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

GOD'S OPEN DOOR

BY PASTOR E. C. W. BOULTON

"They came unto the iron gate . . . which opened to them of his own accord" (Acts xii. 10).

"What tho' temptations round thee spread,
God's open door is just ahead
Ways of escape seem lost in night:
God's 'way' awaits thy wondering sight."

UNTIL THE MOMENT of Divine intervention that iron gate stood between Peter and freedom, a barrier which would yield to no human force at the disposal of the Apostle. There it was in all its forbidding and formidable strength to refuse and resist the Lord's servant egress from his prison. Yet we are given to understand that this iron barrier "opened to them of his own accord." Somehow this stubborn obstacle seemed suddenly disposed to act in friendly concert with the escaping Apostle, as though at his approach it had received orders to fling itself wide open. It is worthy of note that Peter's departure from his gaol appears to bear no signs of panic-stricken flight. He is seen being conducted by his angelic escort to liberty. His feet are treading a prepared, if somewhat mysterious, path to safety. In his heart there must have been a growing conviction that in some remarkable manner God was handling this impossible situation.

The opened gate and the praying fellowship in the home of Rhoda are in close and vital relation, the former providing the splendid sequel to the latter. The power generated in the chamber of prayer unlocks the door of deliverance and sets the man of God at liberty. The pressing need calls into action the Spirit-anointed ministry of intercession, which in turn becomes the answer to that need, setting in motion the Divine machinery of deliverance. Thus we see the determinative value of the unseen upon the visible and material demonstrated in this episode. Here are a company of defenceless people, their only weapon a spiritual one, that of prayer, whilst arrayed against them is all the tremendous power of imperial Rome. The odds were heavily weighted against them, yet in spite of this, a perfect physical deliverance is effected, and Peter walks out of prison a free man.

And so we are face to face with the triumph of those whose resources were of a purely spiritual character, the achievement of a gathering who were absolutely wrecked on God. They had no political or social strings to pull, their only appeal was Godward, their sole reliance in the Eternal.

How impressively we are shown Holy Ghost intercession becoming the channel of Divine action. The God-permitted crisis was destined to provide Him with the opportunity of displaying His faithfulness. This dangerous development in their fellowship, sent them to their face before the Lord, and so prepared the way for Him to intervene on their behalf.

Is it not thus at times in Christian experience and ministry? The threatened thing creates a challenge and stimulus to faith. Under the urge of calamity there is born a desperation of soul which lays hold of God, and almost makes the impossible inevitable, the crisis forming the focal point of prayer, bringing to bear upon the things which seek to thwart the plan of God, all the concentrated creative power of Holy Ghost supplication—through the human channels the energies of the Almighty are released and come into active operation.

We cannot but be impressed with the absence of any suggestion of a forced attempt at escape on this occasion, on the contrary we are told that the iron gate "opened of his own accord." Have we not discovered that a beautiful spontaneity marks most of that which God does in the experience of those who throw themselves recklessly upon Him? That deep reliance upon and abandonment to the strong current of His will.

"On the far reef the breakers
Recoil in shattered foam,
And yet the sea behind them
Urges its forces home;
Its chant of triumph surges
Through all the thunderous din,
The waves may break in failure,
But the tide is sure to win."

Like the apparently effortless movement of a river, or the incoming of the tide, or the falling of the dew, responding to an unseen yet irresistible authority. We do but beat our wings against the prison-bars of our circumstances when we struggle against them, and, determined though our efforts are, they seldom result in more than spiritual disappointment and exhaustion. But when upward on the wings of inspired aspiration we are borne to the heights of the seemingly inaccessible, carried by the indwelling power of a mighty constraint to the possession of the coveted experience, when we are willing and eager that all within us should bend to that will which "willeth good alone," then does the soul ascend its throne and wield its sceptre of authority in God.

"Is there some door closed by the Father's hand
Which widely opened you had wished to see?
Trust God and wait, for when He shuts the door
He keeps the key."

Some spiritual experiences seem as though God is flinging wide open a door of opportunity, admitting the soul into the large place of liberty and victory in the Holy Ghost, an entrance into a new conception and consciousness of God, where the understanding is illumined and the will surrendered, and a greater capacity for worship is

created within. The soul is constrained to a faith which dares the impossible, and is equal to the challenge of danger. It moves with a God-born eagerness to attempt that which, in its own strength, would be sheer presumption; with the daring courage of the mountaineer, it assays to scale the steep of spiritual exploit; it plunges with all the abandon of a fearless faith into the depths of great things for God.

O Lord, I bless Thee that Thy faithfulness is the key which unlocks the gate of my impotence. Thy promise is the light which pierces the pall of my prison. Thy grace is the glory of my most trying hour. Thou art the spring of all my hopes, the source of my joys. Thou crownedst the days with Thy lovingkindness and the year with Thy tender mercy.

Billy Graham's Lunch Hour with Ministers of London

It was evident that something momentous was happening in London when on Friday, 26th February, 1,000 ministers and laymen assembled at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London, to lunch with Billy Graham and meet him personally, among them being a number of Elim ministers. The very atmosphere was charged with potential revival spirit. Up to the present three records have been made in this campaign—the greatest welcome at Waterloo station, the biggest Choir assembled for rehearsal at Harringay for practice, and the largest congregation of ministers to meet Billy Graham. The theme of his message to the ministers was to be on the offensive with the Gospel of Christ—to storm the gates of hell with the spirit of evangelism. This, he proclaimed with deep humility, asking for the prayers and co-operation of all ministers in presenting Christ to the masses. He believes and preaches that during the next ten years there will be a mighty visitation from God. Truly his expressed desires were realised in this great gathering, that we are to be "All one in Christ."

