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NEW ELIM CHURCH OPENED AT PAISLEY

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F. Hardy

editorial . . .

MORE EXTENSION !

WE make no apologies for the fact that, so swiftly following upon our special extension year number, once again this week much of our space is given over to accounts from the campaign front. As the date for the publication of our recent issue on this subject drew near, it became obvious that there would not be sufficient space for all these reports. However, we feel that you will want to know all about it, for you have prayed and given liberally so that these campaigns could be held and new churches be opened. So we present them to you—reports on the campaigns in Newhaven, in Portsmouth, in Ilkeston, and then the account of the opening of Paisley's new Elim church, an evidence that campaigns are no mere flash in the pan, but that a permanent work for God is being accomplished thereby.

These reports, however, must not lull us into a false complacency with regard to evangelism. The reports reveal that though God has indeed blessed, and some notable miracles have taken place, there is a growing apathy among the people of our towns and cities . . . and, surprisingly, even in the face of these demonstrations of the miraculous. Some of us can remember the time when miracles such as these would have stirred whole towns and drawn the crowds in their thousands. Yet those days also saw very considerable opposition to our distinctive witness and testimony. Today the opposition has largely died down, and so it seems has much of the interest !

The days in which we live are far different from those of a quarter of a century ago. Once again in some cities there are queues for the "dole" . . . only this time men drive up in their cars to receive it ! Once again the world hovers on the brink of war . . . but now with threats of bombs of 100 megaton capacity. Yet today the only effect on many seems to be to send them to the bingo halls, while ecclesiastical dignitaries feel the time is inopportune for a general call to prayer ! We wonder just what circumstances are necessary before such a call can be made !

In this situation we have a twofold task: first and foremost to pray most earnestly for a heaven-sent revival, remembering that revivals have ever been born in the darkest hour; and secondly to urge forward in our endeavours to reach men and women for Christ. This may be a day of small things in the evangelistic field, but God's Word warns us not to despise such a day. God is working in our midst, souls are being saved, sick ones are receiving God's healing touch and churches are reporting blessing. So let us praise while we pray and pray while we praise, "Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest."

Meanwhile, tomorrow is the final day for the special evangelistic campaign appeal in your local Elim church. Encourage our evangelistic committee and our noble band of evangelists by your generous gift—and if you do not attend an Elim church you can still participate by sending your gift to our Elim Headquarters, marking it for "Evangelism."

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Membership of an Elim church does not depend on any rites or knowledge of creeds, but upon a personal experience of salvation. All who have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and have been born again are eligible as members and can be received into fellowship by the minister at a church meeting. There are, however, certain doctrines to which Elim churches subscribe, and certain ordinances which are observed: breaking of bread and drinking of wine in memory of our Lord's death (Holy Communion); baptism by total immersion in water; anointing of the sick with oil for the healing of the body.

The Statement of Fundamental Truths accepts the veracity of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Salvation is through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is also acknowledged as the Healer of the physical body and the Baptiser in the Holy Spirit, a present-day experience for all believers. We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the Church today, and that those who are born of the Spirit should manifest the fruit of the Spirit. We also believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ to receive to Himself the Church and afterwards to set up His throne as King.

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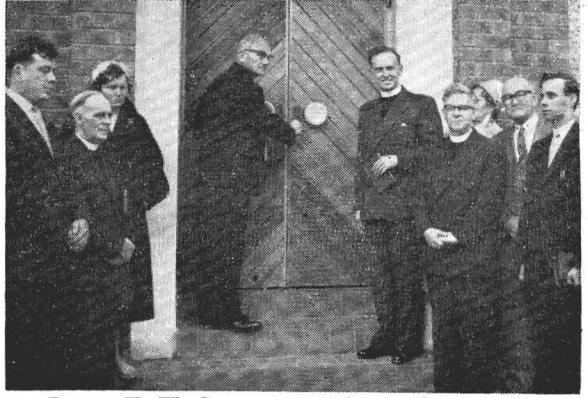
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New church opens in PAISLEY

MIRACLES still happen today! It is exactly two years since we reported the good hand of God working with us in pioneering the Elim church in this most progressive Scottish town. It was a hard campaign, for the Town Hall, with its 1,500 seats, did not make for easy weeknight meetings with only some 300 to 400 people. Yet God was gracious and an assembly was formed.

Right away we sought for a site. The local authority was most helpful and told us there were possibilities that the Post Office might not be building on the ground they had bought for this purpose. The official of the Ministry of Supply pointed out that the ground would first need to be advertised in the local newspapers for three weeks. How we prayed that God would turn the eyes of the people away from the advertisement and how glad we were to be told that no one had made an offer to purchase.

Within three days of the closing date for applications to be received to purchase the ground the price and other details were completed and our offer was accepted. What a poor site it looked, with old derelict property on it and trees growing among the rub-



Pastor H. W. Greenway performs the opening ceremony.

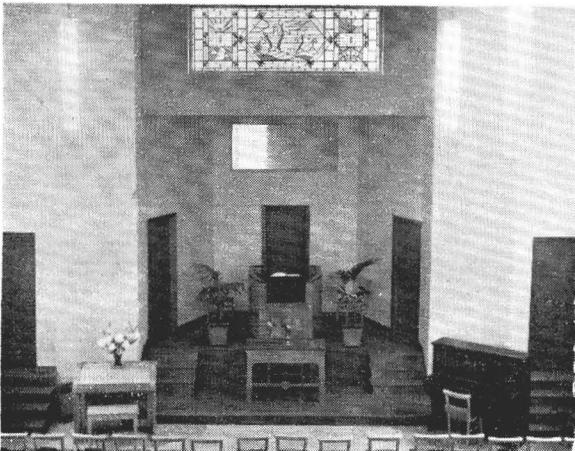
bish. A bulldozer soon showed the ground to be a most valuable site and today a church stands on it with a capacity for 400.

A very fine Christian builder was engaged, whose price for doing the whole job was only £6,250. This was the cost to him of building the church and he agreed that if there was any profit he would give it to the church (not a bad bargain, eh?). The nearest competitive estimate was some £2,000 higher. Mr. Elliott soon got to work and in three weeks the main brickwork was up and the foundation stone laid. After an awkward hold-up with the girders, we have been able to see the whole church completed in just seven months. To God be the glory.

A number of unique features are incorporated in the building which make it a most useful church for our many needs. A seventeen-foot sign which lights up attracts every eye on this busy main road. The minor hall seats over 100, but is so situated that by means of a folding Marley wall it becomes the gallery of the main church. A sink and electric boiler are on the upstairs level as well as a most modern kitchen downstairs so that the youth of the church will have their own coffee bar after their mid-week service and on special occasions. This upper hall can be used for many purposes such as Sunday "high school" for teenagers, prayer meetings, junior youth activities, etc.

