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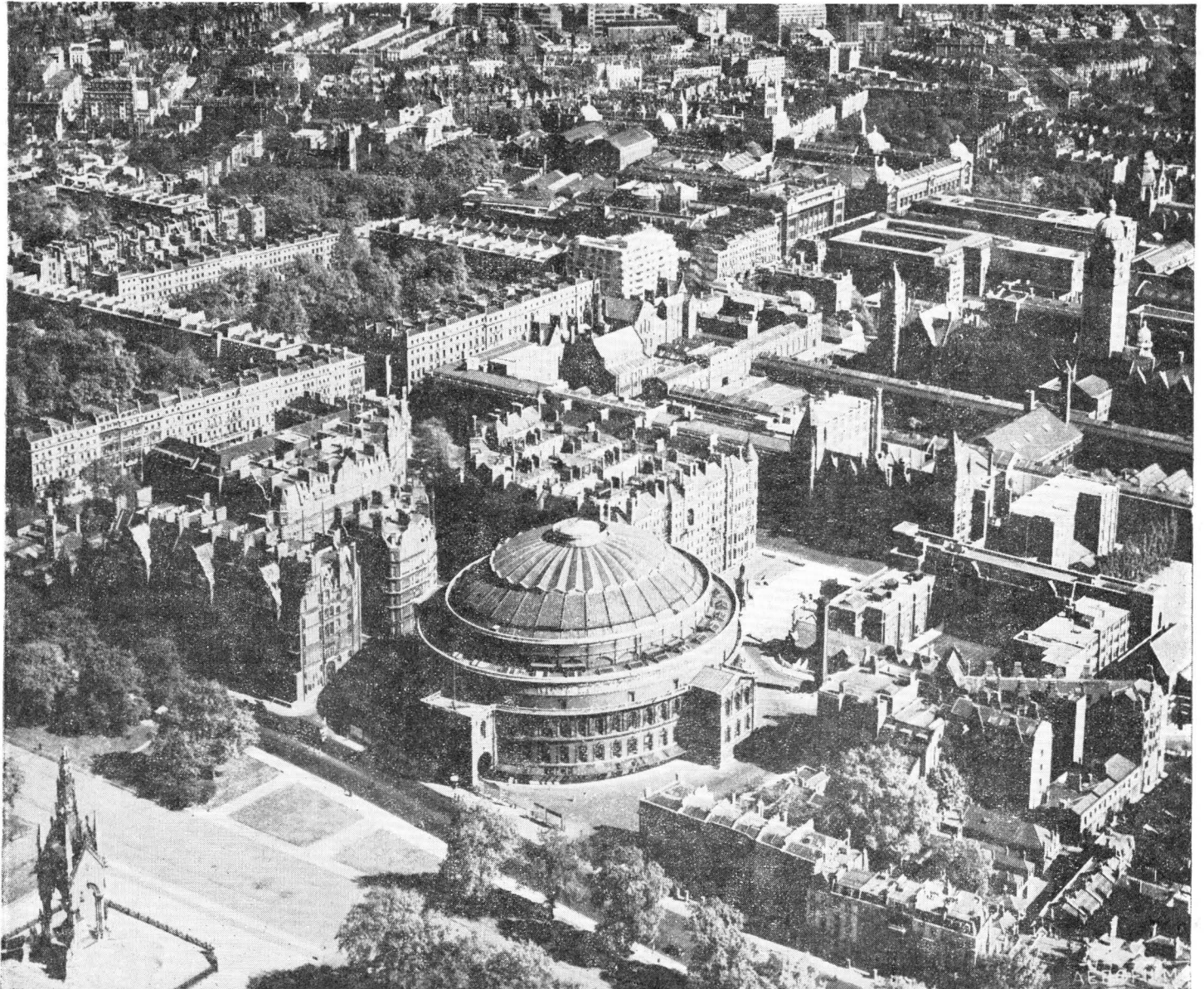


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Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

EVANGELISM *is the answer*

By OSWALD J. SMITH, Litt.D. Pastor, People's Church, Toronto Ottawa

THIS IS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. Sinister forces are at work. False religions abound on every side. Nationalism is sweeping the earth. Communism, the most powerful weapon ever forged by satanic ingenuity, threatens to wipe out Christianity. Atomic energy holds civilisation at its mercy.

I wish I could live to write the year A.D. 2000, but that can never be. Millions will, should Christ tarry; I cannot. I believe the next fifty years will be the most momentous in the history of mankind. Events of world-shaking significance are already casting their shadows before them.