—Pastor L. C. Quest.

The City Temple, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff GREAT PUBLIC ANNUAL EASTER CONVENTION

April 15th to 22nd

Commencing with introduction of speakers
on Thursday night at 7.30

GOOD FRIDAY - 11 and 6.30

EASTER SATURDAY - 3 and 7

EASTER SUNDAY - 11, 3 and 6.30

Great After-Church Rally at 8

EASTER MONDAY - 11, 3 and 6.30

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 3 & 6.30

Owing to the crowds of last year, the large

Wood Street Chapel has been booked for

EASTER MONDAY Afternoon and Evening

Speakers: Pastors John Dyke, Samuel Gorman, Donald Gee.

John Carter and W.L. Bell, Gospel Singer.

Cups of tea and light refreshments on Monday
at the City Temple

YOUTH LUNCHEON CONFERENCE for all South Wales and District Youth Leaders and Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers to be held in the Philharmonic Hotel, St. Mary Street, Cardiff, on Saturday, March 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

Guest Speaker—The Elim Youth Council, and
George Thomas, M.P.

Progress at Swansea

Early in February the Annual Fellowship Meeting was held, and despite an exceptionally cold evening, over a hundred members and friends gathered.



Pastor Gorton

In his opening remarks the Secretary thanked Pastor and Mrs. Gorton for the splendid way in which they had worked in the Church during the past year. Here are some of the highlights of the various reports:

Twenty have professed salvation during the year, and seventeen passed through the waters of baptism; also twenty-seven members have been added to the Church roll.

The Church offerings have still maintained their high standard, even though there were some special appeals made during the year. The Missionary offerings were if anything, on the increase, showing an average of £50 a quarter.

The Sunday School is full to capacity, so much so that when offered a children's campaign, it was felt that the staff were coping with the maximum number of children possible. It was also encouraging to hear that of the seventeen baptised in water mentioned earlier, seven were teen-age scholars of the Sunday School.

The Crusader Secretary was delighted to say that the attendance averages have jumped from twenty in 1946, to sixty-five in 1953. During the year a number have been saved, and many sought after and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Also an effective witness was being maintained in the town and its surrounding districts by open air work, tract distribution, and visits to other churches.

It was reported that the Cadet work and the Sisterhood are still progressing with good attendances.

As a Church Swansea has much to thank God for, remembering all He has done during 1953.

—Elvet Davies.

Prize distribution at Langley

Sadly disappointed were those who had to be turned away from the Langley Elim Church on a recent Sunday in February, when parents and children combined to pack the church for the annual Sunday School prize distribution. The presence of God was felt during the singing of such choruses as "I left my load at Calvary" and "I have the joy down in my heart," and later, when the guest speaker, Mrs. Thompson of Smethwick, gave the Gospel.

She illustrated her message with two parcels, showing that God only looks on the heart. Then she distributed the rewards for the last year's Sunday School attendance, and the service was brought to a close by the hymn, "There is a city bright," and thanking God for the blessing received. The service was convened by the Sunday School Superintendent.

—D. M. W.

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EDITORIAL

Evangelism

The history of the Christian Church from the days of the Apostles down to the present time has never recorded such unprecedented opportunities for evangelism such as there exist today. The evangelistic efforts of the servants of Christ have never reached the scale in any times such as they are reaching at the moment.

The Greater London Crusade has set a standard in planning, in preparation, and publicity such as has not been reached in this country before.

Costs, too, have increased with the advance of the times. The missions of Moody and Sankey cost a modest £17,000 compared with the £100,000 spent on the Billy Graham Crusade in Britain.

Opportunities have presented themselves in the modern facilities available to those who are prepared to pay the price. Radio, television, and overseas broadcasts; Press publicity on a nation-wide scale, link-ups on a nation-wide network of radio stations; as well as the co-operation of churches and Christian communities throughout the land, give the evangelist the opportunity of having the eyes and ears of a whole country, possibly of many countries focused upon him.

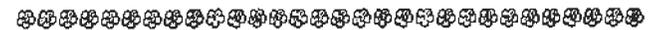
Such is the trend of the times in which we live. A trend

which makes possible the harvesting of precious souls a wholesale one. While nothing can ever surpass the effectiveness of personal evangelism, the potentialities of the present time are staggering.

If ever there was an opportunity for faith to come into action it is today. Campaigns organised on a nation-wide scale must have far-reaching results as far as the Kingdom of God is concerned.

Who can measure the Spirit-given results of such noble efforts. Can you limit the gains to the number of converts registered? Surely not. In one great campaign by Billy Graham in the U.S.A. ten thousand converts were registered, but in a few months following the close of the campaign that number was doubled by the work of the Counsellors who followed up and continued the splendid work begun in the campaign.

We may well praise God for every endeavour inspired by the Spirit, and we pray sincerely that the Crusade in London will be the beginning of great things for God in Britain.



