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Elim Youth Committee in Ireland

Top:

1. Seaside open air.
2. Pastor G. W. Gilpin, convener of all the services.
3. Congregation leaving Bangor Church.

Bottom:

1. Pastors P. S. Brewster and J. H. Davies.
2. Presenting the Diploma.
3. Mrs. Brewster sings to the crowd.

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

A Memorable Conference

By R. J. Niles

Stockholm, June, 1955, has gone down into history, but the blessing lives on; and will continue to yield its fruit for years to come. Everyone at the World Pentecostal Conference probably carried away a slightly different memory of notable things, and what moved and blessed me may also bless you.

I shall not forget the young boy from Bulgaria whose father was in prison for preaching the Gospel. You see, he passed by me as he went back to his seat, and I saw what few saw in that vast congregation, the tears of a young lad of about thirteen whose father had been imprisoned for six years for preaching the Gospel. It is one thing to sit at home and feel genuinely sorry for these persecuted Christians, but it does something to your heart when you see a young boy breaking his heart at the loss of his father.

There was also that moment when the President announced that a message from the police had been received, saying that a solicitor in Spain had asked the Spanish delegates to "return at once," as the government were going to close their churches. Yet another announcement was made for another brother to return to Italy at once, because a message had been received that his wife had been injured in some religious persecution and her life was in danger and she had lost the sight of one eye. This is the reality of the world we live in, and but for the grace of God would threaten us also.

These things were not stage managed, they were not even announced spectacularly, but it requires little imagination to visualize the persecution our brothers and sisters are enduring "for His Name's sake."

At every meeting there was a box in which requests for prayer were put. One day the leader held the papers up—too many to read. Before they prayed it was the practice to ask anyone who needed prayer to raise their hand. From the platform could be seen a forest of hands go up at every meeting. It looked to me as though nearly one in three had need in that great cross-section of the world. This was the WORLD in need of a Saviour. Our brother Donald Gee summed it up in his prayer one afternoon: "O Lord send help! O Lord send help!" What a need for Pentecostal Power. We cannot possibly overcome unless the "Lord sends help."

But the Lord was working. Here is another sort of request for prayer from the prayer box: "Help me to praise the Lord. I was determined to take my life last night, but today I got saved." I remember how that vast crowd stood up with their hands in the air "Helping him to Praise the Lord." I remember too on another occasion how the power of the Lord swept the meeting one night in the middle of the address, and with one accord the meeting rose and gave glory to God for some time. It was the nearest thing on earth to that great day when "A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and people and tongues, stood before the throne,

and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying Salvation to our God which sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb."—Hallelujah is the same in all languages, and when nearly twenty thousand pentecostal Christians are "helping you to praise the Lord," the Lord Himself is very near, even at the door—after that the preacher went on again.

The task is very great, the labourers are few, the forces of evil are massing, the dark clouds are gathering; yes, all that, but Brother Upton of Canada pointedly reminded us that in the beginning when the labourers were still fewer and the forces of evil apparently finally victorious, God provided no other way to carry His message than by the power of the Holy Ghost. Tarry ye then, "until ye be filled." The enabling is as great as the task.

AUGUST CONVENTION AT BRISTOL

Glad was the heart of David in the house of God. Surely to him the house of God had become a well to a thirsty spirit and food to a famined soul (Psa. cxxii.1).

Glad also were the hundreds who had wheeled or walked from far and near through this aged and war-beaten city of Bristol to the newly-erected City Temple for the 1955 West of England Convention.

Glad too were the ministers and members of the City Temple to welcome friends from Bath, Birmingham, Bridgewater, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Clapham, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Taunton, Swindon, Wells, Plymouth, and Stoke-on-Trent.

A great season of blessing was experienced by all who gathered under the sun-scorched roof of this exquisitely decorated building. The ministries of Pastors J. Dyke (the President) and J. C. Kennedy of Plymouth, were very acceptable. The former presented a very challenging "message for the moment," and whilst preaching upon "They shall look upon Him whom they pierced," declared: "It is an indisputable fact that we are living in the twilight hour of this dispensation, when the Church should be awake in expectancy." A great peal of praise was recorded as the coatless preacher further declared: "Christ will come again, not as a bloodless ghost but in the same manner as He ascended." Yet another Hallelujah rang through the building as he proclaimed: "We should rejoice at our security in Christ, for He was, and is, the only One able to redeem a bankrupt world.

The ministry of Pastor Kennedy was geared for the occasion as he preached upon the note of consistent consecration of the whole personality.

What a joy it was to see that BRIDGWATER has "taken root" following the "sowing of the seed" at a recent Campaign held in the Town Hall. A fitting word of welcome was given by Pastor Dyke to those who had travelled from

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I Stood Again where Jenny Sat

By PASTOR R. REID (Portadown)

It was good to be there and I came away the better for having made the visit. Within the precincts of the famous St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the ledge at the gate of the side Chapel is a tablet with the following inscription:

Constant oral tradition affirms that near this spot, a brave Scotch woman, Janet Geddes, on the 23rd July, 1637, struck the first blow in the great struggle for freedom of conscience after which a conflict of half a century ended in the establishment of civil and religious liberty.

