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Front view of the Royal Hall, Harrogate, showing the Monday evening meeting in progress.

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

Conference Commentary

By Pastor J. J. WAY

IT IS TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 27th, as the Elim Churches Conference consisting of ministers and laymen gather in the Royal Hall, Harrogate. What do they gather for? Well, this company is the Governing Body of this Movement. Elim can never be controlled by one or few. Every ordained minister and every Church-appointed layman has the right to vote on every issue. Elim is expanding and always aiming for the helpful and the progressive. Happy reunions have already taken place and an early morning time of devotion in the large Beechwood Court Hotel has blessed our souls. "Business is business" they say, but before the Business Session we break bread. We commune before we confer. Worship before we work. The right start is everything, and what a fine start we had. The Risen Lord met us around His Table, and Harrogate became Heavensgate. Let me say at the beginning of this report, it was a very spiritual Conference. All are agreed that the blessing of God rested upon us. The President, Pastor H. W. Greenway, opens the business session with a warm welcome to all the delegates. Greetings were read from New Zealand, the Mission Field, and the I.B.T.I.

First item on agenda is the acceptance of churches. Six were accepted into Elim. Whilst the scrutineers are counting the votes for the election of the Executive Council, we agree to another Year of Prayer. Pastor L. W. Green is thanked for his work in arranging same. All the retiring members of the Executive Council are returned, namely: J. Dyke, H. W. Greenway, J. T. Bradley and W. G. Hathaway. Voting now takes place for the Vice-President, and Pastor Joseph Smith of Belfast is eventually elected. The Missionary Secretary, Pastor G. H. Thomas, gives the Missionary Report. Four new missionaries have gone to various fields in Africa. Much time was given to the Report because missionary work is dear to the heart of this Conference and the churches represented. Amongst the helpful suggestions to expand were the appointing of a Presbytery Missionary Secretary and the using of missionary boxes shaped like a native hut.

The second day's session opened with a testimony and message from Pastor H. A. Court, who, a few weeks ago lay at death's door. Then, another church is added to the six already accepted. Praise the Lord!

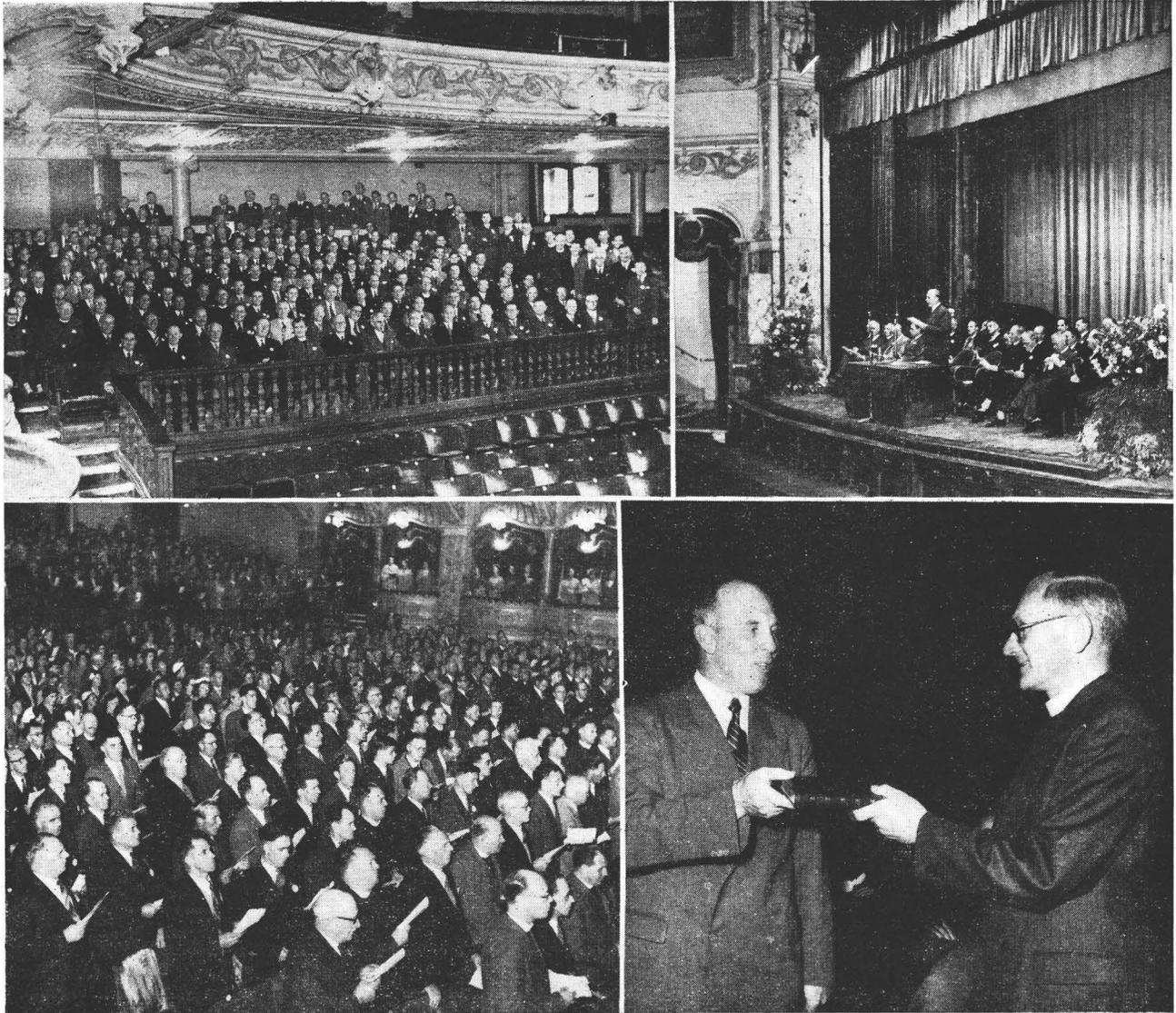
The Evangelistic Report comes next. The President is Secretary of this Committee so he gives its report. He said there was a great call for pioneer evangelism in our Movement, but finances are restricting us. To give us the real thing, some Tape Recordings from recent evangelistic efforts were played over. Some very inspiring numbers of the decisions were given. Worcester, over 700, Kidderminster 550, Liverpool 450, and so on. Very good churches were formed as a consequence. We now deal with the Elim Bible College report which has been given by the Dean, Pastor J. T. Bradley. He told us that twenty-two students were in the College at present, and his very favourable

