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Anniversary Services of the West Bromwich Elim Sunday School held in the West Bromwich Town Hall

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

ELIM IN NEW ZEALAND

By Pastor Gilbert Dunk

Three years have passed by since we left England for this distant land of New Zealand, though it seems little more than months. During those years we have been very much aware of the good hand of our God in all His dealings with us. We are very comfortably settled in New Zealand's capital city with a fine body of saints in our Church—New Zealand's first Elim Church—who stand by us with a steadfastness which leaves little to be desired by a pastor. The work was very small when we arrived and though not large now, it has shown steady growth in numbers and strength. After settling down to our new surroundings and conditions we had to tackle many things associated with the change-over from what was the Pentecostal Church of New Zealand to the Elim Church of New Zealand. A new Constitution had to be drawn up, transfers of property had to be effected and many incidental matters called for attention. Now all these have been straightened out and we are ready to go ahead as the Elim Church of New Zealand, Incorporated.

The Church in Wellington has just completed the purchase of a site for the erection of a Church Building of its own with an office attached which will serve as a headquarters. The cost of such plots in this, the capital city, is



Baptismal Candidates mentioned in this report

very high but we do praise God for the way He has provided for our need so far. Our Wellington saints have given greatly that this Elim work in New Zealand shall be extended and the Lord is blessing them richly for it. We are now working hard and believing God that a start will be made on the building in the very near future. The work here has prospered under God's gracious hand. Souls has been won and are going on with God.

We were thrilled recently when ten candidates witnessed publicly by passing through the waters of baptism. Our Young People's work gives us cause for rejoicing. The Sunday School is very vigorous and speedily outgrowing the space of the hall we use as a Church. For our Sunday School alone we will have to get larger accommodation. Thus our new building is becoming more and more, Priority No. 1. The Senior Bible Class with its 14 fine young people of ages from about 16 to 25 years has to gather outside the hall in the passage-way which leads to the street. With the outside door closed this forms a small vestibule. Our Crusader Branch is not large but God is leading these young folk on with Himself, some having been baptised in the Spirit. Yes! We are seeing a steady advance, though there have been so many obstacles and much prejudice to overcome.

Pastor Mathew is a great help to us in New Zealand and we praise God for his coming. He is stationed



Top Left: A Sunday School picnic.
Bottom Left: Our little Home.

Top Right: Some of our Sunday School teachers.
Bottom Right: Party of Elim folk out for the day.

in Auckland and although the work is small and hard he shares our joy in the conviction that the Lord will give us a real break and great things shall be done in His name.

We have a Church building in the South Island which has been closed for some years but we now plan to open up this work again. We intend to have a campaign there very soon. This Church is in a fair-sized town of some 9,000 people. This may seem small to Elim folk at home but one has to remember that with less than two millions of people in the whole country our towns are quite reasonable with as few as nine thousand population. There are scores of such towns which have no full-gospel witness and we do feel strongly that we must get into these places and campaigns are the answer. We have so few people to stand with us in this evangelistic enterprise that we feel confident that our Elim folk at home would be glad to share this burden with us, and we are so grateful that the Elim Executive in London has given us the privilege to appeal in this way. We are anxious to purchase a Campaign Tent and equipment, including chairs, etc., and the estimated cost according to a number of quotations from reputable firms is about £1,000. Costs are high in New Zealand. It

is our earnest wish that you will take this upon your hearts. Thank you!

Then the time is not distant we believe when we shall need more workers. We trust that the way will open when we shall be able to train young men who we shall see saved in our campaigns, but in the meantime maybe we shall have the joy of welcoming brethren from home.

We believe the Lord has graciously given us this vision of more Elim Churches in New Zealand and He has placed us here to help carry it through. We look to our Elim family at home to support us and pray through with us. God bless you all.

LISTEN IN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th

B.B.C. Home Service

(330 metres)

**Broadcast from Elim Church, Stanley Road,
Croydon, at 7.45 p.m.**

Preacher: Pastor H. W. Greenway

Jack Shuler Campaign in Belfast

Reported by Pastor JOSEPH SMITH

BELFAST, the city of churches, and famed for its multitude of open air Gospel meetings and sound evangelical ministry, has recently been the scene of a very successful evangelistic campaign conducted by Dr. Jack Shuler and his party from America.

The largest public hall in the city: the King's Hall, seating 9,000 was engaged for four weeks for the campaign. Night after night the place was packed, and on several occasions hundreds failed to gain admission. On Sunday afternoons a large neighbouring church was also filled to overflowing and a third hall had to be brought into use.

During the meetings 3,943 came out for salvation and for reaffirmation of faith, assurance, and dedication of life.

