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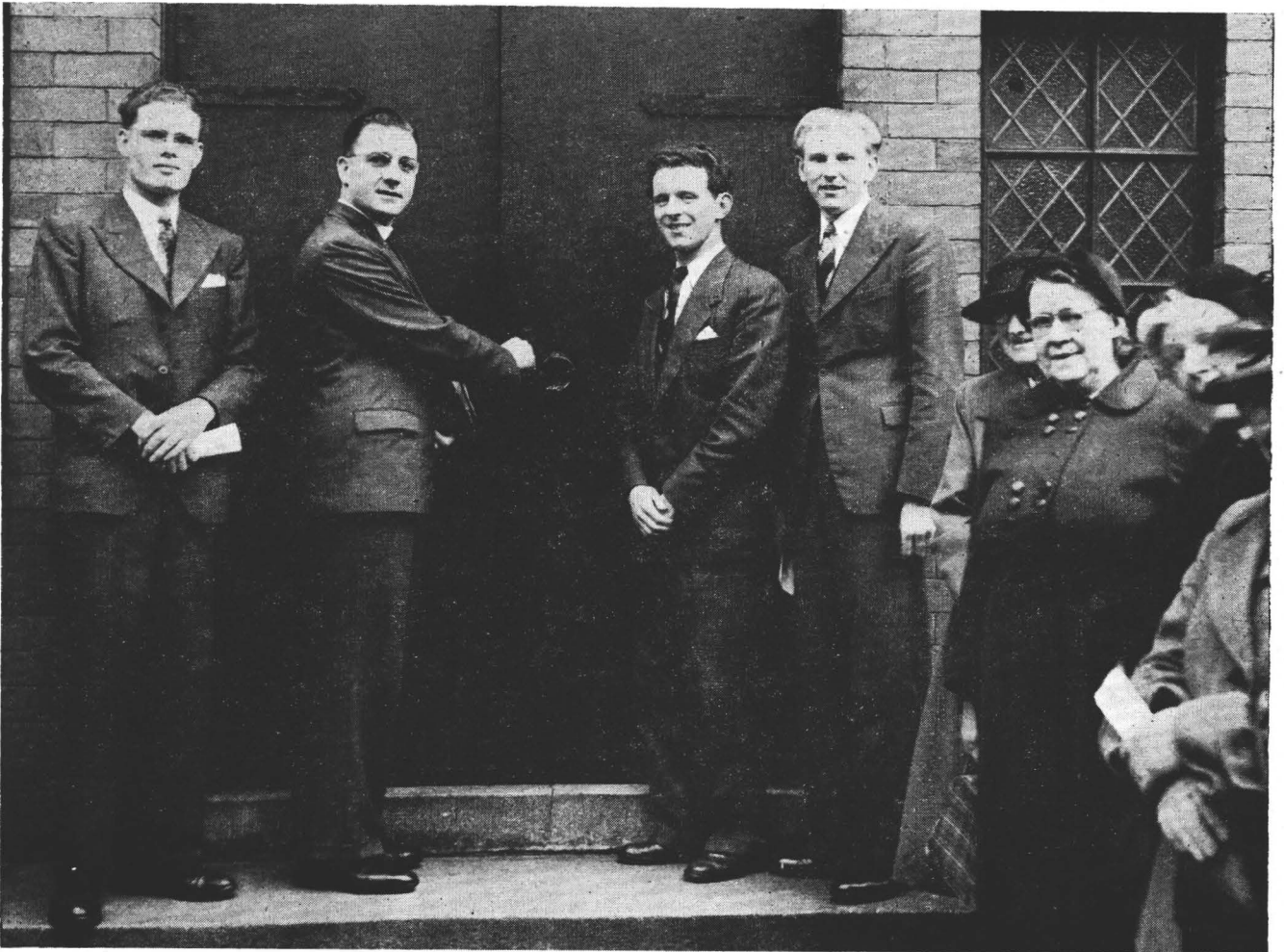
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THREEPENCE

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Pastor Ken Matthew turning the key to open the Elim Church at Harrogate following the successful campaign. Pastors E. Corsie and R. Lighton are on the right, and Pastor David Hathaway, who is in charge of the church, is on the left.

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

"The Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all" (II. Thess. iii. 16).

Bound in the bundle of Life with the Lord

By Pastor J. J. WAY (Elim Church, Leyton)

(1. Samuel xxv. 29)

WHAT a friendly and affectionate-sounding phrase this is. Without probing into its setting and real meaning, it has that nearness and familiarity so typical of the Lord in His dealings with those who belong to Him.

Let us frame the text within its context. David, God's man, is a fugitive and in danger of his life. The jealous King Saul is seeking to destroy him. Is it not just like the Lord to send a message of uplift and security when one of His own is in such a position? The saintly Abigail is God's mouthpiece, and what a message—"A man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul; but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God." What security! the guarantee of an Almighty God. David, as sure as your God lives so will you.

How wonderful it is to be secure. Its fortress walls minister peace and contentment. The Lord placed David in an unassailable position. Now you can understand the wording of Psalm xviii. 2, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; . . . and my high tower." He was safe and secure.

Our text becomes even more wonderful when we realise its Eastern setting. The word "bundle" is used in the East in connection with things of value, for example, gems and money would be placed in the "bundle" so that the owner could carry it on his person. We read of Joseph's brethren each finding his own "bundle of money" in his sack. Abigail's message from the Lord takes on a new meaning. David is put in the "bundle of life," in other words the Lord is counting him as His treasure, and is going to carry him safely through. Security takes on a more comprehensive ministry; not only security against an enemy, but security with and in the Lord.

The Lord has not changed in His dealings with His own. When we see His approach in the New Testament, we are lost in wonder, love and praise. True we have not a King Saul to endanger the body, but we have a powerful Satan who assails the soul of every believer, and blinds the mind of every sinner. He wants all to receive the wages of their sins—eternal death to the soul. Like Saul, Satan is a fallen and villainous monarch, death and doom follow in his wake.

