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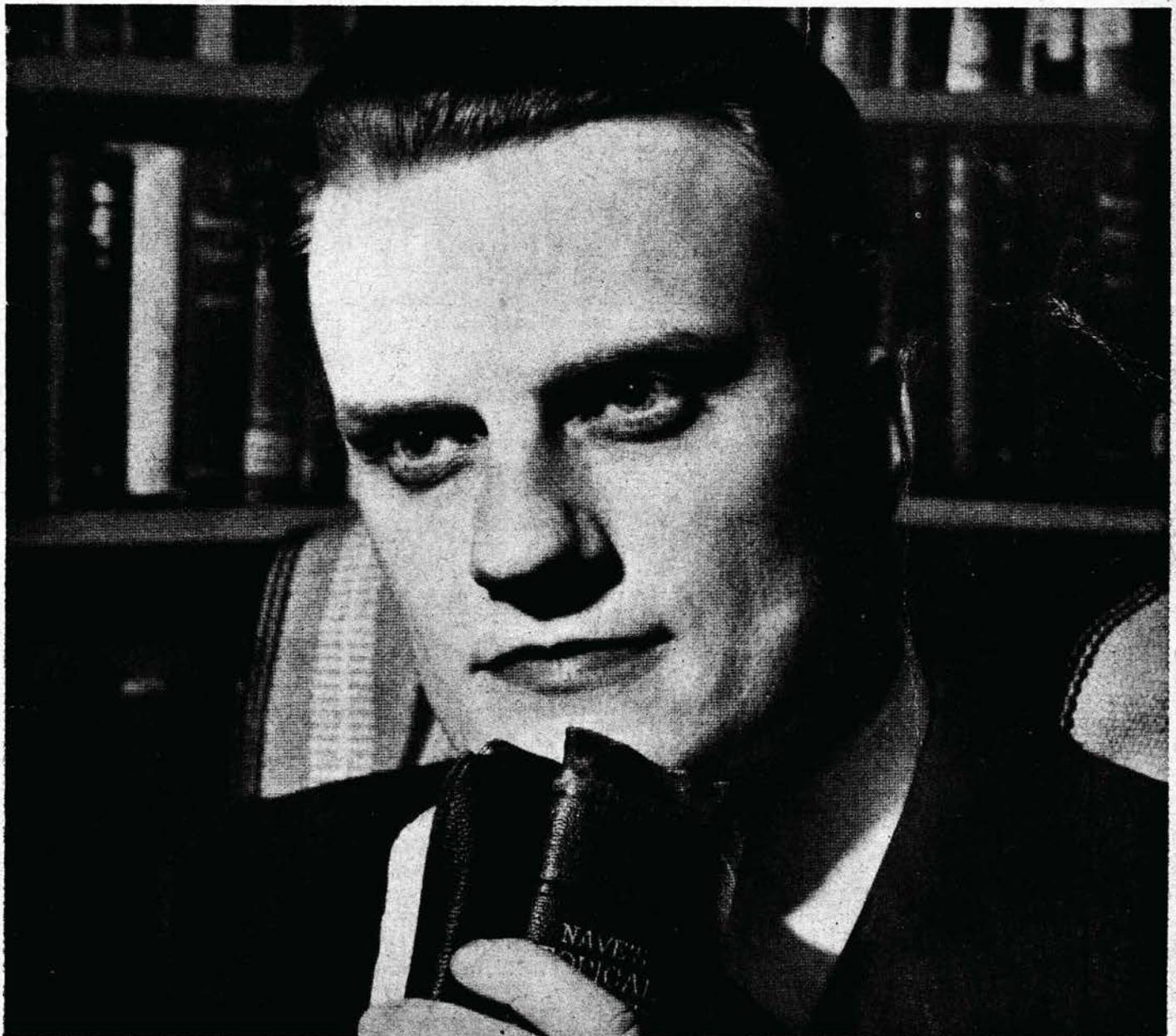
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Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Youth week in Neath

The recent Neath Church Youth Week opened in a bright and happy atmosphere as the Crusaders held their annual tea on the commencing Saturday, after which they attended the opening service in the evening. A welcome was given to Pastor L. P. Cowdery of Blackheath, who was the guest speaker for the whole week, and Pastor A. Brooks proved an adept convener at each meeting.

The meetings during the week were well attended. Nearby churches also contributed and supported. Crusaders were blessed in hearing the testimonies and solos of their young people, which was an encouragement in witnessing for Christ.

Pastor Cowdery gave poignant messages both to the believer and unbeliever in that his theme throughout every meeting seemed to be "Get right with God." He also stressed the urgent need of salvation and the fact that there is only one way in which a person can come to God. Pastor Cowdery also portrayed most prominently in each message the reality of hell, which is given little or no thought today.

On the last night of the campaign there was such a blessing from the Word and also in song, that the folks were loath to leave the church, feeling the Spirit of God



Neath Crusaders with Pastors A. Brooks and L. P. Cowdery.

in the midst. Although there were no outward signs of people coming to God, a great work has been done, during this week, for many unbelievers have heard the Gospel preached with such force and clarity that surely they will ponder it in their hearts.

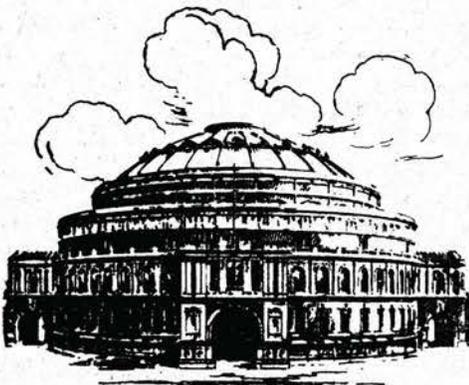
Pastor Brooks closed the Youth Campaign with the thought that although no flame has been seen they all had, nevertheless, felt the heat.