report was adopted. Another very important side of our Movement follows. The Youth Report by the National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. Hywel Davies. This covered all Youth and Children's work. The Youth Camps brought very inspiring results in souls saved and believers baptised in the Holy Ghost. As would be expected from a virile Youth leader we were told of other ideas designed to capture the imagination and edifying of youth. Something we were waiting for came next, Radio Evangelism. It was very commendable that Elim had accepted the Monte Carlo Station opportunity to broadcast. No one can assess the results, but officials praised the programme. Financial assistance from churches, and the result of appeals, was quite insufficient. The reception was not good in some parts of these Islands; but others heard very clearly. It was thought that the Revival type of programme was needed most. The agenda items are never taken as listed because of counting votes or fitting in an item to suit the time at the close of a session. New style voting for various committees was agreed upon, the Executive appointing one half and the Conference the other. We then turned from Committees to the Cash Accounts of the Movement in all its sections. A statement by the Secretary General, Pastor E. J. Phillips, showed how helpful Headquarters have been in advancing money for Churches to obtain a building or manse. The Government's financial "squeeze" will make this help almost impossible to be continued. The Secretary-General called for loans for God's work; a very fair interest would be given.

It is Thursday morning and Pastor G. Stormont gives a short message at Devotional time. An Executive proposal to adjust the 10 per cent payable to Headquarters where needy churches are concerned was welcomed. Next a layman, Mr. J. Bielby, proposed an increase of salaries. As a member of the Salary Committee he showed how far behind the rising costs were the ministers' salaries. There was a general feeling for the Probationers' allowances to be raised, and it was agreed to an increase slightly above the Salary Committee's recommendation. The lay brethren voiced their approval for the rise in ministers' salaries and the proposal was carried.

A proposal that the Church Session call and appoint their minister was not accepted, but the Stationing Committee can now approach a minister to move if the occasion arises. Fitting in short items owing to time, brought us to "Next Year's Conference—Place and Date." It was unanimously decided to return again to Harrogate, commencing September 17th. Proposals to simplify and localize Local Preachers' training and acceptance were carried. A proposal that a new church formed through a Pioneer Campaign should give its first year's "tithe" to the Evangelistic Fund was accepted.

Ministers in the Channel Isles have no State Health Scheme operating there, so it was agreed to examine the



Top left: Conference Delegates, taken in the Royal Hall. Top Right: The platform group. Bottom left: General view of one section of the congregation. Bottom right: Pastor John Dyke, the retiring President, hands over a presentation Bible to Pastor H. W. Greenway, the newly-inducted President. All pictures, except the one of the Delegates, are of the Monday evening public meeting in the Royal Hall, Harrogate.

matter and to help them in the most practical way.

Friday morning, and how time flies! We must conclude business by lunch-time. Pastor G. Canty gives a very challenging and inspiring message on "The Sign Attested Gospel." The Conference felt that we could do better for Home and Foreign Missions. A goal of £20,000 for this next year was set. "Suggestion Time" brought an idea for an Elim newspaper which would combine news with the Good News. The idea will be explored. In the light of the Movement's publicity through broadcast services, it was felt that all churches should use the better known title of Elim. In the future the Executive will see that new churches conform to this. The Royal Albert Hall meetings on Easter Monday were dealt with. Certain suggestions were accepted and it was announced that Pastor C. M. Ward of America, who broadcasts throughout the world in "Revivaltime,"

would be the preacher. Loyalty for this, Elim's great day, was called for.

As we drew to the end of our Conference special thanks were extended to Harrogate's Mayor and the Corporation, to the Secretary-General, Pastor E. J. Phillips, and to Pastor D. G. Hathaway, the local Elim minister, who handled all the local business before we arrived. Thanks also to those connected with the Stalls which showed some of Elim's activities.

Well done too, Mr. Chairman, may the Lord bless your term of office.

We all praised the Lord for the Conference of 1955, the Lord was with us, we all felt His presence. A lovely spirit of understanding, helpfulness, and unity prevailed. Now to the work with a firm conviction that the Lord is going to bless us in a new and wonderful way. Amen.

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EDITORIAL

Conference Reflections

So Harrogate One is history and Harrogate Two is as yet prophecy. But the memories of those blessed days still linger with us. The happy fellowship in the hotels where we stayed, the meeting with familiar friends in and out of the Conference Hall, the fragrant fellowships in the devotional sessions, and many other aspects of Conference week remain as an indelible impression of our first real "away from London" Annual Conference.

