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# The *Elim Evangel*

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## **CROWDED BUILDING: COATBRIDGE CAMPAIGN**



# So this is Africa!

By H. W. Greenway

**I**T is only four days since we landed at Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia, but what a lot has transpired in those few days and what a lot we have learned. In a country where beauty is unscarred except where civilised man has slashed the land with gravel and tarmac roads, one feels a nearness to the heart of God. The heavens at night are ablaze with twinkling jewels of light, every one a mystery yet every one brought to its brilliant stellar or solar orbit by the fiat of God's almighty will. The bush by day seems alive with mysterious sounds, as though life were waiting to join in its own hallelujah chorus.

The very first day after our arrival was spent in prayer and long discussions with our missionaries in Penhalonga, where those from North Inyanga had come to join us. The results of that fellowship will remain for ever as one of the most treasured memories of my ministerial career. The warmth of gratitude from our workers was worth all the long journey and sacrifice to get here—it was almost overwhelming. They feel they have not been forgotten by the friends at home and the efforts to help them will not go without the production of much fruit in days to come.

Africa—a vast and needy land—the problems increase with the spreading influence of civilisation (I am beginning to wonder what it is all worth as it affects the average African). Apart from the work of missions, the African in his rags and squalid living quarters seems no testimony to our colonial munificence. There is often something sinister and sad in the quiet subservience of many of these people. Will their serfdom one day blaze into red revolution? Let us spread the light that it might not be so.

A journey over an African road in a Land-Rover is an experience never to be forgotten. There is no need to take up horse riding to stir the liver, enough bumps and pot-holes are provided in a half-mile to give an efficient office of works permanent dyspepsia. We have been tossed, bumped and thrown around and treated to a plentiful supply of African dust.

All day today we have been dosed with this missionary medicine lest we are completely bitten into ugly bumps by the flying tormentors. I will leave further comment for another time.

The lizard on the wall just near me still blinks somnolently down at me and the two small frogs on

the pelmet above refuse to wake up despite my prodding reminder that it is too early for bed. But there you are, Africa goes to bed early—and gets up early. So to bed J.T.B. and H.W.G., for you have another rough ride tomorrow—and it is an early start.

Thursday. Away again in the early sunshine—and what a day! Across the open veldt for mile after mile of scorching heat. The windows and windscreen are open and the air fans us with the breath of an inferno.

Friday. Tzaneen today is cooler and the sky is heavily overcast with cloud. And what a day of interest as we have travelled over a hundred miles through the bush with Evangelist Johannes Nuku. We have seen the fine work that is being done and the outstations developed through the activities of our missionaries. And what of the meetings? We have had plenty of these already. Times of spiritual fellowship in prayer and ministry to our missionaries; meetings when preaching to natives at Premier Estate and Penhalonga, then at Tzaneen; meetings with natives in their own kraals and with the various native evangelists. God has blessed His word.

The singing of African congregations is something one has never imagined before, they harmonise as no other congregations do and with a swaying of the body and head and a clapping of their hands, first this way and then that, they give vent to the deep spiritual exuberance within.

There are still many problems in this dark continent of Africa, but our missionaries are doing a splendid job of work against great odds. A visit to the field gives a new understanding and a deeper appreciation of these brave souls who labour under trying conditions far from home and loved ones.

The cause of missions is urgent. Never have I been more convinced than now of the need to build up our home base in order to provide more funds and personnel for the work overseas.

Friend, are you doing your part to bring others into the kingdom—into your church so that they can hear the Gospel? This is our year of evangelism—we can speed the whole wide endeavour of home and overseas missions by engaging to reach another soul for Christ. Do not forget our slogan—**Each one—Reach one.**



## Women's

## Column

By Gladys Gorton

### THE DIVINE EXPERT

I ENTERED a non-smoking compartment of the train at Waterloo station. On each corner seat reserved tickets were pinned, so I thankfully sank down on the middle one. Soon an elderly lady and her middle-aged daughter entered. The daughter looked at the numbers on the tickets and then arranged her mother in the corner seat which was on the corridor side. The mother muttered a great deal about this. Evidently she had ordered a corner seat on the window side of the train. Her daughter explained, "Mother, I tried to get one, but they were all booked." She must have repeated it a half a dozen times, but the old lady was not pacified; she still kept on grumbling. I noticed the daughter's colour come up and she looked completely exasperated. What a trial for her I thought.

A few minutes later two other elderly women, one crippled with arthritis, and a man entered the compartment and the women occupied the window seats. The old lady muttered something and shot envious glances at them.

"Don't forget to feed the cat," the crippled one said to the man. "You know where everything is." "That'll be all right now, don't worry," replied the man, and then seeing they were nicely settled he said, "Goodbye, have a pleasant journey." "Bye; don't forget to feed the cat," were her parting words to her brother, I presumed.

