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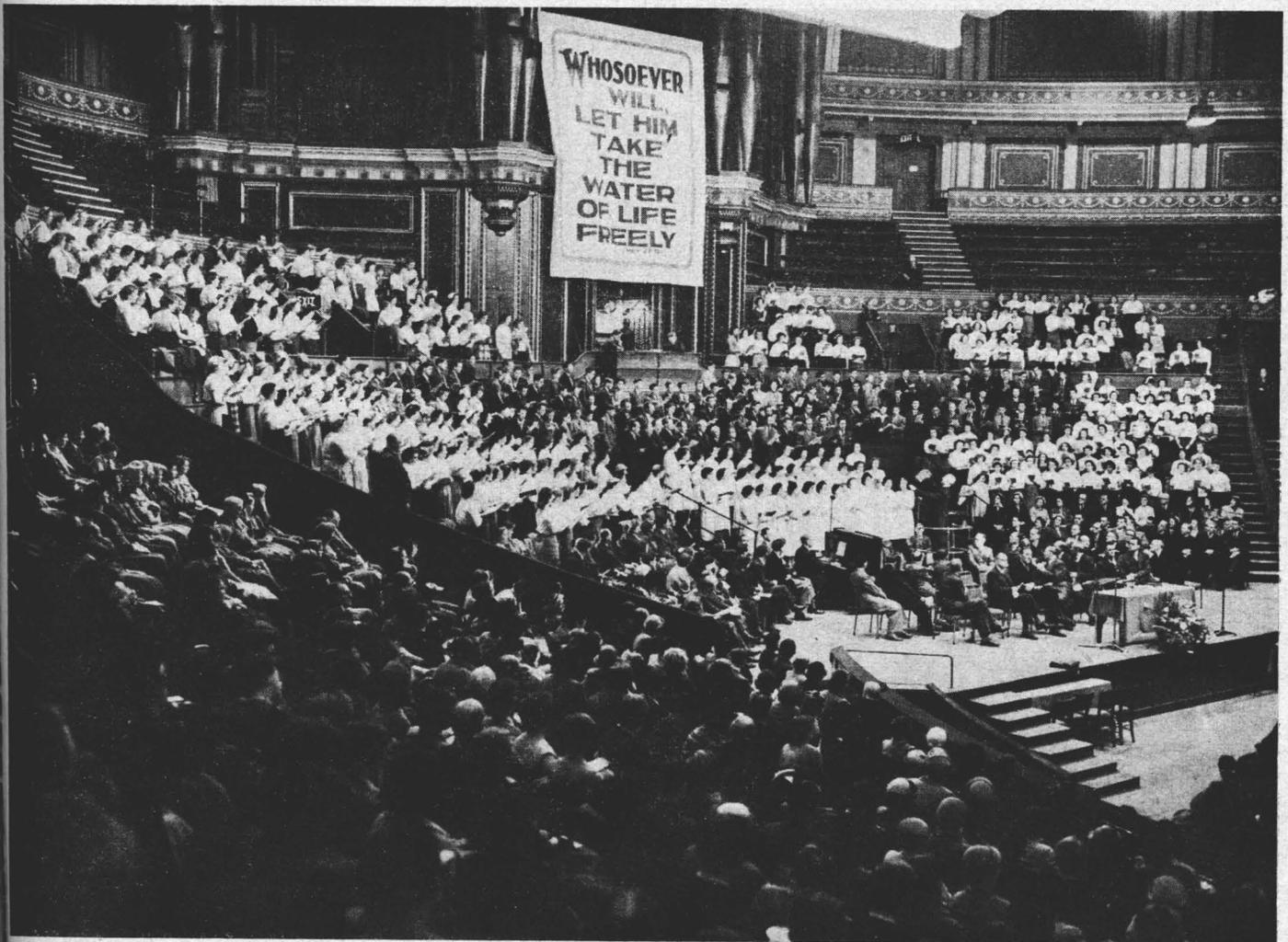
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The singing by the Five-hundred-strong United Crusader Choir was really delightful on Easter Monday.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL NUMBER

Elim in the Royal Albert Hall

THE AFTERNOON SERVICE

By Pastor F. A. Hodge (Clapham)

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY in the Elim family is the day when we gather together in the Royal Albert Hall on Easter Monday. If no sermon were preached, the joy of being together would not be impaired, for this is Elim's family day, and as long as we could sing together and talk together our hearts would be filled with joy and pleasure.