Anonymous Gifts

The following anonymous gifts recently to hand are gratefully acknowledged:

Elim Missionary Society: "A Sister," Newton Abbot, 5s.; Brixton, £3; "A sinner saved by grace, John iii. 16." (Desig.), £5; "Two grateful hearts," Hastings, £11; per J.T.B., £40; per Mrs. Barnes (Woodlands), 11s.

Work in General: F.L., London, W.1, £10.

N.B.—Will readers kindly note that gifts for the General Fund, or any department of Elim work, should be addressed to Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, S.W.4.

MISSIONARY FINANCES

Following is the statement for the present financial year, showing the needs of the Elim Missionary work and the amount of money received:

		Estimated	
		Expenditure	Received
1953			
November	£1,200	£745
December	£1,200	£588
1954			
January	£1,200	£1,102
February	£1,200	£1,432
Total to date		£4,800	£3,867

Deficit to date £933.

Preliminary Announcement:

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 19th

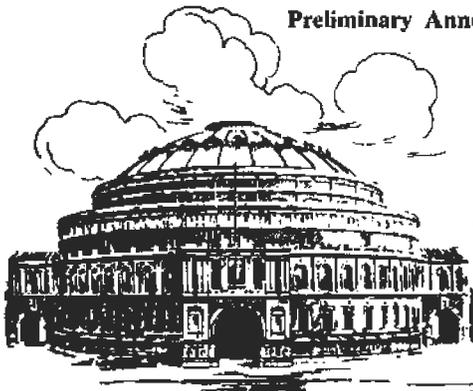
at 3 and 7 p.m.

EVANGELISM AND DIVINE HEALING

Speakers include: Pastors S. Gorman and P. S. Brewster

Tickets for reserved seats may be obtained at 2/6 per meeting from Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4. Order now and enclose stamped, addressed envelope.

When booking your coaches, remember the great open air meeting in Trafalgar Square at 11 a.m. Further particulars next week.





OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

Chinese Decide for Christ

Pastor and Mrs. K. McGillivray
(Formosa).

The work here in Yi Lan has given us much encouragement and nearly every service sees some decisions for Christ. The last Sunday of the old year we elected the diaconate and it brought new blood to the leadership of the assembly. I do not hold the position of pastor here, but simply have been elected to the office of deacon. I am encouraging the believers to look for their own Chinese pastor, either from among their own number or else one of the graduates from a Bible School. On the diaconate are seven men and four women; among the men there is a national senator, a local judge, two high-school teachers and a lawyer. We feel grateful to God for giving us gifted men and women in the assembly. Just the other day, in our Sunday morning worship service, I counted a dozen high-school teachers (equivalent to our public school). It is with these, and the ever-growing number of high-school students that we are trying to work during the Chinese New Year holidays. We have a nice young people's choir which has hitherto been composed of girls only, and we hope to add the other two parts for a full harmony. For Chinese they sing well! This is part of Mrs. McGillivray's service. Her Chinese-English Bible-class has taken on a new lease of life and there have been good results.

The new church building out at Yuan Shan ought to be completed very soon—before the Chinese New Year we hope. One fine young man was baptised in the Spirit out there just a few days before Christmas. The two Sunday Schools in the two places (Inner and Outer Yuan Shan) continue to give much joy, and grow in numbers. This week I had a letter from a group of Christians out at a place called Ta Chow, not far from Lo Tung, who are requesting us to go and minister to them, they also asked for a church building and regular ministry.

Two weeks ago I went over to the other side of the Island and had a week of Evangelistic meetings for two ladies who are just starting their work. The Lord blessed, and around forty accepted Christ. This is the second place I have been invited to help since returning. The Assemblies of God in Taipeh asked me up there for the same purpose in September last year when they began their work among the Chinese. I wish I could feel free to help more, but the work here keeps us well occupied all the time.

We have the promise of some Bible School students

from the Assemblies of God Bible School in Taipeh to help in the work over week-ends and holidays, and trust this will in time be the answer to our great need for responsible faithful workers.

INDIA

Learning to Pray in the Name of Jesus

Pastor and Mrs. C. Stockdale (Surguja).

Pastor and Mrs. Stockdale are working in an area where the Gospel has not been preached before and have to start from the very beginning. The seed has been sown and already they are beginning to see results as the Indians call upon God in the Name of Jesus. Mr. Stockdale writes:

"The Hindi Sunday morning services are continuing with attendances keeping just about the same, and the reading class was going quite strong up to Christmas, when the colder weather reduced the numbers. One of the young men who attends the Sunday service has shown a very encouraging progress and there are indications that he has a real faith in the Lord. Apparently he was passing a house near here when he was called to help a woman whose little grandson was having a fit. The child was unconscious and had been having up to seven fits a day. This young man told the woman, 'The Sahib says that if we believe and pray in the Name of Jesus, He will heal us,' and there and then he laid his hand on the child and prayed for it in the Name of Jesus. The child came out of the fit and to my knowledge has not had one since. The grandmother brought the child along to the service after this and we have had other contacts with her and her husband since.

"Mrs. Stockdale is kept very busy in the dispensary and the Lord continues to answer prayer in the work there. One man came whom we suspected of having a very serious disease for which we could do nothing. We told him about the power of the Lord to heal, gave him some ointment, which we thought might help his sores, and prayed for him. We told him to pray in the Name of Jesus and we continued to remember him in prayer daily, and when he came along to the service the following Sunday morning the improvement in his condition was really amazing. He said that he was praying to Jesus twice a day. We thank all our friends in the Homeland for all their interest and love and for all their support and prayer backing, and pray God's richest blessing upon them throughout 1954."

