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*"Seed-time
and harvest . . .
shall not
cease"*

(Genesis 8:22)

Photo by C. Bean

Great Blessing at Barking Campaign

By L. C. Rammell

THE blessing of God on our recently concluded tent campaign gives us great cause for rejoicing.

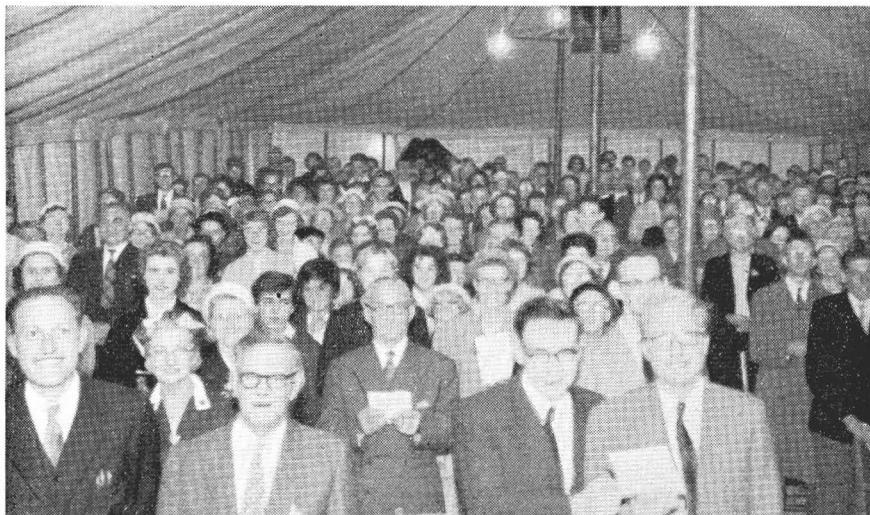
Many unsought tributes have been received. The forceful preaching of Evangelist Ron Jones, the fascinating painting and playing of artist and pianist Neville West, and the soulful singing of soloist Alan Caple, proved a compelling combination of dedicated talent which, backed by intercessory prayer, just had to be recognised. Folk from various denominations confessed that they could not stay away from the meetings. "God is here" was a typical comment and, most surely, the dominant feature throughout was the deep reverence of the people and the sense of God's presence.

Turning to tangible results, 154 adult decisions were registered, some of them outstanding, and many Christians were revived. Several testified to quite spectacular mental and physical benefits received in answer to prayer. One dear lady of eighty suffered with deafness from a mastoid operation and

had been totally deaf for a month, but as she entered the tent she, to use her own words, "felt the power of God and I was able to hear everything. I am so very overjoyed." Another lady writes as follows: "I have been ill with an ulcer, and on the verge of a nervous breakdown for months. I have lost nearly two stone in weight in the past six months; have not been able to sleep without the help of drugs and



The evangelist seen in action as he leads the congregation in the singing of choruses.



The picture on the left shows the tent filled to capacity for one of the meetings, and on the right Pastor Neville West is seen painting a picture.

have taken nearly 300 tablets to keep me going. I could not even walk in a straight line for more than a few minutes at a time and have not had peace of mind for over three years. I felt at times I had nothing to live for, but now, thank God, I can say He has answered prayer and I am now able to sleep without the aid of drugs, can walk straight again and can talk to people because He has given me a new happiness in life and a peace of mind the world could never give me." The first convert of the campaign writes: "We had a very sad bereavement in our home just about five months previous, and I myself had a nervous breakdown. We felt that nothing would go right for us again. I was sick in mind and body and had been under my doctor's care the whole time. Then a friend with whom my husband works spoke to him of the wonderful thing that happened to him through Jesus Christ some years ago, and through this conversation we decided to go to the campaign and take Jesus Christ into our lives. I can only thank Jesus Christ for His help in my great need. I have found a great difference in my mind and body since that first Sunday through coming forward for Divine healing, and I am able to face the world without that great burden once again."

Thanks be unto God for the brother who twelve months ago gave £100 "for the salvation of souls in Barking"; for the many who have since given so liberally to provide the further amount required; for three weeks (in *this* summer!) of ideal weather; for souls saved, bodies healed and saints revived.



Some of the workers outside the tent on Saturday before the commencement of the campaign.

Reader, you can have a part in this grand work of winning souls for Christ, not only by praying but by sending your gifts to the Evangelistic Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

WHY A FAMILY ALTAR ?