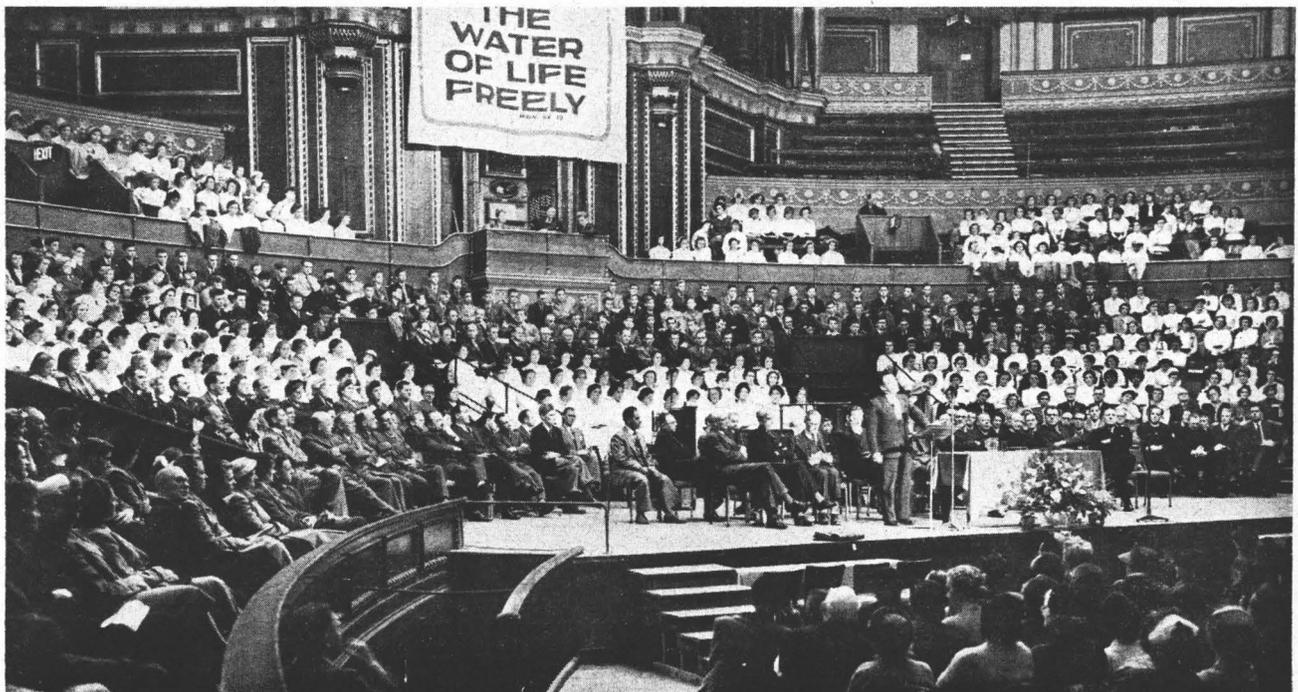
If the complaint that I seemed to hear from one and the other was true, that we missed the happy chorus singing, which has, for years, been part of Elim services and which was conspicuous by its absence, the congregation certainly made up for it in the singing of the hymns.

This was the Silver Anniversary of my first visit to the Royal Albert Hall. The memories of that day twenty-five years ago, when with a young lady who later became my wife, I was awed by the vastness and yet the happy solemnity of the great hall, were renewed and comparisons made. The same sense of awe still remained, but the method of conducting the services was vastly changed. Then it was a demonstration, now it was a fellowship, yet the sense of the Divine presence still remained. Then it was a huge meeting with huge communion tables, and a huge baptistery. Now it was a family reunion, a huge family, all delighted to meet one another. Yet other things

had not changed. Douglas Gray still held the vast 500-voiced choir under his inspired leadership, there was still the centre-piece, a most animated centre-piece, of the London Crusader Choir, this musical gospel ensemble which has been so mightily blessed of God; made up of Crusaders, ex-Crusaders (some who sang in the original choir) and others, all proving the fact that co-ordination of age and denomination can bring musical harmony into the gospel of Christ.

What a thrill gripped the heart as that band of Elim Crusaders which surrounded the London Crusader Choir joined with them in singing that delightful American hymn "Amazing Grace," which, if I may prophesy, will have a future in popularity in this country like that of "Blaenwern" or "Crimond." These 500 young people had never met together for a united rehearsal, yet after the initial teething troubles, in the next piece, "Creation" by Haydn, the timing was perfect, the diction excellent, and the balance splendid. However, behind it all there was the zeal and sincerity of a fine band of girls and young men of whom our Movement must have been justly proud.

The lovely sunny and warm afternoon did not prevent several thousand people gathering in the Royal Albert Hall.



The Platform, with background of the Elim Crusader Choir.



The Stewards, who faithfully and skilfully ushered the vast congregations in the two meetings on Easter Monday.

Douglas Gray, who had the difficult task of convening an afternoon meeting, held the imagination of the people as, with his own brand of quiet and attractively hesitant speech, he guided the service elegantly and decorously and yet good humouredly to its conclusion. During the service a message of brotherly good wishes was sent to Dr. Billy Graham at Glasgow.

The speakers brought much blessing from God. First, Ruth Wigglesworth told us the story of her work and the work of the missionaries in Africa, of her work in the Harem's of the polygamistic African chiefs, her contact with cannibalistic natives, and the occasion when one looked at her with a hungry look with a licking of his lips, and when she became really nervous. As one minister aptly said, her three headings could have been (1) Cannibals, (2) Harems, and (3) Scare 'ems."

There is no doubt that the Lord was surely upon our sister's word in mighty power. It seemed that we were truly transported to Africa by her graphic account of her work, and then by the duet that she sang with her husband, Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth, in the Bwikalebwe tongue :

FWAI TU MU TUMBULEI
COME LET US PRAISE HIM.
(Bwikalebwe Hymn)

Yesu be u fwidile ha nkulusu
Jesus died for us on the Cross.

Yesu ba sangukile ku lufu lwe
Jesus rose up from the dead.

Yesu nyi mu shyale ku luhuna lwa She
Jesus is seated on His Father's throne.

Yesu ba yile mwiilu a kaluka
Jesus went to heaven, He will return.

Chorus

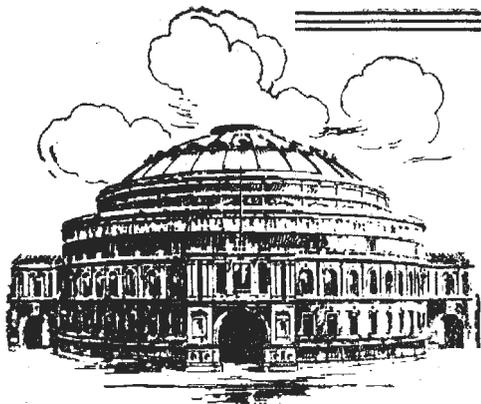
Fwai tu mu tumbulei . . . Yesu
Mwana a mwiilu.
Come let us praise Him
This One from heaven.

