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Baptisms in Rugby. *The Elim Church in Rugby enjoyed a very refreshing time when Coventry and Rugby joined together for a Baptismal Service. Photo shows Pastors J. Newman and C. Latham with the candidates.*

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

The Inspiring Story of a Small Church

This report from Dewsbury, one of our smaller Churches, provides an object lesson in prayer, faith and hard work, courage and determination, and should be an inspiration to Pentecostal Christians everywhere. Writes Miss S. Pinches: "As yet our name does not appear in the ELIM YEAR BOOK; nevertheless, manifestations of the Lord's power have been greatly experienced."

A SMALL campaign, sponsored by the ministers of the local presbytery was the initial way in which the name Elim was introduced into the town of Dewsbury. This was supported by a nucleus of Christians desirous of forming an Elim Church. Our first Breaking of Bread service, conducted by Pastor J. Gardiner of Halifax, numbered twelve, and the evening service sixteen.

Since launching out under the leadership of Mr. W. Dyson, the Lord has prospered and blessed in a remarkable way. Souls have been saved, bodies healed, and believers baptised according to Acts ii. Amongst the number who have experienced the healing power of the Lord are a brother with septic bronchitis, a sister of a suspected growth, another of deafness, and an outstanding case of a spastic child.

This child is three years old, and when brought to the leader's notice, a day of prayer and fasting was appealed for on his behalf. Hands were laid upon him in the name of Jesus, and although not instantly healed, today there is a remarkable improvement, and the Lord is still working.

A great event was the Billy Graham relay on May 19th. With a burden for the lost, it was decided to take a step of faith, willing to spend our meagre wealth that sinners might come to know the Lord as Saviour. The Town Hall, which has a seating capacity of 1,200, was booked, and two hours before the scheduled time, crowds were arriving to secure seats. Over 1,250 people crowded into the hall, many having to be turned away.

An appeal was made by Pastor J. Gardiner, and our hearts rejoiced as one of our own Sunday School scholars led the way for his mother and the many more who followed, the number of known decisions being seventy-five. Reserve counsellors were required.

Your prayers are earnestly desired, as we seek to follow up those who may have no church connexions; we intend to visit them all.

Our present church attendances average twenty-two, and the Sunday evening Gospel service thirty-four. Sunday School numbers twenty-five, and at the visit of the National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. Hywel Davies, our Sunshine Corner numbered 100 children. We have received into fellowship sixteen members during the time we have been in Dewsbury. Please pray for this new Church.

Rugby Counts Blessings

The Church at Rugby continues to enjoy blessing. Mention must be made of the visit of Pastor G. H. Thomas, the Missionary Secretary, who came in place of Pastor L. Wigglesworth, taken ill at Rotherham. Pastor Thomas en-

larged our missionary vision, and quickened our interest in the work of World-wide Evangelism. We were able to forward nearly £10 to the Missionary Society as a result of this week-end.

Then there was an inspiring week-end of ministry from the Field Superintendent, Pastor H. W. Greenway. A week later our Leamington friends paid us a visit. The ministry of Pastor Thomas and his members in song and word was much appreciated.

On Thursday, May 20th, after negotiation with the Greater London Crusade authorities, a service from Harringay was relayed to the Co-op. Hall, where a congregation of nearly 700 gathered, fourteen souls accepted Christ.

Several years have elapsed since the baptistery has been used, but on May 29th, eighteen candidates from Coventry and Rugby passed through the waters. Pastors G. Newman, C. G. Latham, and V. Cunningham (A.O.G.) officiated. Two of the Rugby candidates were young women recently received into Church membership by Pastor Latham.

The following day Pastor P. J. Rammell spoke at the Sunday School Anniversary—his "heart-ray machine" certainly produced amazing revelations—and afterward distributed the prizes for attendance. Pastor Latham thanked the teachers for their loyalty to the work of the Sunday School. The meeting was convened by Mrs. C. White, School Superintendent.



Above is a picture of a party of workers from Mason Street, Hull. They visit Sanatoria, Old People's Homes, a Home for the Blind, and other Institutions regularly. Mr. R. Train is the leader and Pastor W. W. Kirkby often goes with them to speak.



Photo by courtesy of]

[Salisbury and Winchester Journal.



Pastor and Mrs. F. J. Slemming at their 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

In the picture also are: their sons Brian and Peter, Pastor and Mrs. A. V. Gorton, and Church deacons and helpers.



25 Years in Ministry

The following appeared in the "Salisbury and Winchester Journal" :—

Messages of greetings from all over the British Isles were read at the Elim Foursquare Gospel Church, Salisbury, on Monday, when Pastor F. J. Slemming celebrated his twenty-fifth year in the ministry. Pastor Slemming has been in Salisbury since 1948, and was previously Elim minister in the city from 1934 to 1937.

The anniversary was marked by a service in the Scotts Lane Church, where a large cake, with candles, was cut and distributed among the congregation. The special visitors were Pastor A. V. Gorton, of Swansea—a lifelong friend of Pastor Slemming—and Mrs. Gorton. The congratulatory letters were read by the deacons, Mr. N. Coles, Mr. J. Pike and Mr. A. Pike. Mr. V. Bath (Church Secretary) presided.