[This "river of living water" (John vii. 38, 39) was electrically recorded on a magnetic tape at Hove, Sussex, on 19th August, 1953, at the average rate of over 200 words per minute, rising to a maximum of 260 words per minute. For publication it has been reduced to about half its length.—Ed.]

THERE IS COMING AN END OF TIME: for the written Word of God says more about the end of time than it says about the beginning of time. There is coming an hour when all men shall stand before God. Four per cent of the entire New Testament deals with the second coming of Jesus in power and great glory.

I read many Old Testament prophecies concerning the first coming of Christ to Bethlehem as a lowly babe, prophecies concerning His ministry as He walked among men, prophecies concerning His miracles and His marvellous teachings, prophecies concerning His death: all of which duly came to pass hundreds of years after they had been written. Throughout the entire New Testament we read again and again the expression "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet."

But there are also many prophecies in the Bible concerning the end-time, that is, about the last days of grace and mercy for the nations, the Gentile peoples, concerning the time when Jesus Christ shall come to this old world a second time; yea, concerning that last great day when men from every walk of life, from every tribe and nation, shall stand in the presence of a holy and a just and a righteous God.

The Lord Jesus gives the Signs on Earth

The disciples came to Jesus one day and they said, Master, tell us, when shall these things be? What shall the sign of Thy coming be, and the end of the world? Jesus answered, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. Again He says that, because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. The Bible tells us that, because sin and iniquity shall abound, there shall be a falling away from God. Paul, writing to Timothy, said:—

"The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II. Tim. iv. 3, 4).

We have those who do not accept the power of the blood of Christ to save from sin; who do not preach the message of repentance that God's Word declares we must preach, who do not point out the straight fundamental truths of God's written Word.

The Master also said that there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places. We see all of this taking place today as never before. Earthquakes are increasing at a rapid rate. On every hand today we hear of strikes, floods, troubles, disease and famines. We are living in days of great distress, sorrow and trouble. The Lord Jesus also gave the sign of the Jews. He tells of how the Jews shall be hated and afflicted. Again the Scripture tells us that Palestine shall blossom forth as the rose. Israel shall become a nation once again. The Bible says that Jeru-

salem shall be trodden down by the Gentile nations until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. The Jewish people have been God's great timepiece through the centuries, and, as we see the Jewish people thronging back to their homeland and Israel becoming a nation once again, we are compelled to know and believe that we are living in the very last days of this dispensation of grace.

The Master also speaks of wars and rumours of wars, nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. We have had some tremendous world wars recently.

The Lord Jesus also gives the Signs in the Heavens

I was reading an article in the "Reader's Digest." It was speaking about the strange phenomenon of flying saucers. They have been seen across the world by many nations and in many countries, to the great concern and perplexity of men of great intelligence. It was Dr. Biot who said very recently, "I am convinced that these objects have an out-of-this-world origin." And another great statesman said, "My opinion is that these objects certainly have

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"And as Jesus sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples coming and of the"

an extra-terrestrial origin." As I read the article, the writer asked, "Where do these things come from? Why do they make no sound? What power urges them at such terrible speed? Why are they here?" I believe that this is another fulfilment of prophecy. I read:—

"It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God . . . I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke . . . before the great and terrible day of the Lord come" (Joel ii. 28-31).

"And great signs shall there be from heaven . . . and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke xxi. 11, 25-27).

Rapture of the Church

I believe that Jesus Christ, the Lord in glory, the King of kings, is going to come with His saints to rule and reign in righteousness. My Bible declares it, and I believe that we are very, very near to that time, perhaps nearer than you and I fully appreciate or realise. I do believe that there is going to be the rapture of the Church, I believe that the Bible makes this very clear. I believe that before the final great day of sorrow and judgment and wrath completely comes, God is going

to deliver His people. I read in Thessalonians :—
 “ The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God ; and the dead in Christ shall rise first ; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air ; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (I. Thess. iv. 16-18).
 “ In that night there shall be two in one bed ; the one shall be taken, and the other left behind. Two shall be grinding together ; the one shall be taken and the other left behind. Two shall be in the field ; the one shall be taken, and the other left behind ” (Luke xvii. 34-36).

What a tremendous day that will be when Jesus comes for His own ! The dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord, is what the Bible says. I believe that that will take place when at midnight the cry is heard, “ Behold the Bridegroom cometh : come to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” Then Jesus shall be

across this world as a mighty supernatural dictator. We have become very dictator-conscious. We have become very man-conscious ; we are seeking a man who will bring about a solution of the problems and perplexities of this old world tonight. We are crying for some way out. The stage is being prepared for a world system of government. I believe that the only thing that is holding back all the forces of sin and hell, and all the tremendous outbreak of judgments and the powers of Satan that will be let loose in the last brief time upon this earth, is the second coming of Jesus. I believe that when His saints are lifted above the earth the Antichrist is going to move in upon the scene. Hell is going to be let loose. It is going to be a time of judgment, wrath, sorrow, bloodshed and heart-ache. The Antichrist is going to call on both rich and poor, small and great, to receive a mark in the palm of the hand or in their forehead. I read about that in Scripture :

“ He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads : that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the Beast, or the number of his name ” (Rev. xiii. 16, 17).