Here they were in the same compartment as myself. All of us ordinary women (not speaking of looks mind!) with ordinary common day happenings which demanded our thoughts and words. Yes, I thought, and the Lord knows everything about us and our lives and loves us. Those little words and expressions revealed so much the character, personality and domestic side of their life.

Only a few days before we had sat at tea with a godly lady who, when telling of her recent circumstances, remarked, "I remember someone saying

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### BRITISH PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP: REGIONAL RALLY, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

#### AFTERNOON MEETING

We had been invited to visit "sunny Southend" for the annual rally of the B.P.F. in the East Anglian area, and as we entered the well-appointed Cliff Town Congregational Church, which was the venue for the gatherings, we went from the warmth and radiance of the May sunshine outside into the heavenly sunshine of fellowship and unity in the presence of the unchanging Christ.

As the afternoon chairman, Pastor Alfred Webb, called for the first act of worship, several hundred voices united in invoking Divine blessing as we sang "Come Jesus Lord with holy fire," and after prayer the united choir under the leadership of Pastor D. Anthony brought us to Calvary as they sang "Out of the ivory palaces." What grandeur! What tenderness! Before Pastor Hedley Palmer gave the first message, Pastor W. Plowright ministered very acceptably in song. The subject was "Wings of the Almighty," illustrated by those of the eagle in strength, as it upholds its young in the experience of growing up, and then by those of the hen in providing protection from harm and danger. The spiritual application followed. After the choir had given another item from their choice selection, brother Plowright gave us a powerful message, from Galatians 6:14, in which the power and efficacy of the Cross in human redemption were emphasised in many aspects. We felt we were on a rising tide of blessing.

F. A. GILMORE.

#### EVENING MEETING

Nine hundred people almost filled the lovely Cliff Town Congregational Church for the evening service. A combined choir of 120 voices again brought rich blessing by their singing. They were accompanied by Ken Tween on the great pipe organ. Pastor G. Stormont (Leigh) led the meeting. Pastor W. Plowright (Camberwell) spoke on redemption from the curse, and sang in his fine baritone "The Lord gave me a song." Pastor Hedley Palmer (Revivaltime producer) gave the final message on "Six sure signs of the Saviour's speedy return." A public presentation was made to Pastor A. Webb, of Dagenham, by his young people, it being his birthday.

These annual B.P.F. rallies grow better each time!

J. A. WRIGHT.

## A SPLENDID EXAMPLE

**R**ECENTLY *The Christian* recorded the following: "The Japanese are a highly literate people and are often in the many bookshops to purchase something to read. According to a report received from Rev. T. Miyakoda, General Secretary of the Japan Bible Society, the Bible is rapidly becoming the Book of the people.

"Daily newspapers do not hesitate to give space to the Scriptures, and by some the Bible has been placed at the head of lists of classical literature. Last summer an article appeared written by a professor of Tokyo University, who recommended the Bible as a priority for any young person who wished to obtain a knowledge of world literature.

"A questionnaire issued by a Sunday newspaper asked thirty prominent scholars which book they would take with them if stranded on a desert island. Eight replied, 'The Bible' and the most interesting of these was Rev. Toko Kon, a prominent Buddhist priest.

"When Mr. Miyakoda visited Fukuoda on his way to call on colporteur teams, three local newspaper reporters interviewed him on his visit to South America and the work of the United Bible Societies. . . ."

This splendid example could well be emulated in our own land and in other countries of the world. The Bible should be given priority because of its moral and spiritual power. Dr. Rendle Short has written: "Of what other book could it be said that its entry into the home has in thousands of cases all the world over effected a moral and spiritual revolution for the better? Murderers and cannibals and people living in the grossest darkness and immorality have been utterly changed." Evidence of this transforming power and influence of the Bible can be gleaned from the past history of our nation. For instance, this was so during the time of the great Methodist revival when the life of the nation was revolutionised and the people were characterised as "lovers of the Bible."

The President of the United States of America, Dwight D. Eisenhower, recognised the great moral and spiritual power of the Bible and the need for it to be given its rightful place in his country when he wrote in July 1953: "Man's dignity and freedom, the cornerstone of our structure of free government,

have their source and their substance in deeply felt religion. In the highest sense the Bible is to us the unique repository of eternal spiritual truths. In the most tangible sense it is the ultimate and indispensable source of inspiration for America's life in freedom. By enabling men to renew, in their minds and spirits, the religious concepts of equality, justice and mercy, the Pocket Testament League and all others engaged in distributing the Bible have dedicated themselves to a noble work." President Eisenhower is to be admired for this forthright declaration of his faith in the potentialities and possibilities of the power and influence of the Bible when given its proper place in the life of a nation. How we wish that the leaders of the nations of the world emulated him in this respect.