The Stalls in the Conference Hall corridors proved a fine advertising medium for the various Departments of our work, and the advertising value of the Conference being held in such a place as Harrogate with its fine Royal Hall cannot be too highly appreciated.

This week members of the Conference write up their memoirs for the benefit of our readers and we hope you will enjoy them, as also the pictures of the public meetings. Space does not permit the printing of the full address of the President at his Induction Service, but the remainder of the message will be given in next week's issue.

LATE NEWS

As we go to press news comes to hand that God is blessing the Campaign in Holyhead under the ministry of Pastor Ron. Jones.

Already 165 have decided for Christ in the first ten days. Two remarkable healings have stirred the town. One, a lady with stiff arm joint instantly released, and the other, a young man paralyzed in one arm as a result of an accident eleven years ago, and deaf in one ear from the same cause. After serious operations and bone grafts the doctors said he would never use his arm. After prayer he was instantly healed and raised his arm above his head. His hearing also was restored. God is confirming His Word with signs following.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer is requested on behalf of Dr. C. Brien, Elim missionary in Southern Rhodesia, who is very ill in hospital.

The Ordination Service

By Pastor G. WESLEY GILPIN

HOW SHALL THEY HEAR without a preacher? This is the age-long problem of Christian witness—a question which remains unanswered. Hence, the leaders of the Elim churches in the British Isles have felt it to be a major part of their responsibility to provide facilities for the training of young men who have caught the vision and felt the call to preach the Gospel. It was in an atmosphere of thanksgiving and anticipation that a large congregation gathered in the Royal Hall, Harrogate, on the Tuesday evening of the Conference week, to witness the ordination of ten young men to the ministry of the Elim Church.

In the chair was the President—Pastor H. W. Greenway, and, after a one-time Dean of the Elim Bible College—Pastor E. C. W. Boulton—had led the gathering in prayer, another ex-Dean, Pastor Joseph Smith, gave a stirring address to the ordinands from Philippians iii. 14, on "The Responsibility of the Christian ministry." "Here," said the speaker, "is a solemn charge, asking for a 100 per cent response." Pastor C. J. E. Kingston then spoke words of advice to the congregation from the Parable of the Sower. Said he, "If you want good preaching you must give good hearing." Quoting Mr. Gladstone—"I receive a vapour from you which I return to you in a flood." Mr. Kingston said, "So a congregation must hear carefully, thoughtfully, deeply and fruitfully, if the best results are to be obtained from preaching."

The candidates for ordination were then introduced by the Dean, Pastor J. T. Bradley, and called upon to promise fidelity to God and to the Movement. Before being ordained, each of the brethren gave testimonies, varying in nature as they themselves did in appearance, to God's saving grace and wonderful challenge to their hearts. The impression was left that there stood before us a band of young men whose hearts the Lord had touched, and who were determined to face their responsibilities to their generation with determination and no small amount of qualification.

In the course of the service, prizes were distributed by the Dean to young men who had finished their actual college course but who were still under training by correspondence. The marks obtained for the writing of Theses on such subjects as—"The Bible, the Word of God" and "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" were exceptionally high.

The Conference proper and the evening services are over for another year, and while many events of those days will quickly pass, who can forget the solemnity and sense of God's presence in that moment when members of the Executive Council laying hands upon those brethren as they knelt before the congregation, set them apart for the work and prayed God's seal upon their ministry.

A Memorable Missionary Meeting

By Pastor A. D. Hathaway

SUCH INDEED WAS THE IMPRESSION left on many a heart after the time of rich spiritual blessing enjoyed by Conference delegates and visitors from the Northern Churches at the gathering on Wednesday night of Conference week in the lovely Royal Hall at Harrogate. Truly "Heaven came down our souls to greet" and many a heart was deeply stirred by the challenging words of our missionaries.

After the opening hymn, led by the President, Pastor H. W. Greenway, Pastor G. H. Thomas, the missionary Secretary, led the meeting in prayer. Then followed a Scripture reading by Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth from the Belgian Congo, and the stirring strains of "Send the light," sung by the Ministers' choir

The first missionary speaker was Miss Topping from Tanganyika who spoke of her work at Kikilo and Kinonko and of souls saved through the work in the Mission school, and also of many reached through the witness in the dispensary and hospital, as well as the direct evangelistic work in the surrounding villages.

Then followed Pastor A. Nicolson from Senegal, who looked such a picture of health compared with other missionaries on furlough, that many have commented on this. He gave thanks to God for the faithful prayer warriors who had upheld him when he was sick, impelled by a divinely given urge at the very time when, unknown to them, he was in great need. When he went to Senegal, he told us, there were only five missionaries and one town church for a population of two million. The work is made more difficult by the illiteracy of the people, coupled with a strong Moslem influence. Hence the price which must be paid by those who decide for Christ is high. We were stirred to hear of one young man who had come to Christ through a contact made in the medical work.

"I came, I saw, I heard," was the theme of Pastor Stockdale from India who, with his wife, both dressed in colourful Indian costume, sang an Indian hymn in Hindi. He told us of their coming to Dehri-on-Sone, and then to the state of Sarguja, so long closed to the Gospel, and of the pitiful sights he had seen, and the dread sounds of heathen drums and temple bells that speak of a people enslaved to Satan. Yet we rejoice to hear how God is working, and of the selling of 700 Gospels in one day at the annual Dehri fair. The great need of providing Gospel literature for the many new literates of India was amply stressed.