“ If any man worship the Beast and his images, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation ; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb ; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever ” (Rev. xiv. 9-11).

No man shall be able to buy and sell without the mark of the world dictator, the mark of the Beast. It will be forced upon people, it will be the mark of doom. The Bible declares it, and I believe the Bible. I don't want to be here in that hour of sorrow. By the grace of God I plan to be with the saints when they go marching home. We can know that we are ready to meet the Lord, and ready for that heavenly land. I believe with all my heart, that now is the time when we must live for eternity. We must live for Jesus. Peter said, Seeing that all these things are going to come to pass what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Iniquity abounds today. People will laugh off the truths of God's Word. People will harden their hearts to the call of the Spirit. The Bible has said that many will go the way of unbelief and iniquity. The day of the Lord will come upon multitudes as a thief in the night, but I believe that we do not need to be in darkness, we do not need to be asleep. We can be alert, we can be awake to these tremendous truths, to the fact that we are living in the last days of Grace. That which we would do for God we must do quickly.

Friends, I ask you now sincerely, from my heart, Do you know that your name is written in heaven ? Do you know that you are a child of God ? Are you in Christ ? Does He dwell within your heart ? Is He your personal Saviour ? Have you accepted the cleansing of His precious Blood ? We can know that we are saved, we can have that glorious hope that we shall meet the Lord, prepared and ready when He comes.

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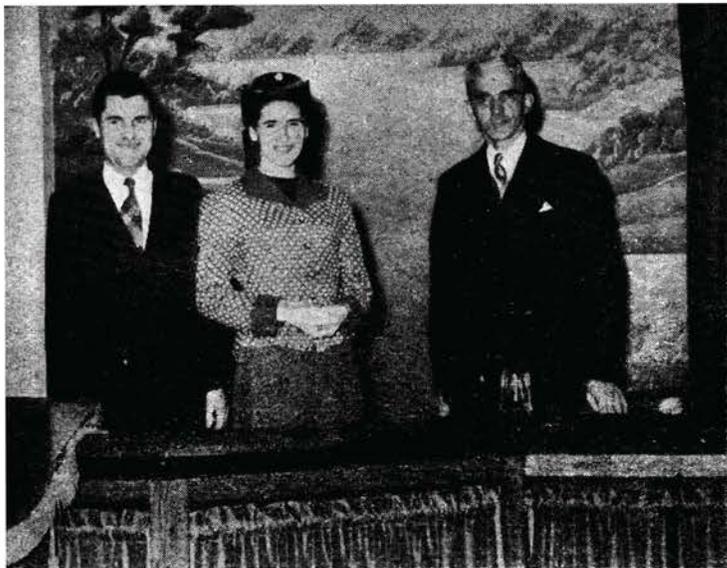
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o Him privately, saying . . . what shall be the sign of Thy world? (Matt. xxiv. 3).

united to His Bride, the Church, the Blood-washed saints across the world, those who are in Christ, those who are truly saved. There will be those who have forsaken the way of holiness and righteousness, left behind ; those who have a profession without a possession or a real experience of Christ. I believe that we have this thought brought to our hearts by the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, their garments pure and clean, their lamps trimmed and burning, oil in their vessels, waiting, watching, ready, prepared when the call was heard, and prepared when the midnight hour struck. Those who were asleep and careless and indifferent, were left outside the door, they came beating upon the door to find it closed. There will be many who will awaken to their spiritual need when it will be too late. There will be many who will pray and seek God when it will be too late. I believe the door of this dispensation of grace is swinging to a close. I believe with all my heart, that God is moving across this world in a last great move by His Spirit, calling men to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

World Rule by Antichrist

I believe that soon the Antichrist is going to rule and reign. Personally, I believe that he shall be revealed immediately after the Church has been lifted from this world. The Antichrist, the man of sin, called the Beast, the man empowered by Satan, the man who will rule and reign



Rev. and Mrs. Russel Richardson at Ulster Temple.

Spiritual Outpouring at Ballymena

The saints of the Ballymena Elim Assembly are praising God for a wonderful outpouring of His Spirit during the campaign conducted by Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Canadian evangelists. Right from the first meeting the folks here were conscious of the presence of God, and realised that the anointing of the Spirit rested on His servants. Night after night the numbers increased until the minor hall had to be thrown open; extra chairs and seats were brought in until every available space was occupied, with many standing outside. On the last few nights of the campaign numbers were turned away unable to gain admittance, a unique experience for Ballymena. Mrs. Richardson, who played the guitar and led the singing, with her charming manner won the hearts of all. The fearless preaching of the Word of God by our Brother, Mr. Richardson, drew the people from all denominations and all walks of life. Over forty souls came out boldly for Christ. It was very moving to see young men standing at the back of the church raising their hands when the appeal was given, and then making their way to the front at the request of Mr. Richardson. It was no easy matter with the aisles so crowded, and yet fearlessly they came with a determination to meet with God. Quite a number have been baptised with the Holy Ghost and others have testified to a definite touch of healing. On the closing night of the campaign a baptismal service was held, when thirty-eight candidates were baptised. The town and outlying districts have been stirred by the Pentecostal message and there is a deep sense of thankfulness to God for all the blessings received. The prayers of God's people follow Mr. and Mrs. Richardson that God will use them in other places as He has done in Ballymena.