Mrs. Slemming accompanied her husband to the service, and the Pastor thanked her for her support over the years. On behalf of the Church members, Mr. N. Coles presented a cheque to Pastor Slemming.

4,000 In Great March

Pastor Ken Matthew, minister of our Pontypridd Church, was the speaker at a great Sunday School rally held in the town's Ynysangharad Park and organised by the town's Free Church Council. Nearly 4,000 Sunday School members, old and young, marched through the town in blazing sunshine in a glorious procession of witness.

This was an experiment that proved a triumphant success and, for the watchers, an unforgettable sight.

One of them was so moved that he wrote to the local paper :—

"I went on Sunday to see the churches make fools of themselves, with a ragged army, but . . . I have been in Pontypridd for forty-seven years and have never seen such a glorious sight. The people responsible did a grand job, and to the Churches I say, 'Well done.'

"I have not been to church for forty years owing to differences, but by the witness I have to make my way back. You people who think it was not worth the effort and the walk, may I say you touched many by your efforts, especially the older folk. Thank you, Churches—from one who will, rather shamefacedly, wander back."

HAYES WOMEN'S HOUR

Representatives of Congregational, Baptist and Apostolic Churches and the Botwell Sisterhood joined with Hayes (Middlesex) Women's Hour for their Anniversary meeting, a time of great blessing. Mrs. Britten of Leyton was the guest speaker: her message was forceful and thoughtful. Mrs. Brace was the soloist. About sixty stayed to tea provided by the sisters of the Church, who gave praise for increased numbers in recent weeks.

United Baptismal Service

At a united service at Langley (Birmingham), candidates from the Church and from Worcester and West Bromwich were baptised. Each gave a unique testimony—some in song and one in recitation. One was a convert from the Harringay Arena.

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EDITORIAL

The Day of Harvest

No one who gives any serious thought to the signs of the times, and especially to the spiritual signs, can fail to agree that we are living in unprecedented times of spiritual blessing and activity. Without having to put on rose-tinted spectacles, or indulging in presumptuous phrases, we can say that the Christian Church is at present witnessing a spiritual surge which is evidenced particularly in Evangelistic Campaigns, Missionary Enterprise, and intensive Personal Evangelism.

While it is true that we must "preach the Word, in season and out of season" and must bear witness to our own day and generation, and must continue in faithful service for God, there are times when it is easier to reach men and women with the Gospel than at other times.

Today is undoubtedly the day of harvest, and efforts put forth sincerely in the name of Christ are being richly blessed of the Spirit of God. Somehow there is an atmosphere of revival abroad which makes evangelistic efforts easier. People seem more interested, more responsive, to the call of God.

Obviously the fearfulness of the international situation in the light of the latest destructive weapons, is making folk think furiously of eternal things. But apart from this, it is today a "day of opportunity." Most Pentecostal believers are fully convinced that before the end of the age and the Advent of Christ, the Spirit of God will be poured out again, and the harvest of the earth be ripened ready for reaping.

If the ushering in of the Gospel dispensation was accompanied by such manifestations of the Spirit's power, no wonder that now in the closing days of the dispensation, the manifestation of His power is seen again. For this age to end with a tremendous outpouring of the Spirit, far exceeding anything before experienced, would be a merci-

ful and God-like act, so that multitudes on the threshold of judgment might be mercifully swept into the kingdom.

Somehow, we believe it will be so, and one can already sense the atmosphere of a spiritual awakening. May we be ready with our sickles for the reaping.

THE MORNING WATCH



For over forty years I have observed the morning watch. I begin in reading the Word of God. Then I turn to prayer in obedience to Psalm v. 3, "My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up."

Just as of old, manna was gathered, the Bible should be read daily. When we read God's Word, He talks to us. And when we pray we talk to Him, thus we sustain a warm and close fellowship with our Saviour Divine.

I have found three enemies to the prayer life:

First, interruptions. I discovered that I had to have a time and place for prayer. My time is in the morning. I would never dream of going to my work before first meeting God. My place for prayer is my study, when I am at home. We have time for everything else; we must take time for prayer.

Secondly, wandering thoughts. I used to have all kinds of thoughts, plans and programmes come in upon me when I was praying, and I found myself thinking. How did I get rid of these wandering thoughts. By praying out loud, by putting my petitions into words. I always pray out loud, and have done so for the last forty years of my life.

Thirdly, drowsiness. I used to become sleepy when I wanted to pray. That was because I knelt down and closed my eyes, and put my head on my arms. Years ago I formed the habit of walking when praying. I have walked hundreds of miles in my study. By walking up and down the room I never become drowsy, I am able to keep wide awake.

I discovered that when I knelt down and prayed silently, ten minutes seemed a long time, but when I prayed out loud and walked, the time went by quickly. By following these methods I have been able to spend hours in prayer, and I have found the morning watch my strength and my stay. The problems are solved before I meet them. God hears and answers. Instead of letting my circumstances get on top of me and sending me to a sanatorium with a nervous breakdown, I am able to keep on top of my circumstances. I know of no greater spiritual blessing than the blessing of the early morning watch.

—Oswald J. Smith.