As in the case of David, the Lord counters with a guarantee of life: "I am come that they might have life," declared the Christ of God. No wonder we have the "Bundle of Life" text in different words in the New Testament. Colossians iii. 3 reads, "Your life is hid with Christ in God." Christ our life is the "Bundle of Life," we are "in Christ." God has His costly gems. He places them securely "in Christ," and carries them near to His heart. Hallelujah!

It is the costly thing which is carried in the bundle. The value of a thing is determined by the price paid. The

Lord Jesus tells of the merchant who sold all that he had to purchase one costly pearl. Can you see him carefully wrap that treasure in the bundle and carry it on his person? "Ye are bought with a price," and what a price! not with silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ. Beloved, we cost Him all, we are God's "valuables." Never doubt His loving care and His powerful security.

Please read John xvii. in the light of what I have written, I could quote a verse or so, but it is insufficient. Read the whole chapter, it will leave you wrapped up in Christ with God.

Just a closing thought. David lived to see the end of life-threatening Saul. So, those who have made Jesus their Lord and life, will outlive the enemy of souls. Our life in Christ is eternal and as Satan is relegated to the bottomless pit, we will be elevated into the eternal glories of our heavenly home. Thank you, Lord, for this wonderful Gospel of LIFE.

HE SAW THE POINT

A minister was boarding at a certain farmhouse. The farmer was not a Christian, but his wife had been praying for him for some time, and the minister was awaiting his opportunity to make plain to him the meaning of the sacrifice of Calvary. Early one morning, the farmer beckoned to the minister to follow him out to the chicken house. There on one of the nests sat a hen with a brood of chickens peeping out from under her wings.

"Touch her, Mr. —," the farmer said.

As the minister put his hand on the hen, he found that she was cold.

"Look at that wound in her head," the farmer continued. "A weasel has sucked all the blood from her body, and she never once moved for fear the little beast would get her chickens."

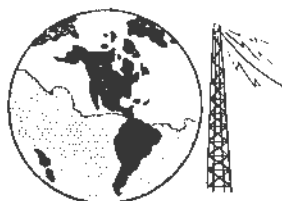
"Oh, Mr. —," said he "that was just like Christ. He endured all that suffering on the Cross. He could have moved and saved His own life, but He wouldn't, because you and I were under His wings. If He had moved, we would have been lost."

The farmer saw the point, and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Thought for the Week

Some people think they are "big shots" just because they can explode with a loud noise.

This Passing World



Increase in Liquor Consumption.

Alcoholic beverage consumption in the U.S.A. has increased 124.6 per cent from 1934 to 1952.

Annual Crime Sheet.

F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover reported recently that more than 2,000,000 major crimes were committed in the U.S.A in 1952. Statistics show that a major crime is committed every 15½ seconds, and one crime is committed for every 76 persons.

Drinkers Refused Marriage.

Thirty-three of Melbourne's forty-three Anglican clergymen said recently they would refuse to perform a marriage service if either of the principals was even slightly intoxicated, according to a report in the *Australian Temperance Advocate*.

Behind the Bamboo Curtain.

John Bechtel, Hong Kong, reports that at least twenty-two Protestant missionaries are still behind the Bamboo Curtain in China.

Bumper Crops in Israel.

Citrus exports from Israel were expected to reach the five-million-case mark by the end of April. This figure is 1,300,000 cases above the amount of citrus fruit shipped last year. Another crop whose exports will top last year's figure will be the banana crop; banana exports are expected to reach 500 tons.

Smoking Blamed for Lung Cancer.

An Associated Press report from Paris states that three teams of scientists blamed smoking, especially cigarettes, for apparently causing part of the increase in lung cancer, the fastest growing type of cancer.

"It appears without doubt that inhalation of cigarette smoke exerts a carcinogenic (cancer causing) effect upon lung tissue," Dr. Ochsner said. "And it can be predicted that if cigarette smoking continues at the present rate, or if it increases as it has in the past, the future incidence of lung cancer will be many times that of other cancers of the body."

Claim Half of Belgians Attend Mass.

Almost fifty per cent of the Belgian people go to Sunday Mass, according to a recent survey carried out by Roman Catholic authorities in Brussels.

Government Officials Warn Missionaries.

A dispatch by *Religious News Service* from New Delhi, India, tells of increasing pressure from government

officials against the preaching of the Gospel by missionaries in that land.

Mr. Katju said that everyone in India was free to propagate his religion, but the government did not want people from other countries to do such work.

"If missionaries come here for evangelical work, the sooner they stop it the better," he said. He made it clear that Protestant missionary societies should limit their activities to educational, medical, philanthropic, rural and social "uplift" work.

Sweden Prepares.

Sweden is blasting into its rock mountains to build a vast system of atomic bomb-proof fortifications that will shelter everything vital to the defence of the country.

Lifting for the first time the secrecy on ten-year-old "Operation Granite," defence officials said that it provides for 150 giant rock shelters for 800,000 persons.

A vital part of the Swedish Navy already can dock in "numerous" secret harbours gouged from mountains along Sweden's Baltic coast. Space also has been blasted for naval yards in the solid rock. Most of the nation's jet fighter bases have mountain hangars now.

Religious Affiliation of Congressmen.

The Churchman has tabulated the religious statistics of the new Congress, as follows:

Affiliation	Senate	House
Methodist	19	73
Baptist	13	44
Presbyterian	12	41
Protestant Episcopal	12	32
Roman Catholic	10	61
Congregational-Christian	7	16
Lutheran	5	15
Disciples of Christ	4	10
Latter-Day Saints	3	—
Friends	1	2
Jewish	1	9
Unitarian	2	6
Christian Scientist	1	1
Churches of Christ	—	4
No affiliation reported	1	103

Russian Potential.

The Federal Civil Defence Administration recently said that the U.S.S.R could attack the U.S. with 400 planes of which 280 would penetrate U.S. defences.

Such attack would presumably include atomic bombs of 2½x calibre (2½ times the power of the Hiroshima bomb).

Lt.-Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force Department Chief of Staff for Operations, estimated on February 12 that Russia had 1,000 long-range bombers similar to the B-29 Superfortress. General Nathan F. Twining, A.F. Vice-Chief of Staff, made a similar estimate January 26th. He also said that Russia had a stock of A-bombs, and 300 submarines.