I had never thought it possible that mere words and music could so effectively transport one from London to Africa ; so that it was almost a shock when Mr. Gray said, let us now return to the Royal Albert Hall. Oh ! the wonders of the human mind. One could not help thanking God for the work of these faithful servants of the Master in the heart of Africa.

Our minds went out to the many missionaries who are labouring under varying degrees of trial and difficulty and still remain loyal to the message of the Cross. We remembered them before the throne of grace. The testimony of a brother from Ireland who spoke of his call to the Mission Field was an encouragement to young people.

Pastor John Dyke gave a fine message which hovered delightfully between a deep study of The Word, and the imaginary licence allowed to gospel preachers. We were treated to the wonderful yet terrifying story of Belshazzar's judgment, interspersed with the humour of the possibility of Daniel being in the Foursquare Gospel membership in the church at Babylon. I am sure that no one denies such licence to our President, as he should know. There was no

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Easter Monday in the Royal Albert Hall

EDITORIAL

The beautiful sunshine on Easter Monday added to the thrill of Elim's great Annual Festival of Praise and worship in London again this year. Comments on every hand tell how much the folks who came enjoyed the whole day's pageant of praise.

Eye-witnesses of the day's meetings tell us in glowing words their impression of the Trafalgar Square Witness and of the afternoon and evening gatherings in that much-loved Auditorium, paying their tributes to organizers, conductors, conveners, and preachers alike, all contributing to the wonderful success of the day.

The stewards, whose picture we give on another page, skilfully and faithfully piloted the folks to their places, shepherding lost sheep in the corridors, and helping to sort out the tangles of "Have you seen—?"

The restful sense of the Divine Presence brooding over the proceedings of the day added lustre to the inspiring testimonies, the rapturous praises, and the eloquent preaching of the day. It was with a great feeling of thankful and praiseful satisfaction that the crowds dispersed on their homeward way. Yes, it was a grand day.

Telegrams and Messages of greeting were received from the following:

- Mr. and Mrs. Tate, Mr. Gull,
and Miss Topping from Tanganyika,
- Miss R. Simms from Transvaal.
- Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray from Formosa.
- Miss Vera McGillivray from Hong Kong.
- Convention at Graham Street, Birmingham.
- Convention at Ulster Temple, Belfast.
- Convention at City Temple, Cardiff.
- Pastor F. H. Squire of I.B.T.I.
- Pastor and Mrs. Gorman from U.S.A.
- Pastor and Mrs. Woodhead from Canada.

The following telegram was sent to Billy Graham at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow:—

BILLY GRAHAM
KELVIN HALL
GLASGOW

HEARTY GREETINGS FROM THE ELIM CONVENTION IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU IN YOUR GREAT WORK.

JOHN DYKE (PRESIDENT)

Next week we propose to give pictures of Trafalgar Square with personalities on the plinth of Nelson's Column and the spell-bound crowds listening to the message from these modern Crusaders.

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TRAFALGAR SQUARE, 1955

A PERSONAL IMPRESSION

By Pastor T. W. Walker (Bolton)

JUST AS PEACE CAME after six long years of war, it was the writer's privilege to be a member of the North London Presbytery. The chairman then was Pastor H. A. Court and, among the many ideas he put forward, was the suggestion that we should have an open air service in Trafalgar Square. To some, this seemed a far-off dream, incapable of fulfilment, and to most, it seemed a good idea impossible of carrying out because of the suspected reluctance of the authorities to allow pentecostal bodies reasonable freedom of witness. This year's Elim witness in this nerve centre of tourist traffic—and other kinds (!), was a wonderful rebuttal of our faint-heartedness. I do not know if the series of Trafalgar Square meetings sprang from this discussion in North London, but whatever the source of their inspiration, I hope and trust that there will be many more such witnesses to the resurrection life and power of Christ, should He tarry. I felt proud of the Gospel and glad that our Movement has never retreated from the advance position of uncompromising fundamentalism which it has occupied all along and never more joyfully and effectively than now.

I took the opportunity to stroll around the outskirts of the considerable crowd and found the reception of the message over the amplifiers was very clear and audible. It was fascinating to see such a cross-section of humanity. In addition to all the various inflections of the mother tongue emanating from citizens from many parts of the British Isles, it was possible to hear most effectively the results of the Tower of Babel! A tall negro walked by and caused much whispered comment as he had with him what seemed to be his little dark-skinned piccaninny of a daughter with hair done in two plaits and red ribbons! A Chinese was there complete with full national costume and tourists from U.S.A. and the Continent were also in evidence. Londoners on holiday were gathered in many places, many near the usual crowd of pigeon-feeding bird-lovers. And they all heard the Gospel preached and sung in true Elim style! Dare I also mention my sight of a very familiar figure, now here, now there, complete with notebook and pencil, jotting down ideas and comments for future use? It was Elim's "back-room boy" No. 1 (if he will pardon the expression), meticulous and painstaking as ever. You may be sure that any detail requiring improvement went down in that book and will be duly noted for 1956, D.V. It is not only those who occupy the plinth who proclaim the Gospel—there are others who also partake of the ministry.

I must ask the editor for large, heavy capitals here—**IT WAS FINE!** A rapturous midsummer day could not have bettered this lovely warm sunshine. It was at least seventy in the shade. The old statue looked down on a sun-drenched scene, tempered with the cooling

effervescence of the fountains—a perfect setting.