1. It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationships as nothing else will.
2. It will dissolve all misunderstanding and relieve all friction that may enter the home.
3. It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare
4. It will send us forth to our work for the day, in home, office, store, factory, true to our best and determined in what we do to glorify God.
5. It will give strength to meet bravely any disappointments and adversities as they come.
6. It will make us conscious through the day of the attending presence of a Divine Friend and Helper.
7. It will hallow our friendships with our guests in the home.
8. It will reinforce the influence and work of the church, the church school, and agencies that help to establish the Christian ideal throughout the world.
9. It will honour our Father above and express our gratitude for His mercy and blessing.



THE TALKING BOOK!

READING a leading daily newspaper the other day our attention was drawn to an article entitled "Now It's The Talking Book!" The writer stated: "A magazine that you listen to instead of read will be on sale monthly in Paris from October. The first issue, under the title Sonorama, will cost about nine shillings. It is part of a rush by the gramophone recording companies here to provide something new to maintain the fantastic boom in record sales."

It certainly will prove a wonderful and beneficial invention for people unable to read. However, for centuries past there has been in existence *the talking book*, in the sense of having spoken not aloud but silently to those who have taken the time to read it and listen to its voice, and that book is the Bible. Men and women have been guided, encouraged and helped by its counsel, and in some instances enabled to accomplish great things for God and humanity by the inspiration and impetus it has imparted to them. Dr. Rendell 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 grossest darkness and immorality have been utterly changed." For this reason it is deeply to be regretted that the Bible is not read and not given a chance to speak in the vast majority of homes in Britain—in fact throughout the world.

In spite of the aspersions cast upon the Bible, particularly certain parts of it, the truth is not confuted that in it God has given a complete, infallible and final revelation of Himself. Paul wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:10), which literally means "is God-breathed," and

John was inspired to record, "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). Undoubtedly men unaided by the Spirit of God never could have conceived and put together the Bible. The supernatural character of its contents, its phenomenal unity, the literal fulfilment of its prophecies with such amazing accuracy to the minutest detail and, as we have already seen and by no means the least of the many other attestations to its authenticity, the magnitude of its accomplishments in the lives of men and nations, all combine to prove its Divine authority and that through it God *speaks* to mankind.

Christians should bend themselves to the task of widely circulating the Bible, the talking book, among the nations, for it is the textbook of Christianity and is the most unique book in the world. It is, therefore, obligatory upon the Christian Church to see that its message reaches men and women everywhere.

POINT OF INTEREST

Next week's issue of our magazine will contain the presidential address given at the induction service in the Town Hall, Bournemouth. This will be followed at a later date by the special conference number.

THE ELIM EVANGEL

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Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

SECOND FIDDLE

A GROUP of ministers were on their way to meet two missionaries who are sisters. "You'll certainly be refreshed in the company of these two missionaries. It will do your soul good," said one.

A little later one of the ministers who did not know the sisters very well asked one of them, "What is your Christian name? I cannot remember which is which." "Oh," came the sparkling reply, "I'm generally known as Miss —'s sister, that's all." These sisters are talented, resourceful and godly, putting God first, others next and self last. Each is complementary to the other.

Those who are engaged in full-time Christian work, with all its various aspects, should be able to appreciate to the full others who are content to do their part without thought of being recognised as major participants.

Spurgeon's couplet:

"It takes more grace than I can tell
To play the second fiddle well"

contains a great deal of truth. Jonathan, because of his great love for David, though he was heir to the throne, knew sweet content when he declared, "Thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee" (1 Samuel 23:17). So little is known of Andrew, who brought his brother Peter to Jesus, in comparison with Peter's widespread public ministry. Joshua, not Caleb, was Israel's leader after Moses, yet Caleb that stalwart, steadfast saint shows no envy toward his old-time fellow warrior and companion.

The whole Christian work demands those who will fill needful though secondary places. Everybody cannot be number one. Sir Winston Churchill was rightly called "Britain's major man" during the last war, but he above all would pay thorough tribute to those of his war-time coalition Cabinet who worked so harmoniously together with him for the "common cause."

Do not consider that you are useless, or a failure, if the opportunities given to those in the "limelight"

do not come your way. Continue to play second fiddle and receive the Divine Conductor's approval as you play on in His great symphony of service. The sweet harmony of the second fiddle is sorely needed.