It is deeply to be regretted that the Bible is not read in the vast majority of homes in Britain, in fact in the world, and that even in Christian homes family worship is not practised, or has become very infrequent. It is estimated that about forty years ago fifty per cent of Christian homes had family prayers and reading of the Word of God each day of the week, either in the morning or evening. Today the percentage is considerably less, for some statisticians put it as low as five per cent. This is most probably a major reason for the breakdown of family life and the breakup of many homes. May the day soon dawn when the Bible will be given a prominent position in the homes and national life of our land.

## LATE NEWS

**Yeovil campaign (L. Lambert and party). Eighty decisions for Christ during first week.**

**Norwich campaign (K. Matthew and party). Excellent congregations—increasing each evening, 325 decisions in first week, several miracles and many other healings. Full report in next issue of "Evangel."**

**York campaign (J. Woodhead and party). Thirty-five decisions on opening night.**

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eventually that of a drunken father. "A little child shall lead them."

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Lord Evershed, Master of the Rolls, made respectful reference to the Bible when judging recently at Norfolk Quarter Sessions. Replying to the judge, the lady defendant said of the Bible, "It is a beautiful book, but should not be read by anyone under twenty-five." It is not difficult to understand why this lady lost her case, in seeking the right to educate her son without sending him to any school or teacher. I think Timothy had a much more understanding mother. Of him we read, "From a child thou hast known the scriptures."

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The Rev. W. Griffith-Jones, chairman of the Congregational Union, when speaking at the annual assembly, described the Christian faith in this country as "one of a tolerated minority in a predominantly secularised society." He asked, "How often on television do we get blatant atheism propagated; intemperance and prurience shamelessly advertised!" "Many a missionary in New Guinea," declared Mr. Griffith-Jones, "has seen more fruit for his work than some ministers in this country." No one can deny that our country presents us with an ever increasing challenge.

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On his return recently from a peace mission to the Yemen and Aden Protectorate, Reginald Sorensen, M.P., declared: "Even if you abolished arms of every kind you would still have crucial, complex problems of human conflict which must be resolved." It is true that man himself is man's biggest problem. A cartoon has well depicted this. It shows a scholarly man sitting on top of a great pile of books, looking at himself in a mirror, and above his head a question-mark. He had mastered every subject of learning, but could not answer the problem of himself. God can answer man's need.

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On finding that his return home would be delayed, a man wrote out a telegram to his wife explaining the situation in the minimum of words allowed. The lady clerk looked over it and asked the gentleman, "Are you married to this lady?" Rather startled, he replied that he was. The lady then suggested that he add to his telegram the word "love," remarking: "It only costs threepence more, and it's a lot of value for the money."

When the two pillars were constructed for the temple of Solomon they were crowned with lily-work to set them off for beauty. In all of life it is often the "little bit extra" that makes the difference.

**A**T Christie's famous salerooms in London, £35,000 was paid recently for a painting of Christ healing the blind. It is a great sum of money, and one wonders how much the artist received in 1575, when the painting was executed. An even greater contrast is between the price paid for a painting of Christ and the miserable sum at which Judas valued Christ—thirty pieces of silver.

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Besides true art, there also exists in this country much that is sadly otherwise. Sir John Nott-Bower, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, told the House of Commons Select Committee on obscene publications that a special police squad seized thousands of pictures, magazines, books and films of an obscene nature. People pay £2 to £3 to see privately shown obscene films, and will pay £5 for an obscene book.

Even in public advertising "indecent and suggestiveness" are sometimes evident. At its annual meeting the Women's Liberal Association discussed vulgarity in advertising, and the main speaker, Lady Abrahams, stressed that offending posters were usually to be seen in London's underground stations and were helping to turn us into a coarse-grained nation.

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A former dance band player and leader gave a remarkable testimony at one of our services. It was moving to hear of God saving a man while that man was under the influence of drink, and during his dance band playing. But behind the most wonderful or dramatic story of conversion often lies another simple account, and here the story began with the sincere conversion of a little ten-year-old daughter, which resulted later in the mother's salvation, and

# Festival Night at Kingsway Hall

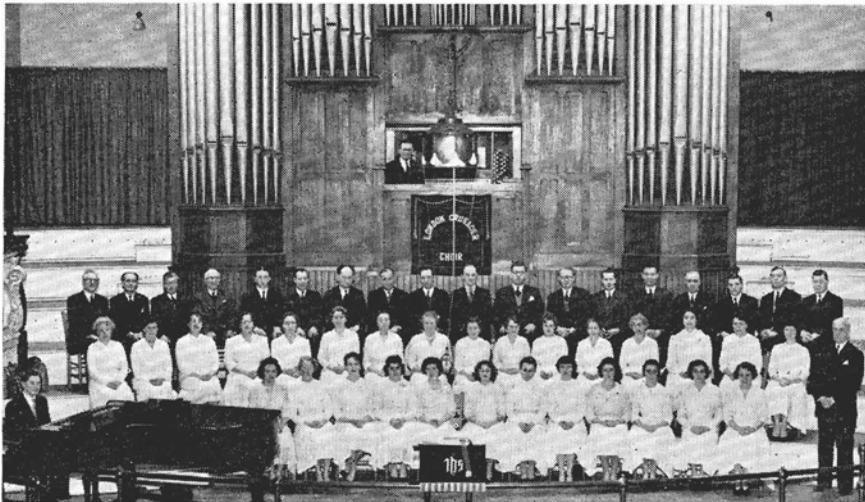
REPORTED BY PASTOR JOHN LANCASTER

(Minister of Elim Church, Eastbourne)

GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL would have been pleased, not simply because his name appeared three times on the programme but because his music was given such sensitive interpretation. And in an age in which the musical vogue appears to be a protracted hotch-potch of restless strumming and discordant clatter it was refreshing to enjoy "Moments with the Masters," especially when those moments were elevated above the merely musical and made into moments with the Master. This feature of the London Crusader Choir's annual festival held

strings in a superb rendering of Kreisler's arrangement of "Prelude and Allegro."

I imagine that the great Mr. Handel would have been somewhat surprised at the electronic interlude which brought back echoes of the choir's ministry through twenty-nine years. Through the tape recorders came some of the earliest recordings made by the choir, as well as brief excerpts of broadcasts over the B.B.C. and other international networks. Well-known voices of former members winged their way magically into the hall, and then we listened to mov-



recently in London's Kingsway Hall brought a splendid combination of good music and spiritual purpose which could not fail to uplift the heart.

Friends of the choir look forward to this occasion, not simply as an opportunity of hearing the latest additions to its remarkably diverse repertoire but also as a means of renewing fellowship with old friends. This year's event was enriched by the presence of visitors from distant lands. From the far-off island of Formosa came Pastor Ken McGillivray, one of that honoured band who have left the choir to serve the Lord on the mission field, and from Iceland came Arni Arnibjarnson, whose dexterous fingers guided the swiftly moving bow over the violin

ing extracts recorded inside some of Her Majesty's prisons, featuring the choir and the prisoners uniting in well-known hymns.

Paying tribute to past and present members of the choir, Pastor Douglas B. Gray spoke of the sacrificial faithfulness and enthusiasm which had been a hallmark of their service. But one felt that much of this was due to their conductor's own inspiring leadership. Not only do his fluent hands draw the best out of his choir musically, but his personal example has won their affection and loyalty.

Once again we followed the choir through a swiftly changing pattern of mood and manner. "Music with a Message" brought the close harmony

of the Elim Bible College Male Voice Quartet, the singing strings of the violin, the echoing trumpet and the full range of voices from surging bass to soaring soprano, together with a splendid "background" of piano and organ, to provide a subtle blend of harmony. The highlight of this part of the programme was undoubtedly the lovely rendering of Don Hustad's fine arrangement of "Ivory Palaces."

Finally there came "Evening Meditation," in which Pastor J. Hywel Davies, assisted by Marie Hamilton singing "I prayed in the Chapel," brought to us the challenge of the Word of God. With a whispering organ background the speaker brought us back to the heart of it all—the reason for our praise, the inspiration of our music—the love of God in Christ. Our hearts rejoiced as souls found the Saviour, and it seemed to the writer that as this festival of music ended a new one commenced in the courts of heaven as new names were added to the Lamb's Book of Life.

Additional to the individual contributions already mentioned special thanks should be given for the fine renderings of Joan Henson (soloist) and duettists Irene English and Rosemary Brown (choir secretary). Ronald Cooper at the grand organ, with Laurence Prentice (organ continuo) and Geoff. Cooper at the piano, and Harold Johnson (trumpet) gave us instrumental numbers and accompaniments which would be difficult to match within the realm of musical evangelism. We thank them all.

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# CHILDREN'S STRIP

Conducted by Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

How are you getting on with last week's competition? You still have plenty of time to do it. The answers must reach me by June 30th.

Now here is Averil Elvin, of Ipswich Sunday school, to tell us of the school's anniversary last month.

"Our anniversary was held on May 4th and 5th. We had Pastor D. W. Anthony as speaker on the Sunday, and he was very good. The actual pieces began with seven little girls reciting "Welcome," and a teacher ending it with a recitation welcoming the people to Christ. One of our youngest teachers read the 121st Psalm.

"Three girls then sang about 'God's Big Umbrella,' followed by six boys and girls reciting 'Everyday Things.' A senior girl from the school then sang 'The Holy City.' There were several other items as well, which I haven't room to describe.

"On the Monday we repeated the programme, but this time we had Pastor E. R. Corsie as the speaker.

"After the anniversary all the people who were there said it was very good. I must add that the church was packed to the doors on the Sunday afternoon."

