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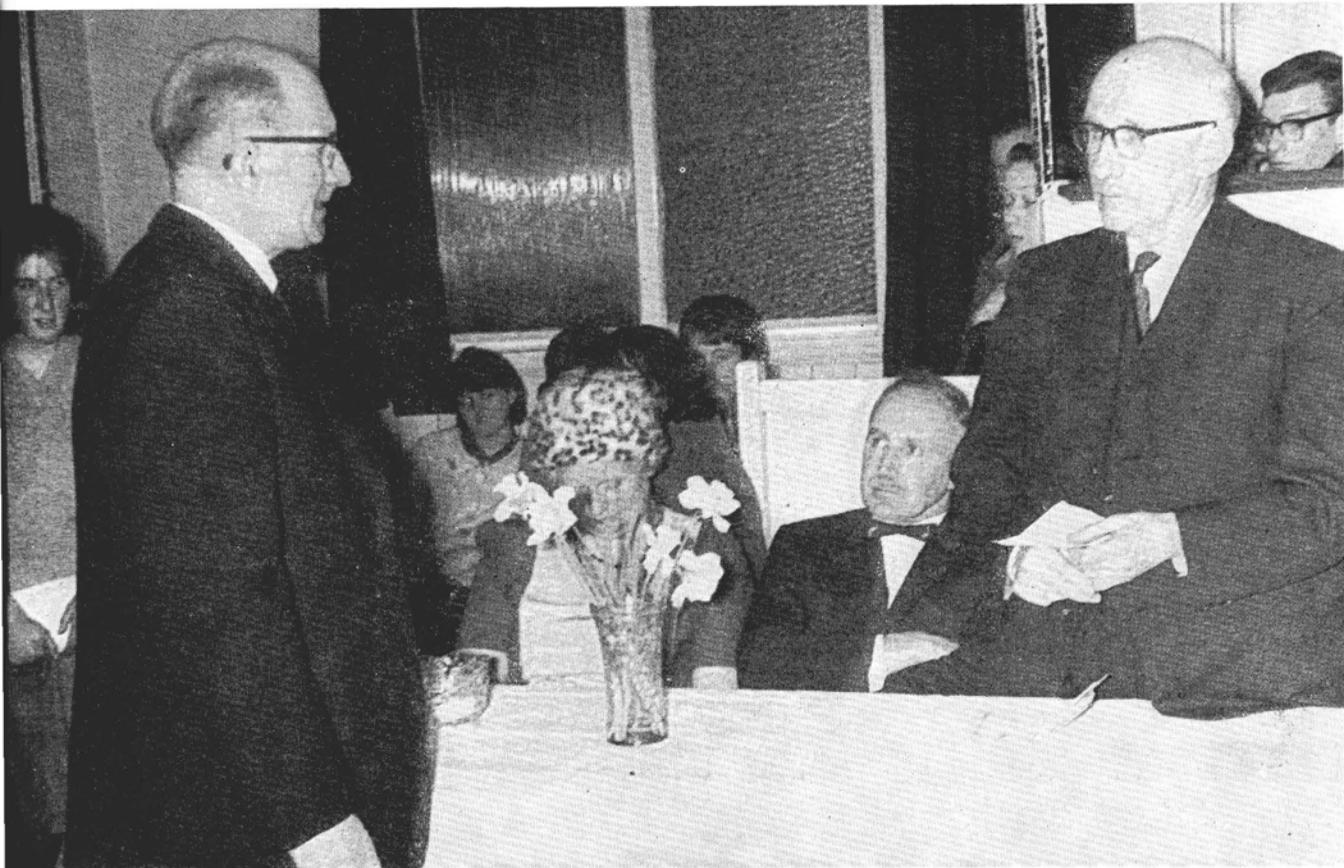
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"And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and three-score and ten palm trees : and they encamped there by the waters" (Exodus 15 : 27).

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Train up a child

WE MAKE NO APOLOGIES for the space given in this issue to the report on the youth conference held last month in Bristol, for we feel that no avenue of Christian service is more essential, or more rewarding if tackled aright. Today there is increasing emphasis on the needs of youth. Yet while once the Church led in this field, as witness the work of Robert Raikes and the birth of the Sunday school, today the initiative seems to have passed largely to the secular authorities.

We were encouraged to hear from two ministers who have pioneered in new ventures to attract youth that they are majoring more and more on the spiritual side, even though some measure of educational and recreational activity may still be employed. This, they revealed, is producing greater results. We must not be led by the prominence given to teenage delinquency to overlook other equally important trends. In some churches today there is a real spiritual awakening among youth, and young people are being filled with the Spirit and going out to bring others into the church, so that after decades the downward trend in those churches is being reversed, with youth forming sometimes a major part of the congregation. We believe that if there is to be a fresh revival it will follow the pattern of other days and spring from the spiritual enthusiasm of youth, fired afresh by the message of the Cross and of Pentecost.

While the conference dealt mainly with the work of the church in attracting and holding youth, and leading them to Christ, we were stirred by the challenging address of Pastor T. W. Walker on the subject of "Youth and the home." Incidentally, we hope to publish this later. It is most frustrating for Christian youth leaders to work to their utmost among young people, only to find the home influence tending in the reverse direction. We noted therefore with interest the following remarks of Canon Marsh at a Mothers' Union festival in York Minster : "It is just as essential that a child should be taught the Christian faith as that it should be fed and educated. Why all this silly talk about forcing religion? You don't talk about forcing food or education on a child!" He affirmed that too many parents were opting out of their clear duty of training their children, handing on the burden to school clinics, teachers, psychiatrists . . . anybody but parents. "As Christians," he said, "we must insist that anything that tends to weaken or destroy the family life is bad, no matter how good the intention. The steady increase in juvenile crime is because they are leaving out God. You are treating a child as though he were no more than an animal. If you do that, you must not be surprised if he behaves like one."

We must face anew the challenge of the need of our youth and endeavour by every means to reach them through the avenue of our church life and activity. But having done this, we must never forget that even more essential still is the influence of a truly Christian home. Let us see to it that *our* homes are nurseries for the kingdom.

The Mission of the Church

By FRANK HOWIE

ISRAEL was the elect of God, and because of that very fact had become exclusive and ingrown. After all, had not God, out of all the nations of the world, chosen Israel to bear His name? But Isaiah is not slow to point out that there is a purpose in her election. For Israel was charged with a mission to the world! "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness . . . for a light of the Gentiles; to open blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house" (Isaiah 42:6ff.). Israel is indeed privileged in being chosen of God; but it is the privilege and honour of *service*! She was to spread the knowledge of the true God among the nations; she was to be a light to the Gentiles. Nothing but a sense of mission could justify her Divine election: for if Israel's God is the God of the whole earth, He is therefore the God of all men everywhere.