"If you can't be the ocean,
Be a little creek ;
If you can't be the wood-pile,
Be a little stick ;
If you can't be the lion,
Be a little bear ;
If you can't be the sofa,
Why, then be a chair.
If you can't be the mountain,
Be a little hill ;
If you can't be the whirlwind,
Be a breeze, a thrill ;
If you can't be what you want to,
Why, just be what you can,
For God will always help you
If you try to be a man."

To be a man in this sense will make a good woman!

Romsey Sunday School Outing

A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed at the Sunday school outing to Sandbanks. In spite of the gloomy weather forecast we prayed and God answered prayer, the clouds dispersed and the sun shone brightly. A good tea was provided by a local catering firm, and after races for the whole company the return journey was made, bringing to an end a day free from mishap and full of blessing.

H. J. CLEWER.



Pastor W. George is on the extreme right of this happy company at Romsey Sunday school outing.

BUILDING FOR THE KINGDOM

A New and Exciting Scheme

GROWING pains in a spiritual movement are the accompaniment of revival, but we know our friends will agree with us when we say that they are always to be preferred to the death pangs of apathy and worldliness. There are, for instance, the various complications associated with young converts, particularly in relation to their former life of sin; the organisation of settled services for the regular worship of these new converts is also beset with its own peculiar problems; and then there is the need for church buildings in which to house the new congregations, which presents the task of finding sufficient financial capital.

One of the major problems facing us in the Elim Church is that of finding the money required to finance our building projects. Congregations are coming into being as a result of our pioneer evangelistic campaigns, but, despite the sacrifices which have been made, it is often found extremely difficult to raise the money for a permanent home. This is an essential part of our programme, and the problem has occupied the thoughts of headquarters brethren for a number of years. We hear of buildings coming on to the market in various towns where we would like to establish a Pentecostal witness, of congregations in other towns unable to find suitable premises in which to hold their meetings, and it becomes frustrating when we are compelled to refuse the appeals for financial help.

A plan has now been prepared by which Elim members can help us solve this problem: they can either lend or give sums of money to be used in the service of the Lord by purchasing buildings or paying for the erection of new ones. That this is a desirable provision will need no further emphasis on our part. God's message must be propagated, and His work must be established.

May we point out another interesting feature of the scheme? It is that money once given to the fund will go on working until the Lord comes. If you give £1, that £1 will be loaned at the discretion of the management committee to some church requiring money to purchase or erect a church building. Together with many other pounds it will be paid back into the fund by regular amounts over a fixed period of time. It is then loaned to some other church to help them, and again, after a period of time, repaid into the fund: and so the £1 goes on its useful mission erecting buildings for the glory of God, thus building up the kingdom of God. And remember, the good work does not stop until the Lord comes! Surely it must be recognised as a sound investment that will bear good interest in the realm where moth and rust cannot corrupt, and where thieves cannot break through to steal.

The scheme is called the **ELIM BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUND**. Money received will be administered by a management committee of seven brethren whose responsibility it will be to lend the money where insufficient funds are available locally: it will be kept entirely separate from any other funds.

Churches will be able to apply to the committee for a loan at an interest rate of six per cent on the understanding that repayments are made at regular intervals laid down in the agreement which will be drawn up.

How can we launch this fund?

It will have been noted already that money can be raised in two ways, by loans and gifts, but let us deal with the gifts first. We feel that it is not beyond the resources of our members and friends to make an initial gift of £1 toward this worthy cause. This will provide for the creation of a **REVOLVING FUND** which we have already explained and by which your money will always be doing its good work.

All who contribute at least £1, to be called a Foundation Gift, will be sent a commemora-

CHILDREN'S STRIP

Conducted by Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

Competition answers. Here are the answers to last week's competition. Asa, Baal, Balaam, Ben Eli, Elisha, Esther, Enos, Erastus, Esau, Ham, Hosea, Isaiah, Ishmael, Israel, Laban, Lemuel, Leah, Lois, Rahab, Reuben, Ruth, Salome, Samson, Samuel, Sarai, Sarah, Satan, Saul, Seth, Sheba, Silas, Simeon, Sisera and Solomon.

I will announce the winners next month.

Conference. Our annual conference has come to an end, and our president now is Pastor E. J. Phillips, who became a Christian when he was very young. Perhaps a young reader of this column will be an Elim president, if the Lord tarries.