Thank you very much Averil. You certainly had a very successful time. At my church the anniversary has been arranged for the end of June. I hope ours will be as good.

By the way, have you a Cadet meeting in your church? We recently had "round-up night" at ours. All the Cadets were told to round up as many other new ones as possible, and a half-pound slab of Cadbury's milk chocolate was offered to the one who rounded up the most.

One girl brought two, another brought six, and a boy brought seven, so the chocolate was divided between the boy and the girl. Now everyone wants another "round-up night"!

It was good to see so many new ones in the meeting, and grand to think they had been brought by our Cadets. How many have you brought to your church?

Cheerio, and God bless you.

BERNARD.

# WHY THE PASTOR FAILED

**M**ANY an earnest and consecrated pastor is heartbroken over the failure of his people to reach the lost for Christ in any significant numbers.

More than once has such a pastor gone from his knees to his pulpit with a heart surcharged with his own passion for a lost humanity, and a divinely given yearning that his people might be possessed by the same passion.

More than once has he set before them the call to the work of soul winning until it has seemed as though no one could fail to respond.

More than once has he risen to such an intensity of appeal that it has seemed as though the Son of God Himself was pouring out His own yearning for a lost world through human heart and lips.

And as he has pleaded with his people he has seen them rise to heights of inspired and enthusiastic resolve. He has seen the evidence, in their earnest faces, of a determination to give their lives as never before to the work of soul winning. Indeed, he has seen many of them give solemn public pledge before God that seeking to win the lost to Christ should be the main purpose of their lives from that day forward. And then as he has watched them leave the service and scatter into the field he has anticipated such results from that hour as the church had never before seen.

But he was doomed to sad and bitter disappointment. The enthusiastic resolutions of that holy hour seemed to vanish ere the next Sunday, like a mist before the rising sun.

Perhaps he could detect a little increased activity on the part of a pitifully small handful of his most earnest people, but he was compelled to acknowledge that little, if anything, of increased results in soul winning ever came from that service which had seemed to promise so much.

*The pastor had failed!*

Perhaps this was another failure!

Why had he failed?

He was certain there was nothing consciously wrong between himself and his Lord. He was sure of the Holy Spirit's leading and enabling in selecting his theme and making his appeal. He was convinced that in his longing for a church enthusiastically

seeking after the lost he was never more honestly desirous of the glory of God.

And as for his people, he was certain they were God's children. He felt sure their response to his appeal was out of a genuine love for Christ and a lost world. And he was convinced that they went out of that service with a purpose to win the lost as honest as any company of Christians ever had. And yet little or nothing had resulted from it! Why had that pastor failed? What had he left undone? What more could he do? There certainly was a reason for that failure, but what was it?

Was not the trouble something like this? The appeal of that consecrated pastor was completely successful in securing the honest purpose from his people to win the lost to Christ, and his people were thoroughly sincere in their determination to give themselves to that work; but as they turned from the church door and faced their task they were confronted by a great field—perhaps one that spread out over a large city—and the very bigness of their task bewildered them. They were not only willing to go after the lost, but were enthusiastic in their anticipation of results, but where, in all that great field, were they to begin?

Perhaps some of them did try to begin—some-where—but the indefinite anywhere-ness of their task, the lack of responsibility for any definite section of the field and the sense of being unharnessed and alone in the open first produced discouragement because the task seemed too big for them, then led to delay because it was all so indefinite, and finally brought defeat.

It was not lack of a *purpose* so much as lack of a *programme* that accomplished that defeat.

A purpose may start us toward a task, and may even get us at work on it, but we can never be kept at work very long without a *programme*.

When men undertake to run a business of their own they carry it on according to a system, a method, a programme, even to the last detail; and the Great Commission absolutely demands that the soul winning work of the Church be organised and carried on according to a programme. And when we make even a cursory study of the Commission and

all the related passages we find what the Divine Programme for the work of soul winning is.

### 1. *The Programme Unfolded*

If we set the pre-crucifixion and pre-ascension words of Christ all down by themselves and give them careful study, we cannot fail to notice that the word "witness" is the key to all of them.

And if we analyse them we shall find that witnessing is to be the main work of the whole Church in the whole world throughout the whole Age.

Notice how this is all summed up in the Great Commission as Mark gives it to us, with one phrase from Matthew added.

"Go ye" is a command to every Christian; that is, to the whole Church.

"Into all the world" certainly includes every Christian's personal world, for it takes all the personal worlds of all Christians scattered abroad over the earth added together to cover the geographical world. That is, the whole Church is to go into the whole world.

"And preach the Gospel," if it means anything, must certainly mean to witness, or to tell the Good News of salvation through Christ, and this defines the central activity of the Church. That is, witnessing is the main work of the whole Church throughout the whole world; while "to every creature" makes it the individual work of every Christian to every unsaved one.

And then Matthew adds Christ's promise, "Lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the consummation of the age," which clearly indicates that this work is to be continued throughout the whole Age.