The church has a flat roof, but extra strong girders were installed so as to carry a complete new Sunday school unit on top of the church when more funds become available. A double nursery for children has been installed so that sleeping babies are not disturbed by noisy toddlers. The baptistry is so fitted that after candidates are baptised they go through a back door into the dressing rooms and are not seen by the congregation when they are wet.

A unique Elim stained-glass window has been fitted above the pulpit showing an oasis in the



Interior of Paisley's new Elim church.

wilderness, and in each of the corners the emblems of the Foursquare Gospel, namely a lamb to represent the Saviour, a bottle with oil coming from it to represent Divine healing, a dove to represent the Holy Spirit, and a crown to represent the coming King. All of the church furnishings, including a double-manual electric organ, a communion table and chair and a modern pulpit, are in light oak and have been given by members and friends. Two pianos, baptismal robes, a silver communion set and a host of other items have all been given for this

lovely building. On the pulpit, however, lies a most outstanding white leather-covered Bible. It was given by one of the converts of the original campaign who came into the Town Hall drunk, with the intention of disturbing the meeting.

The opening ceremony was conducted by Pastor Greenway and supported by many of the ministers of the presbytery. The building was packed to its uttermost, with many standing. Does it pay to conduct pioneer campaigns? My answer is come and see what God has done for His people in Paisley.

THE NEWHAVEN CRUSADE

By Brian R. J. Garrard

It is a well-known fact that the Devil dislikes evangelism, but seldom is it made so obvious as it was during the Newhaven crusade.

Difficulties confronted us on every hand. No public hall in the town, the only alternative a marquee. This had to be pitched outside the town itself, on the only available site right on the fringe of the town boundary. The Elim campaign tent is very near to retirement age, and every time it rained outside it also rained inside . . . very heavily! Twice the counselling room was flooded out and about half the seats in the main section were soaked. These were but a few of our problems as we sought to proclaim the Gospel in this small town of 6,000 people.

But God is good, and greater than the enemy, and in spite of all the difficulties great blessing rested upon the services. An average congregation of between eighty and ninety gathered every night, and a total of thirty-four people passed through the counselling room and were personally shown the way of salvation.

Among the healings that took place were those of a lady completely healed of rheumatism; a lady with arthritis, only able to walk with sticks for many years, who walked twice unsupported across the front of the tent; a lady healed absolutely from a weeping leg ulcer; a child of six months healed overnight from infantile eczema; a lady hardly able to speak or walk as a result of a stroke who was prayed for and returned a few days later speaking much clearer and testifying that she had been able to walk out with a little assistance for the first time in two years; an elderly lady freed from painful mouth ulcers; another instantly healed from severe chest pains.

The financial need pressed heavily upon us throughout the crusade and with only two services to go we were faced with a deficit of thirty pounds. After making this a real matter of prayer in the regular morning prayer meetings, we were disturbed at tea one day by a knock on the door. Upon opening it we were confronted by an old-age pensioner holding an envelope containing her "widow's mite." "This is all I have," she said and walked away. When the envelope was opened it re-



vealed a gift of twenty pounds! That night the remaining ten pounds deficit was wiped out in one offering.

In closing this report I want to say a word of sincere thanks to my team who worked so faithfully with me, to Pastor Holdstock, the local minister, who worked so hard for many weeks to make this crusade possible, and to all the Elim members up and down the country who prayed for the Newhaven crusade. If you had not done so then this report could never have been written.

Finally, a word of appreciation to all the ministers and churches who supported the meetings, and some closing remarks from one of the regular visitors, the District Superintendent, Pastor J. J. Way.

Pastor Way reports :

The first Elim evangelistic campaign in Newhaven can be covered by two weighty words: sacrifice and support.

Sacrifice. Pastor H. Holdstock, with his faithful wife and son, did much hard spade-work to put an Elim church on foot. As the effort bore fruit so others joined them in this God-blessed fellowship. Then came the opportunity to have a marquee for a campaign. The work and cost were very challenging but they looked at its necessity before its sacrifice. Then the evangelistic team, consisting of Rev. Brian Garrard, Rev. Brian Barnett and Rev. Terry Jacobs, sacrificed their holidays to take this campaign. Thus the rich blessing of God rested upon the meetings, and results were witnessed even in a reserved locality. Sacrifice is accepted by the Lord and He will reward. The meetings were grand.

Support. This campaign has shown the Christian family in this area. The Sussex Elim Presbytery churches, the International Bible Training Institute, Framfield Pentecostal Church, Guildford, Caterham, and as far as Leyton have supported, not forgetting friends from many other churches; proving once again that sacrifice and support have brought great blessing.

Secretary-General's notes

IT was while they were still at school in Bedford that three brothers got together to form what they called the Full Gospel Tract Society. Obviously they had a strong desire to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This was the beginning of a publishing venture which was to radiate from that common centre throughout the whole world. The three brothers were the Phillips trio, known affectionately to many as Hubert, E.J. and F.B.

The eldest, Hubert, called to be a missionary, went to Africa, where he was instrumental, together with Austin Chawner, in establishing the Emmanuel Printing Press, from which Gospel literature has been sent throughout the whole of the dark continent.

E.J. joined the Elim Evangelistic Band in 1919 and was soon afterwards appointed Secretary-General of the Elim Movement, a post he held with distinction through many years of growth and conflict.

F.B. opened a printing business, and in Tamworth was called upon in 1919 to print the first ELIM EVANGEL. As the Elim Movement began to expand it was felt necessary to open a publishing house in order to propagate the truths of Pentecost, and in 1924 the Elim Publishing Office was opened in Clapham Crescent on Easter Monday. It was later incorporated and became known as the Elim Publishing Co. Ltd. in 1929.

From those early days until his recent retirement, Mr. F. B. Phillips has held the important office of managing director, moulding the policies of the company and exerting a spiritual influence on its productions. A man of high principles and sterling character, he has at times come into conflict with established tradition, but has always dealt with his problems without deviating from what he believed to be the truth.

During two visits to Africa within recent years Mr. Phillips took a number of films of missionary work which have been shown with great blessing and challenge in many churches: he has also lectured on the power of the printed word.



Mr. F. B. Phillips

We wish both Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Phillips a very happy retirement in their bungalow at Eastbourne and also in the fellowship of the Elim Church, Eastbourne, where they are now actively engaged as members.

REV. E. BUCKHURST PINCH

Called to higher service

The news of the sudden home-call of Rev. E. Buckhurst Pinch on October 12th came as a shock to us all. The previous day he had been, as usual, working in the offices of the Advent Testimony and Preparation Movement.