Colossal movements have been inaugurated; some for good, others for ill. The human race faces destruction. Cataclysmic judgments are inevitable. Revolution, with all its horrors, again lifts its hoary head. The Iron Curtain hides a slavery worse than death. All creation groans. The birth pangs of a new age are now being felt throughout the world. Once again there is "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

I am not a professional evangelist, but I have carried on evangelistic work, and I know the only hope of our day is a new manifestation of the power of God. I have been in countries where I have seen that power in operation, and I am confident we can have here what I have witnessed there. **Evangelism is the order of the day, the need of the hour.** Without revival, life, as we know it, must perish. We must evangelise or fossilise.

We all have our differences, but there is one thing upon which we can unite, and that is evangelism. If we cannot get together on anything else, we should be able to work with each other in the winning of lost men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. Ministers and laymen of all denominations should be able to co-operate when it comes to evangelism.

There are ministers who feel that they can do their own evangelistic work, and that there is no need to import a professional evangelist. Let me say, and I base my assertion on forty years of ministry, for the most part as a pastor, I owe the success of my work, in a large measure, to evangelism. The pastor of the church may be a good preacher, greatly beloved by his people, but even the best voice can become tiring. I have always welcomed others to my pulpit, because I have realised that a new voice is imperative. An evangelist can win those I can never hope to win. Then when I take over again, my voice in turn becomes a new voice, and thus the people never grow weary. As soon as I feel that they have heard me often enough, I bring in someone else to give them a change, and the evangelist always leaves us with new friends, most of whom will stay with us after he has left.

The very first campaign I held in Toronto lasted for

six months without a break of a night, Saturdays included, and generally two or three services on Sundays. I managed the campaign and was the chairman at all the meetings. But during the six months I had a dozen or more different evangelists, one after the other, to do the preaching. Thus I always had someone new to advertise, and the people could continually look forward to a new voice. The crowds increased from week to week. Interest was intense, and, before it was over, many hundreds of souls had been saved, so that the work was greatly strengthened as a result. Every campaign more than paid for itself, for I saw to it that there was always something worth while in the treasury at the close.

All down the years, ever since, I have had two or three, and sometimes half a dozen campaigns each year, and in addition many special conferences of one kind and another. All of this has stimulated the spiritual life of the people, added new interest, created enthusiasm and consolidated the work. In between campaigns I have done the preaching, and as the work became stronger and the crowds increased, I did more of the pulpit work myself, but I have never felt that I could do it alone. Even to this day I bring outside speakers to hold evangelistic campaigns.

There was a day in the work of evangelism and revival, not so very long ago, when all the churches of a given town closed their doors and co-operated. It is no wonder that men like Billy Sunday got big crowds. For years Billy Sunday would not go to a town unless every church in the town agreed to close its doors and unite in the campaign. Consequently, the choirs of all the churches were on the platform and, more important still, the ministers, and since the churches were closed and the people had nowhere else to go, of course they came to the tabernacle where the campaign was being held and filled it to capacity. Then as they looked up and saw their own ministers sitting on the platform, they were inspired to co-operate, to give, to pray, and to do whatever they could to make the campaign a success. That is the ideal way to win souls to Christ.

We are living in a day, however, when it seems next to impossible to get all the ministers of any one town and all the churches to co-operate. We are fortunate today if we can succeed in getting even the evangelical churches to close their doors and work with us, for even among fundamentalists there is so much division and strife that it is difficult to secure the necessary co-operation. But it is still true that **any town or city could be moved for God, and a mighty revival could take place, if the churches themselves would unite in a soul-winning effort and work together,** ministers of all denominations, for the evangelisation of the Christless masses on every side.

Sometimes it is objected that we need more Bible teaching, more Bible conferences; that we should give more

attention to the study of the Word. Evangelism, it is stated, does not consolidate or teach. I beg to disagree. As I have studied the history of revival and evangelism all down the centuries, I have discovered that there is more teaching, more personal soul-winning, and that a greater number of people are inspired to study the Word of God during days of revival and evangelism than at any other time.