The Commission according to Mark, therefore, with one phrase from Matthew, tells us that *witnessing* is the main work of the whole Church in the whole world throughout the whole Age.

Christ also said just before He ascended that this witnessing was to be done "both" in Jerusalem, Judæa, Samaria, and to "the uttermost part of the earth," which means, according to Dr. Henry C. Mabie, that the Lord's people are to witness not consecutively from one place to another, but simultaneously in every part of earth at once.

### 2. *The Programme Illustrated*

As the foundation and preparation for all the Holy Spirit was to do in the disciples and for the lost when He began His official ministry on earth, a

period of time was given over entirely to prayer. This period was ten days in this instance, but the number of days means nothing except that it was that long before the Holy Spirit came to begin His official mission. The whole emphasis must be on the praying. This alone could prepare their hearts for what God was to do in them and through them, and it surely could not have been altogether without some bearing on the lost to whom they were to witness, even though the Holy Spirit had not yet come. At any rate, it is certain that prayer, since the Holy Spirit has come, opens the pathway both for the Divine preparation of the Christian's heart and the Divine operation in the sinner's heart.

Then came the events of Pentecost. The Lord had already indicated that He intended the disciples to do their witnessing in a systematic fashion when He divided the field into the broad districts of Jerusalem, Judæa, Samaria, and "the uttermost part of the earth," and directed them to witness simultaneously in all of them. And so it could not have been without this in view that He commanded them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to start them on this work, for at Jerusalem were living "men out of every nation under heaven," making it possible to witness simultaneously to representatives of every district He had named, from Jerusalem to "the uttermost part of the earth." This providence is very striking.

The next step was to go to the lost with their testimony. They were therefore impelled by the Holy Spirit to go where the lost were. Note this well. They did not go to some public speaking place and invite the people to come and hear their testimony, they took their testimony to the people.

As soon as the marvel of their miraculous speech was noised abroad, great crowds from everywhere came together and listened with amazement as the entire 120 disciples, both men and women, praised God and witnessed to His mighty works in at least fifteen different languages.

Notice that they were not preaching, for there were many among them who were not called of God to public preaching and teaching. They were *witnessing*, and they were *all* witnessing in the midst of a great company of the lost.

Then it was, and not before, that the Holy Spirit  
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By J. E. Conant, D.D.

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# Kingstanding Revival and Divine Healing Campaign

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During the seven-day campaign held in the Kingstanding new church, the saints experienced a time of much blessing and spiritual uplift from the ministry of Pastor Alex Tee, God's word through His servant being both challenging and thought-provoking.

Much prayer had been made by the church members in view of this campaign, and throughout the whole week one could sense the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Both the mixed choir and the male voice choir rendered musical items each evening, not forgetting the trumpet solos given by Pastor Tee.

Each meeting was convened by our minister, Pastor R. J. Morrison. A number of persons professed salvation, some having been brought into the church. Others testified of having received healing.

We are grateful to the Lord for manifesting His saving and healing power in our midst. Mention must also be made of the choice five-minute sermonette given at each service by Mrs. Tee, which proved a blessing to all.

W. HARBORNE.



## Why the Pastor Failed (continued)

introduced the next step in the Divine Programme. He selected Peter, set him forth before a multitude of sinners made eager to listen by the private witnessing, and spoke through him the marvellous message of that first sermon of this present Age. This proved to be such a climax to the previous witnessing as resulted in the decision of 3,000 of that crowd to receive the crucified but risen and ascended Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour.

Our misconceptions of this perfectly plain statement of events have worked havoc with our understanding of the Great Commission. It is so widely imagined that those 3,000 converts were brought to Christ by Peter's sermon alone that many almost think it is in the New Testament in so many words. But nothing could be farther from the truth. It was the *private* witnessing of all the disciples, reaching its climax and culmination in the *public* witnessing of one disciple, that brought the results of that day. In other words, Peter's sermon was the climax of that which had preceded; and if the private witnessing had not preceded the public witnessing there is not the least likelihood that any such results would have followed.

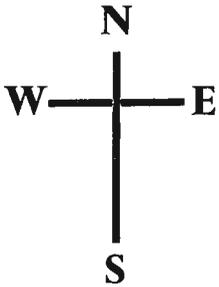
We can now see precisely how the Lord intends the Great Commission to be carried out. The one main business of the Church is to be *witnessing*; the witnessing to be both *private* and *public*, the private to be done by *all* and the public to be done by those whom the Holy Spirit selects; the private witnessing is intended to bring about such a condition of heart as shall open the way for a *climax of decision* under the influence of the public witnessing. The theme of the testimony is to be Christ Himself in all that He is and does for the salvation of lost men. The witnessing is to be undertaken only at the leading and under the power and enabling of the Holy Spirit; and the spirit of prayer and praise is to saturate everything that is done.