It has been a profitable week for the folks here for they have been richly blessed, and can now go forth renewed in spirit and vigour to the work that lies ahead.

—A Crusader.

Preliminary Announcement:

EASTER MONDAY 1954



TRAFALGAR SQUARE at 11 a.m.

GREAT OPEN AIR RALLY convened by Pastor H. W. Greenway.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

EVANGELISM AND DIVINE HEALING

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

Evening subject: "The World's Midnight Hour."

Striking testimonies—Missionary speakers.

Massed Elim Youth Choirs, and London Crusader Choir conducted by Pastor D. B. Gray.

Opportunity for those seeking Divine Healing and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Coach Travel. Bookings of special coaches should be made immediately. Please arrange for them to arrive in time for the Trafalgar Square meeting.

Reserved Seats. Secure your reserved seats tickets now (2/6 per meeting) from Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4. Enclose stamped addressed envelope with remittances.

You must not miss these meetings!

The opening of the Billy Graham Crusade in Haringay Arena

By the Editor

Although not being privileged to attend the opening meeting of the Crusade on Monday, March 1st, some of us found it a glorious privilege to be there on the third night, Wednesday, March 3rd. To be sure of getting into our reserved seats, we arrived at 6.30 to find the Arena filling up rapidly, as the 'buses and cars and underground trains emptied their loads in the vicinity. Very soon tier after tier of the seats rising from the central arena, as well as the arena itself, were occupied with folks patiently waiting for the meeting to begin.

This was a special night, for the first half hour of the service was to be broadcast over the A.B.C. network, linking up some 450 stations right across the American continent. At the signal from the operators the broadcast began: Singing by the choir of 1,500 voices—and what inspired singing it was—then comments by the Evangelist himself, with singing by the great audience, who by this time had packed the auditorium practically to its utmost capacity, then solos by George Beverly Shea, followed by various other items which were in the capable hands of Cliff Barrows, the Crusade song-leader. Then, when the broadcast was over, the audience settled down to listen to Billy Graham. He did not preach during the broadcast, for he had had his message recorded in the afternoon, and this was to be included in the broadcast to America.

Right from the commencement the Evangelist held the crowds as he asked for a show of those who had brought their Bibles to the service. With characteristic love of the Word of God, he urged everyone to get a Bible, to buy one or get one somewhere, so that they could read what God had to say to them.

He took as his subject the story of the woman who was taken in the act of immorality, and who was brought to Jesus by the Pharisees and Sadducees. Turning from the woman to the men who had brought her, he showed up their terrible hypocrisy. With apt reference he said that the words Jesus wrote on the ground were the only words ever recorded that He ever wrote; words that were so telling that the accusers slunk away from the Master with guilty consciences. Then turning to the woman, Jesus asked where her accusers were. "No man hath accused me, Lord," she said. The Evangelist then went on to show the change in the heart of the woman, expressed by the word "Lord." She recognised Him as the Messiah, and more than that, she recognised Him as her own Saviour. Then came the precious words of the Master: "Go and sin no

more." For some time the preacher dwelt on the blessedness of forgiveness.

When the appeal was made, it was like a great answer from heaven itself to see folks streaming down the aisles to the front of the platform. There must have been about three hundred who came out that night to confess Christ as their own Saviour. There was no emotion, no pleading, just a plain, straightforward appeal to men and women to surrender themselves, by an act of their wills, to the Saviour. When the stream of those coming to the front began to slow down, the converts were directed into a nearby inquiry room, there to be dealt with by the Counsellors—the trained personal workers—who took records of these decisions.

This is Wednesday, March 10th, as I write, and already wonderful news is coming in of the tremendous crowds who have been flocking the great Arena night after night, and of the many hundreds who have surrendered to the Lord. Billy Graham says he has never seen so many decisions in the first week in any campaign he has ever conducted. On Saturday last, March 6th, there were so many people anxious to get in that an early meeting was held at 6 p.m., and then the usual one at 7.30 p.m. Still there were so many who wanted to get in that he held yet another meeting after the close of the 7.30 one. So the third meeting commenced at 9 p.m.

So determined is he that no one shall fail to get in to hear the message, that he has announced that he will hold four meetings on Saturday, March 13th.

We can only praise God for the marvellous manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit in bringing so many to such a vital decision. From all accounts, no evangelist has had the opportunity of ministering to such vast crowds as Billy Graham. Not only in the many thousands who throng the great auditoriums to hear him, but also over the nation-wide network of radio stations that broadcast his services, and the television stations that feature him.

Dr. Bob Pierce, who has just returned from a world tour reports that all over the world, in almost every country, people are praying for this Crusade. The Evangelist himself has only one fear: he fears that people might be looking to him and his team to bring revival. He says that only One can bring revival, and that is the Man in the Glory, and we must look to Him alone. Let us pray on for God to continue His work, and to bring a floodtide of revival to Britain, and to give a great harvest of souls.

LATE NEWS

Never in the history of evangelism in London have there been such crowds coming to hear the message. Last night, Tuesday, March 9th, so many thousands were unable to get in that the police requested the Evangelist to hold a second meeting for them. Each meeting adds hundreds to those who have already decided for Christ. In the first eight days, just under two thousand made the great decision. To God be the praise!

Things Temporal and Things Eternal

A Thousand Unevangelised Tribes

The American Bible Society reports that, in spite of continuous efforts to translate the Scriptures into new tongues, there are still 1,000 languages into which no part of the Bible has been translated as yet.

The 1,000 tribes in the world without the Gospel are as follows: 350 in Africa, 300 in South America, 100 in India, 70 in Siberia, 60 in China, 60 in Indo-China, and 60 in the Philippines.