PRAYER REQUEST

An air-letter from Mrs. Stockdale, our missionary in India, has just been received, asking for prayer on behalf of her husband who is ill with jaundice. Please pray for his speedy recovery.

MADE NIGH

"Far off . . . made nigh"—Ephesians ii, 13

BY PASTOR E. C. W. BOULTON

"So nigh, so very nigh to God,
I cannot nearer be;
For in the person of His Son
I am as near as He."

M"ADE NIGH!" What music these words contain for the believing soul! What unplumbed depths of spiritual meaning they possess! What a treasury of heavenly riches they open to us! What a star bejewelled expanse of blessing they unveil! The leprous and the loathsome! The rebellious and the reprobate! The prodigal and the profligate, all "made nigh."

In this passage two thoughts stand out in impressive contrast—"afar off"—"made nigh." The gulf of separation is spanned, the great gap of alienation is closed, the sacrifice of the Great Giver and Forgiver has now brought an outcast creation into living fellowship with Himself. The moral and spiritual distance which divided God and man has been eliminated, and a new and fundamental sympathy and understanding has been created, so that the creature may become the temple of the Eternal. The twain brought together by means of that great self-emptying act of God, that voluntary and vicarious self-giving of God for and to man. Thus the Almighty has, in the Person of His Son, dealt with that in the heart of man, which kept him apart from God, kept him in that self-created blindness which held him in the night of his self-chosen ignorance. The cataract of darkness has been removed, and the light of truth has dawned upon the mind of man. The rebel spirit has been changed, and the life transformed, and all this is summed up in those two significant and eloquent words: "made nigh." Well might the writer exclaim: "Whenever I speak of our glorious Redeemer, a passion takes me, and I break into what the world would call extravagance."

In the first place, then, this nearness to God has been made possible and actual by means of a rebirth, involving a complete change of nature—not merely the adoption of a new name, but the possession of a new life, the life of God Himself! The miracle of re-creation brings the believing soul out of the old, doomed creation into this new and Divine fellowship—this God-begotten thing which is described as the handiwork of the Eternal, created in Christ Jesus the Lord. Not the decoration of the old, but the erection of another life upon an entirely new foundation.

"Made nigh!" And it should be observed that this is the result of the action of God Himself, and indicates the intensity of desire in the heart of the Eternal. This is not a relationship achieved by self-effort, but a nearness made possible by the sovereign will of God. Man does not reach God by climbing the steeps of scholarship, nor does he become possessed of the seal of Divine sonship by prolonged mental processes. The true child of God is not born of intellectual skill, but of God.

Furthermore, we are "made nigh" by blood—redeeming blood! The blood of God's Eternal Son! He who

came forth from the bosom of the Father. The One who came from the womb of eternity. 'Twas His blood through which this blessed nearness to God was made possible and actual. The blood of at-onement, and without which there can be no access to the Father. The blood which became the purchase price of those "far off" ones.

And so the Cross, so repulsive to the natural mind, became the emblem of an undying and indissoluble union 'twixt God and man. That blood which made nigh also possesses the power to keep nigh: it is the efficacy of that precious blood which is our hope and assurance of sustained and unbroken fellowship with our Redeemer-Lord. The strength of that union is in the Calvary triumph of the Cross, that blood-conquest whereby He overthrew all which challenged His Lordship in the surrendered soul.

At the root of all true fellowship with God, is forgiveness, and this is the Divine prerogative. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." The exercise of the sovereign mercy and grace of the Almighty Redeemer.

Moreover, is not one of the priceless and precious results of the blessed baptism in the Holy Ghost a clearer and deeper realisation of this blood-won nearness to God! His inflowing presence makes the soul supremely aware of its privileged position "near to the heart of God." That which previously was little more than a theological ideal, now becomes a very real and precious spiritual experience. So many of the Lord's people can bear witness to the tremendous transformation of their Christian service and experience as a result of this immersion in the Divine Spirit, this vital and vivid oncoming and incoming of God the Spirit—the heavenly treasure in the earthen vessel.

The climax of this union with God will be reached in the moment of Translation, when the redeemed body of believers will be "caught up," yielding to the irresistible law and power of Divine attraction, responding to the upward, homeward call of Christ their Lord. 'Tis the final exercise of that constraining, compulsive power which first came into operation in our lives in the moment of conversion, when He drew us to Himself, and we became the bondslaves of Christ our Lord. This is the goal towards which we move, the splendid consummation of the hope within us.

"And faith still clings, and hope still springs,
And love still sings of happier things
While life is fighting strong new wings,
In search of God's tomorrow!"

Blessed Master, I thank Thee that Thou hast drawn me to Thyself, that by the mastery and magnetism of Thy grace and love Thou hast loosed and lifted me from the dungeon depths of my captivity, turning the grey of life into gold, and the heartache of life into harmony. Thou hast pierced the mists of misunderstanding, and made me know that Thou art God. Thou hast honoured me in humbling me, and broken the vessel that Thou wouldst bless.

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE to attend the services three and sometimes four times each week from the time the campaign commenced. It has been a great joy to do personal counselling, and to experience the thrill of pointing men and women to the Saviour from the Word of God, together with hundreds of others of many denominations, all one in Christ. Never before have I experienced so much of the outworking love of Christ.