Notice how this destroys all exclusiveness. Israel must now think not merely of herself, but of others. She must broaden her horizons. She must be prepared to carry her faith beyond her own borders: "Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations . . . lengthen thy cords. . . . For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited" (Isaiah 54:2, 3). Israel is bidden to spread abroad in all directions as she pursues her mission to the world and wins new adherents to the faith.

All this needs to be applied to the Church of Jesus Christ, the spiritual Israel. For we too have a mission to engage in, we too have a task to perform. God has assigned to us a tremendous undertaking: that of winning a lost world for Christ. And what a poor job we seem to be making of it! In many of our churches we have become, like ancient Israel, exclusive and ingrown: we are

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Not that we have no room for satisfaction. Are not our meetings and services still being held? Are not the wheels still turning? Turning a little slowly perhaps, but turning all the same.

PAUSE AND PONDER

*When you come to the end of your rope,
tie a prayer knot and hang on.*

Yet it is at this very point that our problem lies. We have been busy. Of course we have. But in many cases our activity has been mere "busyness" *within* the walls of the local church—a ceaseless round of activity adding up to zero. The wheels are going round and round to be sure; but no grist ever comes from the mill, and the miller is quite satisfied that his well-oiled wheels are spinning merrily. Ours, I say, is only too often a self-satisfied existence which is content to "let the world go by" and to potter around at little nothings, or, as the verse has it:

"In a sleepy land, where under the same wheel
The same old rut is deepened year by year."

Is it that we have reached the ceiling of our faith? Are we contented with the static condition of the work of God because we have adopted the language of despair, as if the last victorious note of the Gospel had prematurely struck? Certainly the Lord remains the same sufficient God. But in practical terms God is only as big as our faith! And our faith is pitifully small. We share the meagre existence of the boy who was born amid little things:

"He lived in little works and thoughts,
Where little ventures grow and plod,
And placed and ploughed his little plots,
And prayed unto his little God."

It is little wonder that his God was "lost among His stars"!

We need to hear again the commission of the Lord to exclusive, ingrown Israel: "Enlarge . . . stretch forth . . . lengthen . . . For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left . . ." Like ancient Israel, the Church is

CONFRONTED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF EVANGELISM

We must be prepared to carry our message beyond the borders of the front door of the church. We must broaden our horizons. Rita Snowden found herself far from home one Sunday, so she made her way to a local church. She found it set down behind a shabby notice-board in a side street. She was not impressed as she approached, nor as she left at the close of worship. Her clearest impression was that of a printed notice across the front of the hymn-books: "NOT TO BE TAKEN FROM CHURCH." "Now I am troubled by the thought," she observes significantly, "that some apparently think this applies to the religion of the church as well as the hymn-books."

It is not sufficient for us to remain within the four walls of the church singing hymns, preaching and listening to sermons and praying. It is not enough that we be a self-contained unit that bears little relation to the realities of an outside world. We are not called to some cloistered retreat apart from a world where hearts are broken and souls are stabbed with the remorse of sin. It is not enough, as has been said, to keep polishing the stones of the edifice we have; we must do some quarrying if the building is to be enlarged. There is no doubt that it is hard work in the quarries, but it is there that the stones for the building are to be found. Souls need to be gathered from without with strong faith and earnest effort.

This is the Church's assignment. This is her task. She exists for the purpose of mission and cannot justify her existence otherwise. "Your task in this world," says the risen Christ, "is to go into all the world and preach My revolutionary Gospel of the

life of God let loose in the lives of men." Such an assignment is inescapable. All our excuses break down at this point: we either "evangelise or fossilise."

It is a sobering thought to realise that God has committed to us the task of spreading the Gospel and leading souls to Christ. Are we loyal to that trust? Dr. James S. Stewart relates the legend in which Gabriel met Jesus at the gate of heaven after the ascension. "What have You achieved?" the archangel asked. "What results have You left behind You yonder?" "I have left," replied Jesus, "eleven men who believe in Me." "Is that all?" said the archangel in astonishment. "It is all," was the reply. "But what if they should fail You?" urged Gabriel. "Are You not risking defeat by committing so much to them? What if their loyalty should break?" "I know them," responded Jesus, "and they will not fail!" Can He say that about you and me? The Lord is counting on us! Dare we fail Him?



HELLO SUNBEAMS.

I have been thinking a lot about prizes. Maybe because I had to present some last week. How exciting it is to receive a prize and a "well done," especially if it is really well earned.

Thinking of prizes reminded me of some people who wanted a prize and the little boy who received it. Do you remember the story in the Bible of the quarrel among the disciples as to who should be the greatest? You will find the story in Mark 9:33-37. The disciples were the ones who wanted the prize.

There was a very fierce argument among them. Peter was quite sure he had a good chance. If Jesus became king he was almost certain to become Prime Minister Peter. James and John wanted to be important too; I am sure that they hoped that when Jesus was crowned He would say to them: "Rise Sir John and Sir James and sit on My right and left hands." They even persuaded their mother to ask Jesus to make sure they were not left out. I expect that Judas expected to be Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Philip, Thomas and Matthew probably said that it wasn't fair that Peter was always the one and why couldn't they have a chance?

The disciples argued and argued and they didn't know that Jesus knew all about the argument. How surprised they were when Jesus asked them what they had been saying.

It was then that Jesus called a little boy to receive the prize. The disciples wanted to be the one most important to Jesus. Jesus called the little boy and he came straight away. He got the prize because he heard the call and came. I do trust that we have heard Jesus calling us by our name and that we have come to Him.

The little boy's prize was Jesus Himself. He became the very best friend of Jesus and Jesus was his very best friend too; surely that was the best prize of all. We receive books as prizes for attendance and obedience but there is no greater prize than Jesus Himself.

Jesus lifted the little boy up into His arms and told the disciples that being obedient was most important. Sad to say the disciples didn't learn the lesson very quickly because in the next chapter of the Bible they forgot what Jesus had said and tried to send the children away.

I am so glad that Jesus loves boys and girls. I do trust we have all received the best prize of all. We can if we come when Jesus calls to us and He is calling now. Will you come to Him?

Bye now, and God bless you all.

Lots of love.

AUNTY DOROTHY.