Tracts Tied to Balloons

Ten thousand balloons, each bearing five Gospel tracts in five languages, were wafted eastward beyond the Iron Curtain recently. The project was the work of an Evangelical Lutheran pastor and his congregation in Germany; it was financed by friends in America.

200 Years of Methodism

Celebrations began early in February to mark the 200th anniversary of the Low Fell Wesley Memorial Church, Gateshead.

The history of the church is closely connected with the ministry of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who visited the church in 1791.

The old "Meeting-House" is believed to be the first Methodist chapel to be built in Durham County.

Special services have been conducted by the Rev. Maldwyn Edwards, superintendent of the Birmingham Mission.

Behind the Iron Curtain

Moslems report opposition to Mohammedanism. Charges have been made that Russia has desecrated mosques, killed hundreds of thousands of Moslems, and sent mass shipments of prisoners to Siberian camps during years of persecution. In the last thirty years, Russia's Moslem population is said to have been reduced from 45,000,000 to 22,000,000.

One of 150 Russian Moslems who recently arrived in Egypt told how Communists had asked Moslems to sign a paper on which was written, "No God, no religion; nothing but Stalin." All who refused to sign vanished forever.

Artificial Rain in Israel

A comprehensive plan to produce artificial rain in selected parts of Israel, especially in the Negev, is being carried out. It is said that the success of the project might revolutionise the development of Israel's agriculture.

But is this the Lord's way of restoring the rainfall in the Promised Land? There was a time when He controlled the weather in order to speak to His people. He withheld the rain when His people sinned (Amos iv. 7) and He promised to give them plenty of rain when they obeyed Him (Deut. xi. 13-15). Whether He has changed His plans and has given over the control of the weather to the

hands of man is a matter for serious question.

The City of David

To mark the 3,000th anniversary of the establishment of Jerusalem as the City of David, the government of Israel staged a great exhibition there from September 22nd to October 14th, 1953. Its theme was, "Conquest of the Desert." Its symbol—a powerful green hand holding the rose of Sharon and thrusting its way through an arid desert terrain. The official slogan for the exhibition is taken from the prophecy of Isaiah: "And the desert shall blossom as the rose."

Withdrawing from Guatemala

The Salvation Army is withdrawing from Guatemala "because of economic and personal reasons," according to an Army spokesman at the New York headquarters. The spokesman declined to confirm the Press reports from Guatemala City to the effect that the Guatemalan Government had ordered the organisation to leave the country.

The Press reports also said that Capt. Guillermo Pingarron, Salvation Army leader in Guatemala, after being denied permission to continue in residence there, had branded the Government action as "directly the result of Communist influence and domination."

Christian Chaplains in Korea

The Secretary of the Korean Bible Society, says that the Koreans are the first Asiatic people to have Christian chaplains attached to their armies, and the first to have them for their prison service. Before 1945, under Japanese rule, prison chaplains were Buddhists.

Israel's Fertile Soil

The remarkable fertility of Israel's soil would indicate that God's blessing still rests upon the land. At the "Conquest of the Desert" exposition in Jerusalem the following statistics were revealed:

The average citrus production per dunam (one-quarter acre) in Spain is .9 of a ton; in the U.S.A. it is 1.6 tons; in Israel it is 2.8 tons.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said: "I know of no other place in the world, no other period in history, in which so many reforms and revolutions, so many salvations and surprises, were encompassed in so limited a space and in so limited a time, as has been the case in the small area of the State of Israel and in the short interval since its establishment."

Rome's "Blue Army"

To combat Russia's Red Army of Communism, 4,000,000 Roman Catholics in thirty countries have enlisted in a "Blue Army." Members of the Blue Army are sponsoring a petition to German Roman Catholic

bishops to dedicate Germany to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, hoping by such a scheme to accomplish the defeat of godless Communism and the salvation of Russia. The Communists have little to fear as long as the Blue Army directs its prayers to Mary! Christ said, "Whatever ye shall ask the Father in My Name (not Mary's) He will give it you" (John xvi. 23).

Reds Abolish "A.D."

The abbreviation "A.D." (meaning Anno Domini, year of our Lord) has been abolished in Iron Curtain countries because of its Christian connotation, according to reports reaching London. When the Communist Press refers to the fifth century since the birth of Christ, instead of using "A.D." it uses the phrase, "the fifth century of our era."

The Jews in Rumania.

After a fifteen-month suspension, the immigration of Jews from Rumania to Israel is expected to be resumed in the near future. Radio Free Europe says that the processing of exit visas began last year.

Christians are Best Risks

A life insurance company at Concord, New Hampshire, U.S.A., claims that "believers in Jesus Christ, in good standing with their churches," are the best insurance risks on earth. Christians are considered by the company founders to be better risks because most of them "do not smoke, drink, nor live immoderately."

Gideons Give 2,500,000 Scriptures

A thousand Christian businessmen, gathered in Seattle, U.S.A., for the annual convention of the Gideons International, learned that:

More than 2,250,000 Gideon Bibles and Testaments were distributed during the last year.

All but 300,000 of these Scriptures were given out at Armed Forces induction centres, hotels, hospitals, and other public places in the U.S.

The Gideons have begun distribution of Scriptures in Mexico and Japan.