For me, the highspot of the meeting was the testimony of Pauline Morgan. Saved at Harringay, yet careful to say she was not a convert of Billy Graham but of Jesus Christ, this attractive young lady gave a clear-cut, ringing witness. The absence of religious jargon and the use of the kind of language modern young folk employ, made this different, startling, fresh and singularly attractive. I turned and surveyed the congregation and it was a real study. All stood in rapt attention, some with jaw slightly agape, absorbed in the story being unfolded, others quietly praising God for such a trophy of grace. Pauline was unsettled, careless, unwilling to take responsibility and be disciplined, but a faithful mother's witness got her to Harringay, Cliff Barrows warm welcome began the work of the Spirit, and Billy Graham's preaching and the work of an unknown counsellor clinched it. Again, there were those, known and unknown who took part in the chain of successful evangelism.

The two soloists were Ann Boddy and Dawn Gidney. Very different in style, these two young ladies sang clearly and beautifully of the grace of God. Ann sang, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (the hymn, not the part of "Messiah"), and Dawn rendered, "I am amazed." Other musical items were given by the Clapham choir, under Frank Birkenshaw, and the party from the Essex churches, directed by Pastor D. W. Anthony. The standard of these contributions was high and it was a grand thing to see the determined, devoted and keen looks on the faces of the singers—and the conductors.

Pastor H. W. Greenway was the genial, good-humoured, and very effective convener. He kept the proceedings moving all the time. There were no awful gaps or slow-moving items. It was really slick without being showy, streamlined without being shortened. Interest was held all the way through. I even saw a Roman Catholic priest listening avidly. It was quite surprising to look at the clock at the end and to see how very much had been contained within a comparatively short time. The ministry was in the hands of Pastors J. Hywel Davies and F. A. Hodge—sons of Wales both. In characteristic fashion, Mr. Davies told of the abundant life of the risen Christ and dealt with the evident sense of lacking in the lives of people today. Pastor Hodge declared that there was real deliverance in Christ from every foe and fear. The voice of this speaker was well suited to the microphone and his words rang out distinctly over all the Square.

Yes, this was a grand demonstration that Jesus saves and satisfies. Apologetics, that laborious, weak-kneed refuge of so many preachers today, were completely absent. It was clear, positive, definite Gospel preaching and witnessing, an opportunity well grasped.



The vast audience enthralled during the

POWER FOR THE HOUR

THE EVENING MEETING

By Pastor J. J. Way (Leyton)

Easter - E - Elim
Monday - M - Movement's
Royal - R - Resurrection
Albert - A - Acclamation
Hall - H - He Lives!

YOU CANNOT SEPARATE the Royal Albert Hall, Elim, and Easter. With due respect to the owners of that vast auditorium, the Royal Albert Hall "belongs" to

Elim on Easter Monday. The evening meeting, convened by Pastor G. Stormont opened with the great resurrection hymn—"Up from the grave He arose!" What singing! Yes, the handbills were right in their prediction "What singing there will be IN there." Thousands of full hearts gave unrestricted expression to this glorious truth. The victorious resurrection theme really gripped the massed Crusader Choir of 500 voices as they sang "He rose triumphantly." You should have heard them. I wanted to sing with the choir and be the energetic conductor Douglas Gray at the same time—song and expression!

The National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. H. Davies, led us to the Throne of Grace and Pastor C. Kingston read the Word of God.



each the Word of God on Easter Monday evening.

Pastor R. D. Bradley was the first speaker ; we must bear in mind the poster advertisement for these meetings—"Power for the Hour." Pastor Bradley's message was given under three headings.

I. POWER FOR HIS (CHRIST'S) HOUR

Jesus came with a certain hour in view. "Mine Hour" He called it. The hour in which He bore our sins in His body on the tree. Something more, He spoiled principalities and powers of darkness and triumphed over them. "I lay down my life that I might take it again." Jesus was offered through the Eternal Spirit. Jesus was endued with power for His hour.

II. POWER FOR THEIR (THE APOSTLES') HOUR

Jesus commanded them to "Go into the world and preach." They were men of great limitations, no standing, no training, prestige—nil. GO! into a cruel, unfriendly world. You will be classed as disturbers of the peace, charged with turning the world upside down. But first tarry until you are endued with power from on high. The Word of God grew and multiplied. They were men of one

message, men whose prayer opened prison doors. God gave them power for their hour at Pentecost.

III. POWER FOR OUR HOUR

What an hour is this! Sir Winston Churchill spoke of God wearying of men. God has wearied of men, His long-suffering has ended in the past.

The New Testament records the word of Jesus concerning the closing days of this age. Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth : for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. These words are true of today, but so is the Gospel commission to go and preach.

Has God wearied of us? No, we still have power for our hour. Acts ii. tells us "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off." From Jerusalem to the Royal Albert Hall, from Jerusalem to America, Africa, to the distant places wherever the Christian seeks after God

It is a dark age, but God has provided—Power for our Hour. The Pentecostal testimony "can take it,"

At this juncture the Convener read greetings telegrams from these Isles and from all over the world.

Important announcement given by the Secretary-General, Pastor E. J. Phillips. Listen! An Elim Service is to have its place in the B.B.C. programme in the summer. Praise the Lord! Also a number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts ii. during the interval between the afternoon and evening meetings—Power for THEIR hour!

The London Crusader Choir beautifully rendered a very soul-searching Second Coming piece.

Pastor H. W. Greenway gave the closing message of this great day as he answered the question "Will civilization crash?" He first emphasized the plight and the fear of this present age. "Cold fear and a shadow of great danger hangs over the world." An awful weapon of destruction is the cause. Pastor Greenway divided his message into three parts.