As might be expected our Elim churches were right in the swim of the whole effort, and many of our people served as stewards and counsellors. Our Irish Superintendent was helping on three of the committees set up for the organizing of the work.

The campaign cost about £12,000, and praise God every expense was met. The travelling expenses and personal



Photo by]

[Mr. John McClelland, Belfast.

The King's Hall, Belfast, crowded to capacity for the Campaign.

expenses of the evangelist and his party were met by our good friends in the U.S.A.

We praise God for having put this thing into the hearts of the leaders of the Youth for Christ to organize such a campaign. We also praise God for the splendid spirit of co-operation and Christian fellowship manifested by all those engaged in helping in the work. There never has been anything seen like it before in Belfast.

THE ELIM EVANGEL

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EDITORIAL

Holidays or Holy Days

The holidays are for most people now with us, though for some folk they may be only a memory.

Holidays are a wonderful innovation. To be able to throw off the shackles of home and duty, to be able to romp with the children, play cricket or tennis to your heart's content—or to your muscles endurance—to swim in the sea, or lounge in a deck chair, is something to look forward to for many a long day.

But there lies a great temptation. Breaking away from the normal routine is good, but some routine things must never be given up. To slacken off prayer and the daily devotions during holiday is to lose that touch of God which is so vital to a healthy Christian life. Enjoy your holiday by all means, but take care lest the freedom from the restraints of the everyday duties pull you away from your regular times of prayer and communion with God. Holidays can be doubly sweet if they are kept holy by His presence and your joys and the benefits of your holiday intensified if you keep tryst with God.

So many folk take a holiday from Church, or from God's presence during their vacation. Keep your holiday fresh and happy by attending some place of worship the Sundays you are on holiday, and if the family are on holiday too, take them with you to Church.

Whatever you do, don't break the habit of regular attendance at Church every Sunday, and don't forget God as you would forget your home and business responsibilities. Take God into companionship with you on your holiday and then Holidays will be Holy Days.

A Mother's Shining Face

The story is told of a little boy in a very simple home who noticed his mother's face as she came down from being alone in the attic.

He wondered what there could be in the dark, unfinished room at the top of the house.

His mother would go up with face clouded and troubled. Then she would come down with face clear, a soft light in her eyes, a quiet voice and a quieting touch. There was a personal radiance that seemed to change the very atmosphere of the humble little home. What could it be? Who was up there with Mother in the attic? He wondered.

Things had gone hard with the family. The husband

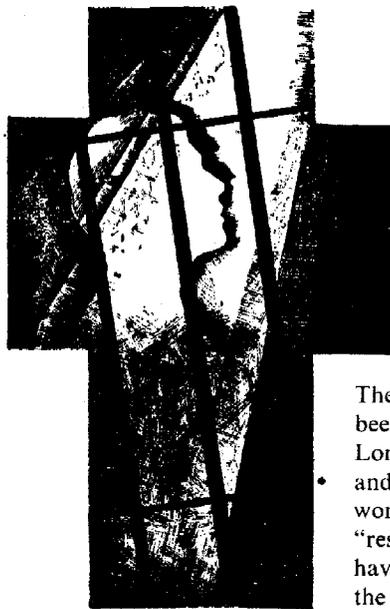
and father had taken to drink. Things were getting worse. The mother, sorely troubled, had made the attic her refuge. Thither she went with her sore troubles and met her Lord. Then victory came to her spirit. The time spent in that attic was precious time and it had transformed her whole outlook.

Canterbury, Dover, Brixton and Holloway Prisons

Hear Music

with a

Message



Since the return of the Choir from Scandinavia no respite has been the order of the day.

The above prisons have been visited again by the London Crusader Choir, and hundreds of men and women welcomed this "resident" choir (as some have come to look upon the choir) to the respective prison precincts.

Blessing on the prison evangelism has been duly marked of late. Pastor Douglas Gray, who directs the prison services, is given great freedom in the method and means employed to get over the Gospel message. The men and women show intense interest in everything said and done. Letters from Governors and chaplains all tell of the tremendous impression created and that for days following the visits men will talk about the coming of the Crusaders and their ministry. It is making men and women talk "religion" and as one chaplain recently said, "it makes my work so much easier and gives me greater opportunity to follow up your work." In a prison chapel recently the temperature was nearly 85 degrees, yet men so tightly packed and sitting in such discomfort were never listless or restless, and showed unmistakable signs not to shorten the service because of the heat. It was hard to sing, maybe, but glorious to realize that into the hearts of men was pouring forth the news that "There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul . . . and to make the wounded whole." Friends pray on for this ministry, and PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SEND US YOUR GIFT TOWARDS SUCH A MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM THAT KNOWS NO PARALLEL IN OUR TIME and being undertaken under the banner of Elim.