Bible Sales in South Africa

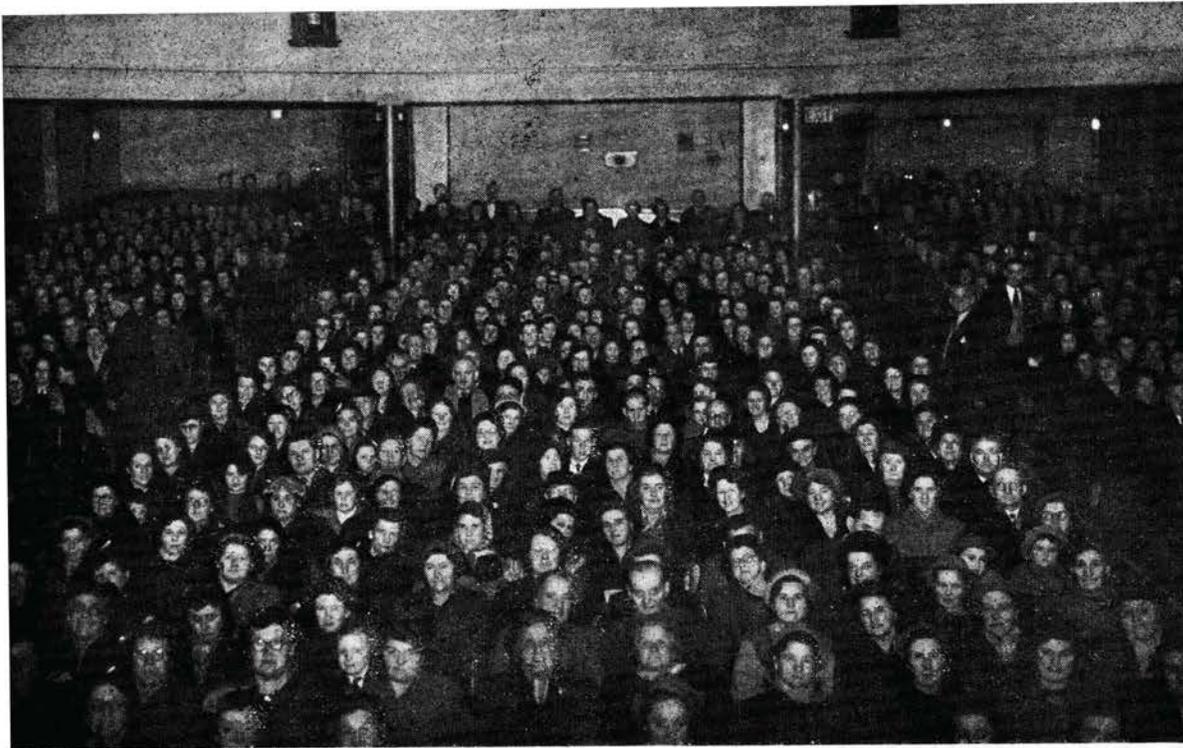
The Bible continues to be a best seller in South Africa, the Rev. H. P. M. Steyn, General Secretary in South Africa for the United Bible Societies, reports. He says that in the Union of South Africa, South-west Africa, Swaziland, and Bechuanaland, 250,000 Bibles were sold in 1952. This was a gain of 82,508 over the previous year. Last year with the introduction of the Revised Afrikaans Bible a new record in sales is expected. To many of the natives, he said, the Bible was the first book they owned.

Theatres becoming Churches

Numbers of closed theatres in America are being bought by Churches. Others are being turned into T.V. studios and car parks.

Le Tourneau Opposed

R. G. Le Tourneau's plan to develop the jungle region east of the Andes in Peru has encountered oppositions from Roman Catholics, specifically the Consortium of Catholic Engineers, who charged that the project "would develop the Peruvian hinterland into a 'Protestant nucleus,' which would have 'grave repercussions on the unity of the nation.'"



Revival Service in the Gaumont Cinema, Motherwell

Cinema packed for Revival Service

Following is a report from a recent issue of the *Wishaw Press and Advertiser*. The meeting referred to was held on a Sunday early in February:

"Many had to be turned away last Sunday evening from the Gaumont Cinema, Motherwell, when the Elim Revival Church conducted one of their services. People from all over the area attended, and before the service commenced at 6.30 every seat in the theatre was taken, and even the Youth choir had to vacate their seats and go into an ante-room and hold a prayer meeting. People arriving in groups had to be refused admission. Before the choir left they sang "Scotland for Christ." Their blue and white uniform was a picture on the stage and the song-leader, Mr. J. Gray, invited the whole congregation to join in and sing one of the verses of a well-known hymn which the choir rendered.

Banner Display

"Then followed the junior Youth of the Church in a display describing the need of missionaries in Africa and China. The last scene read 'You need Christ.' The poetry for this demonstration was compiled by the minister.

"A most friendly atmosphere prevailed as the vast congregation sang some of Radio Luxembourg's choruses, including 'Heavenly Sunshine.' Following the singing of the 23rd Psalm, Mr. Tee invited the congregation to stand and join in prayer for every doctor, nurse and minister in Lanarkshire who are helping to do God's work. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Blind Eye Healed

"During the announcements the minister explained how, five days ago, he had been asked to pray for a young man

who had a blind eye. There in the service it had been opened and people saw the miracle. This young man was at the cinema service and stood to give testimony to the miracle he had enjoyed through prayer.

Calvary

"A great hush fell upon the congregation as the minister began to picture the sacred scene of Calvary. The decision of Pilate to crucify Christ came to a great climax as the minister stepped to the microphone and whispered 'I am now going to put you in Pilate's chair. You, too, must now decide what you are going to do with Christ.' Over sixty people asked the minister to pray for them as they felt they must surrender their lives to Christ.

"The minister added that he would conduct a service similar to the Radio Luxembourg programme next Sunday evening in the Town Hall, Motherwell, when he would explain how miracles of healing can be granted through prayer."

Albert Hall of the West

Visit of Pastor P. S. Brewster to Exeter

Royal Albert Hall scenes in miniature were experienced in the Providence Methodist Chapel (kindly loaned) on the occasion of a Church Rally when the visiting speaker was Pastor P. S. Brewster of Cardiff, and the convener Pastor A. Horne. Friends gathered from various parts of Devon, Cornwall and Somerset.



