a sinner. Jesus sought him out at Bethesda and again in the temple. We shall repeatedly discover human failing, but the Master always has time for us. Jesus never fails.

THURSDAY, March 4th. John v. 19-29.

"Hath everlasting life" (v. 24).

Jesus shows Himself in this passage as the Servant of Jehovah and, at the same time, Jehovah's Representative, equal in authority and justice. This fine text (v. 24) is marvellously plain and has all the certainty of a Divine pronouncement. Many consider salvation a wearying process with only a hope that heaven may be gained. It is true that for those reared in godly homes there is sometimes a gradual dawning of light, but for all the redeemed there is certainty of heaven whilst still on earth. Said the Redeemer, "heareth . . . believeth . . . hath"!

FRIDAY, March 5th. John v. 30-47.

"They . . . testify of Me" (v. 39).

Scribes and Pharisees were intensely proud that the Jews were custodians of Scripture but "they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" (Rom. ix. 6). They were completely taken up with a minute examination of text and letter. Had their eyes been open they would have recognised in Jesus, the Messiah. Guardians of the light, it was yet useless to them, for they were blind. Jesus is the key to the Bible. He came, died, rose again, and will return "according to the Scriptures" (I. Cor. xv. 3-4). Our task is to manifest "the Incarnate Word, from the Written Word, by the spoken word" (Manning).

SATURDAY, March 6th. John vi. 1-14.

"He distributed to the disciples" (v. 11).

Here is a lovely picture of the way in which we should minister personally and to congregations. The Master gave to the disciples and the disciples gave to the people. In the hands of Peter, John and the others, the five loaves and two fishes would have remained as they were, but they were put into the hands of the Creator. As the disciples received from Him, they were enabled to meet the needs of the people and, with the twelve baskets full of fragments, their own as well. Little is much if God is in it.

YOUTH PAGE—Continued.

THE FIRST 1954 ALL-BRITAIN YOUTH RALLY— CARDIFF

This is to take place at the Cardiff City Temple on Saturday, March 13th, at 7 p.m., and conducted by the members of the Youth Committee. Prior to this public Youth Rally there is to be a Luncheon Youth Conference for 150 Ministers and Youth workers with the following subjects for discussion: How can we increase our Crusader work; Methods and Means that have proved successful in bringing teenagers to our Churches; How to inaugurate and maintain a Junior Crusader Section in a Church; Allocation of time by a Sunday School Teacher during class; Future Policy of Sunday School Handbook; Cadets and Sunshine Corner meetings. Further details may be obtained from Pastor P. S. Brewster.

During this visit to Wales the Committee will conduct meetings at Swansea on Thursday, March 11th, and Trealew (Tonypandy) on Friday, March 12th. In addition the members will speak at the following churches on the Sunday: Pastor Douglas B. Gray at Dowlais and Porth; Pastor H. W. Greenway at Caerphilly and Cardiff; Pastor

L. C. Quest at Mountain Ash and Neath; Pastor J. Hywel Davies at Barry and Pontypridd. (Pastor T. W. Walker will be present for the rallies, but returns to Bolton for Sunday.)

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Prayer Request.

That a young girl will be healed of awful headaches in Christ's name. He is able.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD—Continued.

feet." To give to him the power to accept the promises of God with the mind and intellect, to believe them without a vestige of doubt in the heart and the physical and moral courage to act accordingly. This will necessitate not only much prayer, but much reading of His Word, it is there we see the standard of conduct God desires of us in both spiritual and temporal matters. He has there set forth the perfect ideals toward which we are to strive, the very mountain heights and He desires us to be like the hind, and to "lift up our eyes unto the hills."

Shall we all resolve, at the commencement of 1954, that this year shall be one of glorious achievement, that seeking His aid we may, with hind's feet, live "on top of the world" in every true sense. Then come weal or woe, nothing shall ever move us.

I will close with the testimony of a prophet of old: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the mines; the labour of the olive shall fail; and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord my God is my strength and He will make my feet like hind's feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places" (Hab. iii. 17-19).

OVERSEAS MISSIONS—Continued.

used among his own people, and that his little daughter may be healed.

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ABERTYSSWG. March 6-8. Elim Church. Special Services. Speaker: Pastor W. J. Patterson, and visit of Sparkbrook Choir on Saturday.

BIRMINGHAM. March 6. Elim Church, Graham Street. Presbytery Youth Rally, 7 p.m. Guest speaker: Pastor A. Rowland Smith. Convener: Pastor Frank Shadlock, Youth Commissioner.