YOUTH CONFERENCE AT BRISTOL

By BRIAN BARNETT
MINISTER OF ELIM CHURCH, WATFORD

THE BROAD modern steps and plate-glass doors of Bristol's City Temple gleamed with invitation to the delegates of the Youth Conference, but the inviting appearance of the building was only an outward manifestation of the warmth of welcome in the hearts of Rev. Ron Jones and his members as the conference began with a welcome tea. Most reports end with a word or two of thanks to the hosts, but I am sure that every delegate will agree that the tremendous success of the conference was due in no small way to the efforts of our friends at the City Temple. Not only did they provide each day a most sumptuous lunch and tea, but they also opened their homes to the delegates and so zealous was their care for us that one began to be concerned with respect to more exercise. Thank you, Bristol, you treated us most royally and we are most grateful.

The inaugural rally of the conference was led by the resident minister of the temple and we were both challenged and inspired by the need of evangelism among young people. The various Junior Crusader branches of the City Temple had been brought into their mother church by coach; their sheer numbers bore eloquent testimony to the fine work being done by the young workers at Bristol, and many of the delegates were challenged to consider earnestly again their own junior work. Each evening of the conference one of our youth commissioners was to speak for a few minutes on the problems of his own area. This first evening Rev. Ken Hathaway, of the South Wales presbytery, graphically pictured his vision of over 1,000,000 souls in the rural parts of Central and Northern Wales. In focusing attention on the particular needs of the great cities maybe we have been guilty of ignoring the needs of the villages and hamlets. The country places may not have Teddy boys and the same type of problems as the city, but they have modern youth that must be reached with the Gospel. The subject for the opening rally was advertised as "The importance of our youth work in a modern world." Our Secretary-General, Rev. H. W. Greenway, was the speaker who, reading to us Ecclesiastes 11:9 to 12:1, stressed the importance that the Scriptures place upon youth. We have always had teenagers, Mr. Greenway averred, but we must appre-

ciate the difficult environment that the modern teenager faces. The problem is not a teenage one so much as an adult one, since the adults bring about the environment. This is a time for youth leadership; these teeming teenagers must be won for Christ.

Thus from the outset the conference was an immense success, it achieved a great purpose. From the beginning each delegate was caused to think very deeply concerning the great needs of modern youth.

Wednesday

Today the first session was opened by a time of prayer and praise, a time when blessing was not only sought for the conference but for the whole of our great Elim work. Rev. J. Hywel Davies then brought to us his paper on "Planning in the presbyteries." We were shown the great practical value of planning itself; it shows us where we are going and gives us an overall picture of our work. Planning encourages us in the long-term policy and this is essential to youth work; after all youth is the department that builds for the future. The discussion that followed this most ably presented paper only emphasised the pressing problems that face our youth workers, and it became more and more apparent how necessary it is to plan our work down to the last detail. This first session proper of the conference was a great portent of things to come. Each delegate had come, it was obvious, determined to learn from others and, where possible, to help others. The very free exchange of ideas was ample evidence of this, and while it is a fact that different men have different ideas and ways of implementing their ideas, we all had the one common objective of evangelising the youth of today.

The afternoon session was a particularly important one; the speaker was our Secretary-General and his subject was "The Sunday school in the new age." Mr. Greenway began by informing us of the result of a census that the Billy Graham organisation had held in Great Britain. The statistics showed that if the present downward trend continued then in ten years there would not be one Sunday school or Sunday school scholar left in this country. It was heartening to realise that our own statistics did not reflect this dramatic and perilous condition, but this

was nothing to be complacent about; the challenge was becoming more and more urgent. Mr. Greenway showed us that certain principles are always constant. Even in these modern days human character remains fundamentally the same; the evil heart is there in youth as well as age. It is true that behaviour patterns have varied slightly, but our appeal must be to the constant features and needs of young people. This problem of the Sunday school in the modern age was obviously one that was among the most serious the delegates faced and this session was most helpful and we look forward to implementing many of the ideas discussed.

The evening public rally again saw a great crowd of people in the temple. We listened most attentively to a trio of young people from the Gloucester Elim Church as they sang of the Saviour's love. Tonight it was the turn of Rev. Eldin Corsie, youth commissioner of North London, to tell us of the position in his area. Mr. Corsie proudly told us that he lived in the royal borough of Kensington and together with 650,000 others in the borough was a near neighbour of the Queen. However, the regal nature of the borough did not, it seemed, affect the nature of the inhabitants. Within weeks of arriving Mr. Corsie had had his car, bicycle and fountain pen stolen. The borough was a melting pot of the nations and nearly every nationality could be found there, and among this great heterogeneous mass of mankind there existed only two Pentecostal churches. What a challenge this was; the whole of the mission field right on our doorstep. The preacher for the evening was Rev. J. Hywel Davies, whose subject was "Mixing with the masses." The meeting was running a little late and this seemed a pity, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Davies had to leave the conference and return to a sick mother in Swansea. However, Mr. Davies made great use of what time he had. The vital element in our mixing together must never be lost sight of, our living positive faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thursday

This morning the session was devoted to a most thought-provoking address given by our veteran pioneer evangelist, Rev. P. S. Brewster, his subject being "Co-ordination and holding of the adolescent, specialising in the spiritual." This is, of course, the very vital factor in youth work. It is not only necessary to evangelise the young, we must keep them in the church. "Every boy and girl is supposed to have the phases," said Mr. Brewster. However, he went on to show how this was not absolutely necessary; Christ is the fullest expression of manhood and He never had a phase. We must be careful of making

the young person the centre of attraction; the Gospel says we must decrease and Christ must increase. We were shown that we are more likely to keep our young people by making big demands upon them than by giving them everything. When organising our departments it is essential that we recognise that their prime purpose is to be an avenue to the church.

The afternoon session was led by our National Youth Director, whose subject, "Assessing and pioneering our youth work," was intriguing to many of us. Mr. Tee, with his usual energetic manner, opened his address with the words, "Bring them up as well as bring them in." With very skilful use of annual statistics, Mr. Tee showed us that every single church should always be seeking to promote, to organise and to co-ordinate its youth work. We had literally hundreds of ideas given as to how these three objectives might be reached, and not only by our director. Every member of the committee and every delegate drew upon his experiences, and we were all the richer for it. In the brief space of this report it is not possible to list all these ideas and suggestions, but we are assured that they are to be made available to every district presbytery and church that desires them.

The evening rally, led in herculean manner by our director, was again a time of great blessing. Not only were items provided by the young people of the Bristol City Temple, but tonight we were thrilled by the Gospel singing of Rev. W. Plowright. Then it was the turn of Pastor D. Rees Thomas, the youth commissioner of the north-western presbytery. He told of the particular problems of the great wool towns of Yorkshire. We all could say "Amen" as he told us that we must not allow sin to go unchecked. Evil tendencies must be challenged and shown for what they are. The speaker for the evening was the editor of the *Teachers' Handbook*, Rev. T. W. Walker, and his subject was vital to the well-being of society: "Beginning in the home." Mr. Walker showed us how the home was the centre of society, therefore a great need presented itself to us, to ensure that Christ was in the home. This was a most challenging address and challenged all with the great vision of what could be accomplished for the Master in the home. It has been well said that the family that prays together stays together.