Pastor P. S. Brewster

The Plymouth Male Voice Choir, under the able conductorship of Pastor Kennedy, rendered some beautiful musical items, as also did the Exeter Elim Ladies Choir and the Tiverton Quartet. The presence and power of God was manifest from

the outset of these two great meetings as Pastor Brewster called upon the congregation to stand, and, after naming the various scriptural postures of prayer, asked that all would join him in lifting both hands in prayer and praise to God. The response was inspiring, a sight never to be forgotten. Then turning to the Word of God he held the people in his grip as he unfolded and revealed God's Word in mighty power.

At the close of the afternoon service, at which 300 were present, three souls surrendered to Christ and many were touched by Divine power as Pastor Brewster laid hands upon them for healing.

The evening meeting was attended by more than 750 people and was an experience of great blessing as the preacher forcefully dwelt on the "Mark of the Spirit and the mark of Satan." Seven souls responded to the call of Christ at this service and many hearts were deeply stirred.

The remarks overheard at these meetings indicated that the people were full of praise for the wonderful blessings received. Many said: "Nothing like this had been experienced in Exeter for years." Truly the spirit of revival was present and Pastor Brewster's long journey to Exeter was well worth while to the glory of God and to the extension of His kingdom.

—C. Eveleigh.

Springbourne Sisterhood Rally

Once again there is cause to praise God for His blessing at the Women's Rally at Springbourne. The day was fine and, as usual, the church was well filled with women from other churches. Right from the commencement there was consciousness of God's presence; as someone aptly remarked afterwards, the atmosphere was lovely. Mrs. Hilliard, the president, led the meeting, and one of the Crusaders, Miss Ruth Caudell, sang a very beautiful solo. Mrs. Ruth Wigglesworth, the guest speaker, drew a lovely word-picture of the work in the Congo and the black congregations there.

All too soon the meeting came to an end. In the minor hall the tables were spread with good things; tea and fellowship were enjoyed by a large crowd. Then came the roll-call and greetings, nearly all commenting on the blessing received in the service. Finally, there were greetings from the Congo and Miss Weymouth read greetings from Zululand. It was regretted that Miss Alice Marshall was unable, in person, to give the greetings from the Sisterhood in Egypt, as she was not well.

So the Rally came to an end. All the members had contributed in some way and God richly blessed the efforts put forth in His name.

—Mrs. Frank Bush.

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

Annual Fellowship Meeting at Clapham

The yearly business meeting of the Clapham Assembly was held by members and friends on a recent Thursday.

The usual custom was followed, and a very nice tea was partaken of by over sixty people, after which the past year's activities were dealt with, and according to all reports from every branch of the work, God has richly blessed.

There have been thirty conversions under the inspired ministry of Pastor F. Hodge, fourteen friends have received the right hand of fellowship during the past year, and fourteen more are waiting to be received in.

Clapham has recently acquired a Hammond Electric Organ which aids considerably in the Worship and Gospel services.

During last year also a Sunshine Corner section was started, under the leadership of Mrs. S. Pearce, and is steadily growing, some of the older children have made definite decisions for Christ which is now reflected in their behaviour.

We are very pleased to report that the licence has been granted for the first portion of the new church which should be ready by the end of the year.

During the past twelve months sixteen members have been called to higher service, among them the late Secretary, Mr. H. Greenway, father of Pastor W. H. Greenway.

There have also been many outstanding miracles of healing.

The meeting closed with thanks to God for His many blessings during the year.

—H. G. Troughton.

Increased congregations at St. Peter Port

It is some time since we have received news from the Eldad Church, St. Peter Port. This, however, is not because there has been nothing to report! The fine gathering of members and friends at the Fellowship meeting testified to the interest and enthusiasm in the Church.

On the second anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. James F. Hardman, the Church Secretary testified of their love, untiring labours and inspiring ministry. All praise is given to our Lord for blessings received during the two years under Pastor Hardman's leadership. Souls have been saved, and many new members received into fellowship. During the last twelve months it has been a joy to witness quite a number following the Lord through the Waters of Baptism; whilst others have been baptised in the Holy Spirit.

The Treasurer's report filled all hearts with praise to God, for the income during this last financial year has been the highest for some years.

Pastor Hardman expressed his gratitude for the loyal support that had been given him from the Deacons and

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Crowded Congregation at Ballymena Campaign.

This news will please you !

The Lancashire Presbytery has purchased a new church building. This time in Stockport where, as yet, there is no Elim witness. At the request of the District Superintendent, Pastor J. Tetchner, I travelled to Stockport (population 140,000) recently to make the necessary arrangements for what we hope will be the next major PIONEER CAMPAIGN. For many hours we toured the town looking for a suitable hall for the campaign which we propose, God willing, to launch in the Spring. The only suitable accommodation is the spacious Town Hall, but the cost is prohibitive, £20 per night and we require it for at least three weeks, thus making the rental alone £420. This amount is not available from our campaign funds, but we believe that God would have us go ahead with the booking of the Stockport Town Hall. Will ELIM EVANGEL readers please remember this effort in prayer, and any gifts would be greatly appreciated, designated "Stockport Campaign", and sent to the Evangelistic Fund, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

—Pastor Ken Matthew.

Increased Congregations at St. Peter Port—Continued.

members. "The Church," he said, on one occasion, "is very much like a wheel. The members are the rim, the Minister is the hub, and the Deacons are the spokes. When the spokes are firm and true, then the hub, spokes and rim together can be moved by the power of God for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ."

Recently the Pastor has been preaching on topical subjects on Sunday evenings and these have attracted increased congregations. The Eldad Choir continues to bring blessing into the services and is constantly invited to churches of other denominations to witness for Christ both in song and in word.

—H. E. Bourgaize

Easter Monday

On another page will be found an announcement relating to this year's meetings at Trafalgar Square and the Royal Albert Hall, London.