The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in Scotland were times of fierce religious conflict. There was no national prejudice against a liturgical service, but there was a nervous dread of Popery. In a lecture delivered at St. Giles in 1880, the Rev. John Cunningham, D.D., one time minister at Crieff, describes what took place at this great outburst of religious, or should I say, righteous indignation against the returning tide of Popery. He says: "It was July, 1637, before the Prayer Book was prepared and revised and all the arrangements made for its introduction. On the 23rd of that month it was to be used for the first time in the Cathedral. At 10 o'clock Dean Hannay, in his surplice, entered the reading desk, but he had scarcely begun to read when the congregation was in a state of wild uproar. Jenny Geddes sitting nearby, hurled the stool upon which she had been sitting, at the Dean's head and cried: Fauce loon! dinna daur say Mass in my lug! Other missiles of a similar nature went hurling through the air creating confusion on every hand and much consternation to the minister. As the inscription declares: It was the first blow in the great struggle for freedom of conscience and religious liberty, which became an established factor after a fierce struggle lasting half a century.

Let me hasten to say that I am not altogether an advocate for stool-throwing, but the thing that stirs my heart is the spirit that was behind this bold act. Our forefathers obviously had something that is conspicuous by its absence in the churches today. They were hungry for and happy with the unadulterated Word of God. Mass made them mawkish. It is evident from Jenny's act that she knew what she

wanted. She was an attentive listener, aware of what was happening in church. And prepared to resist anything that was contrary to the simplicity that is in Christ.

This somewhat anomalous altercation reveals to me something of great worth. There was present in the heart of this brave Scotch woman a deep conviction. She knew what she believed. Mass was no substitute for Holy Ghost ministry. The ministry of the Word was not to be harnessed to the saying of Mass. Let the Word of Christ dwell richly in your hearts. Her unorthodox action revealed her consecration. Her persuasion of heart led her to protest with a stool. Her consecration was of such a nature as made her, despite the possible consequences, contend for the faith with an action full of vigour and determination.

Save yourselves from this untoward generation; cries Peter in his pentecostal sermon. Awake thou that sleepest! says Paul in one of his epistles. The spirit of our age is toward pleasure, pomp, possessions and prosperity. In an age when indifference occupies many of our pews and some of our pulpits when ceremony, surplices, confessionals, indulgences, religious processions and ritualistic functions are the order of the day, where is the old-time ministry of the Word in power and in demonstration of the Spirit? Jesus Himself became indignant one day at the behaviour of those on holy ground and drove them from the Temple. Let us contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. It was prophesied of Christ that: "the zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up." Is the zeal of the Lord our consuming passion, or is the indifference of a cold and callous world our contented lot?

I was thrilled to stand again when Jenny sat. It was not the first time that I had been there, but it may be the last for a long time and so as I silently moved across to the west door of that stately Cathedral I quietly prayed in my heart that in me there might burn that same holy passion and zeal for the things that really matter until Jesus comes again.

JENNY GEDDES. FAMA SEMPER VIVAT!

London Crusader Choir Musical Evangelism

Since returning from Scandinavia the Choir has been fully occupied in musical evangelism. The prisons in Canterbury, Dover, Holloway and Brixton have welcomed these musical messengers. Many personal contacts have been made and cell visitations following have brought forth satisfying results. The old hymns and revival melodies have proved their worth in capturing men and women for Christ. At Thornton Heath, Pastor L. Hawes welcomed the Choir and a fine meeting was enjoyed. At the fine Rose Gardens, Southall, in the open air auditorium, hundreds listened to the Choir's ministry on a glorious July evening. The message given by the well-known radio and television speaker, George Cansdale, Esq., B.A., B.Sc., F.Z.S., was concluded with a public appeal for men and women to come forward and accept

Christ as Saviour. The Choir joined in the anniversary services of Pastor Graham Whiting at the Finchley Church, and shared grand fellowship there. The fourth annual Camp meetings at the International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill, was again a great occasion. At two meetings much time was given to the Choir to minister in word and song. Pastor Fred Squire welcomed the many visitors, including delegates and members of the British Pentecostal Fellowship. Others taking part included Pastors E. J. Phillips, John Carter, W. G. Hathaway, and a closing word from Pastor Squire. At Aldershot the Choir joined with Pastor B. Hopkins in the tent campaign there. Although a small Elim centre, yet a company of believers are all out for God and the people. The Choir rendered music and testimony with great acceptance.

THE ELIM EVANGEL

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EDITORIAL

Week of Prayer

The World Conference, which met recently in Stockholm, recommended in its message to all churches in the Pentecostal Fellowship that we should adopt a week of prayer and fasting from September 19th to 26th. In making this recommendation they were emphasising again that vital principle laid down by our Lord when He said to His disciples at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration in reference to their failure to cast the spirit out of the tormented boy: "This kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting."

Let us all take up this challenge and join with pentecostal people the world over in seeking to prepare ourselves for the greater things to be done in the name of Jesus.

Letters to the Editor

Before the publication of the letters, many of which contained suggestions for the improvement of the ELIM EVANGEL we had asked a number of leading brethren to write a series of articles on subjects of vital importance to our readers. The first of the Series will be a special article by Pastor P. S. Brewster, entitled "Revival in our time" and will appear in our issue of September 10th.

Fortieth Anniversary

This is the Fortieth Anniversary Year of the beginning of the Elim Movement which had its inception in Ireland in a series of successful evangelistic efforts. On September 24th we plan to publish a Special Fortieth Anniversary number. Watch for further announcements.