Friday

This morning saw the convening of the last delegate session of the conference, and the subject introduced by Rev. T. W. Walker was "Camps—their objective and organisation." Mr. Walker emphasised that the vision of youth camps must first of all be a spiritual vision, not to replace the local church, but

to add to its influence. The camp was a ministry in respect to evangelism, in prayer and Bible teaching, together with recreational and social facilities. Camping had tremendous responsibilities, especially in view of the absence of home environment and the informal atmosphere. There was a great opportunity for specialised camps and a great soul-winning and edifying ministry could be found in this sphere.

This conference had a tremendous effect on everyone who attended and all felt the need for a renewal of the emphasis upon the spiritual growth of our youth. The conference succeeded because it had to succeed: we needed this opportunity of examining ourselves, of appraising the present-day situation and planning for the future. God is blessing Elim's work among young people, and from this conference we come with a great prayer in our hearts that we will go on in the blessing of almighty God, seeking the salvation of young people.

The final meeting was convened in the City Temple by the Youth Director, with musical items provided by the Temple Crusaders. The final sermon of the conference was fittingly preached by Rev. P. S. Brewster, the pioneer of the great Elim work in Bristol. His subject was John the Baptist and his theme "He was a burning and shining light." We need the fires of the Holy Spirit burning within in order that there might be light of a personal witness without. Here was a challenge straight from the Word of God, even as the whole conference had been, a challenge to consecrate ourselves unreservedly to the Master. How fitting it was that the meeting and the conference should end with the singing of that wonderful hymn written by the father of our National Youth Director, "I want my life to be all filled with praise to Thee."

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FLYING VISITS BY THE PRESIDENT

PAST WEEKS have proved a period of much demand on Pastor Douglas Gray. Visits to further Scottish churches were of mutual inspiration and pleasure. Pastor W. J. Hilliard, Vice-President, met Mr. Gray at Glasgow Airport and soon many matters were being discussed. Public meetings held at Greenock, Glasgow, Clydebank and Motherwell drew fine and happy Elim congregations. Local talent was used with great and inspiring results.

Wales was the next area to be visited and at Cardiff City Temple the Welsh Presbytery gathered, under the leadership of Pastor P. S. Brewster. During the sessions the delegates were addressed by the President. The arrival of the London Crusader Choir for the weekend services was warmly appreciated and great gatherings crowded the fine City Temple to capacity. Souls were added to the kingdom.

Destination Ulster was next ahead. Over fifty members of the London Crusader Choir left London Airport and in less than seventy minutes touched down at Belfast Airport to be met by the President with Pastor T. W. Thompson, Irish Superintendent, and a great company of warm-hearted Irish friends. Although well after 1 a.m. enthusiasm ran high. A few hours later the choir was given a civic reception at the famous Belfast City Hall. Here the Lord Mayor, Councillor William Jenkins, warmly welcomed the visitors in the Lord Mayor's Parlour. Following social activities and a tour of the City Hall, the choir sang to a number of other city officials and staff. Throughout the weekend in Ulster Temple and other Elim churches, in the prison, and in the Wellington Hall, thousands listened to the ministry of the choir with intense interest and deep appreciation.

During this busy weekend Pastor D. B. Gray was able to attend the annual conference of the Irish churches, and greatly enjoyed fellowship with ministers and laymen present. He also visited churches at Markethill and Larne prior to the arrival of the choir. Between all these events other visits have been made to Maidstone, Holloway, Broadmoor and Wormwood Scrubs prisons, and the great Symphony of Praise held in Barking's fine Assembly Hall. Nearly 1,000 people packed this auditorium and a challenging epilogue was given by Pastor J. Hywel Davies. Eric Ball was the guest conductor and his inspiring and edifying comments on the messages behind the music were a source of much blessing.

DOES JESUS CARE?

By GORDON WRIGHT
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"And Jesus was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest Thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38).

DOES JESUS CARE? Of course He does! But we are not always so ready with our answer. In life's tragic circumstances our faith often stumbles; and, like Peter, we cast a reflection on God's goodness. "Carest Thou not that we perish?" Circumstances suggested that to Peter's agitated mind. While the disciples, white with fright at every heave of the billows, were striving to navigate the vessel through the boiling waters, Jesus was asleep on the pillow.

Peter's heart waxed hot within him. His eyes flashed fire in the direction of the composed form of the Lord Jesus. He bit his lip time and again; he was fighting against his better self; at last, exasperated, he hurled his accusation at the Saviour: "Carest Thou not that we perish?" Then Peter crumpled up with grief—he had failed in the test, and he knew it.

Some of us have felt like that when we were sick and healing was delayed, when we were in trouble and God did not immediately deliver us, when we were in need and the supply was not forthcoming at once. We were not so outspoken, we would not say anything like that, but God read the doubt in our mind. In our relationship with God, we do not need to be articulate: God knows what is in the heart of man.

EXPERIENCE TEACHES US that anxiety blinds our minds to the obvious. It blinded Peter's. It did not dawn upon him that Christ's safety was bound up with his; that, if the vessel had gone down, Christ would have gone down as well as Peter; in which case the whole plan of salvation would have been jeopardised. In the anxiety of the moment, when Peter most needed a sense of security, he missed that stabilising fact. Nothing can strengthen our faltering faith, nothing can cause our fears to subside, nothing can correct our hasty judgments more than the conviction that Christ's reputation is at stake in all our experiences.

Of course, there will be delays in deliverance at times, but delays are not denials. They often prepare the way for a greater manifestation of power. As in

this case, the storm was allowed to unleash its fury that the deliverance might be the greater. There is a moment when Omnipotence steps in to overthrow the forces of hell; *then, nothing can stay His hand*—however turbulent the waters, there will be a great calm.

Those very circumstances that suggested to Peter's disturbed mind that the Lord Jesus did not care about his safety were used by the Lord to demonstrate that He did. At Peter's rebuke, the Lord Jesus awoke with a start; then calmly, with such majestic poise, He stood upright in the tossing vessel, and rebuked the sea: "Peace! Be still," He said. "And there was a great calm." Of course the Lord cared. He always does. Let us remember that the next time appearances seek to deceive us.