The evening meeting will be a great revival service, with thrilling testimonies of God's power to save and heal.

Plan now to come and bring others. Here are three ways in which you can help :

- (1) Pray for the meetings and for all who will take part.
- (2) Interest others in the meetings.
- (3) Bring at least one unsaved person to the meetings—and if you come by special coach, pay for his or her fare.

COMING EVENTS—Continued.

Sat. 7. Sun. 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights at 7.30. Convener: Pastor John Gardiner.

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.

OLDHAM. March 27. Opening of the New Elim Church, Woodstock Street, Oldham. 3 p.m., Open air meeting at 6.30. Rally at 7.30. Sun., March 28, at 11, 3 and 6.

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.

Tues. 23rd. Co-operative Hall, Baldwin Street, at 7.30 p.m. Follow-up campaign service to the film "Venture into faith", conducted by Pastor John Woodhead. Definitely one night only. The sick will be prayed for. Pray and plan to attend.

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).

TANDERAGEE, CARGANS. Now proceeding. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Miss M. J. Linton. Sundays and week-nights at 8 p.m. (Wed. and Sats. excepted).

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

The National Youth Secretary will visit the following churches: March 21, Letchworth. 27-28, Hove. 30-31, Bristol.

MISSIONARY FILM

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Phillips will visit the following Elim Churches with the Transvaal Film:

March 20, Cardiff. 21, Newport. 22, Caerphilly. 23, Barry. 24, Aberdare. 25, Briton Ferry.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo will visit the following churches, and where convenient will show films of his work on the mission field:

March 21, Leyton. 23, Croydon. 27, Hornsey. 28 & 29, Clapham. 30, Hayes. April 1, Hendon. 4, Islington. 6, Kingston. 8, Rye Park. 10 & 11, Ilford. 13, Woolwich. 15, Finchley. 18, Canning Town.

∴ BOOK REVIEW ∴

The little book **PUZZLE AND PAINT** (Pickering & Inglis, Ltd., price 9d., by post 11½d.) with its hidden faces to discover and Bible pictures to colour, will serve to amuse and occupy the child who receives it, and meanwhile to stimulate fresh interest in the stories of the Old Testament.

—A. D. Hathaway.

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

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

A Directive to a Young Christian in business

It is my pleasure to introduce Pastor John Lancaster, District Youth Commissioner for North London, the writer of this week's feature. Converted as a school-boy, in church a Sunday School teacher and at work a plumber—no bursts in Mr. Lancaster's home! Served with the Royal Air Force in India and Burma and entered Elim Bible College in 1946. A very good pianist who took part in many pioneer campaigns with Pastor Ken Matthew.



Pastor John Lancaster

Have you ever stopped to think seriously about your business life from the spiritual point of view? When you realise that you probably spend at least forty hours a week in the presence of unsaved men and women in your office, factory, or workshop, you will see that it is a very important part of your life.

For you, as a Christian, business life is a great opportunity of witnessing to the unsaved workmates around you. They are modern pagans needing the saving power of Christ, but do you prayerfully seek and use the opportunity of telling them of Christ? Do you look upon your business appointments as possible contacts for Christ? If you watch and pray, you will find in every walk of life that there are grand opportunities for reaching the lost.

Business life is also a danger for the Christian. When you go out to work in the morning you are entering a world whose standards and traditions are often very different from those of Christ. Your unsaved workmate will not regard the smutty story as necessarily impure, nor will he consider the weekly raffle as really morally wrong; to him "clocking in" for an absent pal, or doing his own work in the firm's time will be clever rather than dishonest, and his notions of black and white will be often far different from the clear-cut distinction that Christ demands, and therein lies the danger for the Christian. Working in an atmosphere like that often exerts an influence that we are not really conscious of, and we find ourselves slipping into the habits of those around us; besides, it's not always easy to be the odd man out when "everybody does it." This is where you must be on your

guard to see that you are not influenced by the standards and habits of those around you. On the other hand you must also guard against the "holier than thou" attitude that is so easy to adopt when we are standing for our principles. You must be true to Christ, both in the standard of your workmanship and in the integrity of your character, but you must also "walk in wisdom toward them that are without." This is by no means easy and we can only safely walk the tightrope between compromise and spiritual snobbery by keeping in close and constant communion with the Master who has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Some aspects of business life contain other problems for the Christian. You may be invited to social functions in connection with your professional life, or you may be expected to join a trades union or similar association in the interests of your job. Here, again, you must be honest with yourself and God. Ask yourself, "Will it damage my testimony? Will it harm my spiritual life? Can I honestly accept all that it entails—its obligations as well as its benefits?" A great many of these organisations have done a great deal to safeguard the interests of the various sections of industry and commerce, but you would do well to remember that most of them are governed by men who, though sincere, are nevertheless unregenerate. Such men might take decisions that would involve you in actions contrary to the spirit of Christ. Membership of any such body involves you in the responsibility of refusing to drift with the crowd when you know that what they are doing conflicts with Christian principles. Again, you might be invited to enter partnership with an unsaved person,

but in business, as well as in marriage, the uncompromising standard of the New Testament must be maintained: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Sometimes you may be asked to participate in transactions that you know are illegal, or to employ methods that are not strictly honest. To refuse, especially at the risk of personal loss, may not always be easy, but it is obviously the only way for you as a Christian.

Like everything else, business life has its snags and temptations, but you as a Christian have a high standard to maintain and what is more, you have the power of a living Christ in which to face the challenge. Keep close to Him in your daily devotions, open your life to the indwelling fulness of the Holy Spirit and remember amid your workaday life that the One who is touched with the feelings of our infirmities is none Other than the "Carpenter's Son."