Work. Last week I told you of one young boy at my church who delivered about 300 *Couriers* in half an hour, with the help of one friend. Well, his record has been beaten by one of our adult members, who delivered 550 handbills about our campaign in just fifty minutes! But another of our Junior Crusaders delivered 1,050 bills, so he has delivered the most. Anyway we are all working hard, and praying God will bless Pastor Chuter when he comes next week. Please pray for us.

Giving. Last month our missionary secretary had a letter about a little girl named Mary. The writer said that Mary attended her Sunshine Corner meetings with her brother. They are both saved. On holiday an uncle gave Mary 10/-. She told her mother, "I've been thinking. I'd like to give my 10/- to Jesus." So it was that Mary brought the money along to Sunshine Corner and gave it to the missionaries. Wasn't that grand?

A few weeks ago, two of our Sunday school scholars brought along a tin of money. They had collected some of their old toys and sold them. They brought along about 12/- for the missionaries.

Stamps. And that reminds me to say "Thank you" to all who are still sending in stamps. We still collect them at H.Q. Remember, any foreign stamps, and all English value 4d. and over (plus 3d. special issues), can be sold and the money given for our missionary work, so keep sending in those stamps.

That's all for this week.

Goodbye and God bless you.

BERNARD.

tion certificate and become foundation members of this important branch of our work. The proposal received unanimous support at the 1957 Elim Conference.

We feel that this gift should be in addition to the regular tithe paid to your local church. Make it a love-offering to the Lord who has done so much for us.

Just one other thought for any friends who pay income tax *at the full standard rate*. Their gifts can be greatly increased without any extra cost to themselves if they are prepared to make them under a deed of covenant. For instance, with income tax at 8/6 in the pound a gift of £1 becomes worth £1/14/9 to the fund, and a gift of £5 is worth £8/13/11. Full particulars and the necessary form will be sent on application to the Secretary.

The second phase of the fund is the Loan Account. This provides for loans from £25 and upwards which can either be interest-free or bear interest at any rate up to a maximum of five per cent. Loans must, however, be in multiples of £25. On sums under £100, interest is payable annually on April 1st. On £100 or over, interest is payable half-yearly on April 1st and October 1st.

Withdrawals can be made as follows: not exceeding £50, on demand; not exceeding £500, three months' notice; exceeding £500, six months' notice.

Many Christian friends have money in banks drawing a nominal interest: this can be invested in the Elim Building Development Fund Loan Account without loss to the investor, but with this added advantage, that the money is now being used to provide church buildings in a movement that propagates the pentecostal message.

Will you think carefully about this matter and make it an occasion for serious prayer? Ask what God would have you do by a gift or a loan to this fund. It is an important venture that can build up the cause of the kingdom of God in the homeland, and thus make it possible for us to advance in every sphere.

Please apply to the Secretary for the special brochure. Gifts or inquiries regarding loans should also be sent to the Secretary, Elim Building Development Fund, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.

May God bless you as you help in this most necessary cause.

Each One **Reach One**

We feel sure
our readers will appreciate
and profit by this article from the pen
of one of Britain's greatest preachers
during this time when special efforts
are being made to promote
personal evangelism.—H.W.G.

What is it to Win a Soul?

By C. H. Spurgeon

SOULWINNING is the chief business of the Christian minister; indeed, it should be the main pursuit of every true believer. We should each say with Simon Peter, "I go a fishing," and with Paul our aim should be "that I might by all means save some."

We shall commence our discourse by considering the question: *What is it to win a soul?*

This may be instructively answered by describing what it is not. We do not regard it to be soul-winning

to steal members out of churches already established, and train them to utter our peculiar shibboleth; we aim rather at bringing souls to Christ than at making converts to our synagogue. There are sheep-stealers abroad, concerning whom I will say nothing except that they are not "brethren," or, at least, they do not act in a brotherly fashion. To their own Master they must stand or fall. We count it utter meanness to build up our own house with the ruins of our neighbours' mansions; we infinitely prefer to quarry for ourselves.

In the next place, we do not consider soul-winning to be accomplished by hurriedly inscribing more names upon our church roll, in order to show a good increase at the end of the year. This is easily done, and there are brethren who use great pains, not to say arts, to effect it; but if it be regarded as the alpha and omega of a minister's efforts, the result will be deplorable. By all means let us bring true converts into the church, for it is a part of our work to teach them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded them; but still, this is to be done to disciples, and not to mere professors; and if care be not used, we may do more harm than good at this point. To introduce unconverted persons to the church is to weaken and degrade it; and therefore an apparent gain may be a real loss.