After a short word from Mrs. McInnes concerning the Sunday school, Pastor McInnes, of British Guiana, brought as his theme for the closing message the words, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Christian workers are challenged by the zeal of Hindu and Moslem missionary teachers who are out to capture all they can from this land of six peoples for their respective religions. Already the Hindus number 45 per cent of the population, and the Moslems 8 per cent, whilst Roman

Catholicism too is very strong. A hush fell on the congregation as he described a poor leper woman, dreadfully scarred by this hideous disease, whose hands and feet had been eaten away, leaving only stumps. Yet in her heart she had the joy and peace of the Lord, and those stumps were stretched out to receive a copy of the Word of God. As he closed his message, Mr. McInnes asked us to visualize those stumps stretched out, pleading for the words of life eternal, and for those who will pray, give, and go, to tell them of a Saviour's love.

With a realization of the moving of the Spirit upon the large audience, Pastor Greenway rose to his feet. Already, earlier in the meeting he had asked for an offering of £100 for the missionary cause. When counted, this had fallen short of the target by £5. Now he asked whether this could be made up. One man waved his cheque book, others suggested asking for 10/- notes, but then from the congregation there came a voice, followed quickly by others, "Take up another offering." As hearts and purses were opened, and with the vision of the great need of those in heathen darkness so vividly portrayed before us, the baskets were swiftly filled with cheques, notes and coins. While we sang the closing refrain again and again, the offering was counted, surely in record time, and soon came the word that the evening's offering had now reached the figure of £200.

So, with praises in our hearts, and a deep consciousness of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the meeting, we made our way homewards. We thank the Lord for this memorable missionary meeting, and trust and believe that its influence will long be felt, not only here, but wherever Elim missionaries lift high the banner of the Cross.

Elim Broadcasts

A new series of radio programmes will commence on
Sunday, 6th November, 1955

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BEFORE I LEFT SCHOOL I joined the Public Library. In those days I liked to read story books. Those of you who are familiar with boys' books will know that quite a lot of those books of fiction deal with the hunt for treasures. I loved to go down to the galleons with the diver, below the deep blue sea, and hunt among the wreckage, always expecting to find some new treasure. I used to find my way through pirate caves and imagine myself opening up the old chests, and finding the rubies, the gold and the diamonds. It's a great thrill, isn't it? Of course it's not real, but it's all right to think about it! It's the lure of unexpected wealth that inspires many fiction writers and gives a pull to their books for the young readers. Of course this thing lies deep in the heart of man. Isn't this the quest of the industrialist, the business man? He wants wealth, because he believes that that will bring him pleasure and happiness. There's something in the heart of man that craves for the best and we're not satisfied unless we do get the best. We're always reaching forward, trying to get that which the soul is longing for. But isn't it true friends that the world's greatest wealth is not assessed in terms of gold, jewels, lands and goods, but in personality? Have you seen a mother with her baby? As she holds it near to her heart, she'll say to you, "I wouldn't exchange this treasure for **all** the world"—and she means it. Father, isn't it the same with you? When that little fellow comes with all his sticky fingers, and his face sticky too, and he pushes it up against your face and it's all smarmed with jam or sweets, he puts his arm round your neck and he says, "Daddy, I love you." **Treasure is embodied in personality**, and the greatest treasure we have is the personal treasure. We wouldn't exchange this for all that the world might offer to us. When we think of treasure in personality, our minds are focused upon one great Personality, the Supreme Personality of all history, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is described here as "the unsearchable riches of Christ." I looked up some other translations to see what other folk had to say, to see whether they could give us any new train of thought, but every time you have the same idea. Weymouth refers to it as "this exhaustless wealth." In Jesus Christ we will always find something greater, better, more wonderful. Moffat says of Him that He is "the fathomless riches." Go down and seek, if you will and you'll find something that thrills your soul with a new experience.

Barney Barnarto years ago went to South Africa and bought up some old, disused diamond mines. Folk said they were finished, all the wealth had gone. They'd been digging there for years and they said they would never find any more, but Barney Barnarto gave an order to his engineers; he said, "Go deeper." They found nothing. He said, "Go deeper still." They said, "We can't find anything." He said "Go deeper still," and eventually he opened the most valuable diamond mines in the Rand. He went deep enough. The deeper he went the more wealth he discovered. You can keep on like that with Jesus Christ. I've been studying the Word of God since I became a Christian minister and before, and I find the older I grow in the ministry of Christ, the more I want to love

Him, the more wonderful He becomes, the more He thrills my soul, and if there is one inspiration I want to give to young men and women and to my fellow ministers it is that we might love Him more, and serve Him with a greater devotion, that we might understand the depth of the wonder of His grace. Jesus Christ is the altogether lovely One, he is the fairest among ten thousand; none with Him can compare. His majesty is greater than the kings of earth, blessed be His wonderful name. I love Him tonight more than I have loved Him before; I want to love Him with a deeper passion and a deeper intensity. I want my whole being to be focused in Him, for He is the answer to the need of the world: He is the only one who can meet men and women as they need Him. And the soul of man is hungry tonight; the soul of man yearning for



The Unsearchable

Presidential Address delivered

reality, for some great depth. Only the other day a man 'phoned me, who'd listened to the Croydon broadcast and he said, "You know, there's something about your services that's so sincere." Men and women are longing for reality: they can find it in Jesus Christ. Not in an organization, not in a President, not in a human person, but in the Divine Son of God. We've got to learn to present Him in all His loveliness, and in the wonder and the beauty of His grace. Someone said to me some time ago, "You know, every President seems to preach on something that's near to his heart." I have no apologies for taking this subject. I pray God that my devotion shall always be at the feet of Jesus. I want to serve Him better. The older I grow the more conscious I become how much a failure I've been. I look back over my own experience and I see the many times I could have been a better man—and I want Christ to be seen in me that the man I am might cease to be, that Christ may be all and in all. When we love Jesus Christ with that great intensity we are made conscious that the pentecostal flame that burns amongst us is throwing its gleam upon Him. Jesus said "He shall testify of Me." When the Spirit of God comes within you He will make Jesus Christ more wonderful, He will make Christ to be manifested more clearly.