When the Holy Spirit is at work, the people naturally turn to the Bible and study it. Bible classes are formed. Instruction is given in personal work. New converts testify and pray in public, and, as a result, there is a greater knowledge of the Bible imparted than at any other time. **Bible teaching without evangelism will result in stagnation, but evangelism, which always produces Bible study, will inspire and bless.**

Then let me point out that it is the follow-up work that counts most, not the work that is done by the evangelist himself. The evangelist is like the doctor—he brings the baby into the world, but no one would ever expect the doctor to remain and take care of the child. That is the follow-up work which must be done by the parents. The doctor's responsibility ceases when the baby is born. It would be wrong to blame the doctor if the child did not develop properly after a healthy and normal birth, and it is just as wrong to blame the evangelist if the converts do not go on in the faith and make progress after he has brought them into the light. That, I say, is the responsibility of others; namely, the pastor, the Sunday School teacher, the leaders of the young people's work, and all those who remain to take care of the new converts. If special convert classes are organised, the converts

can soon be established and taught the fundamental doctrines of the faith, so that they will stand true and steadfast and become active workers for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a lot of evangelism today that belittles the pastor. I am sorry to have to admit this, but it is true. **The kind of evangelism we need is that evangelism that will hold up the hands of the pastor and in every possible way support and encourage him.** For an evangelist to criticise or find fault in any way with a pastor before the people is a tragic mistake. He has enough to contend with in any case. He needs to be encouraged, and the evangelist should do everything possible to make it easy for him. He should be honoured before his people. It is for this reason that I believe every evangelist, for a few years at least, should become a pastor, so as to be able to sympathise with the pastor in his problems and know how to help him. He may not be perfect, but that may also be true of the evangelist, and I am afraid that one of the reasons why so many churches have turned against evangelism is because the evangelist has been discourteous to the pastor and has not given him the help he could.

Having been both a pastor and an evangelist, I know perfectly well that the work of the pastor is by far the most difficult, and that the evangelist, in comparison, has an easy time. He has only to face the problems for two or three weeks in any one place; then he can leave. But the pastor is ever burdened with them. It is for this reason I slip away every now and again and hold a campaign, for it enables me to forget the petty problems of the pastor. Evangelists would do well to adopt a new attitude toward the pastors with whom they work.

Things Temporal and Things Eternal

Egypt and Church Construction

Cairo.—The Egyptian Interior Ministry has ordered that permits be granted to the Jewish Community Council in Alexandria and to various Christian groups in provincial towns to build places of worship for their communities. Requests for erecting non-Moslem places of worship frequently had been delayed or ignored in the past. As a result of the new order, a Jewish synagogue will rise on Moharrem Street in Alexandria, three Coptic Orthodox churches at Kafrel-Sheikh and Mit Bishar in the Nile Delta, and at Port Fuad on the Suez Canal, a Coptic Catholic church at Luxor in Upper Egypt, and a Latin (Roman Catholic) church and convent in Kafr-el-Zayat in the Nile Delta. In addition, two half-completed churches—one Coptic and the other Protestant—whose permits had been revoked will be finished.

Raising Sheep in Israel

God said that in the day when He would regather Israel, the land that was desolate

should again be "an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down" (Jer. xxxiii. 12). Accordingly, the raising of sheep is becoming an important industry in Israel once again.

The *National Jewish Post* reports that the Argentine Government, which normally bans the export of live sheep, has made a special concession to the Israel Government in allowing the export to that country of 10,000 pedigree Corridale and Merino sheep. The first 200 sheep already have been sent to Israel. The animals will graze in the southern Negev, where breeding conditions are similar to those in Argentina.

Pentecost in Chile

In a report on Chile the monthly magazine *Evangelical Christendom* says: "In a population of 6,000,000 there is an evangelical community of about 250,000. The Pentecostal number 60,000. The growth of the latter is one of the striking factors in Chile. For a time there was much division among them, but this is decreasing and the enthu-

siasm of this community is now being devoted to the task of evangelism."

Persecution and Growth

From the Protestant Churches of Colombia come reports both of persecution and of growth. Is there not a connexion between these two subjects?

A recent bulletin published by the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia stated that fifty-one Protestant men, women, and children have been killed, forty-two church buildings destroyed, many other buildings damaged or confiscated, and 110 primary schools closed—all during the past five years. During the same period, Protestant Church membership increased 51 per cent.

The statement "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church" has proved true in Colombia. Not only has the Church grown, but, no doubt, it has been purified by the fires of persecution. There are not likely to be any hypocrites in a persecuted Church!

New Christian Radio Station

The Rev. David J. Du Plessis, eastern U.S. representative of the Far East Broadcasting Company of Whittier, Calif., has visited Athens, trying for the third time to get the Greek Government to allow FEB to set up a Christian radio station on Mars Hill—where the Apostle Paul preached 1900 years ago. The new station, if permission is granted, will be called "The Apostle to the Nations."