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We publish this article in connection with our year of evangelism—**Each One—Reach One.**

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*This sister was at one time a hopeless cripple and unable to walk. She had to be carried into the meetings. After prayer she was healed and is now walking. The sister can be seen standing with Pastor R. Morrison, Mr. W. Long (church secretary) and Pastor A. Tee.*



# Northern Rally Report

By **LESLIE GREEN**  
*(Minister of Elim Church, Bradford)*

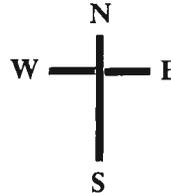
**K**IPLING said, "East is east, and west is west, and never the twain shall meet," but Christ said, "They shall come from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

The great Northern Rally at Harrogate foreshadowed, at least in some measure, that greater rally in heaven by and by. It is true that Rudyard Kipling had in mind the Orient and the Occident, but though we witnessed not the blending of eastern and western countries we rejoiced to see the united rally of North-eastern and North-western Presbyteries.

The meetings were held in the spacious hall of the Grammar School accommodating about 600 people. A.A. signs pointed the way to "U.P. Rally." "U.P." of course stood for "United Presbyteries," but in our hearts it spelt "UP." Voices, hearts, and even hands were raised heavenwards under the inspired leadership of John Gardiner and John Woodhead. Choirs from York and Bradford contributed their messages in song.

In the afternoon rally our beloved President, J. Craig Kennedy, in eloquent and anointed ministry, spoke on "The exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe." In the evening his inspired message again thrilled all our hearts as he preached on a beautiful rendering of a well-known scripture from 1 Corinthians 13:1: "And yet I show unto you a way of life which transcends all others." He expressed, as far as human lips ever can, the inexpressible, inconceivable, immutable and infinite love of God. Said Pastor Kennedy, "May the Spirit of God take of the immeasurable ocean of His love and pour that love into our hearts." That Divine love did indeed bind each to the other and all to Christ as the vast congregation concluded the day by singing "Crown Him Lord of all."

So north-east and north-west met—a faint foreshadowing of a still greater day when east and west shall meet at Jesus' feet.



In Christ,  
north, south,  
east and west  
are erased, and  
all that re-  
mains is the—



What a day it was! What a day it will be when  
"From earth's wide bounds, and ocean's farthest  
coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless  
host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Hallelujah!"

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## "SEND THE LIGHT"

### *The Churches' Report*

#### "SEND THE LIGHT" REPORT

##### Southampton Church

"SEND THE LIGHT." This was the appeal. "Send the light to the mission field. Dr. Brien is having to perform operations by the light supplied by his car batteries. Men and women are dying. Send the Light."

We here in Southampton had a very special interest in this, as our own Crusader, Miss Winnie Loosemore, is working on that field under those conditions. So to work we went, organizing appeals and getting everyone working to Send the Light. What an ingenious crowd we found them. Imagine one Crusader, a real bookworm before her conversion, answering the appeal—gathering up her books, like the exorcists in Acts 19, but not burning them; instead touring the second-hand book stalls bartering for the best prices to Send the Light. Yes, these and many other unusual methods all calling for great sacrifice were gladly undertaken in response to the appeal. But the highlight was a Send the Light missionary meeting. Let me set the scene. On the wall behind the platform hung a large map of the world 8ft. by 6ft. On this map every Elim missionary station was picked out in brilliant red. Attached to every station was a light, and from this light was a ribbon held by a Sunday school scholar dressed in the native costume of the particular field. On the lower platform was our missionary for the night teaching a Sunday school class of native children. As the service continued we were transferred, in imagination, to a

mission station hospital, into the operating theatre where an operation was being performed—doctors robed in white, nurses moving silently. One could sense the tension and the atmosphere as the doctor urgently called for forceps, swabs, bandages, stitches, etc., and time and time again for **more light**, because this operation was performed with every light in the church out, and only three candles. "More light" called the doctor, and one could visualise the difficulty that Dr. Brien had to work under to save people's lives. But alas, this patient died. "Oh for more light" says the doctor.

Now the scene changes, and another operation is in progress, but this time under brilliant flood-lights; for **the light has been sent**. The station has been lit up. Doctors perform, nurses move silently at command, but one can sense the atmosphere of hope. Darkness brings despair, light brings hope, and sure enough the patient lives and is converted. He lives to serve the Lord Jesus. What a wonderful, inspiring meeting. We felt as if we were standing in Dr. Brien's place facing his difficulties, feeling his heartache as men and women die, and we could hear his appeal, "Send the Light." Now is the time for the offering. What a thrill; I saw one Crusader turn her purse upside down into the offering plate; every penny she had went in. She had no money to go home on the bus. This was sacrifice, and all took part. Notes and silver, and we accepted I.O.U.s. The spirit of sacrifice was wonderful, and the result £87/10/-. We at Southampton pray that God will save many, many precious souls, and bless our beloved missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Brien and our own young Southampton Crusader missionary Winnie Loosemore.