Now this wealth of ours, this great treasure we have, introduces us to the law of Divine mathematics. I know if I begin to talk about this I may get all tangled up with the grammar school education, but the Bible shows me

this, that Divine mathematics do not follow the laws of normal physics. You will find that, in the Divine sense, the more you take away, the more you have, you've got a strange law of multiplication by subtraction. I never learned that at school, it is in the Bible. There was an old widow woman once who brought all her old pots and pans and they had one little cruse, and the prophet said "Pour it out" and they began to pour it out, and the old thing kept pouring and it kept pouring, and the more they poured the more there was. It just kept on. You've got the law of multiplication by subtraction; as you took away, you got a bit more. It's like that in the spiritual sense. The more you pour Jesus Christ without, the more wonderful He is within. The more blessing He pours into your soul; bottle up your blessings and you'll be a miser-

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph. iii. 8).

Riches of Christ

I. W. Greenway at the Elim Conference, Harrogate

able soul, but give them away and you'll have a lot more, it is one of the Divine laws. It doesn't follow natural law, but it's God's law and I'm following His law; it's above the law of man. Isn't that exactly what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? Give it away and you have got it, somehow, it is multiplied in your own soul.

I want now to touch upon one or two points and the first point I want to bring to you is **the intrinsic wealth of the nature of Christ.**

In Colossians i. 18, we read, "And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence." He is the pre-eminent One, He is far above all. It is only recently that man has scaled the highest piece of ground upon this world. Mount Everest has at last been conquered and man has got to the top, but it was Jesus Christ who piled the hills together, and it was He who flecked their tips with glinting snow. Jesus Christ made the hills, He is above the hills. Man now is talking about his rocket flights and he is speaking of getting up higher and higher. He hopes one day to get to the moon, perhaps even beyond that, but it was Jesus Christ who called the infinity of space into being. He threw the worlds where they are. He is far above all. However high you may go, you will find Jesus Christ above you. However low you may sink in your shame and your sin, you will find Jesus below you to lift you. He is there in every human experi-

ence to help us and to receive our worship. He is the apex of every spiritual experience and I have already remarked it is the pentecostal flame that throws its light upon Him; warms our hearts at His very name. That surely is the purpose of the latter day revival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe we are in the last revival. God is waking up the Pentecostal Movement all over the world in order to testify to the fact that Christ is supreme and that He is the only answer to the needs and the problems of this world. We've tried other devices, we've tried other methods, but only Jesus Christ can meet the needs of men. His grandeur is above all. Even Renan, the great infidel, had to admit "Jesus was the greatest religious genius who ever lived. His beauty is eternal and His reign will never end. Jesus is in every respect unique and nothing can be compared with Him." That is the testimony of a man of the world. He admitted, with all his feelings of hatred against religion, that there was One who was supreme: it was Jesus Christ.

We note also **the glory of His eternal being.**

In the Revelation we see Him as Him "which was and which is and which is to come." The appearance of Jesus Christ is quite obviously threefold in its character. First of all the pre-incarnation disclosures of Christ; then the personal manifestation of Christ in the world; and thirdly His post-incarnation activity. He was before all things and by Him all things consist. He was before all things; He says "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." We've got a strange idea about beginnings, haven't we? We think that when a plant comes up that is the beginning. My dear friend, you are altogether wrong. It began with a seed and of that seed you may say, "Well, it has got its roots in the soil." That seed has its roots in a long process. It goes right back down through time; with planting and decay and fertilization and cross fertilization, until at last you have what we think is the beginning. The same is true of many things. The child is not the beginning as we think of it as the beginning. It has its roots in the hereditary of the race. It goes right back; beginnings go a very long way, until you get right back to the dawn of creation and there you find He was before them all. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life." He was the beginning. Every beginning goes back to Him, for "of Him and through Him and to Him are all things." He was there in the beginning. The beginning of Christ is the ever present yesterday. He was beyond that point of time to which the mind of man endeavours to reach. He was there all the time. Thus it was possible for Him to reveal Himself at any stage in human experience. Thus it was possible for Him to try and make Himself known, and He did make Himself known before He came. There is no other personality in history of whom that could be said. Alexander came, but Alexander was not prophesied. Men were not agitated about the coming of Alexander before he came. The same is true of all the great men of history. Most of

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Souls are being saved as a result of Elim Pioneer Campaigns . . .

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

Two Youth Commissioners Write

THE BEST IN THE GARBAGE CAN!