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EDITORIAL

IMPOTENT CONQUERORS

Now that man, in the person of Edmund Hillary the 33-year-old New Zealander, has at last planted his foot on the top of Mt. Everest, and made, in a British submarine, an underwater voyage from one side of the Atlantic to the other, he will either be seeking new conquests in the ocean depths or crying for the moon. Indeed, Professor Piccard is preparing his bathysphere to go down while at the same time the rocket research enthusiasts are experimenting with new propellants to take them up. Nothing, in this world or space, must be allowed to prevent the progress of *homo sapiens* in his determination to overcome every obstacle which presents any kind of difficulty to him.

Man is a conqueror. If he is not tinkering with germs and atoms in order to master their mysteries, he is building a supersonic plane to smash the sound barrier, or a super bomb to smash his neighbour's city. From the strivings of the primitive cave dweller to the more ambitious aspirations of his civilised descendant, this belligerent has been looking for adventure and conflict.

But there is one realm in which man suffers defeat at every turn—it is in the citadel of mansoul. This is the sad human paradox. Though a technical giant, man remains a spiritual dwarf; a brilliant scientist, he still presents a sorry spectacle as a moral imbecile. He is both triumphant and tragic, and though capable of handling things eternal, he plays instead with the jester's bauble.

No man living or who has ever lived, apart from Christ, has ever been able to conquer the power of sin. Though he plants his feet on the stars, he is still the pathetic victim of his own lusts. Only One has ever achieved victory over sin and the Devil: He fought the decisive battle on a hill outside Jerusalem, and there destroyed for ever the domination of evil. If we are to be victors in the realm where conquest counts most, we must take upon ourselves the

power of another, and in the confession of our own weakness discover Divine strength. Paul, after acknowledging the foes arrayed against the child of God, boasts in the ability of the believer to overcome them, "Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. viii. 37). The Greek word "conqueror" used by the apostle means "To have more than victory." But, be it noted, this victory is "through Him that loved us."

ENLARGED TEACHERS' HANDBOOK

The Elim Youth Committee are glad to be able to announce that the Elim Sunday School Teachers' Handbook, which has been used for a number of years throughout many Elim and other churches, has now been increased in size. It includes 32 pages instead of 20 to 24, and is still being offered at the amazingly low price of 1/- per copy.

This increase in the number of pages has made it possible to improve the content of the lessons, and we now have three grades instead of the original two, including Primary, Intermediate and Senior. We also have an introductory article and Daily Bible Readings for the Teacher.

There are many young people today who owe their sound knowledge of God's Word to the carefully prepared curriculum provided in this handbook and the presentation of the lessons by faithful Elim teachers. Teachers who have not yet availed themselves of the help afforded by the use of this handbook are invited to send for sample copies.

FLOOD RELIEF

We are very grateful for a further gift of £39 0s. 4d. just received from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada towards the Flood Relief Fund, which brings the total gifts received from our Canadian brethren to £219 10s. 1d. This generous gesture has meant more than can be told in the space of a few words, for homes stricken by tragedy have been warmed by the love of practical Christian fellowship. We know that those who have suffered in the disaster and who have been helped by these gifts would desire us to express their deep appreciation for the relief which has come from across the Atlantic.

Money has also been sent from other sources for which sincere thanks is offered.

ELIM CONFERENCE 1953

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Conference will be held from September 7th to 11th, 1953. The Ministerial Session will meet at 2.30 p.m. on September 7th, and the Representative Session will meet at 7 p.m. the same day, continuing the following day at 9.30 a.m. All the meetings will be held at Elim Church Hall, Carfax Square, Clapham Park Road, London, S.W.4, except the Ordination and Induction Service, which will be at 7 p.m. on September 7th in the Bloomsbury Central Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2.

Home Missions



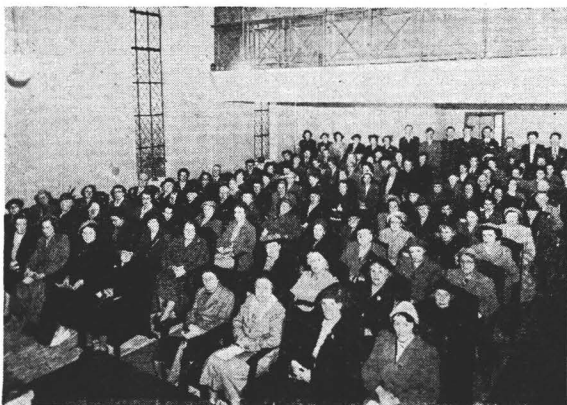
OVER 500 DECISIONS IN HARROGATE CAMPAIGN BEAUTY QUEEN CONVERTED. CRIPPLE WALKS

By Gladys Swain

The twin towns of Harrogate and Knaresborough have been visited by revival blessing, and for the past four weeks large congregations have gathered in Harrogate's Central Cinema night after night to hear the preaching of the Gospel, and to witness the healing power of Christ.

Before the first service a young lad was brought to Pastor Ken Matthew, the Campaigner, for prayer. The boy was suffering from suspected mastoids, both ears were discharging and painful. This was a case of immediate deliverance, the specialist discharged him immediately pronouncing him fit.

From the first meeting, when sixty-five took decision cards, the campaign was owned of the Lord. God greatly blessed through His servants. Many kindly comments could be heard, the people liked the song service so splendidly conducted by Pastor Richard Lighton, they were obviously delighted by Pastor E. Corsie's performance at the piano, and listened engrossed when J. Roberson (Leeds) ministered in song. Tribute to the forthright preaching of Pastor Ken Matthew was made in the remarks heard from those leaving the cinema after the meetings: "Thank God that they ever came to Harrogate," or, "I know I am different now that I am saved." Dozens of letters have been written to the Party from those who have found joy in knowing Christ as Saviour. There were outstanding healings too. A woman who had not walked for nine years stepped from her chair as though she were normal, indeed she was, Christ had instantly healed her. She was seen pushing her own chair out of the cinema. Many arthritis and asthma cases were instantly healed. In one service three people with locked arms were delivered, and two others with locked hip and knees were set free, glory to His Name!