I. WARNING OF HISTORY

A persistent collection of sin leads to judgment. What of Noah's day, Sodom and Gomorrah, also of Jerusalem? There came the warning voice but they continued in their rejection and sinfulness. Destruction followed their refusal, judgment fell where grace had been offered.

II. The REVELATION OF PROPHECY

The Bible has already predicted two opposing forces. In Ezekiel xxxviii. and xxxix. we are shown a great Northern Confederacy. Pastor Greenway held up a recent Greek newspaper which told of the way Russia would come upon Asia Minor. Its description was identical with the prophesied word given by God thousands of years ago. The Bible tells us in II. Peter iii. 12 of the day of the Lord wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved. The world dissolved means let loose, the elements let loose. Surely that speaks of the Atomic.

III. REVIVAL COULD DELAY JUDGMENT

The mercy of God is not limited in its scope. What of the wickedness of Nineveh—but they repented when God sent Jonah to preach.

Revival could delay the hour of judgment. In the midst of distress God provides the way of escape. Noah's ark is a good example. For this our age, for all who come to Christ, we believe the Second Coming of Jesus for His own is God's answer.

Pastor Greenway made an appeal for souls to come to Christ for salvation. To our great joy about twenty responded!

As the appeal closed so the Holy Spirit spoke through the Gifts. It was a message of appeal with assurance of safety if the appeal were answered.

The meeting closed with an appeal to all present to pray for a great revival.

Will there be another Elim witness in the Royal Albert Hall at Eastertide? Elim will book it as usual, but will it be to meet in revival, or meet in glory. Will the mercy of God extend the day of grace for another year or will Jesus come in glory for His own, but judgment for the world?

The coming of the Lord cannot be far away. Let us PRAY! - WORK! - WITNESS!

ELIM IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

The Afternoon Meeting—Continued.

doubt, however, that our brother was anxious to show that while men tried to snuff out the candle of the Master's presence, and desecrate the vessels of His service, they can never prevent the certainty of God's presence, nor the inevitability of his final judgments. Here was a doom of a nation which forgot and then opposed God, and the doom of a soul which ignored Him. A message, surely, worthy of our President. He had a difficult task to speak at the close of a hot afternoon's service, yet he held the attention of the congregation closely to the end.

Following his appeal a number of souls responded to the Gospel message, several being dealt with in the enquiry room at the close. Very many also came forward, some seeking healing for their body, and many seeking the Baptism into the Holy Spirit. So many received the Baptism, that the ministers in charge of the waiting meeting lost count. It was a resurrection day, but to so many it was a truly Pentecostal day. The writer had to leave the auditorium to take charge of the enquiry room, but the radiancy on the faces of those leaving the arena at the close of the services showed that the last closing moments were filled with a spirit of longing for more of the Lord's blessing.

The Lord had risen indeed in a new way in hearts of seekers after the truth of the gospel. The Lord had proved the power of Him which quickened Christ from the dead, by falling upon the seekers after this Holy Ghost power. The Lord had proved the power of His compassionate healing love, by delivering weakened bodies from the stranglehold of sickness.

The Hall emptied, the lights in the building were dimmed while attendants got on with the prosaic work of tidying up for the evening meeting, but the hearts of the people were filled, and the light of joy shone brighter in the eyes of the family as they communed together in buffet and tea-room, in corridor and entrance halls. Easter afternoon had ended, but an expectancy rose in crescendo toward the evening service.

MISSIONARY FINANCES

Following is the statement for the present financial year. Please pray with us that all needs may be met as we go forward in the Master's Name.

1954	Estimated Expenditure	Received
November	£1,200	£1,230
December	£1,200	£859
1955		
January	£1,200	£834
February	£1,200	£1,761
March	£1,200	£750
Total to date	£6,000	£5,434

Deficit to date, £566.



Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good Fight"

Conducted by Pastor J. Hywel Davies (National Youth Secretary)

Holidays and Examinations

What a Combination !

However, our National Sunday School Scripture Examinations (whew, now take a breath) are not so fearful as they may sound. The results are our concern this week, but before that subject, talking about holidays . . .

Right, or should I say, left-alongside you will see three pictures taken by Mr. Brian Garrard, a student at the Elim Bible College, who was one of the Elim Crusaders who thoroughly enjoyed his holiday last year at Lascelles. This was the occasion of the 1954 Crusader House Party.

Lascelles Hotel, the Elim Guest House, is the subject of Photo No. 1, the colourful and beautiful gardens along the Eastbourne front is shown in Photo No. 2, and the happy Crusaders who enjoyed the fortnight House Party in Photo No. 3. From your position looking at the photograph you will see Pastor Leon C. Quest on the right, and Miss Phillips sits next to him, on the left is the N.Y.S. Both Mrs. Quest and Mrs. Davies are in the picture "somewhere."

You can expect a helpful and enjoyable holiday if you attend either of our House Parties for this year. Here are the details :

Eastbourne—Lascelles Private Hotel, Lascelles Terrace (very near sea front).
Host—Pastor Dennis Anthony, the Essex Youth Commissioner.

Period—11th to 18th June.

Terms—£4.

Scarborough—Suncrest Private Hotel, Trinity Road.

Hosts—Pastors T. W. Walker and J. Tetchner.

Period—11th to 25th June. (You may book for one or two weeks).