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EDITORIAL

Easter Monday in London

For nearly thirty years Elim has taken the Royal Albert Hall in London, the most famous hall in this vast Metropolis, for its Easter Festival. To many of the Elim friends all over the country this has been the Mecca to which they have made their pilgrimage at Eastertide.

If there is a time, more than any other time, when Christians ought to be glad and rejoice, surely it is the time when we commemorate the death and triumphant resurrection of the Son of God.

The Resurrection is the touchstone of power for the believer. If Christ be not risen, then we are still in our sins. But He is risen, and has become the firstborn from the dead.

Just think for a moment the tremendous impact the Resurrection made upon Satan and the hosts of hell. At one stroke, Christ destroyed Satan's power, and vanquished His every foe. Then think again. If Jesus has risen from the dead—and He has—then all power is in His hand. Nothing is now impossible, for the strongest enemy has been utterly overthrown. It is no wonder the early disciples wielded the power of that Name with such marvellous effect. Only as we grasp the power of His Name can we, too, triumph over all the power of the enemy as they did.

So once again we shall unload our coaches and our cars; walk around that historic building, looking for our correct entrance; find our way down the corridors to our points of vantage, where we shall settle down to enjoy Easter Monday afternoon and evening in happy—yes, in radiant fellowship together.

The Trafalgar Square witness will again this year bring loyal supporters from far and near, and others in that famous rendezvous of the world's most famous city will listen, and long to be in it with us, and then perhaps, by the raising of a hand; by the dropping of a tear; by the breathing of a fervent prayer; they too will join the ranks of the redeemed. Such is the thrill of evangelism indoor and outdoor on another Easter Monday in London.

BARKING OPENING OF NEW ELIM CHURCH

Ripple Road

Saturday, 3rd April, 3 p.m.

By

Dr. Somerville Hastings, M.P.

7 p.m. Commencing Revival and Healing Campaign
for Six Days by

Pastor P. S. Brewster and Party

Sunday 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Week-nights 7.30

EASTER MONDAY in London

EVANGELISM and DIVINE HEALING

TRAFALGAR SQUARE AT 11 a.m.

Speakers include Pastors W. R. Jones and J. J. Way.
Convener: Pastor H. W. Greenway.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

3 p.m. Convention and Healing Service.

Speakers: Pastor S. Gorman and
Elim Missionaries on furlough.
Convener: Pastor J. J. Morgan
(President of the Elim Churches).

7 p.m. Evangelistic Rally

Conducted by Pastor P. S. Brewster.
Subject: "The World's Midnight Hour"

COME—AND BRING AN UNCONVERTED FRIEND!

SPECIAL FEATURES

Musical Programmes at 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Massed Elim Youth Choirs and London Crusader
Choir directed by Pastor D. B. Gray.
Thrilling Testimonies.
Opportunity for those seeking Divine Healing
and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

RESERVED SEATS

Seats may be reserved in Boxes and Stalls at
2/6 per seat per meeting. Apply to Elim Head-
quarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4,
enclosing stamped addressed envelope with
remittance.

COACH TRAVEL

Bookings of Special coaches should be made
immediately. Please arrange for them to arrive
in time for the Trafalgar Square meeting.

CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS

Parties of eight or more travelling together and
returning the same day, may obtain return
tickets at single fare plus one half, provided
application is made before the day of travel.

Refreshments on the premises.

Doors open one hour before each meeting.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

A Page of News conducted by Pastor G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary)

. . . PRAY YE . . . GIVE YE . . . GO YE . . .

India - Invading a Centre of Demon Worship

Miss E. Wriglesworth

(United Provinces)

Last week in answer to a medical call we visited a Brahmin home thirty miles away. We travelled by 'bus as far as possible, then when we alighted were met by the head of the Hindoo home and several coolies to carry our baggage. The trek took us through dense jungle and a hilly, stony district. After an hour trampling under the hot sun we were beginning to wilt, when we saw in the distance the roofs of the buildings. We found a large well-built house with separate buildings for the servants and cattle. There were between forty and fifty men and women serving in that place, and people from the villages six and eight miles away were all bringing in the crops and goods

belonging to this wealthy landowner, but we were to discover that this place was the very seat of Satan.



Miss E. Wriglesworth

Outside the room where we were accommodated was a black idol with white eyes, placed in a white cement enclosure. Every day this idol was worshipped and food placed before it. At night it was put to bed and for half an hour a light was placed beside it. Later, we discovered a

large worship house in which was the idol of their goddess Devi. This image was about two feet high and was fully clothed and adorned with gold earrings, bracelets and nose jewel. We were not supposed to see this idol as we would have defiled the place.