IT LOOKED AS THOUGH GOD did not care when Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were thrown into the furnace, but they soon discovered otherwise. To their astonishment they saw God in the form of a man walking with them in the fire that had been rendered harmless. And when they were released, there was not even the smell of fire upon them. "Beloved, *think it not strange*," wrote Peter, "concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some *strange thing* happened unto you" (1 Peter 4:12). The fiery trial is the price we are sometimes called upon to pay for our allegiance to Christ, but He shows that He cares about us in these bitter experiences by the wonderful promises He has given to sustain and help us, such as: "When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2).

Had David not been hated by Saul, thereby discovering that "jealousy is as cruel as the grave," he would have known less of the miracle of God's deliverance. When talent, opportunity, preference or position inflames jealousy in others, God shows that He cares by enabling us to live with such a situation, believing that He will eventually step in and calm the troubled waters. The hairbreadth miss of Saul's

javelin encouraged David to face similar critical situations with courage and confidence, knowing that God cares for His own.

PAUL AND SILAS, TOO, are on the list of those who believed that God cared when appearances suggested the contrary. Having seen a vision of a man of Macedonia pleading for help, Paul deduced that God had called him to preach in those regions. Obedience to the heavenly vision threw him and Silas into prison with lacerated backs. How could they sing? Because they believed with an unwavering faith that God cared. The thrilling story of their deliverance is the glorious evidence of His care.

Most of us have been in similar situations and have witnessed the goodness of the Lord. It seemed that God did not care when you were in desperate financial need, yet when you came to your extremity God stepped in and supplied the need. It seemed that God did not care when you were sick; you prayed but you felt no better; others prayed and exhorted you to trust, but it seemed to be without avail; then God's moment struck, the disease was arrested, and you increased in strength daily. It seemed that God did not care when your loved one slipped from you, and you were forced to say goodbye with mingled sorrow and relief, but He showed His care by comforting your heart.

Though most of us would like to be spared these distressing experiences, our lives would be the poorer without them. Did Peter wish that he had been spared this heart-rending experience? Without it, he would have known less of the loving heart of His Saviour, and all succeeding generations of Christians would have shared in his loss.

THESE STORMY EXPERIENCES, which it is natural for us to resent, increase our knowledge of God—our knowledge of His care, of His protection, of His provision, of His power, of His poise. We might wish it were otherwise, but we learn far more of God in the storms than in the sunshine.

It is possible, too, that but for the storms we might become so absorbed with temporal activities as to have little time to spare for spiritual realities. Dr. A. B. Simpson wrote: "There are souls that have no eyes for the future. They cannot see over the heads of the things that immediately surround them. They live in the present and they are baffled by their immediate difficulties, toils, and troubles, and life for them is enclosed by the boundaries of the setting sun. But there are other souls which see into life's tomorrow and over the heads of difficulty, disaster, and even death itself, and see the eternal

morning, and they sing evermore, 'It is better farther on.'" These valiant souls are so convinced that God cares that they are prepared to hold material things loosely in order to grasp more firmly that which is spiritual and therefore eternal.

A steadfast faith in God's goodness during adversity cannot fail to enrich the Christian's life. It is said that a stranger tried to sell the father of Alexander the Great a magnificent horse. He was the admiration of all who saw him, but nobody could ride



An article which, we feel, will bring comfort and consolation to any who may be overpressed by the problems and cares of life. The author, Pastor Gordon Wright, has the weight and authority of experience behind his arguments.

him. Alexander, however, observed its movements closely, and asked permission of his father to ride him. Consent being given, Alexander led the high-spirited horse, Bucephalus, into the face of the sun, vaulted into the saddle, and to the amazement of all the onlookers rode straight away with complete success. The secret of his control over the animal was that he had noticed that Bucephalus was frightened by all kinds of shadows, but when its head was turned to the sun and the shadows fell behind him all was well.

We are not promised a life without shadows, without adversity, without storms; but, if we keep our eyes on Christ, we shall not be alarmed by them. Rather, we will be able to accept life's challenging circumstances with a confident faith that God cares, whatever happens.

EVEN CALAMITIES CAN BE BLESSINGS in disguise. Such blessings are the evidence of God's care for us in the midst of trouble. "Thou art the God that doest wonders" (Psalm 77:14). The providential turn of events often leaves us gasping at God's ingenuity. The story is told of the sole survivor of a shipwreck who had been thrown on an uninhabited island. With dauntless courage he built himself a little hut in which he kept the few things he had saved from the sinking ship. Day by day, he prayed for deliverance, and scanned the horizon for a passing ship that he could signal. One day on returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to see his hut

enveloped in flames. Was this the answer to his prayer? Was this the way God showed His care? "Carest Thou not that we perish?" But the very next day a ship arrived. Said the captain, "We saw your smoke signal."

So, if a breakdown in health, or the loss of a loved one, or business worries bring us to Christ or result in a deeper experience of God, we shall thank God for the love that allowed the calamity because of the benefits that followed.

"Carest Thou not that we perish?" Knowing Peter's impulsive nature, and having regard to his dire need at the time, and being ourselves men of like passion, though we do not acquiesce in his out-

burst, we would be smug indeed if we pretended not to understand this sudden passion. But when he beheld the intervention of the Lord, when he saw His poise in the creaking vessel, when he witnessed His power over the raging elements, how he must have wished that the words had never left his lips. What greater evidence could the Saviour have given of His love and care for His followers, but apart from the storm it would have remained unrevealed.

Peter learnt the lesson we all need to earn; for in latter years he wrote: "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). No more questioning, no more doubting, but perfect trust and perfect rest.



Women's column

By GLADYS GORTON

"GIVE ME YOUR ADVICE"

"MAY I HAVE a word with you?" Mrs. — asked me at the close of a meeting which I had taken. "Certainly," I replied. "Just wait a few moments and then I'll meet you in the vestry." Later she told me her problem.

"My little girls have been learning ballet dancing. I haven't minded that because I think it is good for their deportment, but now they have suddenly got the craze to learn ballroom dancing. I don't want to be too hard on them in case it puts them off the things of God later on, but on the other hand, I don't feel I ought to let them go, because I've given up dancing myself now I belong to the Lord. Give me your advice. What would you do?"

I thought for a moment. "Well, I definitely wouldn't allow them to go. I'd never forgive myself if later on they went right into the world. Anything could happen to them. Besides, if they *want* to go dancing when they are older they *will* go and soon learn, and you won't be able to stop them either."

"I know that, but I don't want to give them the idea that you mustn't do this or that."

"It's terribly difficult," I acknowledged. "It's jolly hard these days for Christian parents to lay down any hard and fast rules. But," I continued as an idea came to me, "couldn't you promise them something that they would love? You know what children are. They could soon forget this craze." (I knew her girls were very young.)

"I'll see what I can do," she smiled.