When I first heard of the decision to launch this great campaign, and especially because it was to be very near my own church, my first thoughts were: What can I do to help? Many said to me: But is Dr. Graham Pentecostal? Oh, how very stupid we can be, for God does not choose His messengers according to creed, but to meet a need. Others were ready to say Pentecost has failed, so God has raised up a man outside Pentecost. Do not ask me what

*Here is an interesting article by one of the Counsellors:
evidences of deep spirit*

established, may we encourage this with a deeper love one for another.

Some have said: I always question mass evangelism. In order to help you over this stile, let me give you something of what God has done:

A young man seeking satisfaction in life, and willing to try anything to find it, was present at the first meeting of the Crusade to hear this man from America (Billy Graham), and though godless and indifferent to religion,

Observations on the Billy

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they mean, for I do not know. But there is a lesson here. With God there are NO denominational barriers, THE CHURCH consists of called-out ones from ALL peoples of the world.

God has always had His messengers in the right place and at the right time, we are grateful to God that it has pleased Him to use many Pentecostal men these past thirty years, but let us not shut our eyes to many others who, too, have been mightily used of God. I am thinking of one particularly—a young farmer's daughter called to evangelise among the Methodist Churches (Miss Rhoda Dent), a lone woman, no team, no outstanding qualifications, only a fire burning within to preach Christ to the lost. Through her, God the Holy Ghost worked and hundreds were converted to God—drunkards, gamblers, prostitutes, only heaven will reveal these trophies of grace.

But there was, and still is, a large section of Britain's population not yet reached and who know nothing of the new life in Christ. Our dear friend and brother, Dr. Graham, has reached many of these people who have been unmoved by previous evangelists. All Churches are now awakened to the great fact of salvation through Jesus Christ. A new light has dawned. May it please God that it shall never be dimmed. A new oneness of the Churches is now

night after night for a week he was there listening to the Gospel. On the first Saturday night he was convicted of sin, he went out of the building hoping to leave this new strange feeling inside, but to his horror it went with him, so he hurried back inside to his seat, and when the altar-call was made, to use his own words: "I felt a hand push me out of my seat and into the aisle to go to the front with the others, but turning round, there was no human hand at work." It was a week before this man found what he was needing, peace and satisfaction; but now a man who would not be convinced there was a God, is sure there is, saved by matchless grace.

I dealt with another man, a hairdresser from Gravesend. Hearing his customers talk so much about this Billy Graham, he came, like those in the Bible, to see for himself, and the first night was won for Christ.

A young woman, a displaced person from the Balkans, without knowledge of any living relations because of war and Communism, utterly miserable, had reached the end of things herself, without friends, without hope, she came to Harringay and found Jesus Christ, the greatest Friend, and is now rejoicing in the Lord, saved by grace.

A man and his wife, who had been living apart for a number of years, happened to be at one of the Crusade services at the same time. both came out to receive Christ

It brings the answers to many questions, and provides the hearts of enquirers.—Ed.

as Saviour, not knowing each other were there at the front together. There followed a double reconciliation, with God through Jesus Christ and with one another.

Another man from Reading, the town's Communist Party Secretary, came to hear the Gospel preached by Billy Graham. He surrendered to the claims of Jesus Christ, and now says: "Christ is the answer to Communism."

So I could go on giving one case after another of what God has done. How we thank Him and give Him all the

well to remind ourselves of our commission in Mark xvi. 15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." From what we often hear it would seem the command was one of pointing out the errors in all other Christian Bodies except our own. We are told to declare the "whole counsel of God." Then let us turn aside from the ministry of criticism and obey the Word, "Judge not that ye be not judged."

Criticism will render you powerless for God.

It will spoil your prayer life.

Your Bible Study will lack revelation, and

Your zeal for God will flag.

3. **Do pray.** We have seen the answer from God to the thousands who, all over the world have been praying for this Crusade. Let us double our prayer life, so that Britain may be kept alive to the mighty power of God, through Jesus Christ. Pray for your Movement. Pray for your

ham Crusade at Harringay

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praise and the glory. There have been over 35,000 registered enquirers, but even this number can be increased because of the follow-up work of Counsellors, visiting homes, in some cases whole families are now on the Lord's side because of the visiting and enquiries at Harringay. Dozens who have never heard Billy Graham are now enjoying the new life in Christ.

There are many instances of detail work which has proved to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Just to give one case:—

A man counsellor who, before he was converted, was himself an alcoholic, reported that eleven enquirers he had dealt with in the enquiry room were alcoholics, five others were in the same line of business as himself. So do not be too ready to question mass evangelism, for hundreds are thanking God that He sent Billy Graham to London.

I would like to close with some "Do's" and "Don'ts" which I have learned during these past weeks.

1. **DO extend Love to all in the faith—Love wins.** We have been too prone in past days, not only to separate ourselves from the world, but from all who do not interpret the Bible just as we do. Remember, Jesus said, "He that is not against us is for us" (Luke ix. 50). We need fellowship with ALL saints.