Mr. Buckhurst Pinch was known and esteemed by many in Elim circles, for in his younger days he was one of our ministers. Later he held pastorates at Bristol and Barking and at Carrubbers Close Mission in Edinburgh, and during the latter half of his ministry he had been General Secretary of the Advent Testimony and Preparation Movement and as such was well known and loved in evangelical circles in the British Isles, Canada and the U.S.A. His great abilities as an organiser as well as an exponent of prophetic truth contributed tremendously to the work of the A.T.P.M., and the gap he has left will indeed be hard to fill. He was also editor of the movement's official organ, *The Prophetic Witness*.

Our beloved brother will be keenly missed not only at the monthly meetings at Bloomsbury but also at the prophetic conferences at Eastbourne, Belfast, and throughout the country, where his gifted ministry was in constant demand. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to his widow and daughter in their great loss and ours.

Surely the sincerest and finest tribute any of us can pay to our brother's memory is to continue the witness he so ably and steadfastly maintained throughout his life—to the truth of God's Word, and especially to the coming again of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

E.J.P.

Rochester's contribution to "Operation Extension"

The trend of modern evangelism is to cater for the Teddy boy and Teddy girl, but here in Rochester we are trying to meet the need of the old-age pensioners

Every Thursday afternoon at 2.45 p.m. they gather together for an hour of community hymn singing, solos and recitations and a short talk from our energetic young pastor, Rev. J. Hyde. This venture was started in the minor hall of the church on the first Thursday in September, when about thirty old folk attended. During the past seven weeks the numbers have increased and now the service has to be held in the church, as the minor hall cannot hold the fifty to sixty people who attend.

Besides these services we are hoping to arrange out-of-season holidays at reduced rates for the old-age pensioners. Pastor J. Hyde has been appointed chaplain to the Rochester and Strood district branch of the O.A.P. Association.

Do pray that the Lord may bless these efforts to reach these lonely, forgotten ones.

E. G. SHEPHARD.

THE PRESS reports on THE ILKESTON CRUSADE

The "Nottingham Evening Post" reports:

"A MIRACLE CURED ME," EX-NURSE CLAIMS

A middle-aged Ilkeston housewife and former nurse claims: "I have been cured by a miracle."

Mrs. Phyllis Lomax says she was healed after a service conducted by the Welsh evangelist, Rev. Ronald Jones.

Ten years ago Mrs. Lomax had a fall which she believes started pains in her spine, and what doctors described as a "spastic" numbness in her right leg.

She had long spells in hospital, regular out-patient treatment and consultations with specialists, but felt no better. Her nights were sleepless.

"A neighbour took me to one of Mr. Jones's services. When Mr. Jones called for people who needed healing I went forward. And when he blessed us my whole body throbbled. It really hurt—and then I felt a sudden calm feeling, a wonderful soothing experience."

Mr. Jones told the *Post*: "Mrs. Lomax's case seems to be a real miracle healing."

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The Ilkeston "Pioneer" reports:

ANOTHER MIRACLE CLAIMED

Another miracle cure as a result of Rev. Ron Jones's Ilkeston evangelistic crusade has been claimed. Twelve-year-old Ken Bradley, of 32 Elnor Street, Langley Mill, is walking properly for the first time—without leg irons.

From walking age the boy had a limp, a twisted leg and a heel which would not touch the ground. His toes curled under his foot.

Now he is wearing a pair of ordinary shoes which his parents have bought him. He can walk and run normally and his legs are virtually as straight as an arrow.

Ken was taken by his mother to Mr. Jones's revival crusade on the suggestion of her sister, Mrs. E. Clayton.

There he was told to leave off his leg irons next day, after being prayed for.

"There was a marked improvement at once," said Ken's mother, Mrs. William Bradley. "We took him again on Sunday night and there was an even greater improvement. He began to run up and down and said what a marvellous feeling it was."

Said Ken's father, Mr. Ernest Bradley: "If this continues, it's a real miracle."

Mrs. Bradley has prayed for her son every night since he was born. "Even if he hadn't been cured by Mr. Jones, I would still have gone on believing and praying," she says. "I thank God for what He has done."

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The "Ilkeston Advertiser" reports:

ANOTHER CURE CLAIMED AT DIVINE HEALING MEETING

An Ilkeston woman, who for many years suffered from arthritis in her left hand and arm and was unable to lift them above waist-height, attended a meeting of the Ilkeston revival and Divine healing campaign last week and was cured, she claimed this week.

She is seventy-year-old Mrs. Clara Beniston, a widow, who also suffers from the same ailment in her right leg and right arm and hand.

Mrs. Beniston was persuaded by a neighbouring friend to go to a meeting, where she was prayed for by the campaign leader, Rev. Ron Jones.

Mr. Jones placed his hands upon her shoulders and she was afterwards able to hold her arm above her head before a delighted congregation.

Until recently, Mrs. Beniston, whose daughter and son-in-law live with her, could not do housework, and was advised to keep her hands from water.

"I had real pain," declared Mrs. Beniston, who is a member of the Bath Street Methodist Church. "I know what a night's sleep is now," she added.

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And finally the Ilkeston "Pioneer" again:

ILKESTON WAS A TOUGH NUT FOR THE CRUSADER

Tough. That is how Rev. Ronald Jones will remember Ilkeston. His part in the revival crusade in the town ended on Sunday night when he returned to his modern, functional-looking Pentecostal church in Bristol.

Before his closing service at the New Co-operative Hall Mr. Jones—an energetic, emphatic evangelist—told me that Ilkeston presented him with the stiffest crusade he had yet conducted.

Why should a small, smoky industrial town make his job so hard? The nearest Mr. Jones could get to the root cause was lethargy.

"You can almost feel it in the air—an apathy towards things spiritual," Mr. Jones said.

He glanced at his Bible, the once-stiff leather covers pliable through constant use, and said: "If my colicague and I could have had six months in this town we could really have made our mark. As it was, things were really beginning to build up, and now we must go. Unfortunately we must return to our own churches."

But Mr. Jones does not consider he has wasted his time among us. Far from it. He believes the Divine healing services during the crusade did a tremendous amount of good—particularly among Ilkeston's nervously ill.

"In fact we had about eighty people take a decision for Christ, and a proportionately high number of successful healing cases," he said.

Will the "miracle cures"—the authenticity of which is doubted by some people—last? One thing is certain: Mrs. Phyllis Lomax, the Springfield Garden housewife whose story was told in last week's *Pioneer*, is certainly a much changed woman from the short-tempered, pain-racked person she was before Mr. Jones's visit. And she is supremely confident that the cure is permanent.

I saw a letter which a young Ilkeston mother had written to Mr. Jones. She took three pages of small, neat handwriting to tell him of the increasing disappearance of nervousness which had threatened her home life. Her sleepless nights had ended and she was now coping more easily with her baby.

An elderly woman who for years had suffered with arthritis found herself able to lift her arm over her head after a Divine healing service conducted by Mr. Jones.