SPARKBROOK SILVER JUBILEE

The occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Sparkbrook Church was recently celebrated with a Fellowship Tea and Special Week-end Services, to which were invited some of the former ministers of the assembly. The celebration coincided with the Silver Jubilee of Pastor W. Patterson, the present minister.

Many friends old and new gathered together for this happy double event and enjoyed a feast of good things provided by the capable ministry of Pastors J. T. Bradley, J. R. Knight, T. E. Francis, and E. F. Cole.

Each Pastor recalled incidents during their individual ministry which added to the reminiscent spirit of the occasion. The Secretary and a deacon who was a founder member of the Church reviewed the progress made during the past 25 years from its original inception at the Embassy Skating Rink to the present day.



Pastor John Dyke, the President of the Movement, joined in celebrating this happy event.

THE CHRISTIAN'S CITIZENSHIP

By E. Adams

Every man, woman and child in this world is a passer-through. All must move along life's busy highway until they pass into the Silent Land.

The godly in every age have looked for a better country beyond the valley, where the soul's truest life will find its complete fulfilment.

We Christian pilgrims to the city of God have an upward calling, and are a colony of heaven on earth. Our spiritual life is governed by the laws of heaven. Our highest interests and blessings belong to the realm of the unseen and eternal realities. Our truest life is beyond human sight

and the reach of accident and death, and resides in the depth of its union in the life of Christ. We are away from our final home, in a world that is unfriendly to the kingdom of God.

But all this does not mean that we do not enjoy the journey during life's march from dusk to dawn. Abraham the pilgrim was a wealthy man of affairs; and we Christians, like him, are not anxious to die.

We owe allegiance to an earthly government; but **absolute** obedience is due alone to Christ whose subjects we are and whose authority is supreme.



COVENTRY JAMAICAN WEDDING

A happy occasion at Coventry recently was the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Francis, both coloured folk from Jamaica. All in the picture (except the minister, Pastor J. Newman) are from the British West Indies. This is the second Jamaican wedding to be celebrated in the Elim Church, Coventry, and both couples are born-again Christians.

God is blessing the work at Coventry.



SSOME APPROACH US with the question: "Is medical science of the Devil?" I ask in turn: "Does it accomplish anything good? Has it ever eased pain, or saved a life?" Sincere people acknowledge that it has. Then, if that be so, can we in all fairness attribute anything good to the Devil?

Satan is interested in destroying life. God is seeking to save it and destroy all evil works.

Men have become prejudiced toward medical science because of many professional quacks, as human parasites, who are growing wealthy at the expense of sick and suffering humanity. It is true that the medical profession has been chosen by many of these quacks, but they can be found in other professions as well.

"Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing."—Voltaire.

The above statement is not entirely justifiable, but in many instances is true. Graves by the thousands cover the mistakes of medical science. But souls are in hell, also, because of the mistakes of men in the ministry.

It is an impossibility to enumerate all the good things that have been accomplished by medical science. The Lord has given men the knowledge and wisdom to develop the science and alleviate suffering. The lives of multitudes have been prolonged. To say that the Lord is opposed to the good that is being done, would be to accuse Him of being less merciful than the Devil. One or the other is responsible.

Medical science has developed anti-toxins from the blood of animals, with which to fight contagious diseases, and many lives have been saved. The great knowledge that men in the medical world possess today to combat almost every disease known to man certainly is from God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James i. 17).

If we were to credit Satan for this good, then we would be accusing God of bringing all sickness into the world. Satan would certainly not bring sickness into the world and then try to destroy it. If God brought sickness, then He brought sin. If He brought these evils upon the human race, then why did He send Jesus, His Son, to destroy them? Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil, and that includes sickness, sin, and death.

It is true that many unscrupulous men in the medical profession have placed a high premium upon their limited degree of knowledge and ability. They have highly commercialized the science and made it a racket. They are demon-inspired, blasphemous, unbelieving, and are definitely detrimental to the progress of civilization. They have entered the vocation as a mere means of livelihood, and they have little concern for a human life or soul. They would as soon hack at the body of a human being as a butcher would a hog. They have less concern for the outcome than the veterinary has who operates on a dog. Apart from their profession and the pride they may take in it, from a purely mercenary point of view, they have little concern for the individual.

On the other hand, thousands of Christian men and

"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."—Matthew ix. 12.