Congregation in the Elim Church, following the Harrogate evangelistic campaign.

A pathetic letter was read by Pastor Matthew, coming from a little girl aged nine:

Dear Mr. Matthew,

I gave my heart to Jesus last night and I am happy because I did it, for I realise I was a sinner and Jesus died on the cross for me, and I want to do what I can for Him. I am only nine but I know Jesus wants me to serve Him, so pray for me and Mummy for she does not love or serve Him any more, nor pray with me as she used to, so pray she might come back to Him and be happy. I know she likes to come to your meetings but she is unhappy about it all when she gets home, she is miserable with me, so do pray for her Mr. Matthew, please pray for her, and I will ask God to help her, so please pray for her as well.

Signed (Audrey Pantry).

It was a great joy to know that the mother accepted Christ a few nights later.

Excerpts from over forty letters testifying to healing:

"Three years ago I had a major operation for cancer and have had further trouble since . . . The first day of your campaign God's healing power took away my severe pain, later the burning and irritation left my body. I had a stiff arm caused by an operation but this was instantly released when you anointed me with oil in the Name of Jesus" (K. Ainley).

"I have been in hospital for operations and treatments for the last twenty years, and never had much freedom from pain . . . since being prayed for I have complete freedom from pain" (Mrs. J. R.).

"I had a seizure, lost the use of my left side, and was unable to move at all . . . Now I can walk, move my arm and sit up only one week after prayer" (D. Holmes).

"Jesus is now in my heart . . . I had an illness twelve years ago which affected my brain and nerves . . . Jesus has healed me . . . I know I am cured" (F. B.).

"I have been healed of bladder and kidney trouble" (E. Charleton).

"I have had asthma seven years . . . affecting hearing, breathing and heart . . . A wonderful change has come . . . I can walk, sleep and sing. Glory to His name" (F. Brookbank).

"For more than twenty years I have suffered . . . had seven major operations for abdominal trouble . . . after prayer I am able to sleep without drugs and have received healing" (L. B.).

"My voice was just a croak when I first came to your revival meetings, but now I am thankful to say that I can sing all the lovely hymns" (M. Stephenson).

"After twenty-five years of not being able to breathe properly and suffering from many complaints . . . thank You, Lord Jesus, for healing me."

"I feel a new man after being healed of bronchial trouble" (W. Metcalfe).

"I can now walk with ease . . . my doctor tells me my blood pressure is normal for the first time for three years" (S. T. Cross).

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THAT the stage is rapidly being set for the closing drama of this age seems beyond doubt, for almost daily events occur which are full of significance. Thus within recent weeks the Jews have lost by death their first President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann—replaced by Mr. Ben Zoi ; and beyond the Iron Curtain Jews are again a target for persecution. In the Gentile world Mr. Eisenhower has taken the Presidential oath, and so the U.S.A. is led by a military expert ; while in Russia Malenkov has succeeded Stalin, and the question is what effect will the change there have upon the world situation? Now it is just this synchronising of events which is so remarkable as to be beyond mere coincidence. For simultaneously with events in the Jewish and Gentile worlds are the mounting signs of a crisis in the Church. This crisis is outlined in Scripture, and it may help us in our study if we consider (i) The Signs of the Times in the Church, (ii) The Crisis of Separation, (iii) The False Church.

I. THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN THE CHURCH.

“Discern the signs of the times” said Jesus, and just as prophecy divides humanity into the three groups of Jew, Gentile and the Church, so too, “the signs of the times” split into three to correspond accordingly, thus giving us Jewish, Gentile and Church signs of the nearness of His return. What, then, are the main Church signs of the times?

(a) **Formality.** “In the last days men shall have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof.” It is a fact that whenever people cease to “worship God in the Spirit,” they invariably swing over to formalism, ritualism, ceremonialism. It was so in the days of Israel’s backslidings (e.g. Isa. i. 10-15 ; Mal. i. 6-14, etc.), and it was so in the days of Constantine. It is happening today. Within the Episcopal Church are bishops and priests who allow practices which contradict the Thirty-Nine Articles, and undermine the Protestant Faith. Some of the churches are indeed so near to Rome as to be indistinguishable from her with their confessions, masses, incense, and the like. This danger of formality would appear to be invading Scotland too. Dr. White Anderson, an ex-Moderator of the Established Church had a few things to say about sermons and vestments during his moderatorial tour. Re vestments he said, “Some of you learned people will have to take up this business of just guiding people in the proper way to use vestments” ; and on sermons he delivered himself thus : “Ministers spent undue time in preparing their sermons . . . we are putting too much there.” Shades of John Knox ! No—in view of what Paul said about preaching (I. Cor. i. 21) we prefer a sermon to a surplice.

(b) **False Doctrine** (II. Tim. iv. 3, 4). “They will not endure sound doctrine . . . but will turn away their ears from the truth and turn aside after fables.” Only too sadly have these words been fulfilled. Evolution’s barren hypothesis, the documentary theories of Graf-Wellhausen and their successors, the rejection of the miracle-narratives as impossible, and the relegation of historical narratives to the realm of “folk-lore”—these and other faith-destroying teachings have all been put forward by the “moderns”

Crisis Ahead!

◀ By Pastor H. PA

under the high falutin’ title of “latest scholarship.” The fundamentalist is regarded with scorn, but please note the Lord says it is **they** who preach nonsense!

(c) **False Spirits** (I. Tim iv. 1). Dr. Wilbur Smith, in his book to which I have already referred, says, “It is most significant that all *specific* demon activity referred to after the ascension of our Lord is to be found in relation to the end of this age.” This demonic activity is evident today, as witness the spread of Spiritism in general, or individual examples of demon influence in individuals like Nietzsche or Hitler. As for the “seducing spirits”, consider how many are so misled by the twisted doctrines of Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Mormons, Christadelphians, Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists, etc. But test any of these cults on their attitude to such foundation truths as the Person of Christ, and His atoning work and see how they fall.