BRADFORD. Feb. 20-28. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Special Youth Week, conducted by Elim Crusaders, commencing Sat., Feb. 20 at 7. Tues., Wed., Thurs., 7.30. Sun., 10.45 and 6.30.

Saturday, Feb. 27, United Presbytery Youth Rallies, 3 and 6.30. Tea table discussion on Youth Work. Special visit of Pastor J. Hywel Davies (National Youth Secretary). Sunday, 28, Prize Distribution, 10.45, 2.30 and 6.30, by Pastor Davies.

CAMBERWELL. March 13. Elim Church, Benhill Road. South London District Presbytery Rally, 7 p.m. Special speaker: Pastor G. Stormont Musical ministry by the Woodlands Trio.

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LOWESTOFT. March 20-22. Elim Church, Milton Road. Pastor's fifteenth anniversary services. Special speaker Pastor F. A. Hodge. Sat. and Mon., 7.30 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m., 3 (Divine Healing) and 6.30 p.m.

PONTYPRIDD. Feb. 20-28. Elim Church, Thurston Road. Annual Members' week. Nightly (except Friday) at 7.15. Sundays, 11 and 6. Speaking, singing and convening by members.

PORTH. February 27-March 5. Elim Church, Pontypridd Road. Annual Pentecostal Convention. Sat. and Mon. 7 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Guest speakers include Pastors F. Hodge, Haydn Jones, and J. McAvoy. Convener: Pastor W. Evans.

PORTH. March 6-8. Elim Church, Pontypridd Road. Annual Sisterhood Week-end. Sat. and Mon. 7 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Guest speaker: Mrs. S. Gorman.

SOUTHPORT. March 6-10. Elim Church, Manchester Road. Annual Spring Convention. Sun. 10.45 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30. Speakers: Pastor and Mrs. A. V. Gorton.

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THE FOOL *By James A. Sanaker*

ONE KIND OF FOOL makes a mock of sin. This type of person ignores the fact that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. He is not serious about right and wrong and takes on himself no responsibility either to set a god example for others or to walk circumspectly himself. He is to be pitied, because the Word of God declares that he deceives himself. He makes light of sin, thinks life is a joke and no one needs to worry about anything, especially not about sin or its results.

Which leads up to the remark of the Psalmist, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." He was so sure of this sad truth that he repeated it, using the statement as an opening sentence in both Psalm xiv. and Psalm liii. This sort of folly leads to eternal misery, for the fool who says there is no God depends on self, and no person is able to save himself. It is the grace of God that makes anyone able to be forgiven, given a new heart, and joined to the family of God as a joint-heir with Christ Jesus.

"The wages of sin is death," and there is no explanation of the result of sin that will give the mocker or the unbeliever a way of escape, save by the Cross and salvation through the Lord Jesus Himself.

A great writer exclaimed, "What fools these mortals be," and the statement holds true. We are full of folly. It is

only through the discovery of this fact that we have the remedy. "All we like sheep have gone astray," wrote the Prophet. We who love the Lord made the confession that we were indeed sinners, lost sheep who needed a Shepherd.

The fear of the Lord, respect and reverence for Him, is the beginning of wisdom. There is no disgrace in being aware of the fact that our hearts are deceitful, or that we are in need of help from God to become new creatures and renounce the folly of this world. The sin of all sins is to be aware and reject the remedy, the Redeemer and His way of life.

The fool of today may be rich or even cultured. He may be a leader in politics or business. He may have the admiration of society in general, but he remains a fool just the same, unless he realises the fact that without God he is lost and has no hope in the hereafter.

A great judge was in trouble at the end of life's journey. His conscience bothered him. To his pastor he said, "Sir, I have sentenced hundreds of persons—and now I must soon face judgment, myself. What must I do for mercy and pardon?"

What to do? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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Forthcoming Elim Events (continued)

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

The President will visit the following churches:

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NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

The National Youth Secretary will visit the following churches: Feb. 27, 28, Bradford. Mar. 1, Sowerby Bridge. 2, Knottingley. 3, Huddersfield. 4, Leeds.

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Miss R. Simms, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal will visit the following churches: Feb. 27-28, Leicester. March 1, Nottingham.

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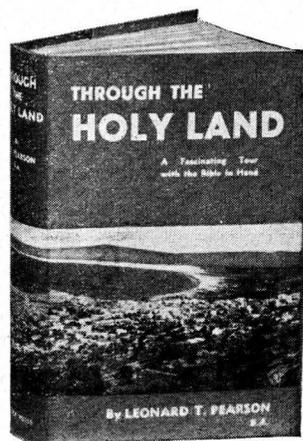
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