One must not close a report like this without mentioning the willing band of workers who toiled tirelessly to make this meeting a success: Mrs. Brookes, who thought this out; the missionary secretary, Mrs. C. Kerwood; Miss Sylvia Preston for secretarial work; and all the varied workers in all the activities.

#### EASTBOURNE LAUNCHES "SEND THE LIGHT"

On arriving at our Crusader meeting on January 15 one would hear, "What a smell of petrol!" and "Whatever is our meeting to be tonight?" "It looks more like an electrical sales talk!" "It's all right; come right in; there certainly is a meeting, and a grand one too, for the launching of Elim's new missionary project."

By means of an actual generating set (smaller in size than those we were hoping to send) we could actually see what our money would help to purchase, its tremendous possibilities and assets.

We were shown the contrast between the light of a hurricane lamp and electricity, by the lights of the hall being extinguished, and so were able to appreciate some of the difficulties under which our missionaries labour. Parts of the generator were then explained and spiritualised. Pastor Lancaster and Mr. Whitehead took the part of missionaries, explaining their needs and asking if the salesman (the



Southampton youth feature "Send the Light."

Crusader secretary) could help at all, and then came the demonstrations, articles of all kinds which were electrically driven but could only be used by the missionary if he had the power, a generating plant, so that both his work and the work of his wife in the home could be made easier.

The secretary concluded by saying that it all depended on us! How? Well, if we would give our 6d. a week for eight weeks and more, generator sets could and would be purchased to "Send the Light." So now we "Go to it," as the old war-time slogan said, and by willing gifts we trust will smash the target!

Final word from our Crusader secretary: "This is a very serious need; each Crusader should endeavour to **treble** his or her contribution each week."

#### **ROTHERHAM REPORTS**

"One of the Sunday school staff had an idea as to how the enthusiasm which exists among the Sunday school scholars for missionary endeavour might be turned to advantage in this 'Send the Light' scheme.

"The idea was simply this: that the boys and girls should have a competition to see who could earn the most money for 'Send the Light.' This was rather rough on the boys, as they were outnumbered two to one, but they accepted the challenge and came off a good second. Each boy and girl was asked to contribute by doing something practical or sacrificial, either to do odd jobs in the home or for their neighbours and charge a small fee or to deny themselves pocket money and give it to the Lord. The money saved or earned was given to a leader who entered the amount in a cash book. The cash book was totalled weekly and the boys and girls were informed, by their respective leaders, of the amount collected. Thus interest was maintained week by week. An added incentive was the promise made by the superintendent, with the permission of those concerned of course, that the amount collected by the scholars would be doubled by the staff.

"There were one or two cases of real sacrifice and self-denial. One of the boys went without his sweet ration and contributed about three shillings. Another boy walked home from school and saved the amount he would have spent on bus fares. One of the little primary scholars went to the extent of knocking on doors and asking if he could 'mend' their fires for a penny—a rather ingenious idea, don't you think? 'It's an ill wind that doesn't blow anybody any good,' and the recent snowy weather was a boon to certain of our scholars and a headache to their parents, because they would insist on payment for removing the snow."

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#### **MIRACLE STRAIGHTENS POLIO VICTIM IN PASTOR GEORGE CANTY'S LEYTON VISIT**

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The blessing which rested on the three mid-week services in the Leyton Elim Church conducted by Pastor George Canty was something quite unexpected, knowing the difficulty of drawing mid-week crowds in London. Attendances alone were a surprise and their increase in only three short days proved the Lord was very much in this visit. A few handbills were put round, and it was a joy to see unconverted people coming and making their decision for the Lord each evening.

The violin playing of Pastor Canty and the soaring voice of Mrs. Canty were features of the services, but beyond all doubt the most outstanding thing was the manifestation of God's power. All present felt themselves filled with the Spirit as they sat in the services, and the Lord's hand was stretched out to heal.

One thing that happened will never be forgotten. A lady came for prayer whose spine was twisted with polio, and the congregation was electrified when Jesus performed the miracle and instantly straightened that spine, and the lady suddenly began to cry out almost beside herself with joy, "I can straighten my back, and the doctor said I would never be straight again." She stood up with head erect and shoulders back and her leg no longer dragging.

The only regret was that these meetings had to be left at that point with everything indicating an outstanding move of the Spirit.

BERNARD NORRIS.

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### **BLESSING ON COUNCIL ESTATE CAMPAIGN AT BRADFORD**

"Neath the dark bulk of incompleted houses, along a road densely clad with building materials, stands the workmen's canteen where our new Sunday school work commenced last October. The building contractor granted permission to use this temporary structure in which to hold our adult meetings.

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WILLIE W. WALKER.

# COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

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