(d) **Fire!** In addition to signs already mentioned is another of quite a different character—the sign of fire! Over against the work of evil is the work of God. “In the last days I will pour out of My Spirit” says the Word, and it is a remarkable fact that the last 100 years has seen a growing emphasis on the Holy Spirit—His Person, Power and Work. For centuries the Church had little or no literature on the subject (with the exception of Thomas Goodwin and John Owen). Then the middle of the nineteenth century saw the publication of William Arthen’s *Tongue of Fire*, and George Buchanan’s work on *The Holy Spirit* ; these to be followed by an ever-increasing stream of similar books. This same period saw, too, the rise of the Keswick and Holiness Movements, the Salvation Army, and the Pentecostal Movement, each with their emphasis, despite doctrinal differences, upon the Spirit.

Furthermore, this century has been not doctrinal only, but experimental. The fire has been falling! With what result? You know what fire does—it melts. And it is significant that this period of re-discovery has also been one of increasing fellowship among the Lord’s people, and a realisation that the things which unite are far greater than those that divide. Both at home and on the mission fields this breakdown of barriers is going on.

II. THE CRISIS OF SEPARATION.

What does all this add up to? Surely to something of vital importance, namely this : there is already developing in Christendom, quietly, almost unconsciously, a growing distinction between the real Church and the sham ; between the genuine and actual on the one hand, and the professing and false on the other. This development is very significant in view of the teaching of Scripture : Matthew xiii. 24-30, 47-50 ; xxiv. 31 ; I. Cor. xv. 22, 23. It is impossible to read these and other Scriptures without facing the solemn

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fact that a separating and a sifting confronts Christendom. We have a "mixed multitude" with us, and church registers by no means tally with the Lamb's Book of Life. The translation of the Church (I. Cor. xv. 50-52; I. Thess. iv. 13-17) is a separating act performed by the Lord Himself, and only those who are "born from above" will be taken above. And the result of that translation will be this—the **True Church** taken to heaven, and a **False Church** left on earth. That False Church is our final subject of discussion.

III. THE FALSE CHURCH.

In the opening article I stated my belief that the crisis for Jew, Gentile and Christendom would centre around two personalities: Christ and Antichrist. I shall now endeavour to indicate the possible link-up between Antichrist and a false Church.

We need to remember that the aim of Antichrist is **one world**, and not just one world politically and economically, but also religiously. That may seem a strange statement, but it is not so when you consider that scarcely anything can so unite—or divide—as religion. Consequently, if Antichrist can have a world religion then his chances of achieving his ambition are greatly enhanced. And just as there are signs that we are moving in the direction of political and economic world unity, so there are similar signs of a coming world religion. The growing insistence upon the need for this has been voiced by such men as Prof. Harold Laski, Canon E. C. Raven, Dr. R. B. Perry of Harvard, and Dr. Northrup of Yale. If the statements made by some of its advocates are any guide to what we may expect, then it will be a peculiar mumbo-jumbo of ideas. For instance: "The vast peace of Buddha, the verve of Mohammed, the iconoclasm of Communism, the wide heaven of the Orient, yes, even the realism of National Idealism, must all have their room in that consummatory of men." And again: "The Christian Church will come to recognise in Buddhism, and Hinduism, Confucianism and, Modernism, other roads to God. The Christian will treat representatives of these religions as brothers."* These and other statements point to a religion of humanism. Apparently the lines of Swinburne are being borne in mind: "Glory to man in the highest, for he is the noblest of creatures." But here again we have to bear in mind the fact that events are taking place on lines foretold in Scripture. A world religion is foreshadowed in Daniel xi. 37, 38; II. Thess. ii. 4; Rev. xiii. 4, 12, 15; and Daniel iii. supplies a remarkable illustration of what this means.

At this juncture a remarkable synchronising of events

* Both quotes are from *The Atomic Age and the Word of God*, by Dr. Wilbur Smith.

may be noticed. In May 1948, the State of Israeli was proclaimed—a Jewish sign. In April 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty signed, and in May 1949, The Council of Europe formed—Gentile signs. In August 1948, The World Council of Churches was held in Amsterdam—an ecclesiastical sign. It adopted as a slogan the words "One World, One Church," and declared as its doctrinal basis that: "The World Council of Churches is a Fellowship of Churches which accepts our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." This sounds well—at first! For attached to the statement of belief is a qualifying clause to the effect that the Council does not concern itself with the interpretation thereof. Furthermore, one official is reported as saying that "in a popular sense the first meeting of the Church Council could be spoken of as a reversal of the trend which began at the Reformation"; while another expressed the aim of the W.C.o.C. to be "an effective welding of the Christian Churches of the world into a single unit, characterised by Catholic continuity and Protestant freedom in Christ." Nor is this all. The Romanists were invited, but declined—to the great sorrow of the Council; for said one, of its spokesmen: "What would be the sense of an ecumenical enterprise which had not at least **the intention** of including the largest of all the Christian communities" So the Council began a courtship of Rome, while the Vatican, who had sent observers to the meetings, expressed its interest. The Pope was reported to have followed the proceedings "with assiduous interest," deeming them to be "a Providential movement for the return of dissidents to the unity of the Church." And when we hear that the Pope has asked for prayer that "these who have torn away from this unity, though still labelling themselves with the name of Christ, may come to realise where the centre of this unity has been set by the Divine Master, and will feel the supreme desire to be recomposed in the ranks under the sole Pastor" is it any wonder we feel apprehensive. "He that supps with the Devil needs a long handle to his spoon"—and almost as long a handle if supping with Rome. Here is a movement which may undo the work of Luther and Calvin, Knox and Ridley and their fellow-labourers in the Reformation. Little wonder that many regard the W.C. of C. with suspicion and mistrust and "as a tree which the Father hath not planted."



Standing above the world's greatest Metropolis, amid busy marts, city offices and warehouses, and factories, St. Paul's Cathedral dominates the London scene and appears as the epitome of man's deepest needs. The state of the churches in the last days is dealt with in this interesting article.