"As you know, I'm not a mother, but I've always thought that if one can get the confidence of one's children the battle is almost won," I tried to counsel her. "We'll pray about it, dear."

"How did things go?" I asked her the next time we met. She laughed happily: "It doesn't interest them at the moment. They are all skating mad."

Now perhaps some of our readers could help this young mother, and others like her with similar problems, so do write me about your experiences. You may have the answer!

THOUGHT. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6).

GOD DOETH ALL THINGS WELL

I do not always know what lies before me,
Or what of trial or test may be in store;
My steps are ordered, God will do the choosing,
He knows the way I take—need I know more?
I do not know the reasons for each testing;
The lessons I must learn, I cannot tell,
Or why I'm led through valleys deep and lonely—
I only know He doeth all things well.
And if the path I walk seems steep and rugged,
And I must labour long to reach the goal,
There's always One close by my side to help me;
He brings sweet rest and comfort to my soul.
And from the pages of God's Book before me,
He speaks the words that all my fears dispel,
And though I do not know the why or wherefore,
I can be sure He doeth all things well.
Then I will rest in Him, and take fresh courage,
And trust His promise not to leave me e'er—
New strength supplied to carry on the battle,
New hope that I the victor's crown shall wear.
It is enough to be of God beloved,
To have the Lord within my heart to dwell,
To have the peace that passeth understanding,
Content to know He doeth all things well.

CHARLES L. CUMMER.

EVANGELICAL AND PENTECOSTAL

Another Pentecostal cabinet member

Mrs. Ethel Wilson, an esteemed member of the Central Pentecostal Tabernacle, Edmonton, Alberta, now carries the title "Honourable," having been made a minister in the Alberta Government in the recent cabinet reorganisation in that province. She is a member of the Social Credit Party, and has the distinction of being the first woman to be a member of the cabinet in the history of Alberta. She is the third Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada member to hold a cabinet post in a provincial government. The others are in British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

A remarkable conference

Officials of the American Assemblies of God and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. have held two conferences recently to "learn from each other about Christian faith and life," a joint communique indicates. Conversation was not aimed at arriving at doctrinal agreement between the two churches or negotiating any ecclesiastical arrangement, but centred around the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church today. "There emerged a deep sense of Christian understanding and mutual trust," the statement said, continuing: "We found ourselves a fellowship, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to a degree which we had hardly dared to expect."

Ministry to ministers

The arranging of residential conferences for ministers has become a regular feature of the work of the Evangelical Alliance. Two such conferences have recently taken place, one at "Woodlands," Eastbourne, and the other at "The Hayes," Swanwick, Derbyshire. While weather conditions deterred several who had hoped to attend, nevertheless a total of about 100 ministers attended. The general theme of the conferences was "The ministry of the Spirit." Both conferences closed with the holding of a united communion service. In addition to the above, several one-day ministers' conferences are arranged from time to time in different parts of the country. Interested readers are invited to apply to the conference secretary of the E.A. for particulars.

West of England crusade

Viscount Alexander of Hillsborough, Baron of Weston-super-Mare, has graciously agreed to serve as president of the Eric Hutchings West of England crusade to be held this June in the Colston Hall.

Messages of welcome have been received from the president of the Bristol Free Church Federal Council, Rev. J. Newton Holder, and from the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

New eighty-bed hostel for overseas students.

Eleven years ago the Evangelical Alliance opened a residential hostel for seventy students in Bloomsbury, where they could spend the whole or part of their time in Britain "in the atmosphere of a Christian home." Here students from up to twenty different nations, Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims as well as Christians, share with a "nucleus" of British Christian students in a community completely free from racial prejudice. Now a second hostel is to be opened in August in the premises formerly occupied by the China Inland Mission at Newington Green, North London. Considerable structural and plumbing alterations will make this an outstandingly well-appointed and comfortable hostel for up to eighty students. The hostel will be managed by a committee of ministers and laymen drawn from the local churches, under the chairmanship of Rev. Bernard Adeney, vicar of Christ Church, Highbury.

"Meals for missions"!

More than 160 persons in a Vancouver, Washington, church gave the cost of an average meal to missions once each week during the past year. The donations were part of a "Meals for missions" project. The plan was begun when the pastor questioned his congregation's realisation of the needs of the world. "Can we really understand the suffering of the millions in the world who are starving when we have never been hungry?" he asked. It was suggested that each family have at least one meal a week consisting of a bowl of rice and a glass of water—nothing more. The cost of the usual meal would be given to a new fund in the church called "Meals for missions." Forty families began participating in the programme. The result: during the annual missionary convention a count was made and £400 had been accumulated. This was designated for the needy of Hong Kong, where a recent typhoon had left many desolate, and for the interior of Colombia, where robbers had left hundreds without anything. The programme is continuing in 1963 with even the children more aware of the needs of the world every time they are tempted to say, "Mummy, I don't want this crust."

PRESENTATION TO PASTOR JOHN WOODHEAD AT YORK

FOR THE FOURTH TIME the York folk have attended meetings in extra large numbers to hear Rev. Felix Lloyd Smith preach the Word of God. On three previous occasions the hall was packed to capacity every night. Would it happen on the fourth visit? Yes! Again on this visit every available chair had to be brought into use. We praise God for such forthright preaching of His Word.

This visit of Pastor Smith coincided with the final week of our pastor's ministry. Members and friends gathered for tea to mark the occasion of the retirement of Pastor John Woodhead from full-time ministry. This indeed was a family gathering; fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, and little children all came together to wish our pastor a very happy retirement. After every seat at the tables was occupied people still came in until, when extra seating was arranged, every corner and space of the hall was filled.

Presenting Pastor Woodhead with a cheque, Mr. Dring, our church secretary, spoke of the hard work carried out by our pastor during his six years of ministry at York. His faithfulness in proclaiming the Gospel has been the means of many coming to know Christ as a Saviour. While we acknowledge retirement from pastorate of a church, we believe that there will now begin a wider and fuller ministry by our brother, who already has received many requests from churches to preach the Word.

Mrs. Woodhead and Dorothy have been a means of blessing in the life of the assembly. Their service for the Master through the ministry in song has been enjoyed and greatly appreciated and will be in the future, as Pastor and Mrs. Woodhead and Dorothy have now settled in York permanently. We pray that the Lord will richly bless the continued ministry of these His servants, for the end of their ministry is not yet. Praise the Lord.

ALEX LAWRENCE.

FROM OUR POST BAG

Dear Sir,

I was amazed to read in the *ELIM EVANGEL* a statement by Alexander Tee concerning Paul's thorn in the flesh. The idea seems prevalent today in many Christian circles that this thorn was sickness; some even say it was defective eyesight. This last idea seems strange considering that God healed Paul of blindness and made a perfect job of it.