By Pastor T. W. THOMPSON (D.Y.C., Northern Ireland)

That the best can very easily find its way into the garbage can is demonstrated by the following incident. Two Wycliffe preachers were on a caravan tour together. One, a younger man, was responsible for the cooking. For several days they had eaten "greens" as the second vegetable for dinner, and then the older man suggested a cauliflower for a change. The next dinner-time, however, some sickly looking "greens" appeared again on the plate! "I thought I said get a cauliflower for today," grumbled the elder. "I have," replied the younger. "Where is the flower then?" added the older man. "Oh, I threw that away, I didn't think you ate that," said the young man!

Young folk, if you are not careful, you can throw away the best part of life. There is the temptation to leave the consecration of time and talent until later on, when you are older; but youth is the best time of life. It is the formative period when the mould is cast. What you will be in the future depends to a large extent upon what you make of yourself now. Habits, characteristics, attitudes, tendencies, are cultivated in youth and can make or mar the rest of one's life.

Youth is also the visionary period. Not without significance we are told, "Your young men shall see visions." Unspoiled by cynicism, frustration, and bitterness of spirit, youth sees new worlds to conquer, feels the challenge, hears the call of the untrodden—the unknown. Life stretches ahead with all its possibilities. The eye is bright and clear—undimmed by age.

Youth is also the period of adventure. The spirit of youth longs to do and to dare! Some of the greatest achievements in history have been accomplished by those whom we would call youths today.

An elder brother rose in a testimony meeting to discourse upon the advantage of age over youth! "Young people," he said, "are like green apples—very sharp to the taste, but when we get older we become mellow—like the mature apple!" A younger brother, somewhat piqued by this, followed on by saying, that, "whilst it was true that green apples might be somewhat sharp, they were also very juicy and refreshing; whereas, mature and mellow apples could be very dry!"

Young folk, don't wait till you are mellow and dry! Give the freshness of youth to Christ. Don't waste the best time of your life by throwing it into the garbage can of the world. Use it—invest it in the service of Christ.

A CHALLENGE

From Pastor W. WALTER KIRKBY (D.Y.C., North-East)

For many years Mt. Everest offered a challenge to climbers. Attempt after attempt was made without success; but now it has been conquered. What a thrill it gave our nation and the world, when on the eve of our present Queen's coronation, the news was announced. In writing this small contribution for the ELIM EVANGEL it is my purpose to present a challenge to all Elim Crusaders.

In this land in which we live SIN abounds on every hand. I prefer to call sin by its proper name for to call it by any other is untrue and makes it even more dangerous. Label a bottle of strychnine poison "Peppermint" and people will be much more liable to take a fatal dose.

Today the greater percentage of crime is found among teen-agers. A well-dressed fourteen-year-old girl stood before a Sheffield court and admitted to thirty-one cases of housebreaking. In Coventry, a boy who had not yet reached his thirteenth birthday was described as "an expert shopbreaker." Among teen-agers there is by far the greater percentage of unmarried mothers. At that age they get "tough." A cycle chain or short length of lead piping is used as a cosh. Old age and other people's property are not respected. Mr. Lindsay Glegg's words in the *Advent Witness*, sum up the position perfectly: "In my younger days the average age of a criminal was forty-five. The average age of criminals today lies between seventeen and eighteen years of age."

Now Crusaders, this is the challenge: are we going to allow the Devil to have his sway over the teen-agers in our land or are we going to win them for the Lord Jesus? We know from personal experience that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe." Jesus is able to break the power of cancelled sin, He can set the prisoner free. The blood of Jesus can cleanse the vilest. Those who are now alienated can become the "children of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven." Jesus can give them "fulness of joy" and "abundant life": the very things they are seeking.

"But," you ask, "how are we going to win these teen-

agers?" Over a period of many years the "one by one" method has been proved the most effective. So, take a teen-ager to heart, and be determined that by prayer, witnessing, and practical Christian living to win that one for Jesus."

"Youth must win the Youth."

With the National Youth Secretary's consent may I ask a favour? When you get results will you please let me have the details of how you won one for Jesus. We are all keenly interested to hear how God is using you.

Notes
by
Pastor
Ronald
Reid.

The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions.

SUNDAY, October 23rd. Acts xix. 13-27.

"Books . . ." (v. 19).

Books are printed and made to be read, but we have an instance here where they were piled together and publicly burned. And rightly so. Books that fail to illuminate and direct the mind, strengthen the soul and create character are of very little value. Many of the Jews and Greeks had got right with God and among the first evidences of their conversion, they consigned to the flames the filthy books of their former perusals. Our book stores today are overrun with books of low and lamentable reading. Beware of poison on the printed page! Let us seek the best and read much of THE BOOK! A proper and judicious system of reading is of the highest importance.

MONDAY, October 24th. Acts xix. 28-41.

The whole city was filled with confusion (v. 29).

The preaching of the Gospel is to them that perish foolishness and when that foolishness is coupled with fanaticism the outcome is confusion. New Testament preaching is just as liable to cause a row as a revival! The preaching of the Gospel threatened to ruin the income of Demetrius and Company, Idol Makers. Where there is no recognition of the living Christ there is always confusion. The goddess Diana may be "great" to the Ephesian mind, but there is no other name given under heaven or among men whereby we can be saved, but by the name of JESUS.

TUESDAY, October 25th. Acts xx. 1-12.

"The disciples came together . . ." (v. 7).

"How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." There is an advantage from coming together that cannot be realized in any other way. It was when Thomas missed the meeting that he missed seeing the Lord (John xx. 24).

"Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is and the more so as ye see the day approaching." Fellowship will increase our faith, strengthen our courage, augment our spirituality and in the breaking of bread we can see afresh He who was wounded for our transgressions and paid the full price for our Redemption.