“Satan doesn't care what we worship so long as we don't worship God.”—*Moody*.

Minister's Third Anniversary at Hove

Wonders will never cease! For the first time in twenty years a minister of this church has stayed to see his third anniversary. Although this church has had the reputation of being a hard spot, it was a joy to hear the testimonies of the folks here as to blessings received under the ministry of Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

Recounting the three years' work, there were records of those who had decided for Christ; of those who today were rejoicing in renewed health in answer to prayer; and of those who had been filled with the Spirit in those blessed times of waiting upon God.

The congregations on the Saturday evening and the Sunday were inspiring, and the ministry of Miss Peake and the students of the I.B.T.I., at Burgess Hill during these services brought great blessing to all.

It has been a great joy during recent weeks to see young people deciding for Christ. Youth work here has been difficult for many years, but there is keen enthusiasm among the young people now, and rejoicing that God is blessing their work in a very precious way.

Rochester Women's Rally

The Annual Rally of the Rochester Sisterhood brought two inspiring services. Tea was suitably provided.

Splendid congregations, representing many churches from near and far, and including various denominations, gave enthusiastic support. Among the responses, the Elim women sang, and testimonies of salvation, healing and the baptism in the Holy Ghost were included.

Miss O. Mogford, Matron of the Elim Bible College, was the guest speaker. She delighted all by her inspired messages from the Word. Their deep spiritual tone had a moving effect, especially on those unaccustomed to teaching of this order. Our sister also paid humble testimony to the fact that she was led into Elim and, among other things, into the glorious Baptism of the Holy Ghost, through Pastor Frame.

Mrs. Stevenson of Shorne, the soloist, gave of her inspired best, to the joy of all present.

The women have also pledged themselves to give the Elim missionary cause its enthusiastic support, and this was substantiated by a gift from their funds at the recent visit of Miss F. Grossen, missionary from the Transvaal. Much could be said of this sister's ministry, if space permitted. What blessing and instruction she brought! In word, picture and song, were the needs of darkest Africa brought to the hearths and homes of Kentish England. Those meetings will linger long in our memory.

There is continual growth of the Sisterhood numerically and spiritually under the inspired leadership of Mrs. Frame.

—*Mrs. D. Mackowski*.

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

What's the point of sending in a report? Does it help anyone? I'm afraid of giving the impression that we are boasting of what we have done. These, and many like thoughts, may be responsible for the dearth of news from your church. It is not difficult to answer these questions, but no doubt there are many more idling about in folks' minds, and it is not always possible to get at them there. However, your report may be the sound needed to move the avalanche of blessing balanced over a Sunday School or Crusader branch.

It is wrong to boast of personal success, but it is our duty to advertise the blessing of God so that He may be praised. Two men who had walked miles over rough ground to their home late one night discovered news so thrilling that they hurried back to their friends, without taking rest, to tell them and so share their joy. The result is that we now have the story of the Emmaus walk for all to read. ". . . they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name."

We can speak often one to another through the medium of this Youth Page and the Elim Youth Magazine soon to be published. Why not send a short story about the activities of your Sunday School, Crusader meeting, or any of the other branches of Youth activity. This is not the page of any special individual—it is your page. What are your opinions on the vital topics which have been featured on this page already? Are you scared? Afraid to voice what you think? Surely our young people are not dumb and docile, insipid or indifferent? You can send a hundred letters a day and they will receive my personal attention, even if it means an all-night sitting.

Suffer the risk of splinters and scratch your head for a few ideas. Provoke to inspiring life those brilliant brain waves locked in your cranium (whoa, what words!). Send them in hot and strong, as long as you do not object to receiving replies hot and strong. You are perfectly entitled to express yourself, and if your expressions are good we will

IN THE NEWS AND OUT OF THE MAIL BAG



print them on this page. Well, that's sufficient, I reckon—now on with the news. Incidentally, when you write, address your letters to me, National Youth Secretary (Pastor J. Hywel Davies) at No. 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

Magazine for Elim Youth. The Executive Council have graciously given us the "go ahead" signal to publish a quarterly magazine for every branch of our Youth work. It will be known as the E.Y.M., unless your head-scratching produces a better title. If your idea is a very good one and we adopt it there may be a book prize suitably inscribed to commemorate your achievement. It will have to be sent early if it is to be used. The magazine will be published soon and we intend to make it a first-rate

publication. One Church has already placed an order for 100 copies—what about your Church? It will comprise 16 pages and similar in size to the ELIM MISSIONARY EVANGEL to be sold at 6d. It will be of interest to young people from children to senior Crusaders, and also Youth workers of all ages. The larger the sale the better the value you will receive. Let us see what Elim Youth are capable of doing when they really try. Send me your maximum orders right away. Go to it fellows—use your persuasive powers girls, and let us hit the gong on the very first issue.

NEWS KALEIDOSCOPE

Dudley—Welcome to a new Sunshine Corner. Pastor George Baxter has recently commenced this children's work and for the first meeting, not advertised, thirty were present. This has now grown to sixty-six, through the children bringing their friends (one girl brought eleven others!). From the Sunshine Corner ten new scholars have entered the Sunday School.

We send congratulations with our welcome, for this is good news from Dudley.