On the first evening we gave a Bible reading for the three Christians who were working there, but apart from our ministry to these three, we were not allowed to preach. With great difficulty we managed to distribute eight copies of St. Luke's Gospel and a few tracts. The headman accepted a Gospel out of politeness and because we were his guests. He said all religions are alike, but when I spoke to him of Christ the Son of God, crucified and risen and the glorious knowledge of sins forgiven, a great fear gripped him and was portrayed on his face. Naomi (the Bible-woman) and I were there for four days, pressed in with the darkness of evil spirits. It was indeed the very seat of Satan! Bells were rung, horns blown and water poured out to their idols. One young woman was demon-possessed.

On the 4th day arrangements were made for us to leave and this time I passed through the hills on horseback,

accompanied by servants who carried a gun in case we met an unwelcome tiger or some other wild beast. We arrived at the place where we were to get the bus and found it was not running. We were four Christians and one Hindoo and had no alternative but to sleep through the cold night under a roof of dried leaves, with the stars peeping through, and the fresh wind blowing around us because there were no sides to the lean-to. Naomi and I had the comfort of a string bed each, and the men had a ground-sheet. We took snatches of sleep and arose about 6 a.m. as the dawn broke through. While there we were privileged to preach to forty villagers and coolies and I handed out a number of Gospels. Then, there by the road-side I opened up my medical box and doled out quinine tablets, cleaned dirty sores and running ears, and showed these benighted, ignorant souls something of the love of God. At 7.45 a truck appeared. I pulled up the driver and asked how far he was going and to my delight he said, "Dudhi." He had a full load on already, but our baggage was piled on top of the sacks, plus Naomi, and I sat in front.

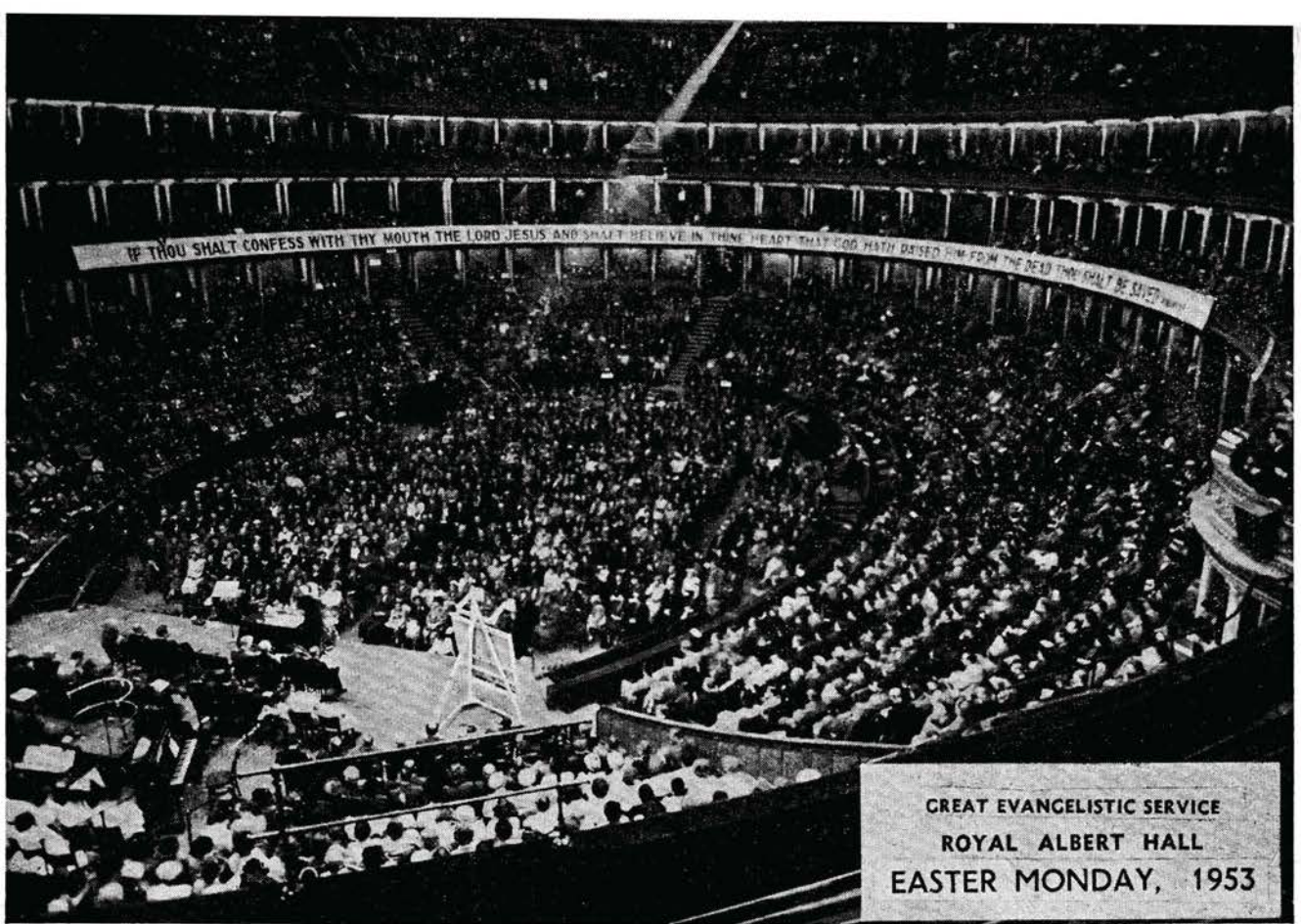
It is under such conditions and difficulties that we reach out to these people; many of them are friendly, a few hostile, but all steeped in Hinduism, ready to say "yes" when we speak to them about Christ and His salvation, but actually unmoved in heart. We would that you prayed for us in this work and for the Brahmin whom we visited as we feel he is bound to work against us, but God is sufficient for all circumstances.