Divine Healing and Medicine

By Rev. James B. Ressor

women have entered the medical profession. They have devoted their lives to the work of alleviating the distress and pain caused by sickness, afflictions, diseases, and accidents. They pray before every serious operation. Many of them carry copies of the New Testament in their pockets. They ask the Lord to guide their hands, give them knowledge and wisdom, and make them a blessing to suffering humanity. They battle day and night in their efforts to assist nature in its great war against disease, infection, and all other physical distresses. These people are ordained of the Lord to help humanity in its suffering. Medical science is limited in its work. It can succeed only so far and then it must acknowledge that it can do no more. When it has reached its limit, there is One who can carry on and complete the work. Only a fool in the medical profession would insist that Divine healing is a farce. Thousands of men who have been using the surgeon's scalpel for years, acknowledge that there have been times innumerable when their patients have miraculously recovered after it seemed there was no hope. Prayers have been answered, the Lord has intervened, and the patient has recovered.

It is the will of God for every child of His to rely upon Him for the healing of his body. This is the high privilege that has been extended to all believers through the atoning work of Christ.

We approach Christ on the same basis for healing for the body as we do for salvation for the soul.

To receive complete healing for our bodies, we must cast ourselves as unreservedly upon the Lord as we do to receive salvation for the soul. Healing is more than a privilege, it is our right. Since the Lord has reached such an extremity in His efforts to provide healing for our bodies, we certainly act insultingly toward Him when we reject our rights.

It is God's perfect will for every child of His to enjoy sound health. To disregard His will is to bring upon our-

ling l Science

Controversial issues often arise between men of the medical profession and the exponents of divine healing. Each side has been guilty of slandering the other. The fair-minded and tolerant acknowledge that divine healing and medical science are both realities.

selves distress. It was the will of God for the children of Israel to go on into the land of Canaan. The twelve men were sent to spy out the land. Ten returned with an evil report and only two with a good report. The tribes of Israel listened to the evil report and rejected the good report. As a result of their unbelief they died in the wilderness. The new generation journeyed into the promised land. In spite of the unbelief of the children of Israel, God cared for them in the wilderness. How much happier they would have been had they honoured God by believing Him and going on into the land of promise.

God has invited and called His children to journey on into the promised land. There we have the baptism in the Holy Ghost, Divine healing for the body, strength and victory in an overcoming life. Because of unbelief many are remaining in the wilderness. They are suffering many weaknesses, sicknesses, and other difficulties. God still loves them and He has provided medical science for them. The wise, the believing, the people with a good report are pressing on for the best, that the Lord in His beneficence has provided.

There may be a few giants in the land and some walled cities to defeat, but those who walk by faith have the assurance of a guiding Hand and a strength greater than their own. They have crossed over Jordan's flood by faith; they have fought and won great battles by faith; they have claimed their inheritance in the land by faith; and they are enjoying a constant fellowship with the Lord and His people.

Those who are determined to remain in the wilderness have little faith. They are ever murmuring and complaining. They are babes in Christ and are often influenced by fleshly, carnal desires. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. viii. 5, 6).

Let us not forget that the unbelieving tribes in the wilderness, kept there and provided for by the Lord, produced a generation of believers who went forth by faith. God may preserve a generation of people by medical science who will bring forth a generation of men and women who will walk by faith. There are better things in the promised land which is just before us. Once we have inherited the land, we may be satisfied to dwell there always. The land of promise is not a mere mirage in the desert of life. The promises of the Lord are dependable. He is prepared to fulfil every word, stand behind every promise, to those who will believe. "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" (Num. xxiii. 19).

We know that Divine healing is a reality. The Lord has provided it through the atonement. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (I. Pet. ii. 24). The only condition that we are confronted with to receive our healing, is to believe.

Sicknesses, diseases, and afflictions differ, of course, and one of Satan's very common modes of attack is to say, "Oh, yes, God can heal, but your conditions is so much worse than the average." He will try to make you doubt that you can be healed. Remember, it is always Satan's aim to bring in doubts, fears, and unbelief.

The Devil has endeavoured to insert a doubt in every promise of God. Multitudes have listened to the Devil rather than the Lord. In their deceived, deluded, and deadened state they become an easy prey to all false cults and erroneous teachings. Many respond more easily to deception than they do to truth. They have been innoculated with a deadly serum which causes them to believe that they are under no obligation to believe or obey what God has said.

The Word of God is true. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John viii. 32).

If we cannot believe the Word of God, what can we believe? If we have no faith in what He has said, where will we find a true foundation for faith? Truth, when adhered to, followed after, and appreciated, will add countless blessings and virtues. When rebelled against and questioned, it will quietly withdraw.

Truth has been compared to a beautiful gem. It must be placed in a pure setting and held forth so that all may see before it can be properly appreciated. It drinks in and reflects the beautiful rays of the sun. The soul that is pure and sincere will drink in truth and show it forth. The soul of man is a priceless gem in the sight of God.