Nor is it soul-winning, dear friends, merely to create excitement. Excitement will accompany every great movement. We might justly question whether the movement was earnest and powerful if it was quite as serene as a drawing room Bible reading. You cannot very well blast great rocks without the sound of explosions, nor fight a battle and keep everybody as quiet as a mouse. On a dry day, a carriage is not moving much along the road unless there is some noise and dust; friction and stir are the natural result of force in action.

So, when the Spirit of God is abroad, and men's minds are stirred, there must and will be certain visible signs of the movement, although these must never be confounded with the movement itself. If people imagine that to make a dust is the object aimed at by the rolling of a carriage, they can take a broom, and very soon raise as much dust as fifty coaches; but they will be committing a nuisance rather than conferring a benefit. Excitement is as incidental as the dust, but it is not for one moment to be aimed at.

INSTRUCTION

What is the real winning of a soul for God? So far as this is done by instrumentality, what are the processes by which a soul is led to God and to sal-

vation? I take it that one of its main operations consists in *instructing a man that he may know the truth of God*. Instruction by the Gospel is the commencement of all real work upon men's minds. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28: 19, 20). Teaching begins the work, and crowns it, too.

The Gospel, according to Isaiah is, "Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live." It is ours, then, to give men something worth their hearing; in fact, to instruct them. We are sent to evangelise, or to preach the Gospel to every creature; and that is not done unless we teach them the great truths of revelation. The Gospel is good news. The Gospel is a reasonable system, and it appeals to men's understanding; it is a matter for thought and consideration, and it appeals to the conscience and the reflecting powers. Hence, if we do not teach men something, we may shout, "*Believe! Believe! Believe!*" but what are they to believe? Each exhortation requires a corresponding instruction, or it will mean nothing. "*Escape!*" From what? This requires for its answer the doctrine of the punishment of sin. "*Fly!*" But whither? Then you must preach Christ, and His wounds; yea, and the clear doctrine of atonement by sacrifice. "*Repent!*" Of what? Here you must answer such questions as What is sin? What is the evil of sin? What are the consequences of sin? "Be converted!" But what is it to be converted? What from? What to? The field of instruction is wide if men are to be made to know the truth which saves. We are not to try and save men in the dark, but in the power of the Holy Ghost we are to seek to turn them from darkness to light.

To try to win a soul for Christ by keeping that soul in ignorance of any truth is contrary to the mind of the Spirit; and to endeavour to save men by mere claptrap, or excitement, or oratorical display, is as foolish as to hope to hold an angel with birdlime, or lure a star with music. The best attraction is the Gospel in its purity. The weapon with which the Lord conquers men is the truth as it is in Jesus. The Gospel will be found equal to every emergency; an arrow which can pierce the hardest heart, a balm which will heal the deadliest wound. Preach it, and preach nothing else. Rely implicitly upon the old, old Gospel. You need no other nets when you fish for men; those your Master has given you are strong enough for the great fishes, and have meshes

fine enough to hold the little ones. Spread these nets and no others, and you need not fear the fulfilment of His Word, "I will make you fishers of men."

IMPRESSION

Secondly, to win a soul, it is necessary not only to instruct our hearer, and make him know the truth, but to *impress him so that he may feel it*. A purely didactic ministry, which should always appeal to the understanding, and should leave the emotions untouched, would certainly be a limping ministry. "The legs of the lame are not equal," says Solomon; and the unequal legs of some ministries cripple them.

A sinner has a heart as well as a head; a sinner has emotions as well as thoughts; and we must appeal to both. A sinner will never be converted until his emotions are stirred. Unless he feels sorrow for sin, and unless he has some measure of joy in the reception of the Word, you cannot have much hope of him. The truth must soak into the soul, and dye it its own colour. The Word must be like a strong wind sweeping through the whole heart, and swaying the whole man, even as a field of ripening corn waves in the summer breeze. Religion without emotion is religion without life. But, still, we must mind how these emotions are caused. Do not play upon the mind by exciting feelings which are not spiritual. Some preachers are very fond of introducing funerals and dying children into their discourses, and they make the people weep through sheer natural affection. This may lead up to something better, but in itself what is its value?