Throughout the crusade, Mr. Jones has managed without the active support of the established churches. Why? Because he never asked for it. Although he would have welcomed support from churchgoing people, he was concentrating on reaching the man in the street and the untied teenager.

Mr. Jones, however, is so sure that Ilkeston is ready for a spiritual revival that he has arranged for an Elim minister to continue his work.

Rev. Frank Waite, from Derby, will be holding services in the Co-operative cafe on Wednesdays, Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

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Pastor W. R. Jones adds: In each case the claim of healing was made by the person healed, not the evangelist. In all there were 120 decisions. The eighty referred to in the press were to the end of the second week.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM PASTOR RONALD W. JONES

"My thanks to all Elim ministers and members for your prayers for the Ilkeston crusade. I have never witnessed so many outstanding miracles of healing in one campaign during the whole of my ministry. It is my very firm conviction that God gave to the people of Ilkeston an outstanding demonstration of His miraculous power. Whether they accept or reject is now in their hands. Let us pray that they will accept."—Ron Jones.

George Canty conducts a Campaign in Portsmouth

THE Portsmouth church held a campaign from September 16th to October 1st which was conducted by Rev. George Canty. There was a great deal of preparation, and much prayer was made for a move in this vast city of 300,000 people. The day of opening arrived with bills distributed, forty-foot banner outside, much press advertising, and of course a great number of personal invitations given by the members to their friends and relatives. What did the Lord do? Here are the bare facts: approximately 100 decisions, sixty-eight of which were personally counselled by trained people, and at least a dozen outstanding cases of healing. Below we give quotations from written testimonies.

One thing which created a great deal of enthusiasm was the picture which Mr. Canty painted each night in the service and which was given to the person who brought the largest number of visitors. One person brought fourteen, another eight, and so on. The local press became interested and displayed a large picture of Mr. Canty actually painting, complete with an excellent report. The singing of Mrs. Canty and Mr. Terry Sharp was much appreciated. The local groups of the church as well as the Southampton choir also brought much blessing.

Pastor Canty was a man used of God. It was obvious from the start that he was utterly dedicated to the task and gave all he had to further the work. The result is that we have seen the Lord working among us in saving souls and healing the sick.

One of the outstanding things throughout the campaign was the large number of people who came who had never been in the church before. This is a great achievement and, we are confident, will bring a reward in the future. We thank God for all that the campaign has meant to us and we go forward into the future with our faith stimulated to trust Him for yet greater things.

Some of the testimonies to Divine healing:

I was involved in a car accident six years ago. I received severe head and face injuries, leaving me with a blockage of the tear duct and nose. Through your prayers and Divine healing I am now completely healed. I thank the Lord Jesus for all He has done for me.

(MRS.) L. BAILEY.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your prayers for me at the Elim Church, Portsmouth. I came not to seek healing for myself, but to pray for the saving of souls and Divine healing for sick people. Before you began to pray for the sick you said that you had received a message from Jesus Christ about a lady attending the service who was suffering from pain in her left

leg and describing all details and the position of the discomfort, and I knew at once that I was that person. I went straight to the front with the other sick people and you prayed for Divine healing for me. I know I was immediately freed from the pain and thrombosis from which I had suffered for almost thirteen years. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless you in all your work throughout the coming years.

(MRS.) E. R. TOBIN.

Last Saturday I came down to the front for healing. I was suffering from a dislocated hip, which meant that my left leg was about three inches shorter than the right. I praise God that now my left leg is the same length as my right one, meaning that I no longer have to wear surgical shoes and walk perfectly now. Where surgeons failed God has proved His power in a marvellous way.

JILL RICHARDSON (14 years).

I wish to express my deep gratitude to you for praying for me and to our Lord for answering those prayers. For eight long years I have been a victim of chronic bronchial asthma and have been unable to work and it was hard labouring for me to breathe. After all that time you prayed that I might be relieved of that scourge and our Lord Jesus *immediately* healed me. Now at sixty-five years of age I am a new man, and after suffering so much this past week has seemed like heaven.

RAYMOND RHODES.



These people were all healed in the Portsmouth campaign.

THE Bible, being the inspired Word of God, predicts the future without making one single mistake. It is breath-taking to see what was written 2,000 years ago when laid alongside current events. We are living in momentous days, yet they are days which are according to God's great prophetic programme. Daniel chapter two speaks of a great image which was made of different kinds of metal. When Daniel gave the interpretation of the king's dream regarding this image he explained that this was a vision telling of the human empires which would rise and fall. Then he told that a stone, which is Christ, would come and smite the image on the last form of human government which was made up of iron and clay. These two materials, we are told, would mingle but not mix (Daniel 2:43). Here we are today in the

CLOSING DAYS OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

before our Lord comes and what do we see? The left wing and the right wing, Communism and democracy, mingling in a maze of committees and similar meetings, but, alas, failing, yes miserably failing, to become united. You can stir oil and water vigorously, but they will never mix. There will never come a permanent peace until Christ comes. We will go on from crisis to crisis.

Now the last part of the great image speaks of ten toes. These ten toes represent ten kings or ten political leaders (presidents, premiers, etc.). Now if you will turn to the thirteenth chapter of Revelation you will find in verse one that a beast is to rise with ten horns, and upon the horns ten crowns, obviously speaking of ten rulers. Four things are told us about this beast: (i) it will open its mouth in blasphemy against God—in other words, it will have no time for God or the things of God; (ii) the Devil will give this beast power and authority (v. 2); (iii) non-Christians will acclaim this beast as the object of their worship; (iv) no buying or selling will be allowed unless you have the mark of this beast either on your forehead or on your right hand (vv. 16 and 17). Let us look at these points for a moment and lay our present-day situation alongside the Scriptures, then climax our study by glancing at the other religious beast in this same chapter who is all in all with this one which we are studying.

The common market which we are hearing and reading so much about today is composed of a combine of nations which came together in Rome and

THE MARK OF THE BEAST AND THE COMMON MARKET

formed a treaty. In the main the treaty was for buying and selling, but notice very carefully that within the treaty provision is also made for a European parliament within ten years. We have never seen such a coming together of European leaders in 2,000 years. Why, it is looking rather like a

REVIVAL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE!

Now notice the four points I raised about the beast: This generation has little or no time for God. We in our own country have now what is known as a continental Sunday, which really is no Sabbath at all. The Continent as a whole has little or no time for spiritual things. The Sabbath of God is scoffed at. This, my friends, is blasphemy against God. To flout the ten commandments is to flout the God of the ten commandments. Secondly, the Devil is as busy as can be doping the minds of this generation with a material vision. To own money, things, possessions is the vision of today. Materialism and selfish greed are everywhere. Again, this beast with the velvet skin has the deep-set eyes with a vision of utter monopoly.