AND THE WORLD LISTENS

Preaching the Gospel to every creature

Ever since the early days the Christian Church has been intent on using all available media of mass communication. Today we have a powerful new tool for the proclamation of the saving Gospel and the Church has a

powerful new medium of mass communication. Elim has wisely kept in step with the advance of the age and has grasped the opportunity by means of the radio to herald the Gospel to peoples of all nations. The broadcasts of last autumn and winter over Monte Carlo reached masses in many lands. Now we are broadcasting over I.B.R.A. (the new Pentecostal Radio Station) operating from Radio Africa in Tangier. These first three broadcasts are purely experimental, but nevertheless will, without doubt, reach the hearts and homes of countless thousands.

Radio evangelism sets a challenge to us all. We cannot allow others to accept the challenge and not fulfil our own responsibilities and grasp such opportunities as the twentieth century miracle of radio (and television) provides. The radio ministry of ELIM has already brought many pronouncements of appreciation and commendation and blessed untold numbers. Because of all this we earnestly appeal to our members and friends to SUPPORT US IN THIS RADIO EVANGELISM. WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR LIBERAL GIFTS TOWARDS SUCH A WORLD-WIDE CAMPAIGN. PLEASE SEND US THIS WEEK YOUR GIFT TOWARDS THIS CRUSADE. ADDRESS YOUR GIFT TO: "THIS IS LIFE," 20, CLARENCE AVENUE, CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON, S.W.4.

From You to Us . . .

The Editor,

I have been stirred and challenged by Pastor Alex. Tee's article in a recent number of THE ELIM EVANGEL. Surely our great Elim family cannot be happy when it reads about the financial stranglehold which hindered the tireless efforts of the Evangelist and his workers at Liverpool. As a Fellowship, I am convinced that we could have provided all the money that was required for that great Campaign as envisaged by the Campaigners.

We should all face the challenge and see that lack of funds does not curtail the plan and purposes of God. May we all accept our share of the responsibility in paving the way by sustained prayer and sacrificial giving for a mighty moving of God's Spirit throughout the length and breadth of our beloved land. We must not be afraid to pay the price for Revival.

Accordingly, on the practical side, I should like to make two suggestions so that greater provision might be made for future pioneer campaigns in Elim—

(a) **Voluntary levy.** When each campaign is contemplated, invite all our people to send a token offering to H.Q., say 6d. for each pound of weekly income.

(b) **Loans.** Many of our people could easily do without the interest earned by their capital. Invest it for the Kingdom of God and loan it to Elim (interest free) so that our Message can be taken to the hundreds of towns without an Elim Church.

—(Sgd.) "Twenty-five years in Elim."
(Mal. iii. 10.)



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

News from India

Miss C. Paint (Bihar)

From this Elim station there go out streams of blessing as the missionaries help in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people in and around their area. Miss Paint writes: "We are now back from the hills and are having a very busy time. Dispensary patients keep us busy all the morning and on Monday we treated 57 patients from 20 different villages in our area. We praise God for this ministry as many carry the good news back to their own villages. Last Friday we were called to treat a woman who had just arrived from her village on the other side of the river. The day before she had been badly burned as she was cooking the evening meal. The whole of her right hand, arm, side, back and abdomen was burned. The skin was blistered or had already peeled off. What a challenge amidst the dirt and flies! We did her dressings (which took two hours) and she was about to leave when her labour pains started and after another two hours a baby son was born—badly asphyxiated and shocked, but he responded to treatment and is still alive. Each day we visit the mother and in spite of fever and this huge raw area we believe that her life will be spared. It is encouraging to see the household joining us in prayer and taking the precious Name of Jesus on their lips. We are hard put to it to find sufficient clean rags to replace the soiled dressings each day. We have used what we had and begged some from our teachers and Christians, but we are still in need. This is a trying time and both our (Indian) teachers have low fever and have not been able to put in a full day's work in the school."

Editor's note: Our missionaries would be grateful for bandages and clean white rags, and friends who would like to help in meeting this need are invited to write to the Missionary Secretary, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4, who will gladly give the missionaries' addresses and information as to the best way to send the parcels.

BOMBAY

Pastor and Mrs. J. Troke

From Bombay comes the encouraging news of blessing, and our missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Troke, write: "First of all we desire to thank all the members of the Elim family who are faithfully praying for the extension of the Kingdom of God in India. Here in Bombay we have been

privileged this year to see 25 souls lifted from the bondage of sin and its consequences into the realm of eternal salvation. Amongst the number who have been definitely saved are Jews and Roman Catholics. Never before had these Jews understood the Old Testament prophecies in relation to Christ and asked why did the people crucify Him. The answer given was that 'blindness in part is happened to Israel.'

"Mrs. A. and one of her sons have been definitely saved and find real joy in reading the New Testament. She has also received a wonderful healing. Her sister has already acknowledged Christ as her Saviour and asks prayer that her husband too might be saved. Another sister and her husband, like Nicodemus of old, have been coming by night to hear the Word of God explained. They are a little fearful, but we are praying, and we have a prayer-answering God!

"Mr. and Mrs. S. are well on in years and are bearing a great sorrow, as their only child, a daughter, now 26 years of age, was born a cripple and is deaf and dumb. She has been attended to by many doctors from far and wide, but without avail. We are visiting these dear ones, praying and believing that God will deliver her. There is a marked improvement and she is now able to say, 'Jesus!' We ask for prayer on behalf of this young woman that she may be delivered to the glory of God, for we believe that with her healing many will be won to Christ.