If our hearers will weep over their sins, and after Jesus, let their tears flow in rivers; but if the object of their sorrow is merely natural, and not at all spiritual, what good is done by setting them weeping? There might be some virtue in making people joyful, for there is sorrow enough in the world, and the more we can promote cheerfulness the better; but what is the use of creating needless misery? What right have you to go through the world pricking everybody with your lancet just to show your skill in surgery? A true physician makes incisions only in order to effect cures, and a wise minister excites painful emotions in men's minds with the distinct object only of blessing their souls.

REGENERATION

I have already insisted upon instruction and impression as most needful to soul-winning; but these are not all—they are, indeed, only means to the desired end. A far greater work must be done before a man is saved. A wonder of Divine grace must be wrought upon the soul, far transcending anything

which can be accomplished by the power of man. Of all whom we would fain win for Jesus it is true, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." *The Holy Ghost must work* regeneration in the objects of our love, or they never can become possessors of eternal happiness. They must be quickened into a new life, and they must become new creatures in Christ Jesus. The same energy which accomplishes resurrection and creation must put forth all its power upon them; nothing short of this can meet the case. They must be born again from above.

This might seem at first sight to put human instrumentality out of the field; but on turning to the Scriptures we find nothing to justify such an inference, and much of quite an opposite tendency. There we certainly find the Lord to be all in all, but we find no hint that the use of means must therefore be dispensed with. The Lord's supreme majesty and power are seen all the more gloriously because He works by means. It is sadly possible to say too little of the Holy Spirit; indeed, I fear this is one of the crying sins of the age; but yet that infallible Word, which always rightly balances truth, while it magnifies the Holy Ghost, does not speak lightly of the men by whom He works.

Regeneration, or the new birth, works a change in the whole nature of man, and, so far as we can judge, its essence lies in the implantation and creation of a new principle within the man. The Holy Ghost creates in us a new and heavenly nature.

As this God-begotten life in men is a mystery, we shall speak to more practical effect if we dwell upon the signs following and accompanying it, for these are the things we must aim at.

CONVICTION OF SIN

First, regeneration will be shown in *conviction of sin*. This we believe to be an indispensable mark of the Spirit's work; the new life as it enters the heart causes intense inward pain as one of its first effects. Though nowadays we hear of persons being healed before they have been wounded, and brought into a certainty of justification without ever having lamented their condemnation, we are very dubious as to the value of such healings and justifications. This style of things is not according to the truth. God never clothes men until He has first stripped them, nor does He quicken them by the Gospel till first they are slain by the law.

When you meet with persons in whom there is no trace of conviction of sin, you may be quite sure that they have not been wrought upon by the Holy Spirit; for "when He is come, He will reprove the

world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." When the Spirit of the Lord breathes on us, He withers all the glory of man, which is but as the flower of grass, and then He reveals a higher and abiding glory.

SIMPLE FAITH

Equally certain is it that true conversion may be known by the exhibition of a *simple faith in Jesus Christ*. You need not that I speak unto you of that, for you yourselves are fully persuaded of it. The production of faith is the very centre of the target at which you aim. The proof to you that you have won the man's soul for Jesus is never before you till he has done with himself and his own merits, and has closed in with Christ. Great care must be taken that this faith is exercised upon Christ for a complete salvation, and not for a part of it.

We must urge the trembling sinner to trust wholly and alone upon the Lord Jesus for ever, or we shall have him inferring that he is to begin in the Spirit and be made perfect by the flesh; he will surely walk by faith as to the past, and then by works as to the future, and this will be fatal. True faith in Jesus receives *eternal* life, and sees perfect salvation in Him, whose one sacrifice hath sanctified the people of God once for all.

UNFEIGNED REPENTANCE

Together with undivided faith in Jesus Christ there must also be *unfeigned repentance* of sin. Repentance is an old-fashioned word, not much used by modern revivalists. "Oh," said a minister to me one day, "it only means a change of mind." This was thought to be a profound observation. "Only a change of mind"; but what a change! A change of mind with regard to everything! Instead of saying, "It is only a change of mind," it seems to me more truthful to say it is a great and deep change—even a change of the mind itself. But whatever the literal Greek word may mean, repentance is no trifle. You will not find a better definition of it than the one given in the children's hymn:

"Repentance is to leave

The sins we loved before;

And show that we in earnest grieve

By doing so no more."