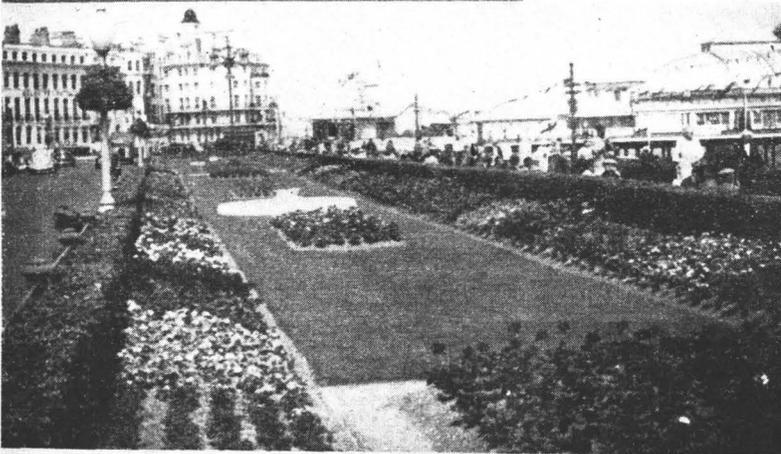
Terms—£4 per week.

Brochures and Application forms may be obtained by writing to Pastor J. Hywel Davies, National Youth Secretary, 20, Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.

In fairness to the two Hotels we must receive your application form immediately. You cannot delay your request and be sure of obtaining accommodation. A full programme is being arranged and you will enjoy a very happy holiday at very reasonable terms. Incidentally, both hotels have made reductions in their terms for your benefit. Write today.

CONGRATULATIONS, BRISTOL AND BANGOR

As a result of splendid and intensive work in the Annual National Sunday School Scripture Examination the **Bristol** Sunday School have won the National Shield, and **Bangor, N.I.**, have been awarded the Diploma of Merit. In both cases marks obtained were very high.



Here are the lists of the first ten schools in order of merit for the respective awards:

National Shield	Diploma of Merit
Bristol	Bangor, N.I.
Bangor, N.I.	East Ham
Carlisle	Mountain Ash
Merriott	Barnsley
Mountain Ash	Scunthorpe
St. Peter Port	Chelmsford
Halifax	Stafford
Cardiff (City Temple)	Birmingham, Graham St.
Belfast (Ulster Temple)	Wimborne
Eastbourne	Watford.

What a hectic time it has been in the Youth Office. Examination papers coming in from every direction in their hundreds. After reading the answers the heads of the examiners and Youth Committee are bulging with knowledge—and what knowledge! In answer to the question, "What miracle checked the building of the Tower of Babel?" one scholar wrote, "God confused their

language and so they stopped building and so this meant that they could not be saved from the flood which God was not going to cause." Head stopped spinning yet?

Nevertheless, the standard was very good, and of the 1,851 scholars who entered the Examination, 1,531 gained passes. We thank our Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers for their great work, and the scholars for their patience (!) in study.

We must point out that for a school to achieve a high position in both lists means that they have not only a large number of their scholars entered in the Examination but also a high standard of marks has been obtained by every scholar. Bangor, N.I., entered all but two of their scholars and for them to be awarded the Diploma of Merit means that each scholar obtained a high number of marks. It should also be noted that both Cardiff and Belfast (Ulster Temple) have very large schools and to gain a place in the "first ten" is a great achievement. They deserve our warmest commendation.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor Gordon Wright, A.N.E.A.

SUNDAY, May 1st. Genesis xxxiii. 1-17.

"God hath dealt graciously with me" (v. 11). Jacob was aware of his undeserving. This statement in verse 11 is not only a tribute to God, but a confession to his brother of former wrongs. Without detracting from the essential message of holiness, we must emphasize that God's gifts are not always bestowed according to personal holiness. Even when God does take that into account, the spiritual soul is loath to lay claim to any. He would rather say, "Not as though I had already attained . . . but I follow after." The experience of Jacob reveals that God's grace is not limited to the spiritual, but overflows into the material. He blesses us in the home, in the workshop, on the farm; but such blessing is governed by his sovereign will, and His purpose for the individual concerned.

MONDAY, May 2nd. Genesis xxxv. 1-15, 27-29.

"Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there" (v. 1). God sent Jacob back to Bethel where he had received a remarkable spiritual experience. Because time lends enchantment to the past, we readily acknowledge that harking back to "the good old days" may be evidence of a present spiritual lack. Nevertheless, the remembrance of former spiritual experiences can supply the needed impetus when our enthusiasm cools. What God did at "Bethel" He is willing to do again: He who has led will lead, He who has delivered will deliver. I will gladly return to Bethel, O Lord, for a new inspiration to enable me to face the contingencies of this earthly pilgrimage. Help me to remember past revelations of Thy glory, Thy merciful interventions when human ingenuity could find no way out, and the endowment of power bestowed when waiting on Thee.

TUESDAY, May 3rd. James i. 1-15.

"Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" (v. 2). James, surely "thou art beside thyself." How do you think I can be happy in temptation? Can a soldier rejoice when the enemy charges at close quarters? Surely you know that temptation preceded and contributed to The Fall, not only of Adam, but of me, and of my comrades. My path is littered with the wrecks of humanity who could not hold out, much less conquer. Yet, James, my nobler self assures me you are right, and bids me cease my prattle. Athletes do not develop muscle in convalescent homes, but

on the bleak open spaces. What man can expect the cheering crowds who does not go to battle. Without temptation, how could we qualify for the crown of life?

WEDNESDAY, May 4th. James i. 16-27.

"Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (v. 22). The value of education is in its application to life. To seek knowledge for knowledge sake is a vain quest, and such devotees ultimately despise their god. The acquisition of Scripture knowledge without application to life is fraught with serious consequences: it lulls the scholar into a false security, it defeats the purpose of Divine revelation, it calls for the charge of hypocrisy, and it merits greater condemnation for knowledge brings responsibility. True, we are saved by faith, but our manner of life—in other words, our application of the Scriptures to our daily living—either confirms or annuls our profession of faith. James emphasizes that true love for God issues in holiness and helpfulness.