2. **Don't Criticise.** Unhealthy criticism is damaging to the individual spiritual life, and the work of God. It is

Church. Pray for your Pastor. Pray for souls to be saved even through you.

Don't be Careless in Service. Be faithful and loyal to the Movement in which God has called you to serve Him. I do not know of anything more distasteful than to bear unkind criticism even from Elim members about the Elim work and certain individuals. What kind of a son is he who is always speaking disrespectfully of his family, rather let us speak well one of another, pointing out the virtues. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

The command is: "Bring ye all your tithes into the storehouse and provc Me."

Tithes of Service. Are we putting all we have into the work of our Church? Are you there at every service, and with a ready "Yes," to do anything the Lord might call you to do?

Tithes of Money. Do you tithe your money around the world? The plan is: "Into the Storehouse." Where is the Storehouse? Where the provisions are; the provisions for your spiritual life and its growth are found in your local Church. So give your tithe to your own local Church. We can then expect God to fulfil the latter part of the promise with showers of blessing.

My last word! Remember: Love wins. Criticism destroys. Prayer changes things. Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only.



Great interest was shown in a recent baptismal service in the Elim Church at Coulsdon. Picture shows the Pastor immersing one of the young candidates, many young people made up the congregation.

THINGS TEMPORAL and THINGS ETERNAL

Urge Washington Be Abandoned

A panel of architects and city planners meeting in Washington, D.C., on October 22nd, urged that the Capital City be made unattractive as a bombing target for a foreign enemy. This opinion seems to be quite prevalent among many leaders in the nation's capital, who feel that Washington is the world's number one target. One Washington architect, Mr. Waldon Faulkner, said the heart of Washington should be moved out to some place in the "centre of the country."

The architect said the new Federal area, located perhaps in the more favourable climate of Colorado, would offer planners a "chance to begin all over again." It is reported that 42 per cent of all the people in the country reside in "fifty compact metropolitan areas—ideal targets for modern weapons of mass destruction." He described these city areas as "sitting ducks" in the event of enemy attack.

Without Natural Affection

More than a million wives and children throughout the United States this year are receiving State aid as a result of having been "deserted" by fathers. In California alone there are between 15,000 and 20,000 cases of desertion in the sense that fathers

have left homes and refuse to support their families.

Salvation Army to have New World Leader

Commissioner Wilfred Kitching has been elected as the new General of the Salvation Army. He succeeds General Albert W. T. Orsborn, who will retire from the post on June 30th. The new General has held high positions in the Salvation Army in Australia, Sweden, and Britain.

Chiang Leads China Christians in Prayer

President and Madame Chiang Kai Shek led Christians in Nationalist China in observance of Good Friday. Chiang, a Methodist, repeated his last year's call for Chinese Christians to fast on Good Friday and give the money saved for rice to be dropped by air on the mainland.

Christian Victory in Iran

A recent high court decree in Iran may prove to be a historic milestone along the road to freedom of the Press and of religion in that Moslem country. The editor of a Christian magazine had been accused by an Islamic censor of slandering the Moslem religion. The editor appealed against the decision again and again. Finally the high court decreed that since there is a recognised

Christian minority in Iran, the editor committed no crime in publishing articles and materials favourable to Christianity.

Wealth in the Negev

Reports indicate that scientists are just beginning to discover some of the treasures that God has hid in the Promised Land against the last days. A writer in *Israel Messenger* says:

"For years now we have been acquainted with the potash and sodium deposits discovered in the Dead Sea, amounting to thousands of pounds in potential value. Now the Negev desert which has been lying idle since the creation has been found to possess even greater and more fabulous sources of wealth.

"Deposits of manganese ore, estimated to exceed 500,000 tons, occur eighteen miles north of Elath, near the Red Sea.

"This year an Israel-Belgium Company will begin to dig and produce copper from the Negev mines.

"Fine silicate sand, suitable for glass-making, is produced in Negev. Two factories will utilise 160 tons of sand per day.

"Drilling is being done in the great crater of the Negev in search for oil. Some authorities believe that there may be more oil in Israel than in Iraq. One geologist claims that the oil area in Israel covers 1,000 square miles.

"Phosphate deposits, recently discovered, are estimated to total between 100,000,000 and 500,000,000 tons, or about 600 years' supply.

"According to an Israel mineral expert the Negev ultimately will yield nearly inexhaustible supplies of salt, clays, sand, limestone, sandstone, dolomite marble, chalk, gypsum and feldspar in a great variety of qualities."

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

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

Mistakes in the Bible?—Yes, there are Plenty!

The question is sometimes asked, "Are there any mistakes in the Bible?" We unhesitatingly answer, "Yes, there are plenty of them," and we will recount a few of them in the hope that they may prove not merely interesting but helpful to the reader.

In the very opening pages of the Bible we are confronted by the serious mistake Adam and Eve made when they believed the lie of Satan and disobeyed God and partook of the forbidden fruit. Satan's bait to them was that if they did so they would "become as gods," that is, their disobedience would elevate them in some way. But the reverse was the result, for how grievously they fell, and in falling involved the whole human race. "For by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. v. 12).