"Out of the 25 who have been definitely saved, eight were Roman Catholics. A week ago while reading her Bible, one of these new believers had a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit and came to us the next day to tell of her experience. This woman was led to the Lord through the healing of her eight-year-old daughter who was very backward. She was prayed for and God marvellously delivered. She is now able to study at school and has improved wonderfully in health.

"Hearing of this healing, another Roman Catholic brought her 16-year-old daughter who had been demon-possessed for two years, to the sorrow of her parents. The demons were cast out and the dear girl with her mother afterwards knelt and took Christ as their Saviour.

"Included in the number recently won to Christ are three former Christian Scientists. It so happened that one Sunday evening they were passing our church and saw the notice board and felt led to come inside. The message that

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HERE WE HAVE A CONTRAST between the Christian and the ungodly man.

The text shows us what the righteous man does, the following verse what the ungodly man does. The one makes God his refuge, the other trusts in his wealth, or some other idol equally vain. The one has a strong consolation and foundation for all his hopes, the other builds on sand, or as Job puts it: "his hope is a spider's web" (Job. viii. 14).

Now in contrasting the two men Solomon does not mean the tower is confined to the righteous only but that the door is open also to the unrighteous. "Come unto Me," he says to everyone . . . and I will give you rest." He invites the ungodly to come in, He entreats them to come in, the gates stand wide open for everyone to come in, even as they did in the cities of refuge for every manslayer. But open only to those who are sensible of their guilt and danger, and are fleeing in real earnest "from the wrath to come."

God will create in the one that comes a new heart and a new spirit whereby he will relish and enjoy the things of God. The truth is, none but the righteous will run into it, and these having seen their peril have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and have entered the Strong Tower through Him who is the Door, and they keep on coming, even as a child keeps on coming to its mother, and our heavenly Father says: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." If He doesn't cast you out, He must cast you in.

"Yet I may come and come again to Thee
With this, the sinner's only plea—Thou lovest me."

The penitent believer is extremely thankful for such a refuge, but it is only to the believer and to him alone this security is offered. He can now rejoice in the Lord with joy unspeakable and full of glory and sing with the hymn writer:

"My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul."

All others deny the necessity of submitting themselves to so humiliating a process, they think themselves safe without it, but those who have been made righteous find it a wonderful Strong Tower. They run into it and are safe. When we say the name of the Lord is a strong tower, we do not mean that we run into a name. We mean by this His character and perfections—as His wisdom, goodness, love, power—the faithfulness of Jehovah. The man who is God-conscious feels encompassed by these attributes; he feels each one of them is a chamber where he can hide himself till every calamity is overpast (Isa. xxvi. 20).

What a Tower, too, is the Lord Jesus Christ! He is said to be "a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in

his distress, a refuge from the storm, and a shadow from the heat" (Isa. xxv. 4).

Yes! the Lord Jesus Christ is such a hiding place where, no adversary shall ever penetrate. His people are kept in perfect peace; they are safe from the curse of the broken law, for "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but

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A STRONG TOWER

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous
runneth into it, and is safe. The rich man's wealth is
his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.
(Prov. xviii. 10-11).

By Pastor W. H. WINGATE

after the Spirit" (Rom. viii. 1). They are now in the Strong Tower, and their lives are hid with Christ in God (Col. iii. 34). We are ready to exclaim with Micah: "Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy."

A Strong Tower is furnished with a magazine, or store-house, well stocked with offensive and defensive weapons for the use of the soldiers.

God is the Christian's magazine and spiritual armoury. God supplies the offensive and defensive weapons for our conflict with our Adversary, such as: The girdle of Truth, the breast-plate of Righteousness, shoes of the preparation of the Gospel of Peace, the shield of Faith, the helmet of Salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

I once visited a collector of antiques and amongst his collection were many old-fashioned guns, swords, blunderbusses, cutlasses, etc. But these implements of warfare have

so improved, that no one in his right senses would think of using these "museum pieces." But the weapons supplied from God's armoury cannot be improved on. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (II. Cor. x. 4). They are tried and trusted weapons, recommended and used by all the saints of God, even from olden times until now! They were used by the Lord Jesus Himself! The very first words He spoke after He began His ministry were an assertion of the authority of Scripture. He parried the word of the Devil with the Word of God! He made the Scripture His rule, and He puts this Sword into our hands.

"Jesus answered and said: It is written" (Matt. iv. 4). The Bible says: "Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Eph. vi. 16). Some Christians have tried to argue with the enemy, and they return from the fray defeated and disheartened. A man I used to talk to on the things of the Lord once said to me: "The trouble with you is, you won't have a friendly argument, you will keep giving me the Scriptures; you keep on quoting the Bible." This man was later gloriously converted. He left the Roman Catholic Church for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and departed this life declaring with his last few words his faith in his Saviour.

The Word of God is said to be "sharper than a two-edged sword." When Peter preached the Word, we read: "They were pricked in their hearts" (Acts ii. 37). It is a victorious weapon and mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

A Strong Tower is supplied with plenty of provisions, so that the garrison can hold out if and when they are besieged. God our spiritual tower is fulness Himself, for He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. The believing hungry soul has His absolute promise: "Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled" (Luke vi. 21). In the Church of God we have milk for babes, and meat for strong men. The ordinances are a feast of fat things. Christ's flesh is meat indeed and His blood drink indeed. The whole provision is spiritual, savoury, strengthening and satisfying. The Lord blesses it to those who hunger and thirst after it and feed on it by faith. Their souls as a result grow fat and flourishing. They grow in grace and are fruitful in every good work. Some Christians do not grow because "they can't stand the preacher, he's too stiff and starchy." Another is "too sugary." Another eliminates the salt "because the preacher rubs it in so."