WEDNESDAY, October 26th. Acts xx. 13-24.

"None of these things move me . . ." (v. 24).

A noble testimony indeed! Here is a life dedicated to the doing of God's will beset on every hand by persecution, difficulties, and deliberate diabolical plans for his ruin. He was aware of it, but refused to be disturbed or distracted in his work for God. In his patience he possessed his soul. He is willing to spend his life in labour, hazard it in dangerous services. He desires only to fulfil his calling, please his Lord and present himself a faithful servant. He who sees beyond the fiery trials of this life and catches a glimpse of the glory that is yet to be can well say of his troubles in this life: "None of these things move me."

LATE NEWS FLASH!

Saturday, October 8th, National Youth Rally Day in Trafalgar Square and Camberwell—huge success! Six decisions for Christ in the Square and further decisions of conversion and consecration in Camberwell Elim Church where it was estimated 800 people attended the rally, many seated in the vestries, porch, and aisles.

THURSDAY, October 27th. Acts xx. 25-38.

"And now brethren, I commend you to God" (v. 32).

"To whom else can we go?" said Peter, and likewise Paul in his parting talk to his Ephesian friends. He commends them to God. Yes, a God who shall support them in every storm, guard them in the midst of wolves and keep them in the midst of malicious gossip. To the word of His grace which is able to build up, strengthen and sustain. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and present you faultless before the presence of His glory . . . be glory and majesty, dominion and power . . ."

He who hath helped thee hitherto,
Will help thee all thy journey through.

FRIDAY, October 28th. Acts xxi. 1-14.

"I am ready . . ." (v. 13).

Ready to receive from the hands of vile men the very worst that they can do. Ready to die if need be. That was Paul! That should be our attitude as well! He had fought a good fight. Have we? He had run a good race. Have we? He was assured that being absent from the body was to be present with the Lord. There was no fear for the future. He was ready and rejoicing in the glorious knowledge that; "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." Be not afraid of them that can kill the body and after that have no more that they can do" (Luke xii. 4).

SATURDAY, October 29th. Acts xxi: 15-26.

"He declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry" (v. 19).

Paul is here testifying to an attentive church. He is reviewing his work for God and reporting what God hath done. It is a good thing to rehearse in public what God has done in answer to prayer. Testimony meetings are an integral part of New Testament procedure. The great emphasis was on what God had done. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." "Be thou not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord . . . who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling" (II. Tim. i. 8, 9). "My business," said William Carey on one occasion, "is to extend the Kingdom of God, I only cobble shoes to pay expenses."

"Satan hath desired to have you" (Luke xxii. 31).

There was nothing marvellous in Satan's desire to have the apostles: the marvel was that he was allowed to do so. Would it not have been better for Omnipotence to have stepped in and frustrated his purpose? Why leave those frail, foolish men to his cruel devices? Could not their Master have saved them from the trial? So we reason, in our shortness of sight, both as regards them and as regards ourselves. But listen! "Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat." The purpose of sifting wheat is that the chaff may be separated from the grain. Satan's aim was the destruction of the disciples; the Lord's purpose in permitting him to sift them was their purification. Note, for instance, the result upon Peter. His self-sufficiency, his pride, his rashness, dropped from him as the consequence of the bitter experience. Peter would never have been the man he became but for that winnowing. Meanwhile Christ was praying for him that his faith might not fail. That was far better than shielding him from the trial. We may be sure that, in the hour of sharp and bitter temptation, our Great High Priest is interceding for us, if we be truly His. The Tempter may harass, but he cannot destroy one of God's people. We may shrink from the sifting, but we need not despair as to the result. We shall come out of it purified; purged from the things which marred our beauty and hindered our usefulness. Then we shall be able to strengthen our brethren.

COMING EVENTS

ACCRINGTON. Commencing Oct. 22. Elim Church, Blackburn Road. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign. Conducted by Pastor Arnold Brooks. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30, Sun. 6.30.

BARKING. Oct. 29, 30. Elim Church, Ripple Road. Great Campers Convention and Youth Rally. Speakers: The President, Pastor W. H. Greenway and Miss Sunny Blundell. Sat. 3 (tea at 5), 6.30. Two short films: "This is Camp," and "Sunny in South Africa." Sun. 11 and 6.30. Conveners: Pastors G. Hillman and F. Hodge.

BIRMINGHAM (Yardley). Oct. 28, 29. Choir week-end. Sat. 7.30, Festival of song and sacred music. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Speaker: B. Eastinger. Convener: Pastor B. H. Hartwell.

BOWERS GIFFORD, Essex. Oct. 9-23. Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastor C. Kingston. Suns. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sats. 7.

BRADFORD. Oct. 15-23. Elim Church, Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Annual Convention. Speakers include Pastors A. Anstey, S. Beresford and J. MacInnes (British Guiana). Suns. 10.45 and 6.30. Week-nights (Fri. excepted) 7.30. Sat. 15th at 7. Sat. 22nd, Presbytery Rally at 3 and 6.30. Cups of tea provided. Convener: Pastor J. J. Morgan.

BRIGHTON (Preston Park). Oct. 23-Nov. 6. Elim Church, Balfour Road. Revival Campaign by Pastor W. George. (Except Fris. and Sat., Nov. 5).