Coventry—The irimitable Pastor Jack Newman writes: "Coventry Sunshine Corner entertained children from a local Orphanage on the occasion of their Annual Party.

A very enjoyable treat was had by all. The tea tables seemed to groan under colourful and appetising dishes (makes our mouths water!). What joy and fun during the games session. . . . Amid balloons, paper-chains, and laughter we did not forget to thank our Heavenly Father for all His love to the Sunbeams and their guests on this blessed occasion. Coventry Sunshine Corner sends all best wishes to Sunshine Corner branches everywhere."

Now you know—if you belong to an Elim Sunshine Corner you are a Sunbeam—spread your rays of gladness wherever you may go.

Mansfield—New branch opened with a visit by the National Youth Secretary. More than thirty young people for the first meeting. Ten young people responded to an appeal for consecration. We expect to hear great things of this branch before it is much older.

Tailpiece—Be cautious of believing ill, but be more cautious of repeating it.

NEXT WEEK'S FEATURE—

"A DIRECTIVE TO A YOUNG CHRISTIAN IN BUSINESS."

By the North London Youth Commissioner.



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, March 14th. John vii. 37-53.

"Rivers of living water" (v. 38).

It is quite clear that Jesus was here revealing the truth of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Have you received the Holy Ghost? There are many in our churches who once were keen to be endued with power, but something—often someone—discouraged them. The promise is to you! Others like our evangelism and our hearty singing but they do not open their minds to the Pentecostal vision. May the Lord show them its wonder in the Word until they cry, "I must have this power." If you once were filled, what about now? Are there rivers of living water in your life?

MONDAY, March 15th. John viii. 1-20.

"Neither do I condemn thee" (v. 11).

Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save it. He did not condone or excuse sin in this woman but He forgave it and gave her a new chance. He did not even accuse the woman's all-too-ready judges; He bade them carry out the sentence if their consciences would allow them to do so. His purpose was not to condemn but His very righteousness inspired in men a perception of their own sin. Recall that marvellous moment when you first understood that Jesus wanted you just as you were. We are always unprofitable but what a wonderful Saviour we have!

TUESDAY, March 16th. John viii. 21-30.

"He that sent Me is with Me" (v. 29).

Among the many startling statements of the Master, this is one of the most astounding. We are apt to think of the Trinity as three separate Persons and yet the truth is that They are three-in-one—a tri-unity. God was in Christ and the Spirit empowered Him. That lovely Name, the Lord Jesus Christ, embodies this; He was Jehovah—Jesus anointed by the Spirit. Could He otherwise have confounded all His critics? Even their rejection did not change Him; He was "I am"—and the Crucifixion demonstrated it (v. 28). As Thomas said, so must we, "My Lord and my God"!

WEDNESDAY, March 17th. John viii. 31-47.

"A murderer from the beginning" (v. 44).

Those to whom Christ spoke were intensely proud of their race and their lineage, yet here they were shown that all their haughty religion was a delusion. Satan, the arch murderer, had foisted upon them a wonderful religious alibi which had caused them to consider themselves as the exclusive children of God, when they were really his children. No wonder evangelism can be so difficult and disappointing. Truly "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (II. Cor. iv. 4).

THURSDAY, March 18th. John viii. 48-59.

"Going through the midst of them" (v. 59).

All eyes were focused upon Him; every ear strained to catch every syllable. He spoke as never man had spoken before, not only claiming equality with Abraham but superiority and even existence before the father of the Jews, indeed, co-equality with God! Yet when Christ wished to escape their wrath, He simply went through the midst of them! We do a disservice to the Lord when we clothe Him in garments radiating ethereal light and surround Him with a halo. He was ordinary, He could lose Himself in the crowd—that is the wonder of it. His ministry, His lowliness were yet Godlike and Divine.

FRIDAY, March 19th. John ix. 1-12.

"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (v. 7).

It was remarkable that the Lord attached conditions to the healing of the blind man. For one whose occupation was begging and who spent the hours of each day seated asking for alms, a journey of the comparatively small proportion of that to Siloam was an undertaking. He would have to be careful in finding his way and asking help must have been too embarrassing an undertaking, for there was unsightly clay on his eyes. But the man went and he "came seeing" (v. 7)—what a witness to the power of Jesus. Dependent upon others, the beggar learned obedience and self-reliance in stepping out on the promise of Christ. He was not disappointed.

SATURDAY, March 20th. John ix. 13-25.

"Whereas I was blind, now I see" (v. 25).

The cross-examination of the Pharisees would be humorous were it not so pathetic. They would persuade the parents to disown the son, to deny his blindness; they would seek to intimidate the beggar by calling Christ a sinner—anything so long as they could refute the miracle. They did not understand it, they could not believe the Lord, therefore the miracle was impossible! How like the ridiculous protestings of unbelievers today!—and a testimony as plain, truthful, direct, sincere and blunt as that of the beggar is still the best answer. Interminable argument and hair-splitting opinions lead nowhere. Our best "apology" is a forthright testimony.

COMING EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM. March 13-21. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street, off Newhall Hill. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor David Ayling. Sundays 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30.

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.