Sometimes from a Strong Tower a party is ordered to make a sally or sortie on the surrounding enemy, capture a few and bring them in.

We have such an instance in Acts ii. Peter and the rest of the apostles had been with their Commander in

the garrison for a while, receiving His power, after which they rushed out on the enemy with a stick or two of dynamite and blasted Satan's kingdom to the tune of three thousand souls!

Billy Graham, with a few of Christ's soldiers, dashed from the Strong Tower up to Scotland and brought back a goodly number of "prisoners." He returned to the Stronghold, got a little more encouragement from the Commander. Animated and strengthened, he then dashed to Wembley, where Satan's kingdom was so shaken that he was able to bring back 24,000 more into the Strong Tower!

The Strong Tower only saves and protects those who have entered into it. Outside, people are exposed to danger. Noah himself was only safe when he had entered the Ark, and you will not be safe until you have entered the Strong Tower. Will you come? Still there is room!

Finally, this Strong Tower is a place of security. Men trust their lives and families to a safe retreat. What a comfort is a strong refuge! Isaiah viii. 13 says: "And He shall be for a Sanctuary." God is such a safeguard to the Church, that "the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. xvi. 18). What a sure sanctuary to every believer who commits himself to God! He will save to the uttermost all those who come unto God by Him.

"If thou canst believe" (Mark ix, 23).

Faith is hindered by the weak and unscriptural way in which so many excuse their unbelief and lightly think and speak of the sin of doubting God. If we would have strong faith, we must recognise it as an imperative and sacred obligation, steadfastly and firmly believe God, and refuse ever to doubt Him. Let us not say we cannot believe. It is true we cannot of ourselves; but God has provided for us the power to believe if we choose to do so. Let us then no more condone and palliate our doubts as harmless infirmities and sad misfortunes, but "take heed lest there be in any of us an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." Faith is hindered by reliance upon human wisdom, whether our own or the wisdom of others. The devil's first bait to Eve was an offer of wisdom; and for this she sold her faith. It was the foolish proposition of the spies to search out the land, and to find out by investigation whether God had told the truth or not, that led to the awful outbreak of unbelief that shut the doors of Canaan to a whole generation. It is very significant that the names of these spies are nearly all suggestive of human wisdom, greatness and fame. Our own wisdom is dangerous if it takes the place of God's simple word. Therefore if we would trust the Lord with all our heart, we must lean not to our own understanding.

—A. B. Simpson.

FAMILY AFFAIRS

Notes and News of members and friends in the Elim Family.



Pastor and Mrs. J. Tetchner. A short time ago, to celebrate the completion of twenty-five years in the Elim ministry, Pastor and Mrs. Tetchner of the Accrington Church entertained a large gathering of members and friends on a Friday evening to enable ministers of the surrounding churches to attend. Pastor T. E. Francis of Wigan who had been Mr. Tetchner's closest friend since college days presided. He was supported by Pastors T. Walker of Bolton, S. Beresford of Blackburn, G. Jones of Colne, K. Kingston of Burnley, and P. Guppy of Nelson. Tributes were paid to Mr. Tetchner and his wife for their zealous efforts in the cause of Christ. He was presented with a cheque and wallet as a token of appreciation of his services. Mrs. Tetchner received a lovely Cakestand and a pair of candlesticks from Miss Betty Bell on behalf of the Sisterhood, she also received a bouquet of red roses from nine-year-old Kathleen Moon. Pastor Francis read out numerous greetings and telegrams of congratulations from Churches where Mr. Tetchner had ministered.

Hove. Open-air services on the sea front, conducted by the minister, have proved most encouraging. On the Bank Holiday Sunday, when the final summing up was made, eight people came forward to receive booklets as an indication of their desire to receive Christ. Afterwards workers pointed them to Christ on the sea front.



Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Quest recently celebrated their Silver Wedding when a family gathering joined for the happy occasion. Apart from Mr. and Mrs. Quest, there were present, Grace the eldest daughter, Ruth and her husband (Pastor P. J. Brewer of Pontardulais), and Paul, the youngest. All the party are keen stalwarts in the cause of Christ and all baptised in the Holy Ghost. We wish them many happy years yet in the service of the Master.

Sunny Blundell writes to say she has had a wonderful send-off from South Africa and hopes to be back in Britain on Sept. 9th. Her address now until she returns, will be 211, Longton Lane, Rainhill, Liverpool.

Caterham. Recently the Caterham Elim Church celebrated their Twenty-first Anniversary when special week-end services were held.

Forthcoming Elim Broadcasts

From I.B.R.A. (Africa)—

**SUNDAYS,
AUGUST 28 and SEPTEMBER 4
8.15 to 8.30 p.m.**

Elim **THIS IS LIFE** programmes will be broadcast on 19.7 metres (short wave) and beamed direct to Great Britain. These broadcasts come from the new Pentecostal Broadcasting Station in Tangier, operated by the Swedish Pentecostal Churches.

These are three new programmes. Pastor H. W. Greenway is the preacher. The announcer and producer is Pastor Douglas B. Gray. Those taking part include: Massed Male Voice Chords; The Woodlands Trio; London Crusader Choir; Alfred Garr (soloist); and massed Elim Crusader Chords and congregations from the London Elim Churches.