May I explain that this common market has more in it than human eyes can see. It has the diabolical vision of the dragon, with an ultimate which is vicious or beastly. To begin with, it is obvious that should one of the great nations of the world like Britain join this market it will become something of great importance, for it will alter the commerce of many nations all over the world. It is not should we join it, but what in the ultimate will we have joined? I doubt if any politician can see what the ultimate of this common market will be. Now such

By ALEXANDER

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THE BEAST

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MARKET

an organisation will soon call for leadership and here is just where we can be on the look out. I remind you that the U.N.O. needed a secretary-general. Notice that the Bible calls this that rises up out of the sea (meaning up out from among the masses of the people) a *beast*. Surely the interpretation of a beast is that which is strong, vicious, ruthless, unscrupulous, ravenous, etc. Notice also that the ten horns on which were the ten crowns are all belonging to and part of this one common thing which the Scripture calls a beast. Here then is something rising among the masses of the people in which there is a combine of nations and in which there is utter godlessness and which has something very definitely to do with buying and selling. Now buying and selling surely speaks of a market.

The Bible forecasts a time when this beast will grow so strong that it will be in a position to stop all buying or selling save that which is under its control (Revelation 13:17). This then is obviously monopoly, or in other words one market for all buying and selling, which obviously will be a common market. Well did the Bible name this vicious, ruthless, unscrupulous, ravenous thing a beast, for it will squeeze and squeeze until the very life of society lies under its iron claws. "No man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name." These words are the words of God! Then verse 16 says the mark will be either on the forehead or on the right hand, speaking of our thinking or our doing. Some work with their hands, while others work with their heads, but all are under

THE SWAY OF THE BEAST

Now in closing may we turn to two noteworthy thoughts? In the same thirteenth chapter we read of another beast in verse 11 like unto a lamb, but speaking like a dragon, a religious beast or religious system with a strong leader. We are told that this seemingly innocent lamb-like yet evil system will be all in all with this political monopoly. Is it not an eye-opening fact that almost every, if not every, political leader at present in the common market is of the same religion? Even the western leader of Protestant Germany is not a Protestant. What of France, Luxembourg, Italy, etc.? Then too you will remember our own national leader went for vital talks with the President of the U.S.A. when he travelled hundreds of miles from holiday for these technical talks. It was not until these talks were over that there was any talk of Britain entering the common market. Need I remind you that the President of America is not a Protestant? Think very carefully, my friends, for one could say a lot. We are swimming in deep water!

Finally, back in Daniel 2:4: "And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." This verse is enough for me to say that the coming of the Lord draws near. For if the Saviour will first come for His Church and then in a short time return with His Church to set up His kingdom "in the days of those kings" then all I can say is that

THE COMING OF OUR LORD

for His beloved Church is very very near at hand.

Dear reader, we are certainly entering the very last scene on the stage of time before the Lord will appear. Christian, if you are not living all out for God, you had better wake up! Backslider, be warned. You will be in big trouble when Christ returns and finds you where you should not be. Unconverted friend, God's programme is fixed and the destiny of your soul is in His hand. Be wise and do not put off for one single day your surrender to Christ. Should our Lord appear and you be not His child, you will be left, and left to trouble of the first magnitude. Right now pray the following words: "O Lord Jesus, I want to receive Your gift of eternal life, and I sincerely ask for the forgiveness of all my sins. This day I ask You to come into my life and lead me and help me and guide me. By Your help I promise to follow You as a true Christian disciple."

TEE, F.R.G.S.

(evangelist)



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

WHITE MICE

THE most ingenious and latest line in crime: a white mice gang, governed by three boys, aged eight. These artful, mischievous ('orrible!), wee boys raid toy shops in south-east London. Two wait outside a shop staffed by *women* of course, while the third walks in with an innocent look on his face. Suddenly he lets loose some white mice. Pandemonium reigns among the women. They scream and retreat to a corner, or stand on a chair (I would too!), then the other two boys rush in; the three grab what they fancy and dash out. It all happens too quickly for the terrified women to describe the boys to the police.

Mice! The very thought sends shivers down my spine, paralysing my legs! I remember when I was about ten a mouse was heard behind our sideboard in the dining room at home. My brother tried to catch it but it escaped. "It's gone up Gladys's dress," he roguishly declared. It hadn't, but I screamed and *thought* I felt it running up my legs. Why do boys delight in this kind of thing? I wish Solomon had solved this problem. My brother at one time carefully smuggled some white mice in a cage into his bedroom. He hid them by day on the top

shelf of the cupboard in his room and had them out when he went to bed. My aunt, who was scrupulously clean and thorough, detected the smell and searched until she found! What a shock she had! And a relation of mine is genuinely terrified of mice. You cannot mention the word, or she'd faint. When she was young she was at a party and, during a game of murder or something, a young fellow pressed a dead mouse into her hand. She fainted on the spot. And I remember when in Carlisle station, at the end of the war, two A.T.S. women police were smartly patrolling when a mouse ran across their feet. Instantly they shrivelled and screamed!

It is not so much the fear of mice which concerns the Christian but the *mice of fear* which immobilise one's witnessing and service.

Those wretched boys' illegitimate gain was through the expense of others. Isn't this what Khrushchev is doing, gaining all the time at the expense of millions? Who was it that said the plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley? (I apologise to Scottish readers at my poor attempt.)

We all desire peace but it will not spring from anti-bomb demonstrations organised by materially, pagan-minded philosophers, artists and actors. Peace will never be wedded to materialistic ideology. You cannot build peace from material values, it can only be obtained and maintained from spiritual sources. Christ Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and where He reigns love is, and "perfect love casteth out all fear."

You know about the man who had been converted only a few months who was asked to give his testimony at a meeting. When he stood before the congregation he nervously confessed: "I'm sorry but I've lost my testimony. I wrote it out and put it in a drawer and last night the mice ate it."

Never allow your testimony to be destroyed by the mice of white lies—dishonesty and deceitfulness.

Right thinking produces right living.

SUNSHINE CORNER



COPY-CATS

Hello Sunbeams.

School is over for the morning. I know it is because I can hear the boys and girls shouting to each other as they run home to dinner. I love living near a school because I hear so many interesting things. I can hear if someone has been sent out for punishment, I can hear if the masters are pleased or cross. Sometimes I can listen to the morning hymn while I wait for the postman to come with the letters. Halfway through the morning I hear the boys shouting to each other in the playground and I know it is playtime. What strange sounds I hear then, space ships, aeroplanes, cowboys and Indians, and the strange chanting sounds that boys and girls make when they are singing a little rhyme.

Thinking of these strange chants reminds me of one I used to join in when I was at school. It went like this:

"Vera is a copy-cat, one, two, three,

Vera is a copy-cat, she won't sit next to me."

Sometimes the name was different but we always chanted that if we had a copy-cat in our class. None of us wanted to sit next to a copy-cat. Copy-cats just don't think for themselves, they follow everyone else. Vera

was like that; if we had any good ideas she would copy them. If we had a new dress she had one too; if we wore a fringe Vera would want one and if we wore hair ribbons Vera would have better and bigger ones than ours.