It is never the will of God to withhold any good gift from His children, but neither is it His will to impart every good gift, until we meet His conditions. The great condition is faith. We are expected to have confidence in God and believe what He has said. Some people strive to believe God for healing for their bodies, but have no desire to believe Him for the salvation of their souls. An identical faith is required for both.

Man is his own greatest hindrance to receiving the blessings of God. He impedes his own spiritual progress, his own growth and development, by listening to the enemy. In this manner he ties the hands of God.

Our spiritual condition must be commensurate to the physical condition that we desire. To desire the very best that God has for us we must be willing to give Him our best.

As Christians grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, they understand more and more the purpose of their existence. As our knowledge of the Lord and His purpose becomes increasingly fruitful, we are constantly ascending to a higher spiritual realm. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. iii. 13, 14).

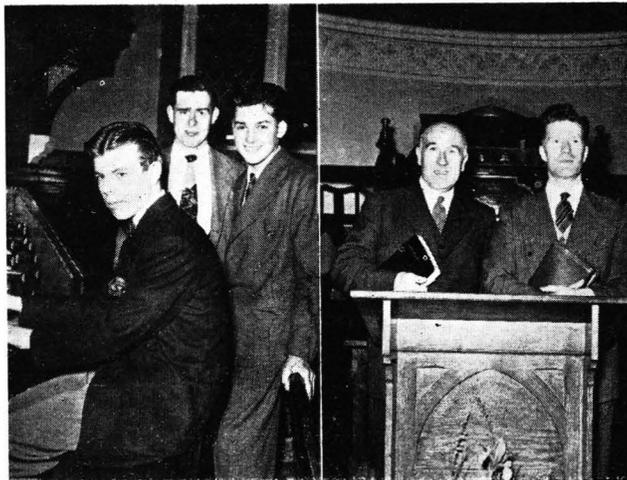
We are helpless in ourselves, but in Him there is an abundance of strength and spiritual grace. Our service grows more effective day by day as we exercise faith in His best. In humble consecration we are determined to "Glorify God in body, and in our spirit, which are God's."

—*Healing Today*

Camberwell Sixth Anniversary

Members and friends of Camberwell Church recently celebrated their sixth anniversary, and during the week-end were glad to welcome friends from other churches, including some from Wales and Scotland who were in London at the time.

We were enriched by the ministry and fellowship of our friends Pastor and Mrs. Harford of Hereford, and thank God for their faithful uplifting of the Saviour. Coulsdon



Michael Donovan at the organ with his friends John and Peter. Right: Pastors E. Harford and W. Plowright in the pulpit.



Pastors F. A. Hodge and J. T. Bradley with Miss Betty Tate at the Farewell Service at Clapham Church.

Choir brought blessing by their well-chosen and well-rendered items.

During the week-end, the organ was re-opened after about nine months during which three young men gave practically all their spare time in removing every pipe for cleaning, re-voicing and tuning, and also installed an electric blower. Their willingness to do this voluntarily means that the instrument has been completely restored after suffering war damage, at less than half the normal cost. Surely such practical service, like so much else that is willingly done in our assemblies, has been taken account of in heaven.



Coulsdon Elim Choir at Camberwell with Mr. Couchman, the leader, on the right.

"Love thinketh no evil" (I. Cor. xiii. 5). Weymouth says: "Love does not brood over wrongs." Moffatt's translation is, "It is never resentful." Of all the various renderings, perhaps that of the Revised Version is the best translation: "Love taketh not account of evil." That is, it stores up no resentment—never bears any malice—takes no account of any ill turn—never makes even a mental note of an evil done to it; but forgets it, and continues to love the doer of it. Spurgeon says: "Love stands in the presence of a fault with a finger on her lips."

We are
Crusading
for Christ

Elim Youth Page

We "Fight
the good
fight"

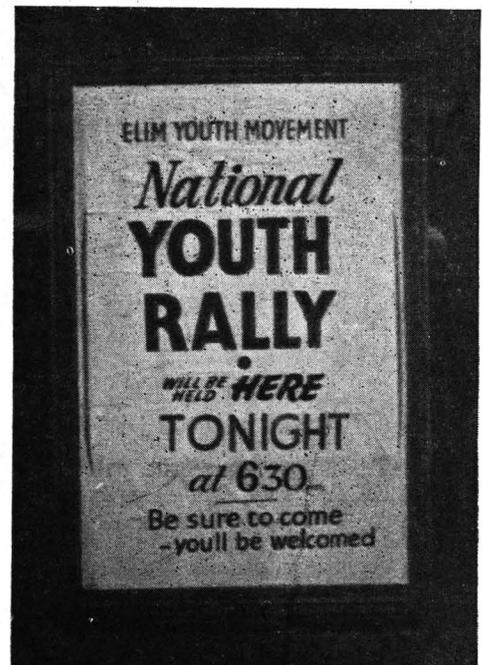
Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