In Revelation xvii. is portrayed a strange alliance—the Beast and the Harlot. The Beast represents the political set-up headed by Antichrist, and the Harlot is the false Church associated therewith. In other words, it is “Church and State” in a most unholy alliance. It is a Church as far removed as possible from the Divine ideal set forth in Ephesians v. 26, 27 : Revelation xix. 8, for it is a Church glorifying in the exercise of temporal power, the possession of material wealth, while living in partnership with the enemy of God. In the words of the Rev. T. M. Bamber : “ This harlot epitomises religion when it is taken over by the carnal mind, the unsaved heart, masking falsehood, prostituting truth, and destined to have world-wide influence, so that in Revelation xii. unless a man has the mark of the Beast—a religious mark—he can neither buy nor sell.”

We live in tremendous days. For my own part I feel that the separating process is going on. On the one side the Holy Spirit is drawing together “ them that are His ” in a deepening unity. On the other hand? Dogmatism can be dangerous, but Professor Findlayson is not alone when he asks, “ Is this (the W.C. of C.) the emergence of the apostate system that the Bible speaks of as Antichrist and Babylon the Great ? ” Whatever our answer to that question, the crisis confronting the Church raises another and more serious one. It is this—Do we know where we stand? Are we sure of our membership of the true Church? Will that separation find any of us unsaved and left behind when He comes for His own ?



Focus

on the Churches

OPENING OF LEYTON CHURCH EXTENSION

Amid much rejoicing, Pastor P. S. Brewster opened the extension to the Leyton Church. Commenting on the suggestion made twenty-six years ago that the work in Leyton would not flourish, he said he gave thanks to God that not only did the work flourish, but that a thriving Church continues in the district, a Church that needs to enlarge its building. This was a grand testimony to God's goodness and the faithfulness of local church members.

Members of the Executive Council supported the President and spoke for a few minutes. Pastor J. Dyke, who was minister at Leyton from 1938-1942, recalled the promise made through the gifts of the Spirit (tongues and interpretation), during the course of his ministry in Leyton, that “ this church would extend its borders.” He was happy to be present at the fulfilment of this promise.

Over 200 people attended, and, after sharing in enthusiastic singing, listened with pleasure to the President's message.

Welcome guests to the opening ceremony were Mr. W. J. Peterson, first minister at Leyton, Pastor A. Grandjean, of Switzerland, and ministers of local Elim churches.

This building venture has extended the church to almost half as much again, thus giving more space for the crowded Sunday evening services and for the Children's and Youth work.

The following is from the *Stratford Express* :

Church of Smiles

If you have never sat in the congregation of an Elim Pentecostal Church during a service you have missed an unusual experience. A colleague who attended a ceremony at Leyton Elim Church on Monday tells me of the atmosphere of infectious joy which pervaded the little church. Formality here is completely ignored. All the speakers on the platform on Monday were frequently interrupted by murmurs and shouts of “ Amen”, “ Hallelujah ” “ Praise the Lord.” Everywhere there were smiling faces. Laughter punctuated the various addresses as the congregation enjoyed some witticism by the speaker. Hand-clapping accompanied the singing. The music of all the hymns was lively and gay. Pastor Way neatly summed up : “ There is nothing dead about our Saviour. He is alive and so are we—so let's sing that last verse with some real Pentecostal enthusiasm.” And the congregation rose to give more power to its singing.

PROGRESS AT GLOSSOP

By Mrs. E. Thorpe

Since Pastor and Mrs. Allen came to us God's hand of blessing has been our portion. Many have returned to join in fellowship, and the sick and aged have been greatly blessed as they have been visited.

Believing people are being filled with the Holy Spirit. Open air work has been started by the Crusaders, and the Sunshine Corner continues to prosper with many children from other Sunday Schools attending. The procession of witness through the town at the recent Sunday School Anniversary was proof of good work. The special speaker at these services was Pastor C. Hopla. At the close of the Sunday evening service one soul decided for Christ, thus bringing the Anniversary to a wonderful climax.

The Women's work has been taken over by Mrs. Allen and numbers increase week by week. The happy fellowship is a joy to behold. Our hearts are full to overflowing as we feel the good hand of God upon every section of our assembly.

PORTADOWN ANNUAL CONVENTION

The blessing of God rested upon our Convention which was convened by Miss Kennedy. Pastors P. Watson and G. Harpin brought delightful messages in the afternoon. After a sumptuous tea and an open air in the centre of the town, we were thrilled in the evening service as Mrs. George, wife of Pastor R. J. George, testified to healing from a rupture of seven years standing, during a recent campaign. She was followed by Pastor W. Martin who briefly gave his own testimony of healing from the same affliction.

ELIM YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by

Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY (National Youth Secretary)

—♦—
“Fight the good fight of faith” (I. Tim. vi. 12).

EASTBOURNE CRUSADER HOUSE PARTY

From Scotland, the Principality of Wales, Birmingham and the Midlands, London and Home Counties, and the West of England, came Crusaders in joyful spirits to attend the second House Party since the war. Lascelles—the Elim Guest House at Eastbourne—made an excellent gathering-point for this occasion. This finely-equipped holiday centre provided everything to make the occasion happy and comfortable, and everyone feels indebted to Miss D. Phillips and her efficient staff for all that was done for the visitors.

It was a privilege to have Pastor P. S. Brewster, our President, and family present for the week, together with other members of the Youth Committee. The welcome rally soon proved to be a “get together” occasion and set the tempo and style for the whole week. Everything was done to make the Crusaders’ holiday the happiest possible. Swimming, boating, cruising, coach tours, hikes across the South Downs, and games provided a great programme of recreational events.

The nightly services held in the Elim Church were greatly enjoyed both by visitors and residents. At these meetings the ministry of the Word was given by Pastors P. S. Brewster, H. W. Greenway, and T. W. Walker. Pastor D. B. Gray (National Youth Secretary) arranged the meetings and programmes throughout the day and soon had the House Party into a balanced singing group whose ministry was greatly enjoyed.