I think that Saul's armour-bearer must have been a copy-cat. Everything that Saul did his armour-bearer did as well. When Saul fell on his own sword when he had lost the battle, the armour-bearer copied him even though it was a silly thing to do. You can read the story in the Old Testament.

There were copy-cats in the New Testament too. We read in the book of Acts that there were the sons of Sceva. They had seen Paul heal the sick and cast out demons. It seemed so easy to them to copy Paul so they did exactly what Paul did and used the same words. How surprised they were when the demons said to them, "Jesus we know and Paul we know, but who are ye?" They were only copy-cats. Even the demons knew that they were not real. I would much rather be a real person than a copy, wouldn't you, Sunbeams? Some copies are not very good ones and all of them are second-hand. I like new things.

When we have Jesus in our hearts and lives He makes us into new creatures. We are not bad copies but we are real and true. I wonder if you have copy-cats in your school. I am sure you are not one of them. Let's be glad that we have such a wonderful Saviour who can do so much for us.

Goodbye now Sunbeams, until next week. God bless you all.

Lots of love,
AUNTY DOROTHY.

ANNIVERSARY AT EALING

THE Ealing church celebrated its thirty-first anniversary on a recent weekend, with Pastor T. W. Walker (of Scarborough), a former minister, as guest speaker. It was a joy to have him again in our midst. Eighty-five members and friends sat down to tea on the Saturday, which was followed by an evening meeting, supported by Pastors Cooper, Corsie and Lambie, together with friends from the churches at Finchley, Hayes, Holland Park, Hendon and Watford, who rendered various items. The meetings continued until the Monday evening and Pastor T. W. Walker excelled in his varied presentation of the living Word of God, directing our thoughts to the glorious appearing soon of our Saviour, with exhortations to serve Him faithfully meanwhile and always to press on and claim the greater things that God is ready to lavish upon us as individuals and as a church. Our souls were stirred at the unfolding of this greater vision. The Gospel was preached with forthright power and clearness on the Sunday evening, and great was our rejoicing when eight young people accepted Christ and made their way to the front to meet Pastor Walker. At the final meeting on the Monday evening another seven youths made decisions. Truly an anniversary to remember with rejoicing down here and in heaven!

Since our last report God has continued to bless the work here under Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Chuter's ministry, and souls have found the Saviour continually during this year. Some of the decisions were recorded at the week-night meetings, including the Crusader services. The attendances at the prayer and Bible study meetings have exceeded forty-five during the summer months. The Crusaders returned from the Hastings Elim holiday camp greatly refreshed and encouraged to go on with the Lord.

Arrangements have been made for a campaign to be held in November at the Ealing Town Hall and we are expecting great things from God. We would value your united prayers with us for this effort.

The Sisterhood has just held its anniversary service, with Mrs. J. J. Morgan as the special speaker and with Mrs. R. S. Garrard as the soloist.

H. J. SILENCE.

¶ From America comes this report by a former Elim missionary

Eight hundred miles — to see and hear the LONDON CRUSADE CHOIR

By Thos. A. Nosworthy, B.D.

CHICAGO to Cleveland, Ohio, is a hop by jet, but along the great Chicago—New York tollway eight long hours are devoured. Our ivory white Ford had been gassed up, cleaned up, pumped up and thoroughly greased to make the trip to the First Assembly of God Church in grimy, smoky, downtown Cleveland. First impressions were very disappointing and the great consolation is that the church is the best building around for miles. We found the choir feasting on roast beef and lost no time finding a couple of chairs amid all the tables of attractive food. We were hungry! Doug and Eva introduced us to the pastor, who found us a notch on the programme of the evening service. The choir members looked somewhat wan and we feared for the service that was to follow. Would they sing up to par? Would they produce in the renowned style of the L.C.C.? By the time Mr. Gray barked everyone into line, John de Garis clicked on the camera, instructions and a veiled pep talk had been given, the choir looked sharp, smiling and rarin' to go! Did they go? Cleveland's 300-strong Pentecostal congregation never heard heard such singing (neither have we). God was in the midst, and Pastor Gray was in character, while the congregation just drank in the blessing of the Lord. We thirsted for more. The repertoire was long, but the people looked and longed for more. "Torchbearers" rang out; testimonies by Ed. Stevens and others gripped them better than a sermon; Marie Hamilton's beautiful solo was too short for most of us; the organist and pianist poured harmonious strains; but we could not move the clock back and start all over again. Thank you for coming to America. Next morning our white Ford sped along homeward to the tunes hummed and sung, now timed by the click-clack of the tollway.

IN JANUARY 1962

COMING! THE NEW EVANGEL

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A "PENTECOSTAL FOREST" near JERUSALEM

By Leonard Steiner

It was my privilege during the closing service of the recent Pentecostal World Conference to introduce the donation for the planting of a forest. The response of the audience was very encouraging and an offering of about 2,000 dollars was handed over to the Jewish National Fund. As you will know, this gesture was immediately given publicity in the Jerusalem newspapers with evident satisfaction. It has since been made known among the Jewish people in many countries. The director of the Jewish National Fund has contacted the secretary of the advisory committee as well as myself since my return from Israel, giving expression to his appreciation and also his hopes that the forest may materialise.

In Switzerland, the Pentecostal people have received the project of a "Pentecostal forest" in the Holy Land with enthusiasm. Some among us who attended the conference have been invited to our churches and asked to show the coloured slides taken during the trip, and collections have been taken. Thus far, more than 10,000 Swiss francs (about £800) has been given.

The Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem has opened an account designated "Pentecostal forest" where donations can be paid in from any country. Funds ought to be channelled in each country through its respective branch office. As soon as the approximate sum needed for a "forest" is reached, the parcel of land somewhere in the vicinity of Jerusalem will be chosen, a marble plate will be erected, and the name and dedication of the forest engraved. The name of the forest has not yet been decided upon. It is hoped that the actual dedication will be connected with a religious (and Pentecostal) service on the spot. This may be realised during the next spring season, in connection with another Holy Land tour. In Switzerland, such a tour is already in preparation for March 1962.

The value of a forest is manifold. First, of course, it signifies a welcome contribution to the programme of the Jewish National Fund. Afforestation is one of its chief objectives. By planting trees the soil is reformed, humidity accumulated and thus rainfall increased. Its goal is, under God's providence, to bring back to the land the ancient glory of which the Bible speaks. It is part of the fulfilling of prophecy (see e.g. Isaiah 41:19). Thus far, 50,000,000 trees have already been planted in Israel since 1948,

and another 100,000,000 are to be added in the next ten years. The Israelis appreciate all help rendered by their friends. If it comes from Christian communities, it signifies much more than material help, it works to clear away age-long prejudice and to lift the veil still keeping them from seeing the glory of Christ. Since the world conference, the Pentecostal people are known among the Israelis as their true friends. They have called us "more radical Zionists than themselves." To our missionaries in the land, a "Pentecostal forest" signifies a definite moral help, and it cannot be foreseen how far it may favourably influence a listening to their testimony.