CANNING TOWN. Commencing March 20, Elim Hall, Bethell Avenue. Special meetings conducted by Pastor Harry Fisher (emissionary to Tibet, formerly pastor of Canning Town), supported by witnesses from Chadwell Heath and Dagenham (A.o.G.). Becontree (E.P.C.), and Barking, Ilford, East Ham, Leyton, Woolwich, and Islington (Elim). Sat., March 20th, 3 and 6.30, Sun. 6.30. Mon., 7.30, and each week-night with Pastor Fisher at 7.30 (Fridays excepted) to end of March.

COULSDON. March 20. Elim Church. United Pentecostal Rally. Speakers: F. R. Barnes (A.o.G.), L. G. Hawes and Party (Elim). 7 p.m.

EALING. March 13. Elim Church, Northfield Ave. (1 minute Northfield underground). N. London Presbytery, Saturday 2.30, Business. 6.30, Rally. Pastor Herbert Ward, B.D.

ENGLEFIELD GREEN. March 14. Elim Church, Bond Street. Pastor's Eighth Anniversary Services. Special speaker: Pastor A. R. Boston. 11 and 6.30.

LEYTON. March 21. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Missionary Sunday. Speaker: Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth, (Congo).

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.

SHEFFIELD. April 16-20. Elim Church, Howard Street. Annual Easter Convention. Good Friday 7.30. Communion Service. Sat. 7. Sun. 10.45 and 6.30. Mon. 3 and 7. Tues. 7.30. Speakers: Pastors L. W. Green, D. E. Dean, and D. G. Hathaway. Cups of tea between the meetings on Monday. Convener: Pastor S. Penney.

SOUTHPORT. March 24. Elim Church, Manchester Rd. Special showing of Oral Roberts' Film "Venture into Faith." 7.30 p.m.

ST. HELENS. March 22. Town Hall, 7.30. "Venture into Faith." Local assemblies please pray and plan to attend. Sponsored by Pastor K. Smith, Elim Church.

SWINDON. March 20. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. 6.30, Presbytery Rally. Speaker: Pastor S. Gorman, Oxford Choir and Gloria and George Voorhis (American singers and instrumentalists).

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

The President will visit the following churches: Bournemouth and District Presbytery, March 13, Winton. 14, Springbourne.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

The National Youth Secretary will visit the following churches: March 13, Cardiff. 14. a.m., Barry; p.m., Pontypridd. 27-28, Hove. 30-31, Bristol.

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WHEN WE WOULD TUNE IN

A young man was attempting to tune in on his radio with a distant point. For some time he patiently worked the dials, turning them back and forth without success. Finally he gave it up in discouragement. "The trouble in getting distant stations on the air is the interference," he explained as he rose from his chair. "Usually when you do get a distant point the message is so mutilated by interference or by other stations cutting in that you can't enjoy it."

Do we not find here a possible explanation of many prayer failures? So often we feel the need of talking to God, of telling Him our thoughts and problems and seeking His counsel, only to find there are many difficulties that keep us from tuning in with Him. The calls of the world, the exactions of business, the thousand and one activities that press in upon us every day from the world round about us act as interference. Real prayer requires delicate adjustment of the heart. It must be in perfect accord with God's will and plan, and to accomplish this is not always easy.

WHY MANY PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO DIE

By George H. Clement

THE cashier at the corner grocery store asked me a question one day that may be burdening many hearts.

"Seeing that you are a minister," she said, "you should be able to answer this question: Why is it that people are afraid to die?"

I replied: "I suppose that people are afraid to die because they dread what lies beyond. But you know that Paul never expressed any dread of death, even when he was on his way to Rome and to martyrdom. Paul said that for him to live was Christ, and to die was gain; and also he wrote that to depart and to be with Christ was far better than this life. So you see that if our faith is in Christ we need not fear death."

"Yes, but you don't know whether you will escape judgment and go to be with Christ, until after you die," the cashier countered. "No one can know that."

"But you can know with full assurance that Christ will receive you when you die," I replied. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life". That 'hath' indicates present possession. You see, Jesus, on Calvary's Cross, provided the way of salvation for everyone. He bridged the gulf that separated us from God. You will remember that His second to last statement on the Cross was: 'It is

finished', and there is nothing else we can do but accept that atoning work which Jesus completed for us there. We are accepted on the merits of His work, not ours."

I paused to see if the cashier had any further query; but she looked at me inquiringly. So I continued:

"This matter of one's salvation is not a matter of our feelings, nor is it a matter of our work; but it is a matter of faith in Jesus Christ. God promises life through His Name. To doubt God's Word is to make God a liar."

Just then another customer came along and had to be looked after; so I left the store, praying that God might, by His Spirit, lead her on into the Way of Life through His Son; and trusting that I shall have another opportunity to leave more of God's Word for her to consider.

Dear reader, do you fear death? Is it not because you have never accepted the gift of life that God so freely offers you? Will you not believe God's infallible Word regarding the provision He has made through Jesus' atoning work on Calvary's Cross? The following are Scripture references that substantiate what I told the cashier, and may be of help to you (John iii. 16. 36; v. 24; vi. 37; xix. 30; I. John v. 10, 12, 13).

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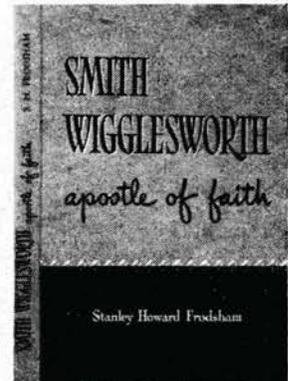
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