From Stockholm—

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1.25 to 1.45 p.m.**

At the above time the London Crusader Choir will be "on-the-air" from Radiotjanst (the Swedish National Broadcasting Corporation), Stockholm. The wavelengths on the Medium Band are 254.7 metres and 306.1 metres. The programme will include the following:

Chorale	Alleluia! (Lasst uns erfruen)
Hymn	Jesus is all the world to me
Spirituals	Little David, play on yo' harp
	Swing low, sweet chariot
Meditation	Jesu, Word of God Incarnate
Hymn	Amazing Grace
Chorus	Creation

This programme is conducted by Pastor Douglas B. Gray and was recorded during the Choir's recent visit to Sweden.

AUGUST CONVENTION AT BRISTOL—Continued this new church to Bristol for their first-ever Elim Convention. An added joy was to witness many of them being immersed in water, and their testimonies proved a tonic.

The solos of Pastor F. Asher and the ability of Geoffrey Cooper at the organ, together with the original convening of Pastor Ron. Jones, were delightful contributions to a great convention.

Results? Of course! Seven decided for Christ, nearly one hundred consecrations, and twelve baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, Bristol, for the fellowship, festival and food.
—K. G. Britton (Cardiff).

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Crusading
for Christ

Elim Youth Page

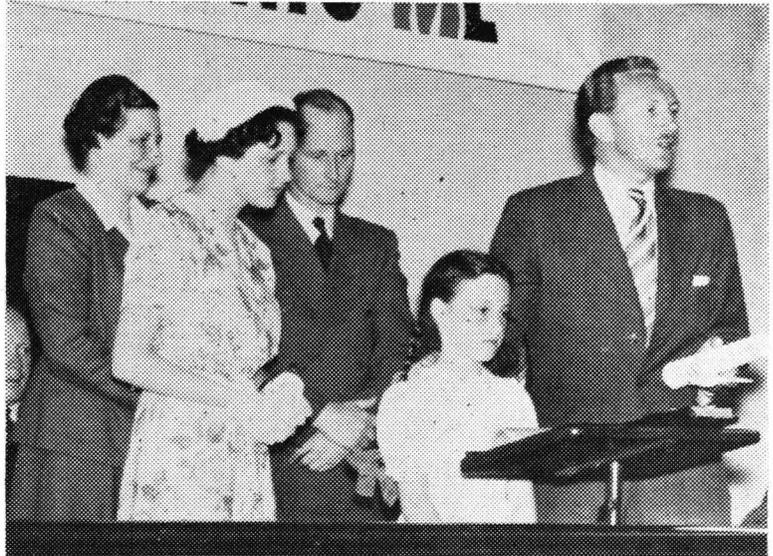
We "Fight
the good
fight"

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

An Achievement for Ireland

With this week's pictures we publish a scene from the Bangor Annual Convention when the National Youth Secretary presented the Diploma of Merit to the Bangor Elim Sunday School. Anne McGimpsey gained the highest marks in the Senior Section of the School and as a reward had the honour of receiving the Diploma on behalf of the Sunday School. Christine Gilpin, as the most successful in the Junior Section of the School, is also in the picture, together with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. G. Wesley Gilpin, responsible for the training of the Bangor entrants.

This is the first time that an Irish school has gained this award, but with more Irish Sunday Schools preparing to enter the National Scripture Examinations next year, the schools in England, Scotland and Wales will be seriously challenged, and Ireland is expecting to take the National Shield and Diploma in 1956.



EXCITING IDEA!

**Oxford Sunday School
Children Enjoy Their
Anniversary in a Tent!**



NEWS REPORTING . . .

STAFFORD. A Sunday School Teachers' Conference was conducted by Pastor L. C. Quest, which was attended by youth workers from the Longton and Silverdale Elim Churches and local churches of other denominations. The motto supplied by Pastor Quest was "My life and the child for Christ." Great value was experienced, and it is suggested that other areas may derive benefit by arranging similar conferences.

OXFORD. Our second Children's Anniversary was celebrated this year under canvas, known to all as the "CANVAS CATHEDRAL." During the evening performance, we had a gathering of 350-400 people, who were thrilled with the children's hearty singing and recitations.

We were privileged to have with us this year, as Chairman, the Sheriff of Oxford, Councillor A. Kinchin, who is a man of God, and has a keen interest in the work of youth.

Flashback to the 1955 Examination—a further selection of scholars' howlers.

A Golden Text according to one scholar—
I will praise Thee for I am young and
just made.

And according to another scholar—
I will praise Thee for I am well and truly made.

A description of the Fall of Man—
The serpent came to Adam and Eve as a brazen
serpent.
Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden.

For one of Adam's two tasks a scholar answered—
Adam's task was to make Eve happy.

The examiner wanted to know what happened to the
descendants of Noah, and a scholar wrote—

God wanted the earth spread out, but they wanted
to build it in one spot.

And as to where they lived—
They lived in a place called Shylock.

In answer to the question, "Why was Cain's sacrifice
refused?" two scholars replied—

Cain's sacrifice was refused because he knew
Pilate.

Cain's sacrifice was refused because he bought
some vegetables, and you cannot get blood out
of vegetables.



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 28th. Mark xiv. 46-59.

"And Peter . . . warmed himself at the fire" (v. 54).
It was night and Jerusalem (high above sea-level) was a cold spot. Peter feels the chill and seeks the comfort of the courtyard fire. Perhaps he felt a spiritual chill too! So, in company with his Lord's enemies, he warms himself. Later, in chapter xiv. 72, we see him in the fire of remorse. In Acts ii. we find him on fire after his Pentecostal enduement. Let us shun the world's fire and we shall evade the burning fire of remorse. The secret is the fire of the Holy Ghost.