I am writing this information because I know that all the Pentecostal people will be interested to know about it, especially those who were privileged to attend the Jerusalem conference. *I sincerely hope that the collection for the donation of a "Pentecostal forest" will be continued also in other countries than Switzerland.* For the forest ought really to be a donation from the entire Pentecostal family in the world, and not only a section of it.

If any readers wish to give a helping hand, the following may interest them: you can plant one tree by paying two and a half United States dollars, or the equivalent of it in your own currency (18/-). *The plantation of the forest requires a minimum of 10,000 trees.* Thus far, about 2,000 trees have been secured. It ought to be an easy thing for all the Pentecostal people in the world to raise funds to secure the rest. Send in your gift to your missionary secretary, who will forward it to the Jewish National Fund in your country, marked with the designation "Pentecostal forest."

PS. Gifts for this purpose should be sent to the Missionary Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4, marked "Pentecostal forest."

From our Postbag...

Dear Sir,

I wish to reply to S. Collett (ELIM EVANGEL, 14/10/61). Perhaps some "sane men and women" do bow before a doll lying in the straw, but it is not to the doll they are bowing, but to the memory of Him who was born in the straw. They are thinking of the Lord, and if a few more "sane men and women" realised this fact there would be less unfair criticism of other Christian denominations.

J. WATSON.



YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by the National
Youth Director

“The world’s in a mess, but I don’t think there’s anything I can do about it”

ROCKING with the motion of the underground train rushing me back to Clapham Common my attention was caught by one sentence in the evening paper—a statement by a twenty-one-year-old on his twenty-first birthday. He is reputed to *earn* £50,000 a year singing a few songs! The sentence? You can see it at the top of this page. What does it say to you?

One of the national daily newspapers recently commissioned National Opinion Polls Ltd. to find out what people in Britain thought about God. The results presented a picture of muddled thinking. Confusion goes hand in hand with chaos, and it is on that crumbling precipice that man totters today. Of those questioned eighty-eight per cent said they prayed yet only sixty-three per cent believed in a personal God who took an interest in them. Summing up the results of this religious census of Britain in the “bingo age” the article read: “It became apparent that most atheists were atheists from apathy rather than principle, and that the hard core of real atheists, those who will not let the Church bury them, represents less than one per cent of the population. In brief, what emerged was that the bulk of the British people today have a very feeble sort of belief in God matched by a very feeble sort of atheism.”

The hopelessness of man’s plight has obviously contributed to his condition of “couldn’t care less.” But this apathy is nothing less than moral paralysis. It leads to a life in a descending spiral, a forerunner of spiritual bankruptcy and ultimate ruin. Probation officers, magistrates, welfare workers point a finger to this spirit in society to explain the increasing rate in juvenile delinquency. “More vigorous police supervision and crime detection” was the Home Secretary’s answer to the Conservative Party’s conference at Brighton recently. But we know that the only answer is the force of the new life. Christ is that answer. There is no other hope which does not end in disillusioned hopelessness.

What should be your attitude, as a Christian, to world conditions? Hoplessness borne of indifference? Shame on you. It is a criminal failure for a

says teenage idol **Cliff Richard**

person possessing the means to save life to refuse to do so. This is the charge I would level against you, indolent Christian. The world is in a mess; the pop singer was certainly right in that statement. Maybe there is nothing he can do to save it, but God has opened your eyes, Christian. It is your responsibility before God and your fellow man to act. Get down on your knees and pray. Stand up on your feet and work. Go forward in God’s name and speak. Do something, even though it may be badly done; do something to reach your pal, your workmate, your neighbour. This world is gulping its way to death in Satan’s putrid pool. Can you stand idly by?

Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our worthlessness. We are weak, but not in the sense of impotence possessing the soul of the juke-box groaner. We are weak so that our Lord and Master may be strong in us. We have the answer because we have Christ. The world is waiting for your help, Christian. What does Christ say? “Go . . . and lo, I am with you always.”

£160 IN PRIZES

Christian road safety scrapbook competition

This competition, run in conjunction with the national “Fit for the road” campaign, aims to emphasise the importance of the application of Christian principles in use of the road by motorists and pedestrians.

The entries, limited to one in each age group (6—8, 9—11, and 12—15) from each Sunday school or other Christian youth group, will give the opportunity for such groups to organise their own competitions (with or without prizes) and to send their best entries to the national competition.

The competition will be judged by Brigadier R. F. E. Stoncy, C.B.E., Director-General of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, David B. Wintcr, Dr. T. J. Honeyman, J.P., LL.D., Sir Cyril Black, M.P., J.P., F.R.I.C.S., D.L., Sir Alfred Owen, F.R.S.A., and Rev. Elsie Chamberlain, B.D.

Prizes will be presented by Miss Mary Field, O.B.E., M.A., consultant to A.B.C. and A.T.V., and chairman of the International Centre of Films for Children.

The closing date is December 22nd, 1961.

The sponsors are the Christian Road Safety Council and the Ansvr Insurance Company Ltd., and more information can be obtained from: Ansvr Insurance Co. Ltd., Ansvr House, London Road, Wembley, Middlesex.



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by I. R. Moore
(Minister of Hull City Temple).

Monday, November 13th. Deuteronomy 8 : 10-20.

"Lest . . . thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God" (vv. 12, 14).

Goodly houses, herds, flocks, silver and gold, if not dedicated to God, can be a great hindrance to the spiritual life and well-being of any community or individual. It seems well-nigh impossible that the chosen people could forget the victories and deliverances He had given, the water in the wilderness, the manna for forty years and the way God had met their needs. Yet they were in danger of attributing all to their own power. God asked only to be remembered and honoured, not repaid. Ingratitude seems to be the trend today. This should not be so in Christian circles. God has done great things and is worthy of all praise.

Tuesday, November 14th. Deuteronomy 9 : 1-14.

The day for possessing the promised land had arrived. The coming unequal battle would be to the weaker and smaller. God commanded them not to take into account the strength of the cities or the Anakims. His preceding presence would be sufficient to deal with them. God reminded them that they were not being given possession because of their own righteousness, for they were described as being stiff-necked and rebellious, but because of His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. None of our possessions or experience is because of our own worthiness, but because of God's faithfulness to the Lord Jesus who took our punishment that we might enjoy His favours.

Wednesday, November 15th. Deuteronomy 9 : 15-29.

"I prayed therefore unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, destroy not Thy people and Thine inheritance" (v. 26).