This is to be the E.Y.M. day of the year

WE EXPECT every Elim Church within a few hours' travelling distance of London will now be planning coach and train parties of young people (and ex-Crusaders) to visit London for the National Youth Rally Day, Saturday, 8th October, 1955. A full and exciting programme has been arranged and preparation is well ahead for a forthright witness by Elim's virile youth to the saving and satisfying power of the Lord Jesus Christ. The accent is to be on Elim Youth Evangelism "for such a time as this." The first rendezvous for this day of evangelism in the world's largest city will be at Trafalgar Square, commencing 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Pastor H. W. Greenway, well experienced in this work, will lead the open-air rally, and Miss Sunny Blundell (due home from her South African tour next month) and Pastor Ernest Scrivens (Oxford's energetic Elim minister) are to be the speakers. The evening rally is to take place in the Elim Church, Benhill Road, Camberwell (London Transport Bus No. 12 which may be boarded in Whitehall, passes the corner of Benhill Road) at 6.30 p.m. and will be convened by Pastor T. W. Walker and the National Youth Secretary. Pastor W. Ron. Jones (minister of Bristol's ultra-modern City Temple, evangelist and enterprising District Youth Commissioner) will be the speaker, with many of the Bristol young people to support him. The London Crusader Choir, conducted by Pastor Douglas B. Gray, will present a sequence of attractive musical items with our youth choirs from London, Bristol, Chelmsford, and Oxford.

HOW CAN WE UTILIZE THESE EVENTS FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CHURCHES?

Dr. Billy Graham and his team have shown us the way. It has been proved that our friends are more easily persuaded to accompany us to a distant youth rally than a local rally, if we provide the transport. Each church can now begin making arrangements to provide free coach seats for unconverted young people who will attend the afternoon and evening rallies. Extra expense? Yes, but whatever may be the amount, it will be small for the saving of a soul. That soul will be an extra one at your church, another one to win another. This day can be a great day of salvation, if you will lend your aid. What some can do through coach parties, others may accomplish with their cars and motor cycles, cycles, scooters or push chairs! What matters is that we fill Camberwell Elim Church to capacity and the more unsaved present, the greater will



be the harvest. Get enthusiastic about this day. No "buts" or "ifs"—no Pessimistic Percy's or Dismal Dolly's—roll up your sleeves and plunge into the fray.

The Lord Jesus Christ deserves our best—so let's give it to Him.

ELIM YOUTH COMMITTEE SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSION NIGHT. On the 6th and 7th of Oct. (the two days prior to the National Youth Rally) the Elim Youth Committee will meet in London. To give an opportunity for you to meet the members and discuss with them your Sunday School work, a public meeting is to be arranged in the Elim Church, Clapham Crescent, Clapham (near to Clapham Common Underground Station) on Friday, 7th October, at 7.30 p.m. Elim Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents and Sunday School Staffs, together with any other people interested in this work, are invited to attend. If you desire any

special subjects to be mentioned you may write to the N.Y.S. at 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, S.W.4.

Youth workers living a long distance from London are invited to write to the N.Y.S. if they wish to attend this discussion and remain in London overnight. Although no promise can now be given, an attempt will be made to find accommodation with Elim members in London. To avoid disappointment, it will be advisable to write immediately.

LONDON ELIM YOUTH CHOIRS—REHEARSAL.

Pastor Douglas B. Gray will conduct choir rehearsals as follows:

Clapham Elim Church—

7.30 p.m. Wednesday, 14th September.

East Ham Elim Church (Central Park Road)—

7.30 p.m. Wednesday, 21st September.

During the evening Pastor Gray has kindly offered to replay recordings of youth choirs, quartets, solos, and so

on which he has made both at home and abroad. Refreshments will be provided, and an excellent evening of fellowship and rehearsal for the E.Y.M. Youth Rally day is envisaged. These rehearsals are not restricted to the Elim youth of London, and members of the Elim Youth Movement in London on holiday or for other purposes will be welcomed.

NEWS KALEIDOSCOPE

Yardley—Miss Sheila Millard writes,—On the 19th and 26th June, 1955, Yardley Elim Sunday School celebrated its 5th Anniversary. Highlights of this weekend were the items of the Primary, especially a very confident four-year old singing, "I met Jesus at the Cross Roads," and the Pastor's assistant, "Tommy", a Ventriloquist Doll he uses for Sunday School work.