MONDAY, August 29th. Mark xiv. 60-72.

" . . . And when (Peter) thought thereon, he wept" (v. 72).
Here we have the erring Peter weeping his heart out in repentance. Peter the boastful, Peter the prayerless, Peter the careless, now in tears. As he left the judgment hall the cock crew. In other words for the failing one it was the dawning of a new day. When Judas went out, it was night. What a horrible thought! It has been night for him since. Reader, have you faltered?. Go to Jesus in contrition and He will give you a new start.

TUESDAY, August 30th. Mark xv. 1-15.

"And they cried out . . . crucify Him . . . Pilate . . . delivered Jesus to be crucified" (vv. 14, 15).

Today's portion presents the silent Christ, in fulfilment of Isaiah liii. 7. Pilate the perplexed seeks a way to release Him in suggesting His freedom and putting the guilty Barabbas to death. But the religious bigots incite the people to call for it otherwise, and Pilate, not willing to take a bold stand, grants their desire. He hands over an innocent Jesus to the cruel officers of the Roman Law. The world still cries against the Christ. To be popular we consent with the rabble: to be truly Christian we stand for Him.

WEDNESDAY, August 31st. Mark xv. 16-32.

"And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him" (v. 20).

Note the import of these homely words. They robbed Him to make sport of him, but to crucify Him they put "His own clothes" back on Him. They decorated Him to mock Him, but put His own raiment on Him to murder Him. He met His end, not in the tawdry splendour of borrowed garments, but in the seamless robe His mother had woven for Him. It was Jesus, as the people knew Him, who was to die. He cannot redeem the world dressed in the apparel of men, but in "His own clothes."

THURSDAY, September 1st. Mark xv. 33-47,

" . . . My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me" (v. 34).
This is one of the seven recorded sayings of Jesus on the Cross and is one recorded prophetically in Psalm xxii. Note first, not the intimate cry of the Son. He was now bearing the sin of the world and uses the cry of a sinner. Again, He was forsaken by God that we might never be forsaken. Further, this cry proves that Jesus did not die the death of a martyr. No martyr has ever been denied the sense of God's presence. Jesus was denied that presence because He was the sin-bearer.

FRIDAY, September 2nd. Mark xvi. 1-20.

" . . . Who shall roll away the stone? . . . They saw the stone was rolled away . . ." (vv. 3, 4).

How often we meet and cross many of our bridges long before we come to them. The women on the resurrection morning did that and then found their worry was needless—the stone was already removed. Matthew says that an angel sat upon it. Jesus walked upon the angry billows which made His disciples panic. He is still Master of the sea. The main prison gate, which might have caused Peter anxiety, the night of his deliverance, opened of its own accord. Have you a stone in your Christian experience? He can roll it away.

SATURDAY, September 3rd. Exodus i. 7-22.

"But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew" (v. 12).

The affliction came as the result of the rapid growth of the Israelites. Of the actual extent of this growth see chapter xii, 37-41. But Egyptian persecution couldn't deter this growth, it merely accelerated it. We can only ascribe it to the superintending Providence of God who made even "the wrath of man to praise Him." So it has been throughout the ages, the Church has ever been on the increase when and where the wrath of Satan has been most in evidence. The blood of the martyrs has ever been productive soil.

NOT AN ANGEL

I would not be an angel:
Though they behold His face
Angels are God's servants,
And I His child by grace.
The great archangel Michael
Would gladly trade with me,
Would leave his harp forgotten,
Beside the crystal sea,
And walk earth's dusty highways
In rags and penury,
With pain for his companion,
If he could only be
For one ecstatic moment
What I shall be always,
The child of God my Father,
To whom be endless praise,
Yes, angels are His servants,
But listen to God's Word—
I am His and He is mine,
Joint-heir with Christ the Lord.

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

The President, Pastor J. Dyke, will visit the following churches:
August 28, Wimborne (11 a.m.). 28, Yeovil (6.30 p.m.)

ABERDEEN. Sept. 10-13. Elim Tabernacle, Marischal Street. Twenty-first Anniversary celebrations. Speakers include Pastors S. Penney, W. J. Hilliard, W. H. Urch, F. Slemming, H. Palliser and Mr. John Hill. Convener, Pastor J. Leslie Timbrell.

BIRMINGHAM. Sept. 3. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street. Presbytery Youth Rally at 7. Guest speaker: Mrs. G. Nash (née Pauline Morgan). Youth Choir, conductor Mr. B. Billington. Convener: Pastor Frank Shadlock (Youth Commissioner).

BRITON FERRY. From Sept. 4. Elim Church, Old Rd. Revival and Healing Campaign conducted by Pastors A. Brooks and A. Whittall. Suns. 6.15. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.

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

HASTINGS. Sept. 4. Silverhill Club Hall, Silverhill Junction. 11 and 6.30. Pastor W. R. West.

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

ILFORD. Sept. 3, 10, 12. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Sept. 3, Monthly Rally (Crusaders) 7.30. Sept. 10, Film "Venture into Faith" 7. Sept. 12, Film repeat "Venture into Faith" 7.30.

LANGLEY. Sept. 11-12. Elim Church, Mount Pleasant. Sisterhood Anniversary. Special speaker: Mrs. J. Newman (Coventry). Sun. 6.30. Mon. District Rally 7.15.