Genesis, chapter xiii., relates another serious mistake. Thinking he was going to be very successful and enrich himself, Lot chose the well-watered plains of Sodom and separated himself and his flocks from his uncle Abraham. Did things work out as he expected? For a time they did, and Lot became a great man in Sodom. But chapter xix. is the true sequel, and there we see how Lot barely escaped from Sodom with his life and was glad to shelter in a cave, and passes out of the Divine record in a very unsavoury scene.

Passing on to the Book of Exodus, the opening chapters set very clearly before us the mistakes of Pharaoh. His obstinacy proved to be a very serious and costly mistake, for his land was visited with dreadful and sore plagues, the Israelites were delivered, and Pharaoh and his armies lost their lives in the Red Sea through pursuing after them.

Numbers, chapter xvi., furnishes another very significant incident. Korah, Dathan and Abiram conceived the idea that Moses was taking too much upon himself, that they were as good as he, and had as much right to be priests as he and Aaron. What a serious blunder! Read to the end of the chapter and see that "pride and presumption go before a fall." Korah's mistake led him and all with him to an untimely grave.

And so we could go on, for Book after Book in the Bible shows instance after instance where men made mistakes

and reaped the consequences of their errors, oftentimes serious consequences.

A Giant's Mistake

Goliath of Gath made a serious blunder when he attempted to defy the armies of the living God, for God sent a stripling named David with a sling and a stone, and the big, boastful giant with his tremendous sword fell headlong to his death.

Passing to the New Testament, we read of more people who made mistakes and suffered for them—for instance, the man who built his house on the sand and presently saw it ruined by a storm. The man in Luke xii. 16-21 who decided to pull down his barns and build greater ones and then to take his ease, eat, drink and be merry; he overlooked the fact that the God who gave him life could withdraw it as easily, and less than twenty-four hours saw him a lifeless corpse.

And so we could still go on and show that the Bible is full of mistakes, though not the kind of mistakes that are of any assistance to the sceptic and infidel; nay, rather these very recorded blunders are left on record for a warning to them and to all that if they despise the grace of God, sneer at the Book of God, reject the work of Christ, and go on in their own ways, the wrath of God will presently swallow them up in eternal destruction, and they will learn, when for ever too late, the serious mistake of treating God's love and mercy lightly.

Saul of Tarsus made the serious blunder of thinking he was right in doing many things contrary to the name of Jesus. Yet God in grace and mercy showed him his errors, he turned from them to God and was forgiven and saved and became the mighty Apostle Paul. This is what God is willing to do for you, my reader. If you will but acknowledge the folly of your hitherto neglect of God's salvation, turn from your sins to Christ, accept Him as your Saviour and Lord, He will abundantly pardon and receive you and make you His own child for ever.

Thus will the mistakes of others prove a useful warning to you and lead to your eternal blessing. But make not the mistake of putting the matter off, for "thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." "How shall we escape if we neglect God's great salvation?"

NEWS FOR YOU

Ovenden. A group of talented Halifax Crusaders assisted Mr. and Mrs. Naylor in conducting a branch Sunday School of the Halifax Elim Church. Numbers of attendance have reached 100 with more than forty in Mrs. Naylor's primary section. This school is organised in three separate sections who do not join together for the open period of the school as is customary in most British Sunday Schools. Mrs. Naylor, before coming to England, lectured on Child Evangelism in a Bible Training College in Canada. (Mrs. Naylor has agreed to write articles in the near future which will assist our teachers—watch this page and the EYM YOUTH CHALLENGE.) Mrs. Naylor produced an attractive white plastic church for the Youth Secretary's inspection. This miniature church is used to receive the children's offerings, and since its use the offerings have more than doubled. Pastor J. Gardiner added that the Ovenden Sunday School is self-supporting.

Miss Hazel Harpin, a Halifax Crusader, not only actively works in the Sunday School, but plays a prominent part in the Sunday evening services conducted at Ovenden by the young people. This is good pioneer work for the Sunday School.

FORGIVEN!

*Those glorious angels from Heaven who fell,
Have been doomed to destruction, and sentenced to
Hell;*

*While I, who so often Thy grace did reject,
And requited Thy marvellous love with neglect—
Who dastardly even my best Friend denied,
Though He'd sought me, and bought me, and for my
life died—*

*Who madly my Birthright have lost for a song,
And have used as my own, what to Thee does belong—
My Brother to Egypt I sold as a slave,*

*Who was placed in my hand to protect and to save—
The god of this world had so blinded my eyes,*

*That I offered my son for my own sacrifice—
As well as my children, my friends, and my health,
To the demons of Fashion, Ambition, and wealth—*

*Yet I—who too often my honesty sold
For the garments of Babylon—wedges of gold—
Have been sought out with sorrow, with anguish, and
pain,*

And been freely forgiven again—and again!

—Henry Guise.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor J. J. Way

SUNDAY, July 4th. Ezra vi. 13-22.

"The Lord had made them joyful" (v. 22).

Yes, joy from the Lord. It is a pity when God is named and only the dull and sombre is seen.

The immediate reaction within that newly converted soul should be that of joy: "The God of hope fill you with all joy . . . in believing." I am convinced that those who walked with Jesus in His day on earth enjoyed His joyous company. You can't leave what you do not possess, Jesus had joy and bequeathed it to His own. "That my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." "Rejoice . . . and again I say, rejoice."