True conversion is in all men attended by a sense of sin, which we have spoken of under the head of conviction; by sorrow for sin, or holy grief at having committed it; by a hatred of sin, which proves that its dominion is ended; and by a practical turning from sin, which shows that the life

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AN aged retired Methodist minister once remarked to me in conversation: "There is no fellowship so rich as that of ministers of the Gospel." I certainly think it is very precious and ought to be so. We are able in a special way to enter into each other's experiences. Recent weeks have exercised our affections and sorrow as we have seen dear brethren stricken grievously ill, while some also on the mission field and at home have been called away from among us. As the Elim work grows, and grows older, such shadows must inevitably cross our paths.

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On the conversations between the Anglicans and Methodists on unity, a leading Methodist has written under the title "What has Methodism to lose?" Instead of answering his own question regarding proposed union between these two churches, the writer seems more intent on emphasising what he claims Methodists have already lost in experience. Of perfect love and assurance, dear to earlier Methodists, he writes, "They arose because people had certain extraordinary experiences. And we no longer have these experiences. And since the experience has gone, the doctrines ought to go as well." To confess to the absence of these things among them, and suggest their removal as tenets of faith, must make sad reading to many Methodists.

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Among the splendid company of young men now studying at Elim Bible College there are several from Scotland. I am pleased with this minor invasion! Numerically we have always been a small minority of ministers among our many English, Irish and

Welsh brethren. It is good to see the increase of Elim churches in Scotland and a corresponding increase of young men for the ministry. Contrary to the common idea, even among Scots themselves, Scotland is not "a hard nut to crack." It has always been a land of revival, and executed the Reformation more completely than any other country.

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When the six young Londoners were severely sentenced for their crimes in the Notting Hill riots, the judge showed that their action started the whole ugly sequence of racial trouble that followed. But something else was revealed in the evidence, though not emphasised as a cause. These youths had been drinking in a public-house. There they made their decision to carry out their wickedness. Lloyd George's condemnation of alcohol as the biggest single curse of the nation is maybe even more true today than when expressed more than forty years ago.

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Many Elim friends know that irrepressible East Londoner "Uncle Arthur" Campbell. Complete with accordion—his constant companion—Uncle Arthur sought and obtained permission to hold children's services aboard ship while travelling as a visitor to the Pentecostal World Conference in Canada. Sixty-three children expressed the desire to receive Christ during the daily services. As children flocked round for meetings and deck games, our friend was given a new name by passengers—the Pied Piper. Not needing much encouragement, Uncle Arthur soon had deck sing-songs for the adults also. Enthusiasm, courage and a smile can make a way.

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"All is safely gathered in" will surely not be sung so universally at harvest thanksgiving services this year, as it will not be strictly true in many places. Personally, I have never introduced this service to a church, though I have preached at numerous such services. Now that most hospitals and institutions are state supported one wonders whether such are very grateful for church harvest gifts usually distributed to them.

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In my present church I have introduced a thanksgiving week-end as a substitute for the usual harvest thanksgiving. Instead of fruit, etc., members and friends bring gifts of money towards our most pressing need—the building fund. In each previous year we have received more than £340, which in this instance at least seems a more practical and profitable way of expressing thanks for "all good gifts around us."

Conducted by
National Youth
Secretary

youth page



YOU MUST READ THIS!

TODAY a letter arrived on my desk. It was post-marked "Rhodesia." This is what it says: "Dear Pastor Davies, Enclosed you will find an urgent appeal for teachers and we beg of you to have this printed on the Youth Page of the ELIM EVANGEL *immediately*, as half-term is in October and after then it is too late. . . . We know that we can rely on your help . . ."

It is signed by two of our girls. I know them both, their parents, and their churches. When they left for Rhodesia I, along with other Elim ministers, waved them farewell. We assured them that we would be behind them. They are now engaged in courageous, sacrificial missionary work. Their

parents, friends and church fellowships have been left behind. Without delay I telephoned our Editor. Without hesitation he contacted the printers, who kindly stopped the printing presses, withdrew this week's Youth Page and had the typesetters prepare this fresh copy. This is not usually done. It costs extra money. But can we deny these precious girls their earnest plea? Of course not. They are worthy of much more inconvenience. If I had the qualifications they need I tell you this, without doubt, I would go. Wild horses would not be able to hold me back. Here is an opportunity for our Christian teachers to go where the need is greatest.

J.H.D.

Calling all teachers!