We are grateful to the Eastbourne Crusaders and Pastor Gordon Wright for all they did for us, not forgetting the “soup-sizzle” on the Downs and the pilgrimage that



Eastbourne Sunday School children about to leave for London to attend the great Coronation Youth Rally at the Bloomsbury Central Church. They returned home the proud possessors of the National Shield which they had won in the Scripture Examination.



followed. There was never a dull moment: the friendship and fellowship between all could not possibly have been better. The closing meeting will long be remembered when happy Crusaders waited upon God and He graciously baptised four young folk in the Holy Ghost with signs following. All have now returned to churches and back to everyday employment, but they are rejoicing in the week of rich blessing, and the intense happiness there is to be found in the service of the Lord within the ranks of Elim Crusaders.

NOTES AND NEWS

We are asked to announce that the Hereford Youth Camp will not now be held.

We are told that the new B.B.C. programme “Break for Summer” will possibly, from time to time, include recordings made by the London Crusader Choir.

HOME MISSIONS—Continued.

“I had chronic asthma for twenty-five years . . . I received healing from Jesus Christ” (A grateful convert).

It was a great joy to have a visit from Miss Ann Jenkins whose healing testimony inspired many to trust God for healing. Pastor Gorman also visited the campaign. After giving a brief survey of the Elim Movement he introduced Pastor David Hathaway to the meeting and announced him as the minister of the Harrogate Elim Church. Over a hundred people have already taken membership cards . . . the revival continues!

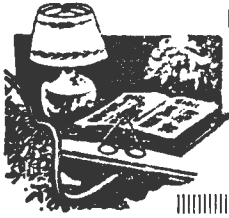
One of those converted was “Miss Knaresborough” 1953, she has not only accepted Christ as her Saviour but has commenced to play the piano in the church meetings.

Gifts for Home Missions are urgently needed. Contributions should be sent to the Secretary, Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLIMENT

Washington, visiting a lady in his neighbourhood, was leaving the house. A little girl was asked to open the door. He turned to the child and said “I am sorry, my little dear, to give you so much trouble.”

“I wish, sir,” she replied, “it was to let you in.”



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor W. J. Hilliard.

SUNDAY, July 5th. Jeremiah xxxvi. 19-32.

"He cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire" (v. 23).

Thus did Jehoiakim (Eliakim) treat the Word of God. This he did slowly, defiantly—"Until all the roll was consumed," and so heeded not the warnings of the three courtiers named in verse 25. He was perhaps encouraged in his reckless defiance by the flattery and laughter of the other members of his court. They were devoid of godly fear—"Thou refusedst to be ashamed" (iii. 3). Most descriptive of this attitude are the words in Romans iii. 18. This hatred of the Word is but a witness to its power (Heb. iv. 12). Make II. Thess. iii. 1 your prayer for this day.

MONDAY, July 6th. Jeremiah xxxvii. 1-21.

Ever faithful was Jeremiah to the revelation of God. Notwithstanding the things mentioned in the portion—appealing entreaty (v. 3), false accusation (v. 13), imprisonment (v. 16)—he never deviated from his loyalty to God and His Word. We, too, will be challenged in this respect, and we must always remember that the word given by God may not be pleasing and acceptable to the people addressed. Jeremiah's commission was to root out, to pull down, to destroy, as well as to build and to plant. Give the Word fearlessly, faithfully—and in love (Eph. iv. 15).

TUESDAY, July 7th. Jeremiah xxxviii. 1-13.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. v. 7).

By acting as he did, Ebed-melech found mercy in his adherence to this ordinance of God. His compassion for Jeremiah is in contrast to the cruelty of the princes who caused him to be thrown into the dungeon, deep with mire. The use of the "old cast clouts and rotten rags" was in addition to his act of mercy—it was to ease the strain of the cords. Read chapter xxxix. 16-18. In his saving of the prophet Ebed-melech is credited with faith—"Because thou hast put thy trust in Me."

WEDNESDAY, July 8th. Jeremiah xxxviii. 14-28.

"Obey . . . the voice of the Lord . . . so it shall be well unto thee" (v. 20).

Zedekiah and his people could not avoid judgment. To humble himself and yield to the king of Babylon was the only way to mitigate its severity (v. 17). He had to decide between the punishment ordained by God and a still greater punishment at the hands of men. This whole passage is covered by Leviticus xxvi. 40-44. It is better to fall into the hand of the Lord than into the hand of man—"for His mercies are great" (II. Sam. xxiv. 14).

THURSDAY, July 9th. Luke i. 1-20.

In verse 3, Luke claims to have had a "perfect understanding of all things from the very first." The expression "from the very first" is translated in other places "from above" (John xix. 11; Jas. i. 17, iii. 17). In John iii. 3, 7 it is rendered "again" ("born again") and in the margin "from above." By the use of this expression Luke, for his record, claims Divine inspiration. It is addressed to one bearing a Greek name meaning, "a lover of God." The record is a sustained history—"in order" (v. 3), meaning that the events are in chronological sequence.

FRIDAY, July 10th. Luke i. 21-38.

"Thy prayer is heard" (v. 13).

These four words, although appearing in yesterday's portion, are connected with the verses just read. The content of that prayer is suggested in the same verse. With the passing of the years Zacharias had given up all hope of a son—this accounts for his unbelief at the angel's announcement. Although it was many years since that prayer was uttered, it was not forgotten by God, and the seeming impassible gulf was bridged in a moment by the promise of a son. He who puts our tears into His bottle will likewise remember our prayers.

SATURDAY, July 11th. Luke i. 39-58.

"He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden" (v. 48).

Mary's hymn of thanksgiving is the first of four recorded by Luke. Humility is one of the gems sparkling in this crown of rejoicing. Mary speaks of her low estate—and how God in mercy regarded that low estate and made her the blessed among women! Her poverty is seen in her offering at her purification "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons" (Luke ii. 24)—she was unable to bring a lamb (Lev. xii. 8). In all our worship may we ever remember our low estate, but also that He hath regarded it in salvation and blessing.



ETERNITY

"He hath set eternity in their heart."

—Ecclesiastes iii. 11 (R.V. margin).