If the Word of God is to be our pattern and authority let us turn to some scriptures which tell us just what a thorn in the flesh is. In Numbers 33:55 we read that the Israelites were warned: "If ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and *thorns in your sides*." This warning is repeated in Joshua 23:13 and Judges 2:3. This tells me that the thorn in the flesh is not a sickness or infirmity but annoyance, opposition or buffeting by ungodly people. Incidentally, the word buffet means to strike or contend with and this is obviously what Paul meant when he spoke of "a messenger of Satan to buffet me."

Paul gloried in his infirmities, but you do not find sickness mentioned as one of them. Perhaps the words weariness and painfulness are puzzling to some, but surely these were a result of his beatings, stonings, etc.

I would not like to think that any dear brother or sister in Christ is thinking now that any sickness or infirmity they may have is sent by God as a "thorn in the flesh."

If Paul was allowed to remain "sick" how on earth did he survive all the many persecutions, beatings, stonings, shipwrecks, etc., that he did? I firmly believe that the same God that kept Paul in perfect health can keep us in perfect health too, that we might be effective workers for Him.

KATHLEEN KITCHEN.

Work of I.B.T.I. continues

IN RESPONSE to many inquiries about the work of Fred Squire since his going home to the Lord last October and the work of the International Bible Training Institute, we should like to inform readers and friends everywhere that the work continues just the same as during our beloved leader's life.

The International Bible Training Institute is in full session at Burgess Hill, Sussex, with all its activities, and the international camp convention will be held the first week in August as always.

The Fred Squire International Evangelistic Association is functioning very actively and the crusade party has already held meetings in this country and on the continent of Europe. Any inquiries for campaigns or meetings can be sent to the I.B.T.I.

INTRODUCING OUR YOUNGER MINISTERS

6. Ray Hughes



MY WEAPON was poised ready for the "kill" as the train hurtled towards London, the rolling of the train making my elusive victim even more difficult to approach. However, at last I managed to penetrate the skin of my grapefruit, even though I sprayed my travelling companion with juice in the process. Obtaining spiritual food on the strife-torn trail of youth is as difficult as eating on a train. Difficult; *but not impossible*; God having prepared a table before you (Psalm 23:5). *Get with it; go through it; triumph by it.*

The older end says, "We were all young once," while one laddie put it like this: "I'm beginning to wonder what my parents got up to at my age, the things they suspect me of." Take heart, the lesson of youth if learnt is the triumph of truth and the slips of the young can be the steps of the strong.

How can we be better? Acts 2:42 gives the eternal answer: *continue stedfastly*: not a custard Christian, upset by trifles. *In the apostles' doctrine*: strengthened through study. *In fellowship*: considering the other fellow. *In breaking of bread*: communion consecrates Christians. *And in prayer*: acknowledging the Almighty in all things. Do this and you will be able

to say with the young minister about to be ordained: "I'm ever so glad, the Devil's mad, he's lost the lad he thought he had."

Personal details. Sayed 1951. Backslid to such a sorrowful state that suicide was contemplated. Restored to grace, filled with the Spirit, called to the ministry and happy in harness. Went through college mainly by faith and now as then testify with Abraham: "The Lord will provide." Keenly interested in Christian literature and music, enjoying the blessing of the Lord in Harrogate.

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ELIM BOYS' NIGHT

(continued)

Make and mend

1. Build a model tabernacle, using a sheet of hardboard for the desert.
2. Build a model church with match-boxes, putting 1d. or 3d. in each box for the missionaries.
3. Build a model mission station—hospital, church, school, missionary house—with match-boxes.
4. Build a large missionary aeroplane. Then ask the church to fill it with bandages, etc., for our missionaries.
5. Elementary electrical knowledge—repair fuses, wire-up plugs, etc.
6. Dismantle and rebuild a bicycle, cleaning each part. Then a motor-cycle.
7. Each make a large map of the world. Colour in the journeys of Paul, then where our missionaries are. Paste on suitable pictures. Large white sheets of paper can be bought for each boy. Leave a wide border for pasting on interesting items and photographs.
8. Calendar making.
9. Paint your own Christmas cards. Outlined drawings on Christmas cards can be bought from headquarters. Trace pictures from old ones.
10. Make special colourful collection baskets for the Sunday school.
11. Jig-saw puzzle. Paste Bible picture on to a sheet of hardboard. A fret-saw for cutting can be purchased at Woolworths.



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by R. Jobling
(Minister of Elm Church, Weoley Castle)

Monday, April 29th. 1 Kings 10 : 1-13.

"Behold, the half was not told me."

It is not often in life that places and people measure up to our expectations. A great "build up" of publicity and propaganda can have a disappointing aftermath. In actual fact the Queen of Sheba came to witness what God had done and was doing for Solomon. There is never any disappointment in anything God does. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2 : 9).

Tuesday, April 30th. 1 Kings 10 : 14-29.

"The throne had six steps."

The approach to the king was a step by step ascent. It ensured that those who approached him were aware of his majesty and authority. It also ensured that no one was able to rush hastily into his presence. What a lesson in prayer is revealed here! How often do we rush hastily into the presence of God? Six steps to the throne of grace could be—sincerity, humility, repentance, obedience, reverence and faith. We are exhorted by the Word of God to come boldly to the throne of grace. Let us not, however, lose a sense of reverence and awe and a realisation of whose presence we are entering.

Wednesday, May 1st. 1 Kings 11 : 1-14.

"His wives turned away his heart after other gods."

Though blessed of God and deeply spiritual in his younger days, Solomon faltered and failed in his walk with God when he was older. The root of the trouble is laid bare by the Holy Spirit. "His wives turned away his heart." The number of wives a king possessed were often more of a status symbol than a concession to his desire. Nevertheless, Solomon's choice was not always wise, despite the wisdom given him by God. His ungodly wives awaited their opportunity to promote the worship of their heathen gods. The lessons of the Old and New Testaments correspond: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Thursday, May 2nd. 1 Kings 11 : 26-43.

"And Ahijah caught his garment that was upon him and rent it in twelve pieces."

The rending of the garment was a further emphasis of the prophecy given by God to Solomon of the rending of the kingdom. It was a judgment of God upon the heritage of Solomon for the idolatry that had been practised. Sin rends and divides. It rends families, societies and kingdoms. It rends churches too! The robe of Christ was seamless and woven from the top throughout. The soldiers who crucified Him said: "Let us not rend it." We who are sinners have been saved and given the robe of Christ's righteousness—let us not rend it!

Friday, May 3rd. 1 Kings 12 : 1-15.

"If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day."