NEWS KALEIDOSCOPE

Swansea—Ron. Escott, the Crusader Secretary, writes, "Swansea Crusaders have made great progress and are still advancing in the cause of Youth for Christ . . . Since

1946, the numbers have been more than trebled in the weekly meetings, and are still on the increase with new faces seen in every Crusader meeting (sixty-eight present at time of report). We have souls saved in Crusaders—eight last year . . . many Crusaders have received the Pentecostal fulness." When Mr. Escott was asked for the cause of the splendid progress of the Swansea branch he replied, "We (Pastor Gorton and Mr. Escott) encourage them to be baptised in the Holy Ghost." A Look-out Band is on duty each Sunday evening, searching Swansea's streets for straying Youth. Crusaders take their stand in Secondary and Elementary schools, the Swansea University, factories, shops, and offices, distributing their invitation cards and Gospel leaflets. Adds the Secretary, "We lay claim to be 'The finest Youth Centre in Swansea,' but we have no intention of staying still . . . our local motto—'Go forward.'" Congratulations Swansea—a fine example.

Tailpiece—Have you ordered your copy of Pastor H. W. Greenway's Booklet *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*? Send your orders to the National Youth Secretary.



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 21st. John ix. 26-41.

"He worshipped Him" (v. 38).

Dismayed by the rebuke implied in the simple words of a beggar, the Pharisees were stung into spiteful action and excommunicated him. He was thus deprived, so far as they were concerned, of his religion and of any approach to God. He was foolish and simple enough to take his experience as reality and a proof of Christ's deity, therefore he must go. We can see the intolerance of all bigoted ritualistic and hierarchical systems here. Organised religion did not want Him but Jesus did! He gave Him further teaching and accepted His worship. We shall meet him in the heavenly Temple—but where will his accusers be?

MONDAY, March 22nd. John x. 1-18.

"Other sheep I have" (v. 16).

This is the New Testament counterpart of the twenty-third Psalm. It reaches inspiring heights of companionship, trust, dependence, grace and love in its wonderful illustration of the shepherd and the sheep. Amidst all the lovely imagery, here is a real missionary challenge. There are always other sheep in other denominations but, most important, in other countries. Have you caught the vision of the regions beyond? Do you include the other sheep in your prayers?—and the labourers abroad? "There shall be one fold, and one shepherd." I can help in the furtherance of this purpose.

TUESDAY, March 23rd. John x. 19-30.

"Out of My hand" (v. 28). "My Father's hand" (v. 29).

The care lavished upon us by God is something to wonder about. There is always a sense of security about the promises and pronouncements of Scripture. The apostle felt it when he said that our "life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. iii. 3). There may be hirelings and our own faith may falter, but Father and Son remain true. There is "no variableness neither shadow of turning" (James i. 17). We need repeatedly to remind ourselves to rest in the Lord, to depend upon His promises and to recall that He cares for us.

WEDNESDAY, March 24th. John x. 31-42.

"Believe the works" (v. 38).

The reiterated theme of this Gospel of the Divinity and Sonship of Christ and of the impact this much-disputed revelation must make upon faith, is apparent again here. Christ's use of Scripture is devastating. Man himself was made in the image of God, possessed with an immortal soul and endowed with the power of choice. If the copy exists, remote copy though it may be, does not then the Original have its being? The Jews were not prepared to accept the evidence of speech and they even refused to accept the significant witness of miracle. Decadent religion will always react in this way but many will be attracted to the Saviour by signs and wonders following the preaching of the Word.

THURSDAY, March 25th. John xi. 1-16.

"He abode two days still" (v. 6).

Has the answer to your prayers been apparently denied? Have you thought that it might be a delay, not a denial? God always answers prayer, remember; He says, "Yes," "No" or "Wait." Each is an answer. The interval which elapsed between the receipt of the message and the departure for Bethany, was long enough for Lazarus's illness to prove fatal, but this event was to be to the glory of God. A man four days dead was to be raised! The pity of it is that we turn away disgruntled and disappointed so often when a little more patience would bring greater victory.

FRIDAY, March 26th. John xi. 17-31.

"Even now" (v. 22).

Martha's purpose was a commendable one. She believed that Jesus could have healed Lazarus had He arrived in time and she wanted the Master to know that the death of the beloved brother had made no difference so far as she was concerned. She went so far as to declare her faith in her brother's being raised up at the last day and in Christ's deity. She sought still to welcome their beloved Guest. Do not condemn her that she could not see that Lazarus was to be raised there and then; would we have believed? Dwell rather upon her faith and her assurance that the calamity, despite their call of distress to the Master, made no difference in their relationship.

SATURDAY, March 27th. John xi. 32-46.

"Jesus wept" (v. 35).

Jesus wept—when He was about to perform an astonishing miracle? Why was He moved to tears? It seems most perplexing until the magnificent truth dawns upon your spirit. He did not weep for them—He wept with them! "Touched with a feeling of our infirmities," as the Apostle says, He had compassion upon them. He anticipated the words of Rom. xii. 15—"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Are you discouraged, perhaps dismayed and disappointed? Do earthly friends fail to see your need? Listen—look up—Jesus knows and Jesus understands!

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.

BRITON FERRY. March 25. West Wales Revival Rally. 7 p.m. Speaker: Pastor K. J. Hathaway. Soloist: Miss Mair Jones, also other items. Convener: Pastor H. L. Dawson.

CANNING TOWN. Commencing March 20, Elim Hall, Bethell Avenue. Special meetings conducted by Pastor Harry Fisher (ex-missionary 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.

EASTBOURNE.—April 6 to 13. Elim Guest House. Special Bible Week with talks each morning, 9.30 to 10.30, on Devotional and Prophetic subjects by Pastor S. Gorman. Apply to Miss D. Phillips, Lascelles Private Hotel, Lascelles Terrace, Eastbourne, Sussex. Telephone: Eastbourne 633. (Pastor Gorman will also speak at the Elim Church, Hartfield Road, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.)