For the second weekend we had a visit from Pastor and Mrs. W. Millington, Dean and Matron of the International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill, Sussex. A congregation of 100 adults and 100 children were present.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor W. J. Maybin.

SUNDAY, August 14th. Mark x. 13-31.

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"And Jesus beholding him, loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest . . . And he went away grieved" (vv. 21, 22).

Here was a splendid type of young manhood, evidently attracted to Jesus by His care for the children (vv. 13-16). He was earnest, courteous and concerned about spiritual matters. After diagnosing his trouble, Jesus prescribed the remedy, but it was too drastic and the young man went off grieved. As one has said, "Jesus looked at him, loved him and let him go." The price to be paid for real life can never be reduced: the standard cannot be lowered. Said Jesus, "How hard it is . . . for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God" (v. 24).

MONDAY, August 15th. Mark x. 32-45.

" . . . Ye know not what ye ask . . ." (v. 38).

So said the Master in reply to the very ambitious request of James and John to occupy the chief positions in the kingdom. This request was made at a most solemn moment: Jesus had just been telling them of His exodus, or death at Jerusalem, but somehow His words had fallen on deaf ears. James and John wanted the glory but they must learn that the cross must precede the glory. So said Jesus, "Ye know not what ye ask." There was a cup of suffering to be tasted, a baptism of agony to be endured, before that could be possible. "Can ye," asks Jesus. They said, "We can," and they did. Let us be careful in our requests.

TUESDAY, August 16th. Mark x. 46-52.

"And he . . . came to Jesus" (v. 50).

Jesus came to Jericho (v. 46), and Bartimæus, hearing of His approach makes an ardent appeal for healing. Jesus calls him and he obeys the call. Jesus still passes our way and the very thought of His nearness makes us feel our need more acutely than ever. If we address Him in sincerity He will bid us arise and come to Himself. But like Bartimæus we must make the effort to arise. Are you in need today? Arise now and draw near to Him in faith. He calls you to do so (Matt. xi. 28). Remember His glorious promise to receive all who come.

WEDNESDAY, August 17th. Mark xi. 1-18.

" . . . The Lord hath need of him . . ." (v. 3).

Jesus, the maker and owner of all things became so poor that when He was born they laid Him in a manger. He crossed the lake on a borrowed boat, and here He rides into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey. Imagine Jesus having need of this meanest of beasts! And He needs you in exactly the same way. First, to fulfil His Word, as He did on this occasion. Second, to bear Him before the gaze of others. The Lord needs all who will put themselves at His disposal.

THURSDAY, August 18th. Mark xi. 19-33.

" . . . Have faith in God" (v. 22).

This was said by Jesus in response to their amazement concerning the withering of the fig tree. Hudson Taylor gave a very delightful rendering of these words—"Hold fast to the faithfulness of God." The faithfulness of God! What a wonderful contemplation set against the background of our unfaithfulness. He is faithful to succour (I. Cor. x. 13), to keep (II. Thess. iii. 3), to sanctify (I. Thess. v. 23, 24), and to forgive the penitent erring (I. John i. 9). Hold on to the fact of His faithfulness.

FRIDAY, August 19th. Mark xii. 1-12.

" . . . they feared the people: for they knew that He had spoken the parable against them . . ." (v. 12).

In chapter xi. 18, "they feared Him, because the people were astonished at His doctrine. Here they fear the people, because the parable Jesus has just cited publicly convicted them of complete rejection of Him. The enemies of Jesus (religious or otherwise) have every right to fear when they reject Him. Judgment is the inevitable outcome, poetic justice, if you like, for the destruction they plan for Him, eventually is to be their own. It is Haman's gallows retold—in judging Jesus they judged themselves, and in condemning Him they condemned themselves. Judgment is God's strange work.

SATURDAY, August 20th. Mark xii. 13-27.

"They said unto Him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians . . . then . . . the Sadducees" (vv. 13 and 18).

The religious enemies of Jesus never left Him alone for long. Here He has a visit from two classes in the same day. The Pharisees and Herodians with their oily tongues approach with their treacherous flattery. To such He mediated the exhortation to be careful to God and man. Then came the Sadducees who didn't hold with the resurrection. Their approach was along the avenue of levity and Jesus answered them with a stern rebuke. Jesus had His answer for all types of men. He knew what was in man.

The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.

COMING EVENTS

ARMAGH. Aug. 20-22. Elim Pentecostal Church, College Street. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors J. J. Morgan and R. Reid. Singing items by Lurgan Crusader Choir and Mr. M. Banks (North Shields). Sat. 3.15 and 6.30. Sun. 11.15, 3.30 and 7. Mon. 8. (Tea provided on Sat. and Sun.)