MONDAY, July 5th. Ezra vii 6-20.

"Whatsoever shall seem good to thee . . . do after the will of your God" (v. 18).

What a fine testimony! Absolute and implicit trust came from the king to Ezra. Much money and valuable gifts were to be used, the king knew Ezra and his brethren as God's real men.

The king knew that Ezra was first responsible to God. Every true born-again believer is thus fitted for a position of trust, many an unbelieving employer is happy to have believing employees. In sheer desperation, a City firm, tired of engaging wrong men, asked a successful evangelist for Christian men.

TUESDAY, July 6th. Ezra vii. 21-28.

"I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me" (v. 28).

The prophet was facing a colossal task and like all God-fearing leaders can testify, "I was strengthened by the Lord."

In Christian circles these same words are heard again and again testifying to the faithful ministry of our strength-imparting Lord. A threatening defeat changed into a glorious victory. A giving-up through personal exhaustion changed to a going through in the strength of the Lord.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." A. T. Robertson's rendering—"I have strength for all things in Him who keeps pouring power into me."

WEDNESDAY, July 7th. Ezra viii. 21-32.

"I was ashamed to require of the king . . . soldiers to help . . . against the enemy" (v. 22).

The great moment had arrived for Ezra to lead the people back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, with their silver and gold in abundance. The Lord had opened the heart of King Artaxerxes to make this possible, and one can imagine him offering an escort so that Ezra's people and these riches would reach Jerusalem safely. Evidently Ezra declared for the protecting hand of his God (v. 22), but at the moment of departure, "Our little ones and substance" (v. 21) weighed heavily upon him. Distrust brought a sense of shame, so he took it to the Lord and left it there.

THURSDAY, July 8th. Ezra ix. 4-15.

"I am ashamed . . . for our iniquities" (v. 6).

The soul in touch with God is a sensitive soul. In yesterday's reading Ezra was ashamed to ask for a military escort and thus to go back on his trust in an all powerful God. Now there comes to him news that some of his people are living contrary to God's laws.

Once again we have the pleading prayer of an intercessor, the prayers of a man in touch with a Holy God and sinful people. Notice how these holy men take the sins of the people to themselves "our iniquities," but the greatest of all intercessors bore our sins in His body on the tree.

FRIDAY, July 9th. Matthew i. 18-25.

"Thou shalt call His name JESUS" (v. 21).

The first name recorded in the New Testament—Jesus Christ (v. 1). The first and foremost name in heaven and earth. Jesus! The primary meaning of this name "For He shall save" (v. 21), Saviour. "None other name under heaven . . . whereby we must be saved."

However, this same Jesus is given another name in this same reading—Emmanuel. Once again the name is interpreted to us—"God with us" (v. 23). Emmanuel—who He is—God. Jesus—what He came to do—Save. "God was manifested in the flesh" . . . believed on in the world, received up into glory."

SATURDAY, July 10th. Matthew ii. 1-15

"For thus it is written by the prophet" (v. 5).

Read through the opening chapters of Matthew's Gospel and notes how the various incidents are tied to that written by the prophets hundreds of years previously. God foretold, so that when it came to pass events could be clearly identified. The advent of the Christ is absolutely unmistakable in the light of prophecy. It is well that we keep certain key prophecies in mind to help convince the unbeliever of Christ's first Advent Time—Daniel ix. Place—Micah v. 2. Purpose—Isaiah liii. Calvary—Psalm xxii. "What saith the Scriptures?" is the acid test for all doctrine and belief, it is the Word of God.

COMING EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

Pastor J. J. Morgan, the President, will visit the following churches:

July 6, Petersfield. 7, Worthing. 8, Hove. 9, Preston Park. 10, Portsmouth (Rally). 11, Southampton.

July 17-19, Barking. 20, Leichworth. 21, Hornsey. 22, Ealing.
ABERDEEN. July 3-5. Elim Tabernacle, Marischal Street. Convention Week-end. Speakers: Pastors G. Stormont and J. Whelan. Convener: Pastor J. Leslie Timbrell. Sat. 3.30 and 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7.45. Tea provided on Sat.

BANGOR. July 11-18. Elim Church, Southwell Road. Annual Convention. Speakers include: Pastors A. Bull (Tanganyika) and R. Reid (Portadown).

BIRMINGHAM. July 3. Elim Church, Graham Street. Presbytery Youth Rally. Guest speaker: National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. H. Davies. Convener: Pastor F. Shadlock (Youth Commissioner). Sat. p.m.

COULSDON. July 4-25. Evangelistic and Divine Healing Crusade in Marquee at junction of The Mount and Grove Lane, conducted by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston and Party. Suns. 6.30. Week-nights (except Friday) 7.30. Sats. 7.

EAST HAM. July 11-16. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Visit of Pastor Len Jones, World-travelled Evangelist. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30.

HENDON. July 10th. Elim Church, Ravenshurst Avenue. Monthly Presbytery Rally, Saturday at 6.30. Speaker: Pastor A. Lambie (Hayes). Items from neighbouring Assemblies.