EAST HAM. March 21. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Pastor J. T. Bradley. March 27 to April 1, Pastor S. Gorman. Special Services for the deepening of spiritual life, Sundays 11 and 6.30 p.m. Week-nights 7.30.

HALIFAX. April 3-8. Elim Church, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Spring Convention. Special speaker: Pastor Selwyn Homer.

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"IF YOU ARE DETERMINED TO GO, YOU SHALL NOT GO ALONE!"

A Brand Plucked from the Burning

By H. J. Garland

DURING some special services in a certain locality through the power of continued united prayer the Holy Spirit did a mighty work, and scores of people were lastingly converted to God.

Among the number who responded to the appeal on the first Sunday of the mission was a young woman, who held a sleeping baby in her arms. After kneeling for some time in silent prayer, she stood up and testified that she felt her sins were all forgiven. On her return home she made a big mistake in not telling her husband of her decision for Christ. He was an unbeliever in religion and was addicted to drink.

The next day his workmates agreed to tease him concerning his wife. They knew he had a very short temper. "John," said one of the men, "do you know that last night your wife stood up and told the congregation at — Church what a great sinner she had been?"

"I cannot believe you," said her husband, "she is as nervous as a lamb."

"Think what you like," said the other men, "but it's true."

One man said, "If it had been my wife, I should tell her to confess her sins to me and not to the public."

By the time these men had finished talking, John was in a very angry mood. His wife met him at the door with a smiling face, and his evening meal was all waiting. But he did not speak a word. Having poured out his tea, his wife watched him stirring it without even tasting it, and at length inquired if he had lost his job. "No," he said, "I have lost the respect of my mates, through your conduct last night at the service."

His wife at once tried to explain, but he would not listen. "Go there again you never shall, and if you do venture to go at any time —" he declared with a dreadful oath what he would do to her.

Poor woman! She wisely kept silence, and took her case to God in prayer. The next day he told his mates of what he had done, and they would then, if possible, have recalled their words, but it was too late, the harm had been done.

On Tuesday a lady called to invite the wife to come again to the church. She was told of the husband's threat, and they prayed together for his salvation.

This lady gathered together a few others who at a certain time each day prayed together for this persecuted wife and her husband. During the week, knowing what a most determined man her husband was, she was often tempted for peace' sake to give up, but through the help of the prayers of others, she was able to resist the temptation.

The following Sunday evening, after tea, she went upstairs and came down dressed to go out. Her husband said, "Are you going out to see a neighbour?" "No," she said, "I am not. Of late I have not been happy, since we lost our little boy. My mind has been much distressed, and you know the day before he died he said, 'I am going to heaven, Mamma, and you will come too, won't you?' Last Sunday night the preacher spoke about heaven and when he asked those who wanted their sins forgiven so that they might go there, to come to Christ, I responded to his appeal, and I told the people, before leaving, that Christ had forgiven my sins. I have been a good mother to your children, a faithful wife to you, but I have a soul to save, and if you will not come with me to heaven then I must go without you. So I am going to the service tonight."

Her husband sat like a statue, his face turned pale. Rising from his seat he exclaimed in a most excited manner, "You stay where you are and do not dare to leave for a while!" His wife, thinking of his awful threat, wondered what he would do to her, and she prayed to God for help.

Presently her husband came downstairs, dressed in his best clothes. He said, "If you are determined to go, you shall not go alone. I am going with you."

It caused quite a commotion when this husband and wife walked into the service together. In the after meeting, while the chorus, "Dare to be a Daniel," was being sung, he surrendered himself to Jesus. He gave up the drink and became a completely changed man, and his home became a heaven below. He and his wife became most useful workers. The man started a mission for working men, and did a mighty work amongst his fellow-workmen. No one can measure the far-reaching effects of his conversion on the lives of others.

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BIRTH

Toy.—On March 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Toy (both Crusaders), West Bromwich, God's gift of a daughter, Christine Mary.

MARRIAGES

Appleby : Allington.—On March 6th, at Elim Church, York, by Pastor R. B. Chapman; John Terence Appleby to Ivy Allington.

Floyd : Harvey.—On March 6th, at Elim Church, York, by Pastor R. B. Chapman; Cyril Bernard Floyd to Marjorie Harvey.

Poulton : Birch.—On March 6th, at Elim Church, West Bromwich, by Pastor H. Fisher; David Brian Poulton to Doreen Birch.

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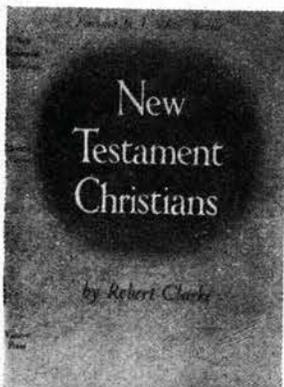
Bishop.—On December 30th, Mrs. Emma Bishop, aged 69, of West Bromwich, passed to be with the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor H. Fisher.

Canbus.—On March 1st, Mrs. Canbus, aged 90, oldest member of Elim Church, East Ham. Cremation service conducted by Pastor H. Haith.

Collinson.—On March 1st, Miss Alice Collinson, Bradford, passed into the Lord's presence. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. J. Morgan.

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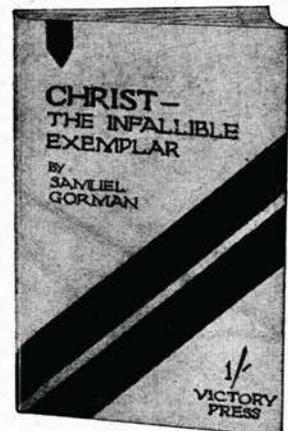
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