LONDON. Sept. 23. Elim Church, Camberwell. ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE. Preliminary Announcement of Students' Welcome Service. Fri. 7.30. Preacher: Pastor S. Gorman.

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. 27-Sept. 4. Elim Full Gospel Church, Queen's Road. Visit of Pastor F. A. Lowman, Bishop Auckland. Suns. 11 and 6. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at 7.30.

OXFORD. Sept. 3-4. City Temple, Botley Road. Church Anniversary Services. Sat. 3, Dedication of New Electronic Organ. Officiating minister: Pastor Douglas B. Gray, Musical Director. Services: Sat. 7.15. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

SALISBURY. Aug. 27, 28. Elim Church, Scots Lane. Visit of Pastor W. Llewellyn Bell.

SCARBOROUGH. Aug. 28.-Sept. 4. Elim Church, Murray Street. "This is Life" Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor H. W. Greenway. Sun. 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights 7. (Fri. excepted).

SMETHWICK. Sept. 10-14. Elim Church, Oldbury Rd., Smethwick (nr. Smethwick Junction). Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Guest speakers: former ministers Pastors J. Frame, W. G. Hawkins, J. R. Knight and W. J. Patterson. Supported by Graham Street, Kingstanding, Sparkbrook, Smethwick and Tipton A.o.G. Choirs. Convener: Pastor Frank Shadlock. Times of services: Opening service Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. to Wed. 7.30.

TŌNYPANDY. Sept. 3-11. Elim Temple, Miskin Road, Trealaw. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors J. Karamadzanis, E. A. Fletcher (A.o.G.), E. F. Cole, P. S. Brewster and the Tredegar Quintet (the Ree brothers). Week-nights (ex. Fri.) 7.15. Suns. 11 and 6. After-church Rally 7.45. Light refreshments for visitors at close of services.

WOOD GREEN. Sept. 3. Elim Church, Russell Road (off Bowes Road). N.W. London Presbytery Rally. Sat. 3 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor J. Atkinson. Convener: Pastor F. Coleman. Singing by members of Englefield Green Church.

WORTHING. Sept. 10-13. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. Annual Convention. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon., Tues. 7.30. Speakers: Pastor John Dyke, President. Convener: Pastor V. J. Walker.

Elim Year of Continuous Prayer, 1955.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS—Continued.

night was: 'What will you do with Jesus which is called Christ?' Thank God, the Light dawned upon them and they surrendered their lives to Jesus and found salvation. We visited them in their home, giving them a Bible to read, and then discovered another sister, who has been crippled these last three years with rheumatoid arthritis in hands and knees. The knees seem to be locked, but we are praying and believing for her healing. Her physical deliverance will mean that many other Christian Scientists will know that Christ is able to save and deliver. Hallelujah!

"Prayer warriors at home will find in this letter much for which to give thanks, also much to still pray for!"

LATE NEWS FLASH

Worcester Campaign. People waiting an hour for doors to open for first meeting. Worcester's largest Public Hall packed to capacity. Scores raised hands for decision. Forty-four signed decision cards. Pray on for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit.

Saved by grace (Eph. ii. 8). Standing in grace (Rom. v. 2). Speaking in grace (Col. iv. 6). Sustained by grace (2 Cor. ix. 8).

MISSIONARY FINANCES

Here is the Statement of our Income and estimated Expenditure up to the end of July. Pray with us that all needs may be met as we press forward with the work in the Master's Name.

		Estimated Expenditure		Received
1954				
November	...	£1,200	...	£1,230
December	...	£1,200	...	£859
1955				
January	...	£1,200	...	£834
February	...	£1,200	...	£1,761
March	...	£1,200	...	£750
April	...	£1,300	...	£1,344
May	...	£1,300	...	£2,035
June	...	£1,300	...	£708
July	...	£1,300	...	£1,835
Total to date	...	£11,200	...	£11,356

Readers will note that our income for June and July was less than the amount needed. We still have a balance of £156 in hand, but against that, we have withdrawn £700 from the reserve fund, put by for extending our missionary work.

Please pray that by the end of October, we may have a balance in hand, sufficient at least to return the £700.

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Bridlington.—For happy fellowship, home comforts, good food, come to Shalom Christian Guest House, on sea front. Good situation for young and old. Special terms for pensioners from September 10th Barraclough & Riley, 21, Albion Terrace. 'Phone: 5276. C.241

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Elim Woodlands.—Open to visitors July 16th-September 10th. Situated in four acres of grounds and woodland; reasonable terms; Write for brochure to Mrs. J. T. Bradley, 30, Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4. S.A.E.

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PROFESSIONAL

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BIRTH

Pike.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Pike, Salisbury (28/3/55), the gift of a son, Philip James. Dedicated by Pastor F. J. Slemming at the Elim Church, Salisbury.

WITH CHRIST

Cheetham. On the 19th July, Mrs. S. Cheetham, faithful member of the Elim Church, Sheffield, passed into the Presence of her beloved Lord after a long illness patiently borne. Aged 82, she was like ripe corn ready for the garner. Funeral conducted by Pastor A. Biddle.

Morris. On July 6th, David Charles Morris, beloved husband of Bessie. Funeral conducted at Croydon by Pastor L. G. Hawes. "Until the day dawns."

Sampson.—On August 10th, Kati Sampson, aged 82 years. Funeral conducted by Pastor George Backhouse.

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