A man is greater than all earthly change;

He has eternity within his heart,

And though his history may seem but strange,

Of what is infinite he is a part.

Within his soul the aspirations dart

Which speak of origin beyond the skies.

His thoughts may be engrossed with throng and mart,

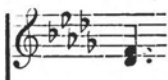
Yet ever and anon a sweet surprise

Will gladden the twice-born soul with heavenly-sent supplies.

—T. PITTAWAY.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

The Hymns we sing—
the Tunes we love
MUSIC IN THE CHURCH



By Pastor D. B. Gray.

ELIM COMPOSERS—Pastor E. C. W. Boulton

Whilst we have been focusing upon composers of the past in previous weekly meditations, it is good to observe that a large number of hymns and original music in the REDEMPTION HYMNAL come from the pens of present-day pentecostal ministers and members, and represent the respective groups within that Fellowship. We shall make

mention of these from time to time.

This week's composer, needs no introduction. Pastor E. C. W. Boulton has a literary gift which we acknowledge with deep gratitude. His writings over many years have contributed untold blessing in many ways and have brought inspiration to countless thousands the world over. To many of his poems and lyrics suitable music has been written and in

the hymn-book under review at least ten hymns are to be found. Many other inspiring writings also have been used especially within the realm of Choir songs and anthems. These have been used for special occasions and sung by some of the largest evangelical choir groups of this generation. Their stanzas have flooded with melody and song the largest of our public halls.

Coming back, however, to the hymn-book, we would do well to observe these hymns (details of which are found fully listed at the front of the book). Not so long ago a well-known Choir gave almost an entire evening to singing the hymns written by Pastor Boulton with edifying results. In some cases well-known tunes are coupled to the words, whilst to others original music has been composed by Marjorie Helyer, A.R.C.M., Audrey Pollard (née Witts), L.L.C.M., and Douglas B. Gray. To one great hymn, "O Church of God," is linked that beautiful and majestic tune, "O Canada."

Whilst we enjoy the gems of the past, let us also revel in the grandeur and splendour of the many new and inspiring hymns from the pens of our present-day pentecostal writers.



COMING EVENTS

DUNMOW. June 27. Folkes Memorial Hall, Stortford Road. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors C. Brookes and G. Hillman. 7.

EAST HAM. July 18-20. Elim Church, Central Park Road. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: Pastor H. A. Court. Sat., 3 and 6.30 (refreshments). Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon., 7.30.

GLOSSOP. July 5. Elim Church, Ellison Street. Flower Service. Speaker: Pastor R. D. Bradley. 2.30 and 6.30.

GRAHAM STREET (B'ham). June 27, 28. Elim Church. Visit of Pastor David Ayling. Sat., 7.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

LEEDS. June 27—July 1. Foursquare Gospel Church, Bridge Street. Visit of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton.

LEYTON. June 28, 30, July 1, 2. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Special Series of Sermons by Pastor H. W. Greenway on "Important Questions of Today." Sun., 6.30. Week-nights, 7.30.

LONDON. June 27. Friends' Meeting House, Euston Road. United Bible Schools Demonstration. "Youth in Training for World Evangelism." A.o.G. Bible School; Elim Bible College; I.B.T.I. Speakers: Pastors J. T. Bradley and F. Squire. Chairman: Donald Gee. Testimonies, Musical Items, United Choirs conducted by Pastor D. B. Gray. 6.45.

PORTADOWN. June 6-July 5. The Big Tent, Fair Green. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by Pastor A. Wilson and Pentecostal Revival Musical Team. Suns., 4 and 8.30. Week-nights, 8 (except Fri.).

READING. July 13. Elim Church, Waylen Street. Emmanuel Male Voice Singers from Northern Ireland. 7.15.

SALISBURY. July 18, 19. Elim Church, Scots Lane. Visit of Idris Davies. Sat., 7. Sun., 11, 3 and 6.30.

SHEFFIELD. July 18. City Memorial Hall. Visit of Pastor P. S. Brewster. 3 and 6.30.

SMETHWICK. June 16-July 5. Marquee, Roebuck Lane (nr. Canal Bridge). Coronation Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor J. Osman and Party. Song-Leader: Pastor F. Shadlock. Suns., 6.30. After-church Rally, 7.45. Week-nights, 7.30.

TRURO. June 27-July 9. Elim Hall, The Leats, off Castle Street. Campaign conducted by Pastor Wm. George. Suns., 6.15 and 7.45. Week-nights (Mon. 29 and Fri. excepted), 7.30. Presbytery Rally in St. Mary's Hall, Old Bridge Street, July 3 at 7.

TWICKENHAM. July 4, 5. Elim Hall, Edwin Road. Church Anniversary conducted by Pastor C. Coe and Party. Sat., 6.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

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Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, will visit the following churches:

June 27.—Bolton. 28, 29.—Accrington. 30-July 1.—Colne. 4.—Bishop Auckland. 5.—Sunderland. 6.—Scarborough. 7.—Drifffield. 8.—Malton. 9.—Hull (Mason Street). 11, 12.—Hull (City Temple). 13.—Grimsby. 15.—Scunthorpe. 16.—Harrogate. 18, 19.—York.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Williams, Elim missionaries on furlough from Rhodesia, will visit the following churches in Ireland:

June 27.—Portadown. 28.—Bethesda, Belfast (a.m.); Ulster Temple (p.m.). 29.—Saunders Street. 30.—Ballysillan. July 1.—Apsley Street. 2.—Newtownards. 4.—Randalstown. 5.—Ballymena.

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WITH CHRIST

Bloor.—On May 29th, Hannah Bloor, aged 63; one of the first members of Longton Bethel Temple. Funeral conducted by Pastor Henry W. Fardell.

Graham.—On June 9th, James Graham (father of Mr. Hugh Graham, treasurer of Elim Church, Newtownards) aged 71. Funeral conducted by Pastor R. R. Taylor.

Salt.—On June 6th, Miss E. O. Salt, of Bournemouth, passed peacefully into the presence of her Lord; a pioneer to the truth of Pentecostal fulness in the Springbourne Church over 35 years ago. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. Hilliard.

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