CATERHAM. Oct. 22-Nov. 2. Elim Church, London Road. Campaign for the Deepening of Spiritual Life. Suns. 6.30. Week-nights 7.30 (Fri. excepted). Speakers: Pastors G. Hillman, 22nd; A. E. Stringer, 24th; F. A. Hodge, 25th; J. J. Way, 26th; J. H. Davies, 27th; E. C. W. Boulton, 29th; W. Plowright, 31st; J. T. Bradley, 1st; H. Burton Haynes, 2nd. Sun. 23rd, Minister's 15th Anniversary. Sun. 30th: Croydon Male Voice Choir.

CLACTON-ON-SEA. Oct. 27. Elim Full Gospel Church, Hayes Road. United Sisterhood Rally, 3. Speaker and Soloist: Mrs. G. Stormont, Leigh-on-Sea. Public meeting at 6.30. Speakers: Pastor and Mrs. G. Stormont. (Tea between the meetings).

EALING. Oct. 15-24. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Silver Jubilee Anniversary Services. 15th 7, 16th 6.30, 17th-19th 7.30. Speakers: Pastors and Mrs. A. V. Gorton. Soloist: Mrs. Ann Walters (née Boddy). 19th 3, Sisterhood Anniversary. 22nd 7, Visit of Clapham Choir. 23rd 6.30, Sunday School Anniversary. 24th 7.30. 22nd-24th. Speaker: The President, Pastor H. W. Greenway. All services convened by Pastor J. McBurney.

EAST HAM. Oct. 22-30. Central Park Road. Youth Week. Sun. 23, Pastor J. Hywel Davies, week-nights (except Mon.) 7.30. Sat. 29, Visit of Smethwick Crusaders. Sun. 30, Pastor F. Shadlock, 11 and 6.30.

GLASGOW. Oct. 23. Elim Church, Butterbiggins Road. Visit of George and Violet Hill. Scottish Radio Gospel Duetists, 6.30.

GLOSSOP. Oct. 18-23. Elim Church, Ellison Street. Missionary Exhibition. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sun. 6.30 Missionary meeting. Missionary speakers: Pastors L. Wigglesworth, C. D. Stockdale and G. H. Thomas.

GRIMSBY. Oct. 8-23. Elim Church, Tunnard Street. Evangelistic Services conducted by Evangelist W. J. Martin (Ireland). Suns. 10.45 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30 (Fris. excepted).

GUERNSEY. Oct. 15-28. Candie Auditorium, Candie Gardens. Revival and Divine Healing Crusade conducted by Pastor Alexander Tee and "The Forseth Trio" (Canada). Week-nights 7.30. Suns. 8. Thurs. at 3.

GUILDFORD. Nov. 3. Elim Church, Martyr Road. Special visit of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton, 6.30.

HOVE. Nov. 5-11. Elim Church, Portland Road. Sat. 3 and 7. British Pentecostal Fellowship Rally. Speaker: Pastor A. Rowland Smith. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. to Thurs. 7.30. Fifth Advent Testimony Convention. Panel of special speakers. Convener: Pastor W. G. Hathaway.

KINGSTANDING. Oct. 22-30. Elim Church, Warren Road. Great Youth Week. Services nightly at 7.30 (Fris. excepted). Special Items by Coventry, Smethwick, Erdington, Graham Street, Oldbury, Yardley, Great Barr and Kingstanding Young People. Oct. 29 and 30, Pastor Lambert (Kidderminster) Suns. 11, 3 and 6.30.

LOWESTOFT. Oct. 22 and 23. Elim Church, Milton Road. Sisterhood Week-end. Special Guest speaker: Mrs. Lilian Eaton. Sat. at 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Convener: Mrs. Elna Backhouse.

PORTSMOUTH. Oct. 8-23. Elim Church, Arundel Street. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign, conducted by Pastors A. A. Biddle and James McAvoy.

ROCHESTER. Oct. 22. Elim Church, Star Hill, Presbytery Rally. Meet at Esplanade for tour of Rochester at 3. Tea at 5 at the church. Evening speaker: Rev. John Thomas, F.R.G.S., B.D., 6.30.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. Oct 22nd-Nov. 13. Elim Church, Seaview Road. "This is Life" Crusade, conducted by Evangelist Harold Miles. Suns. 11 and 6.30. Nightly 7.30 (except Fris.). Divine Healing services, Weds 3.

WORTHING. Nov. 6. Elim Church, Grosvenor Street. Pastor's Second Anniversary. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Guest speaker: Pastor J. T. Bradley.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Pastor A. Nicolson, Elim missionary on furlough from Senegal will visit the following churches:

Oct. 22 and 23, Aberdeen. 24, Motherwell. 25, Edinburgh. 26, Kirkintilloch. 27, Glasgow. 29 and 30, Carlisle.

Pastor and Mrs. J. MacInnes, Elim missionaries on furlough from British Guiana, will visit the following churches in the North-East Presbytery:

Oct. 22, 23, Bradford. 26, Leeds. 27-29, Sowerby Bridge. 30, 31, Dewsbury. Nov. 1, 2, Huddersfield. 3, Wrenthorpe. 5, 6, Knottingley.

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WITH CHRIST

O'Keefe.—On October 4th, William O'Keefe, aged 54, beloved husband of Mrs. P. O'Keefe, passed into glory; deeply loved by Sunday School and Church. Funeral conducted by Pastor John T. Bradley. C.295

Probert.—On August 26th, Miss Mabel Probert, aged 46, faithful member of Elim Tabernacle, Brecon. Funeral conducted by Canon W. D. G. Wilkinson and Pastor K. J. Hathaway.

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