21.9.58

"Come over into Southern Rhodesia and help us." Paul had a vision—have you? The scripture says, "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Let us give you a picture of the Rhodesian field, with eighteen schools and 1,517 pupils whose ages range from seven to eighteen years according to government regulation. Do you wish to see 135 teenagers turned out of school at the end of this year, and many more in the future—turned away from the sound of the Gospel and Christian influence, their chances of education gone for ever? To prevent this happening we must have three more teachers from the British Isles before January 1st, 1959. How do you think we, as teachers, feel when we realise that the students we have taught will be turned away because you might have said "No" to God? Have you no thought for Dr. Brien as he wears himself out day after day, making and firing thousands of bricks for erecting school buildings, and when he looks around there is no one to fill the gaps and inevitably part of the work must close down? Have you no concern for the sorrow in God's heart when He sees you do not care for the extension of His work in this country?

Are you still waiting for a call? The desperate need is the call. Why don't you put God to the test? The door is open—God will close it should He want you to remain in the homeland.

Teachers! As teachers ourselves, we appeal to you to act **now**. Remember, two months' notice must be given to your local education authority. Why not submit a provisional notice straight away and apply to H.Q.?

"He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it" (Matthew 10: 37-39).

MARY COOPER
BRENDA HURRELL

Pastor G. H. Thomas, our Missionary Secretary, adds:

It will be seen from the above appeal that the need for more teachers is urgent, and if these are not forthcoming immediately the higher standards will

have to close down and the opportunity of winning these young men and women for Christ will possibly be lost for ever. Interested teachers, please write at once to the Missionary Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

What is it to Win a Soul ? (continued)

within the soul is operating upon the life without. True belief and true repentance are twins: it would be idle to attempt to say which is born first. All the spokes of a wheel move at once when the wheel moves, and so all the graces commence action when regeneration is wrought by the Holy Ghost. Repentance, however, there must be. No sinner looks to the Saviour with a dry eye or a hard heart. Aim, therefore, at heartbreaking, at bringing home condemnation to the conscience, and weaning the mind from sin, and be not content till the whole mind is deeply and vitally changed in reference to sin.

CHANGE OF LIFE

Another proof of the conquest of a soul for Christ will be found in a *real change of life*. If the man does not live differently from what he did before, both at home and abroad, his repentance needs to be repented of, and his conversion is a fiction. Not only action and language, but spirit and temper must be changed.

Abiding under the power of any known sin is a mark of our being the servants of sin, for "his servants ye are to whom ye obey." Idle are the boasts of a man who harbours within himself the love of any transgression. He may feel what he likes, and believe what he likes, he is still in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity while a single sin rules his heart and life. True regeneration implants a hatred of all evil, and where one sin is delighted in, the evidence is fatal to a sound hope. A man need not take a dozen poisons to destroy his life, one is quite sufficient.

There must be a harmony between the life and the profession. A Christian professes to renounce sin, and if he does not do so his very name is an imposture.

A drunken man came up to Rowland Hill one day, and said, "I am one of your converts, Mr. Hill." "I dare say you are," replied that shrewd and sensible preacher; "but you are none of the Lord's, or you would not be drunk." To this practical test we must bring all our work.

TRUE PRAYER

In our converts we must also see *true prayer*, which is the vital breath of godliness. If there is no prayer, you may be quite sure the soul is dead. We are not to urge men to pray as though it were the great gospel duty, and the one prescribed way of salvation; for our chief message is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." It is easy to put prayer into its

wrong place, and make it out to be a kind of work by which men are to live; but this you will, I trust, most carefully avoid. Faith is the great gospel grace; but still we cannot forget that true faith always prays. When a man professes faith in the Lord Jesus, and yet does not cry to the Lord daily, we dare not believe in his faith or his conversion. The Holy Ghost's evidence by which He convinced Ananias of Paul's conversion was not, "Behold, he talks loudly of his joys and feelings," but "Behold, he prayeth," and that prayer was earnest, heart-broken confession and supplication. Oh, to see this sure evidence in all who profess to be our converts!

Thus, you see, my brethren, the signs which prove that a soul is won are by no means trifling, and the work to be done ere those signs can exist is not to be lightly spoken of. A soul-winner can do nothing without God. He must cast himself on the Invisible, or be a laughing-stock to the Devil, who regards with utter disdain all who think to subdue human nature with mere words and arguments. To all who hope to succeed in such labour by their own strength, we would address the words of the Lord to Job. "Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? . . . Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? . . . Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?" Dependence upon God is our strength, and our joy; in that dependence let us go forth, and seek to win souls for Him.

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(Please pray for these services)

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