THURSDAY, May 5th. James ii. 1-13.

"Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith" (v. 5). We must guard against interpreting this verse in a way that charges God with having "respect of persons," the sin that James warns us against in this very passage. We must not interpret it to mean that God arbitrarily chooses the poor in preference to the rich, simply because the poor are poor. God is merciful to all who call upon Him: both rich and poor. Material possessions do not influence the actions of Christ. He is neither attracted by wealth, nor repelled by poverty. He is as interested in the man who cannot afford a shoe lace as He is in the Lord of the Manor. Contrariwise, He is as interested in the master as in the slave.

FRIDAY, May 6th. James ii. 14-26.

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (v. 17). We must differentiate between giving a mental assent to the doctrines of Christianity—and faith. Even the devils are able to do the former: but if they possessed the latter they would cease to be devils. A house might be correctly wired, fitted with all the latest electrical labour-saving devices, ornamented with elaborate pendants; yet, if the machines remained silent, and the lamps diffused no light we would rightly conclude that electricity was absent. After saying, "Ye are the light of the world," Jesus explained that our "good works" are analogous to light. So Christ-like actions inevitably accompany faith.

SATURDAY, May 7th. James iii. 1-18.

"But the tongue can no man tame" (v. 8). Experience has taught us that the misuse of the tongue saps the spiritual life, diverts others from the path of righteousness, creates strained relationships, and destroys confidences which have taken years to build. Until we gain victory over this misuse of the tongue, one of our major positions lies vulnerable to the enemy. Satan's strategy is to pound continually this weak flank. Does that explain the futility of our countless resolutions not to use our tongue as an agency for evil. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the doors of my lips."

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

The President, Pastor John Dyke, will visit the following churches during the month of May:

May 7, Malton. 8, York. 9, Bishop Auckland. 10, Sunderland. 11, Driffield. 12, Scarborough. 14-15 (a.m.), Mason St., Hull. 15 (p.m.) City Temple, Hull. 16, Selby. 17, Harrogate. 18, Scunthorpe. 19, Grimsby. 25, Blackheath. 30, Birmingham Town Hall.

ALDERSHOT. Elim Church, The Grove, is now the permanent home of the Assembly, removed from former address at Rechabite Hall, Victoria Road.

BARKING. April 30-May 2. Elim Church, Ripple Road. Sunday School Anniversary Week-end. Speaker: Pastor Charles Brooks. Sat. 7, Convention. Sun. 3 and 6.30. Mon., Prizegiving 7.30.

BEESTON: April 30. John Clifford Memorial Church, Dovecot Lane. North Midlands District Presbytery Rally. Sat. 3.30 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor S. Homer. Convener: Pastor A. A. Biddle. (Cups of tea provided).

BIRMINGHAM. May 3-9. Elim Church, Graham Street. Special visit of Dr. Philip Green, U.S.A.

BODMIN. April 30-May 22. Special return visit of Pastor W. George. Thurs. and Sats. at 7.30. Suns. 11 and 6.30.

CLACTON-ON-SEA. May 1. Elim Full Gospel Church, Hayes Road. Sun. 3, Sunday School Anniversary and Prize-giving. Chairman: Pastor J. A. Wright (Southend). Song Service by scholars. Prizes distributed by Councillor F. Locke, J.P.

COLNE. April 30. Trinity Baptist Church. Direct relay from Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. Doors open 6.30. Service at 7.15. Chairman: Pastor G. Jones (Elim).

CROYDON. May 1 and 8. Elim Church, Stanley Road. Sun. May 1, at 6.30, Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. May 8, 3 and 6.30, Sunday School Anniversary. Special speaker: Pastor R. Gordon (Caterham). Items by children, 6.30.

DUNDEE. May 7-9. Elim Church, Dudhope Crescent Road. British Pentecostal Fellowship Convention. Sat. 3.30 and 6.30. Sun., 8. Mon. 7.30. Speakers include Pastors T. Wieland (Cairnbulg) and S. Homer (Southport).

EAST HAM. April 30. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Sat. 7.30, Great Festival of Praise. Visit of Kingston-on-Thames Salvation Army Band (35 strong)

GLASGOW. May 7-12. Elim Church, Butterbiggins Road. Follow-up campaign, conducted by Pastor Felix Lloyd-Smith (Australia). Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

GLOSSOP. May 7. Elim Tabernacle, Ellison Street. District Presbytery Zone Rally. Sat. 7. Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies (National Youth Secretary). Items from visiting churches. Refreshments after the service. Sun. 10.45, 2 and 6.30. Sunday School Anniversary. Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies. Convener: Pastor P. W. Millington. Children's March of Witness, 1 p.m.

ILFORD. May 1-8. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Ministers' Conference. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Pastor F. Hodge (Clapham). Week-days: 10.30 and 2.30. 7.30, Public Rally. Sat. 7.30: Pastor A. Webb (A.o.G.). Sun. 11 and 6.30. Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

KINGSTANDING. April 27, 30-May 2. Elim Church, Warren Road. Special Missionary Meetings. 27th, Mr. McKeown, 7.30. 30th, 7.30, Pastor L. Wigglesworth, also 1st, 11 and 6.30. 2nd, 7.30.

OLD HILL, Staffs. Until the erection of the new building, services are held in adjoining shed, Bearmore Road (kindly loaned). Opening services to be announced shortly.—Pastor Ken. Smith.