CROYDON. Aug. 14. Elim Church, Stanley Road. The evening service will be broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service. Speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway (President-Elect). Scripture Lesson read by Pastor H. Burton Haynes. London Crusader Choir and Croydon Elim Choir conducted by Pastor D. B. Gray.

EXETER. Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Elim Church, Paris Street. Evangelistic Crusade by Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

HARROGATE. Sept. 26-28. The Royal Hall. Public Meetings in connection with the Elim Conference. Each night at 7.30 p.m. Watch for further announcements.

ILFORD. July 24-Aug. 14. Elim Church Scrafton Road. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights: Tues., Thurs., Sat. (only), 7.30. Pastor W. George—Preacher and Singer.

MERTHYR. Commencing Aug. 20. Jerusalem Chapel, Court Street. Special visit of Pastor Wm. George. Suns. 11 and 6. Tues., Thurs. and Sats. 7. Studies in Genesis. Bible answers to Evolution.

NUNEATON. Aug. 16-21. Elim Full Gospel Church, Queen's Road. Visit of Pastor Howard Carter from Los Angeles, U.S.A. Tues., Thurs., Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.

OLD HILL. Aug. 13 and 14. Opening and dedication of new Elim Church, Bearmore Road, Old Hill. Sat. 3.30, Opening ceremony. 7. Convention Rally. Special visit of the President, Pastor John Dyke. (Cups of tea provided for visitors.)

Sunday School Anniversary, Sun. 3 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor F. Byatt (Erdington). Special services throughout the week. Convener: Pastor Ken Smith.

WELLS. Aug. 2-14. Elim Church, Chamberlain Street. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Tom Allen, B.Sc. Week-nights 7.30. Suns. 11, 6.30 and 8.

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GLORYING IN THE CROSS

A religion without the Cross is not Christ's religion. He did not come merely to blaze the way for us through the tangled forest, to mark out the path for our feet, or to give us an example of true living. Neither did He come merely to be a teacher, to reveal to the world the character and the will of God. He came to be a Saviour. Woven into the very fibre of the Gospel, dyed into the texture of its threads, is the thought of sacrifice, of expiation. Leave out the passion, and what becomes of the Gospel?

A Gospel without the print of the nails is not the Gospel of Christ, and the voice that proclaims such a Gospel is the voice of a stranger.—J. R. Miller.

∴ BOOK REVIEW

THE THINGS TEMPORAL. By Mavis Areta Winder.

(Victory Press: 9/6, by post 9/10.)

This is a very absorbing story, well written and very easy to read. It is most moving in parts and has flashes of humour. It is rather unfortunate that the book builds up problems and difficulties of a most involved nature and then solves them within the last thirty or forty pages. The courtship of Nick and Julie was also too trite for me; perhaps if it had been made very much clearer that the truly phenomenal change in Julie had been brought about by conversion, I should have been happier. It is possible, to my mind, to be more impressed by her infatuation for the minister as the cause for her change of heart and life. Indeed, my one real criticism of the book is that the Gospel is not made clear. It is, there, behind the scenes, but it is not given quite the prominence it is usually given in Victory Press books. The book should sell very well, especially amongst the womenfolk. It is what is usually called a "powerful" story! The events could happen, quite credibly and understandably and they give real food for thought. Why Brett Manning should have married an unconverted flibbertigibbet of a wife, the authoress only will know, but the unravelling of the twisted skeins of their lives makes a very compelling tale. —T. W. Walker.

Colossians i. 13 proves that Christ's kingdom exists here and now, for all believers are "translated into it." The kingdom of the heavens, it is true, is yet to be manifested in completion (Rom. viii. 19; Matt. viii. 11); yet the true kingdom of Christ is within the visible Church, a wheel within a wheel. It comprises those truly delivered out of the power of darkness (cf. Rom. xiv. 17).

A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE

He's helping me now—this moment,
Though I may not see it or hear.
Perhaps by a friend far distant,
Perhaps by a stranger near,
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by a printed word;
In ways that I know and know not
I have the help of the Lord.

He's keeping me now—this moment,
However I need it most.
Perhaps by a single angel,
Perhaps by a mighty host,
Perhaps by the chain that frets me,
Or the walls that shut me in;
In ways that I know and know not
He keeps me from harm or sin.

He's guiding me now—this moment,
In pathways easy or hard.
Perhaps by a door wide open,
Perhaps by a door fast barred,
Perhaps by a joy withholden,
Perhaps by a gladness given;
In ways that I know and know not
He's leading me up to heaven.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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