LANGLEY. Commencing July 3rd. Evangelistic Campaign in the Marquee, Vicarage Road; near the Drill Hall. Special Children's services, Choirs, etc. Speaker: Evangelist Adam Chambers. Convener: Pastor D. E. Dean.

OLD HILL. July 6-10. Elim Church, Bearmore Road. Sunshine Corner Services, 6 p.m. With an Evangelistic Campaign each evening at 7.30. Speaker: Pastor George Baxter. Convener: Pastor W. G. Britton. Saturday evening brings "A Challenge to Youth."

SALISBURY. July 24-26. Scotts Lane. Special visit of Pastor Len. Jones of Sydney, Australia. Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30.

ST. HELENS. July 10-14. Elim Church, Duke Street. Minister's Anniversary services. Sat. Rally 7. Week-nights 7.15. Speakers include: Pastors W. M. E. Plowright (Camberwell), T. W. Walker (Bolton), S. Beresford (Blackburn), L. V. Tiller (Liverpool). Convener: Pastor K. Smith.

WORTHING. July 10-12. Elim Church, Grosvenor Street. Special visit of National Youth Secretary, Pastor Hywel Davies, Sat. 7. Youth Rally. Sun. 11, 3, and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Sunday School Anniversary Services. Convener: Pastor V. J. Walker.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S ITINERARY

July 3, Birmingham (Graham Street) Presbytery Youth Rally. 4, Birmingham (Smethwick). 7, Islington. 10-12, Worthing.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Miss V. McGillivray (on furlough from Formosa):
 July 9, Vazon. 10, Delancey. 11 (a.m.) Eldad, (p.m.) Delancey. 12, Delancey. 13, Vazon. 14, Eldad. 15, United Rally at Eldad. 17-18, Jersey.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Troke (on furlough from India):
 July 1, Briton Ferry, 2, Brecon. 3, Aberdare. 4, Abertyswg. 5, Pantywan, 6, Dowlais, 7, Treharris, 8, Mountain Ash, 9, Treherbert. 10, Barry. 11, Porth. 12, Trellaw. 13, Abercynon. 15, Cardiff. 17, Caerphilly. 18, Newport.

Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth (on furlough from Belgian Congo):
 July 3, Sunderland. 4, Bishop Auckland. 5, Todhills. 6, Grimsby. 7-8, Scunthorpe.

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 Who has entrusted me with gold—
 Not selfishly to waste or fling
 Away or hoard in some stronghold,
 But to apply with greatest care;
 To help a brother on the road
 To better things, that he may bear
 With cheerful heart fate's heavy load.

I am the steward of a King,
 Who gave me talents—not to hide—
 But to be used each day to bring
 Sheaves to His storehouse from off wide
 Fields of the ripened grain, that He
 May pour His blessings on mankind;
 That all His children here may be
 Drawn nearer, and truth's riches find.

I am the steward of a King,
 Who gives me of His boundless love,
 That sad souls may be made to sing,
 And light from sun-washed skies above
 Descend on those, who, slaves to fear,
 Are warmed by sympathy Divine;
 And courage comes, with peace and cheer,
 Reflected to their hearts from mine.

Thus I, the steward of a King,
 Must out upon my mission go;
 Life's vernal moments, swift of wing,
 Give way tomorrow to the snow
 Of age. Perchance some one may fail
 For lack of that which I could give,
 A love-filled cup—the Holy Grail—
 Who might take hope again, and live!

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Harrold.—On May 8th to Mr. and Mrs. N. Harrold, Crusaders of Elim Church, Ealing; God's gift of a daughter, Ruth Jennifer.

Fitzpatrick.—On June 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fitzpatrick (née Pyke), of Elim Church, Springbourne, Bournemouth, God's gracious gift of a son, Luke John.

MARRIAGES

Todd: Rutter.—On May 29th, at Elim Church, Thornion Heath, by Pastor L. G. Hawes; Leslie John Todd (Crusader Secretary) to Beity Jean Rutter (Elim Crusader).

Wéber: Packham.—On June 19th, at Elim Church, Preston Park, by Pastor H. A. Court; André Philip Wéber (Graduate of I.B.T.L.) to Joan Frances Packham (Elim Crusader, Preston Park). First wedding at the church.

Young: Frampton.—On June 7th, by Pastor A. Birchall, Albert Victor Young to Rosa Kathleen Frampton, members of Elim Church, Aldershot. C.83

WITH CHRIST

Brown.—On June 17th, Mrs Annie Brown, a faithful member of Elim Church, Bermondsey, was called suddenly to be with the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. Karamadzanis.

Hopper.—On June 14th, Mr. J. J. Hopper, aged 77, retired dairyman, of Frinton-on-Sea. He leaves a widow and two sons who were among the first members of Elim Church, Barking. Mrs. Hopper now a member of Full Gospel Church, Walton-on-Naze. Funeral service conducted by Pastor G. W. Wood.

Rogers.—Mrs. Charles Rogers, St. Michael Street, Penzance, wishes to thank all Elim friends for their prayers, and expressions of sympathy, received since the sudden death of her dear husband. Capt. and Mrs. Lewis Johns (nephew and niece) conducted the Funeral Service, at Parade Street Church. C.82

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