PORTADOWN. May 7-9. Elm Church, Clonavon Avenue. Pentecostal Convention. Sat. at 3 and 7 (tea provided between services). Sun. at 11, 3 and 7. Mon. at 8. Speakers: Pastors John Phillips, Hanley (A.o.G.), Stanley Brown, Armagh. Special singing by Temple Male Quartet and others. Convener: Pastor Ronald Reid.

SMETHWICK. April 30-May 5. Elim Church (nr. Smethwick Junction). Annual Church Convention. Guest speaker: Pastor George Miles (Leeds. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. to Thurs. 7.30. Convener: Pastor Frank Shadlock.

SPARKBROOK. April 30.-May 3. Elim Church, Golden Hillock Road. Church and Minister's 25th Anniversary Convention (Silver Jubilee). Speakers: Pastors J. T. Bradley, E. F. Cole, T. E. Francis, and J. R. Knight (former Ministers). Convener: Pastor W. J. Patterson. Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. and Tues. 7.30.

SWANSEA. May 7-12. Elim Church, New Orchard Street (nr. High Street Station). Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor W. J. Martin (Irish Evangelist). Sun. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.15.

SWINDON AND DISTRICT. Commencing May 3. Salvation-Healing Campaign in big tent, conducted by Pastor George Canty, with Terry Sharp "new discovery" Gospel tenor and Reitta Canty. Week-nights 7.30. Suns. 7. No Friday meetings. Euclid Street Recreation Ground.

WATFORD. April 30-May 16. Tent Campaign at North Watford, next Public Library, each evening at 7.30. Evangelist Alec. O. Johnson.

WOOD GREEN. April 28-May 19. Elim Church, Russell Road (off Bowes Road). Four Thursdays at 7.45. Bible Studies conducted by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

The following churches will be visited by the National Youth Secretary:

April 30, Leeds. May 1, N.E. Presbytery. 4, Ilford (N. London Conference). 7, 8, Glossop. 14-16, Rye Park.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

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

May 3, Tamworth. 4, Blackheath. 5, Langley. 8, Small Heath. 10, Coventry. 11, Oldhill. 12, Sparkbrook. 14, Yardley. 15, 16, West Bromwich. 17, Erdington. 18, Weoley Castle. 19, Winson Green. 21, Dudley. 22, Selly Oak. 24, 25, Graham Street. 26, Smethwick. 29, Nuneaton. 30, Birmingham Town Hall.

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3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Saturday, 30th April
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Bridge Street, Lady Lane
LEEDS

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Devotional address: Pastor H. W. Greenway
(Vice-President)

Evening subject: "Pentecostal Power and You(th)"

Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies

(National Youth Secretary)

Convener: Pastor H. W. Greenway

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Elim Year of Continuous Prayer, 1955.

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April 30th, Midnight to May 7th, Midnight

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MARRIAGES

Clewer: Willis.—On April 2nd at Elim Church, Salisbury, by Pastor F. J. Slemming; Gordon Peter Clewer (Crusader Secretary, Romsey) to Barbara Elsie Willis.

Heath: Bishop.—On April 2nd, at Bethel Temple, Longton, by Pastor Henry W. Fardell; Robert Frank Heath to Brenda Bishop; both Elim Crusaders and Sunday School teachers.

Walter: McNichol.—On April 2nd, at Elim Church, Croydon by Pastor H. Burton, Haynes; Leonard Rowland Walter to Patricia Evelyn McNichol.

Tennant: Cross.—On April 9th, at Paxton Hall, Tottenham, by Pastor F. H. Coleman; Montague William Tennant to Kathleen Cross; both members of Elim Church, Islington.

DEDICATION

Baldwin.—On April 17th, in Elim Church, Nelson, by Pastor D. J. Green, Janet, daughter of faithful members. "Thanks be to God." C.239

WITH CHRIST

Marshall.—On March 25th, Mrs. Janet Marshall. Funeral conducted by Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

McCandless.—On April 1st, Mrs. Margaret McCandless, member of Elim Church, Glasgow. Funeral conducted by Pastor W. Kelly.

Penny.—On February 10th, Sydney Penny, aged 78, beloved member of Elim Church, Caterham, from its inception. Funeral conducted by Pastor R. A. Gordon.

Walton.—On April 4th, John Walton, in his 77th year, passed to be with his Lord. He was a much respected and faithful member of Elim Church, Bradford. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. J. Morgan.

Williams.—On April 6th, Rosser Williams, aged 30, beloved deacon of Elim Church, Caerphilly. Funeral conducted by Pastor L. Reeves. His glowing testimony lives on.

Bottom.—On March 18th, Lilian Bottom, faithful member of Elim Church, Graham Street, Birmingham. Funeral conducted by Pastor C. J. Watkins.

Baldwin.—On April 16th, Owen Arthur Baldwin, aged 74, beloved husband of Mrs. L. Baldwin, member of Elim Church, Scarborough. Funeral conducted by Pastor Edward J. Jarvis. "For ever with the Lord."

Gater.—On March 14th, Alice Gater, aged 57, beloved mother of Barbara (Elim Crusader). Funeral at Mitcham Road Cemetery, Croydon, conducted by Pastor H. Burton Haynes.

Graves.—On March 19th, Mrs. Kate Graves, aged 81, of Croydon. Funeral conducted by Pastor H. Burton Haynes.

Storry.—On April 6th, Ivy Unwin Storry, aged 63, beloved member of Elim Church, Scarborough, and mother of Mrs. L. Timbrell, Aberdeen. Funeral conducted by Pastor Edward J. Jarvis. "Till He come."

Williams.—On March 4th, William John Williams, beloved husband of Mrs. Agnes Williams, member of Elim Church, Mountain Ash. Funeral at Glyntaff Crematorium, conducted by Pastor William J. D. Maybin.