The great man Moses shines best as an intercessor. What lessons a study of his life can teach the Christian and particularly the ministering brethren in this matter. He asks to be blotted out that his people might be saved. Jesus said: "The good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." Forty days and forty nights is no mean prayer session for the people who give you a headache! Jesus not only fasted and prayed but gave His life for those who hated Him most. The vilest sinner is never turned away when in true penitence he seeks God through Christ.

Thursday, November 16th. Deuteronomy 10 : 1-15.

This portion recounts God's great mercy in restoring the commandments which were broken at Sinai when Moses saw the golden calf. While God had planned the tabernacle with all that appertained to it for their blessing and Moses had waited on God, receiving full instructions, they had sinned, made an idol and worshipped before it. Aaron, the high priest, was guilty before God, yet subsequently God confirmed his priesthood, and here, after his death, perpetuated it, and separated to Himself the tribe of Levi. What mercy and grace in the face of such blatant backsliding and mockery!

Friday, November 17th. Deuteronomy 11 : 18-32.

"Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse."

To bless is to make happy, to glorify, to consecrate; to curse is to evoke evil upon, to vex, to harass or torment. Stretching away before the Israelites in never-ending succession lay a future which could be full of either happiness and achievement or evil and torment. Perhaps the worst

torment is remorse for a wrong choice! These alternatives were contingent upon obedience to the Word of God or otherwise, on whether God was to be honoured as supreme and His Word made the daily guide of their lives. To follow His steps is the path of true blessing and greatness. There is no sorrow or remorse to the one who truly obeys God.

Saturday, November 18th. Deuteronomy 15 : 7-18.

When the Gospel is clearly preached the acceptable year of the Lord is proclaimed, the year of release of our debts, of the deliverance of our souls and bodies, and of obtaining rest in Him. The poor were to be cared for in Israel, especially the one sold for debt. God said: "Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock and out of thy floor and out of thy winepress." Liberality is expected of those who possess. This same measure of liberality is expected among Christians. John wrote: "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3 : 17).

Sunday, November 19th. Deuteronomy 16 : 1-12.

There were certain things God commanded the chosen people never to forget. To aid their memories He instituted the various feasts, particularly Passover. It is hard to conceive of the Christian forgetting the day or the fact of liberation, yet some do. Easter, Whitsun, Christmas should remind us of the great acts of God, yet someone was heard to say that Christians had spoiled Christmas by making it religious! Paul wrote to Timothy: "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead" (2 Timothy 2 : 8). Lest we forget, let us break bread and constantly remind ourselves of His death and resurrection. He died for our sins and was raised again for our justification.

PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman.

Weak yet strong

There are many who regard Elijah the prophet as a model of prayer. Certainly not many have had such remarkable answers to prayer as he. When he prayed the heavens were locked. No rain or dew for three and a half years. He prayed again and the heavens gave rain to the thirsty land. And what about Mount Carmel? To most Christians today when the name of that famous mountain is mentioned it is only the scene that was enacted there so long ago that comes to their minds: the beautiful city of Haifa is not thought of as being situated on that very mount.

Yet we must not forget what the practical writer James says about Elijah, that he was a man of like passions as we are. That means he was a man like us: he had our limitations, and frailties, and so on. And yet, what wonderful things he obtained through prayer. Let us take heart from this portion of God's word and persevere in our praying. God will give us great answers for He has given to us great promises and He has the power to fulfil those promises as often as we claim them in faith.

There are more things wrought by prayer than this world dreams of, said Tennyson, and so many things are wrought by ordinary people who just pray. Go on praying, go on praying each day. Go on praying until you obtain great promises from the Lord.

Prayer is requested for

Revival throughout Britain.

All Elim Crusaders and Sunday school teachers.

A woman with an incurable disease.

Praise

For a woman who was in hospital with cancer, for whom prayer was requested in this column, and who is better and out of hospital.

Thought for the week

"The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob" (Genesis 49 : 24).

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

BURTON-ON-TRENT. November 25-27. Elim Church, Moor Street, Bible-teaching Convention. Speaker: Pastor Robert Chambers (Coleford). Convener: K. Smith. Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Monday 7.30 p.m.

EALING. November 6-16. Town Hall, Broadway, W.5. Evangelistic and Divine Healing Crusade by Pastor A. J. Chuter and party. Saturday, 10th, Southampton Crusader Choir and healing testimony by Mrs. C. Brooks, 7.30 p.m., Sunday, 11th, healing testimony by Mrs. Woodhouse (Huddersfield), 6.30 p.m., Thursday, 16th, London Crusader Choir, 7.30 p.m., Visits from Clapham Gospel Singers and Watford Guitar Group throughout, and healing testimony by Mr. Carlos (Colne).

EALING. November 18. Elim Church, Northfields Avenue, W.5. West London Fellowship Rally. B. Garrard and revival party, 7 p.m.

EASTBOURNE. November 18 and 19. Elim Church, Hartfield Road. Minister's Fourth Anniversary Services. Guest preacher: Rev. J. H. Hunt (Birmingham). Saturday 7.30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

HOVE. November 26. Elim Church, Portland Road. Visit of London Crusader Choir.

ILFORD. November 25. Elim Church, Clements Road. Monthly Saturday Rally, 7.30 p.m. Speaker: J. C. Kennedy.

LEYTON. November 12. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Visit of Field Superintendent, Rev. J. J. Morgan. 10.55 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH. November 11-16. Elim Church, Murray Street, Londesborough Road. "Back to the Bible" Convention. Guest speaker: W. J. Maybin. Special subjects of absorbing interest. General theme: "The Christian." Weeknights 7. Sunday 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

SOWERBY BRIDGE. November 11-13. Elim Church, Willow Street, Church Anniversary Services. Speaker: H. Fardell. Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Monday 7.30 p.m.

WORTHING. November 11-13. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. Special visit of Mr. F. B. Phillips. Films include "Out of every Tribe," "Maranid—Witch Doctor" and "Tanganyika Missionary." Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Saturday and Monday 7.30 p.m.

DIVINE ENCOUNTERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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J. McAvoy.

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WATTS. On August 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Watts (Sheffield), God's gracious gift of a son, David Paul.

DEDICATION

RAWLINGS. On October 15th, Gregory Vincent, son of Arthur and Hazel Rawlings, of Springbourne, Bournemouth, was dedicated by Pastor A. V. Gorton. C.166

MARRIAGE

HILL—ELLIOTT. On September 30th, at Elim Church, Sheffield. Alexander Hill to Enid Elliott. Officiating minister: R. B. Chapman.

WITH CHRIST

HARDMAN. On October 18th, Mrs. Ethel Hardman, aged 78, a beloved and faithful member of Elim Church, Scarborough. Sadly missed by her sister, Mrs. N. Holliday. Officiating minister at funeral: T. W. Walker.

IN MEMORIAM

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