The counsel of the old men to Rehoboam was indeed the counsel of God. The way to the hearts of people is not through rigid discipline and harsh words. Rehoboam stupidly and arrogantly rejected the counsel given by the ancients and listened to the young hot-heads who were his companions, an act of which he would reap the consequences in later days. Jesus said that He came not to be ministered

unto, but to minister. "Love never faileth, love is the way."

Saturday, May 4th. 1 Kings 12 : 16-33.

"It is too much for you to go up to the house of the Lord."

How much is too much? To one who loved the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength, no effort would be too great. To a backslidden Christian, everything to do with God's service would be "too much." There is little danger in these licentious days of anyone having too much of Christianity and church attendance. The other extreme is the prevailing one of our day. The crown of thorns, the jeering and the scoffing, the Roman scourge, the nails which pierced His hands and feet, the spear in His side—these were not too much for Jesus to endure for us. "Love so amazing, so Divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

Sunday, May 5th. 1 Kings 13 : 1-10.

"And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up."

None may rebel against God with impunity. Jeroboam stretched forth his hand to point to the man of God who had proclaimed judgment on his idolatry, in order that he should be seized and put to death. Defiance of God means death, whether immediately or in the fulness of time. God, however, was merciful to him and did not destroy him immediately, but taught him a stern lesson. That God is love does not imply that He is any the less God because of His love. His judgments are, however, tempered with mercy, and healing came to Jeroboam with his repentance.

PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman

The importance of prayer

Jesus is our Great Exemplar. He went often to a mountain to spend time in prayer with His Father. He revealed to us the importance of prayer. Sometimes He was ministering to the needs of the crowds who came to Him, but He never neglected prayer. To Him it was all-important.

Those who have been godliest have found it a struggle to maintain a quiet time alone with God. We can be so busy even in spiritual things and neglect prayer. Josephine Butler, a great reformer, once gave this warning: "Many continue to postpone and to subordinate the claims of the spiritual life to the constantly pressing claims (sacred claims also) of their fellow creatures, and of the good works in which they are engaged. At the last, when earth's claims are fading and the spirit is called into the presence of God, conscience will speak, and the poor soul may reproach itself in the spirit of the lament which Shakespeare put into the mouth of Wolsey in his last moments: 'O Cromwell, Cromwell! had I but served my God with half the zeal that I had served my king!' In the clear light of eternity all things assume their right proportions. We have worked, we have slaved for duty, we have worn ourselves out in the service of humanity. That is good, that is noble; yet an inward voice will tell us in some silent hour that we should have worked better and served humanity better had we possessed the moral force to withdraw at times from life's crowded avenues, had we firmly refused some of the thousand claims which pressed upon us in order that our speech and our action might have possessed more of the Divine, more of 'Spirit and of life.'"

Let us live in the light of eternity.

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A sister in Australia seriously ill with cancer.

Healing for an aged person suffering from rheumatism.

A Christian lady to find accommodation where she will be happy.

An old people's home with a great need.

COMING EVENTS

BOGNOR. May 4, 5. Elim Church, Waterloo Square. Visit of W. G. Hathaway. Saturday 7.30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

BOURNEMOUTH, Springbourne. Continuing until May 9. Elim Church, Curzon Road. Studies on the second advent. Speaker: W. G. Hathaway. Thursdays (excluding March 28 and April 11) 7.30 p.m.

BRADFORD. May 4. Third Annual Musical Festival, presented by the North-west District Presbytery. Guest choir: the London Crusader Choir, conducted by the President, D. B. Gray. Massed presbytery choirs. Many other vocal and instrumental items. 3 and 6.30 p.m. Full teas or cups of tea at moderate charge. The London Crusader Choir will visit the Leeds, Halifax and Bradford churches on Sunday.

CLAPHAM. May 11. Elim Central Church, Clapham Crescent. South London Presbytery Youth Rally. Guest speaker: David J. Ayling. Supporting items from Watford, Holland Park, Thornton Heath and Clapham. Business meeting 3 p.m. Rally 7 p.m.

ERDINGTON. May 11, 12. Elim Church, South Road. Church gift weekend. Visit of the Sparkbrook Choir. Preacher at rally on Saturday: J. Osman (District Superintendent). 7.30 p.m.

GLASGOW. May 10-12. Elim Church, Cathcart Road. Special visit of Mrs. Sunny Blundell-Connell. Friday 7.30 p.m. Saturday 7.30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

JERSEY. A very warm welcome is extended to all holiday-makers and visitors to Jersey to visit the Elim Church, Glenham Hall, New St. James's Place, St. Helier, Sundays 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 7.30 p.m. Minister: J. S. Matts.

PALMERS GREEN. April 27. Elim Church, Russell Road (off Bowes Road). Farewell service for N. Hemingway and family, who leave for New Zealand. Buffet tea 5.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m.

PONTARDULAIS. May 11-13. Beulah Hall, Alltiago Fields. Annual Sisterhood Rally. Speaker: Miss M. Pole (Bath). Special singing items. Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday 6 p.m. Monday 7 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH. May 12. Elim Church, Arundel Street. Special visit of W. George. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

ROMFORD. April 27. Elim Church, Wheatsheaf Road. Saturday night rally. Speaker: A. Seeman (Ingatestone).

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA. May 14-26. Elim Church, Electric Avenue (corner of Fairfax Drive). Special Bible Crusade, with Felix Lloyd Smith and Mrs. Smith. Sundays 6.30 p.m. Weeknights (except Fridays) 7.30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

April 27. Royal Albert Hall; *28, Croydon; *May 4, 5, Bradford; *5, Leeds and Halifax; *11, 12, Yeovil; 13, Clapham; 15, Gloucester; 16, Swindon; 17, Wells; *18, 19, Bristol; 20, Bath.

* Accompanied by the London Crusader Choir.

ITINERARIES

Miss S. Beardwell will visit the following churches: April 27, Trealaw; 28, Pontypridd; 29, Brecon; 30, Dowlais; May 1, Abertyswg; 2, Merthyr; 4, Ebbw Vale; 5, Abercynon; 6, Aberdare; 7, Llanelly; 8, Mountain Ash (rally); 9, Swansea; 10, Aberystwyth; 12, Neath.

Miss M. Gwynne will visit the following churches: April 27, 28, Halifax; May 1, Leeds; 2, Knottingley; 5, Wrenthorpe.

M. O. Thomas will visit the following churches: April 27, 28 (6.30 p.m.), 29 (with exhibition), Eldad; 28 (10.45 a.m.), 30, May 1, 2, 5 (10.45 a.m.), Vazon; 4, 5 (6.30 p.m.), Delancey (with exhibition); 7, 8, Jersey.

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