Another Elim Missionary Returns to the Field

A Missionary Valedictory Service was held in the Elim Church, Finsbury Park, on February 27th, to bid God-speed to Miss A. M. Buckler, honorary Elim missionary to India, who is returning to that land following a brief furlough in this country. The meeting was supported by: Pastors J. Way, G. Hillman, F. Coleman and G. H. Thomas. The Leyton Elim Ladies' Choir rendered appropriate items in song.

We were impressed by Miss Buckler's cheerful spirit and disregard for hardships on the mission field, and one felt her heart was in India and that she longed to get back to the people she loves.

A number of relatives and friends met at Waterloo Station on March 7th to see Miss Buckler on her way to Southampton where she embarked for India and another term of service in that needy land. Our sister will value prayer on her behalf as she again takes up her work.



Revival in London

By the Editor

Elim as a Movement was born in revival. Right from the earliest days of its life and work it breathed the fervent atmosphere of evangelistic campaigns, and saw some wonderful manifestations of the power of the Spirit in swaying crowds of men and women and bringing them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The present worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the marvellous manifestations of the power of the Risen Christ in the healing of the sick in the great campaigns throughout the world, bring a thrill of joy to every member of every Elim congregation, for still today Elim breathes the very spirit of evangelism and of revival.

Not the least among the thrills of the Elim folk has been the joy of witnessing, and in some small part helping in, the great Crusade now in progress in the Haringay Arena. Many of our people from different parts of the country have come to London to share in the blessing of those momentous meetings.

But every year at Eastertide crowds of Elim folk from all over the British Isles have gathered in the great Royal Albert Hall for the annual Easter Festival in that vast auditorium. It has been our privilege

each year to see many make their decision for Christ, as the Elim evangelists have preached the Word and made their appeal for decision. Again this year we shall meet in that familiar Hall, and hear again the message from some of our leading brethren resound throughout its boxes and balconies. We shall hear the thrilling songs of the massed choirs as they waft us on their wings of songs to the very gate of heaven.

This year tremendous interest and expectation have been aroused in the great campaign by Billy Graham, and we have been glad to know that Elim people have joined in the crowds that have thronged the Arena. For three months the campaign will continue in that place, and no doubt many more Elim friends from round about will converge on that sacred spot.

But there is one matter that concerns us all. Out of that period of three months in which folk can go to hear this world-famous Evangelist and to share in the campaign, there is but one single day on which we can share in the blessings of the great Royal Albert Hall meetings. It is with a keen appreciation of the loyalty of the Elim family everywhere that we appeal to you one and all to help us to make this year's Festival the best yet. Last year the meetings





were the best since the war, and we can confidently look forward to Eastertide this year in expectation of it being the climax to several years of increasing congregations in London's Mecca of Elim evangelism.

Thousands will be coming to Billy Graham's meetings from all parts of the country, but it would be a fine gesture if every member of every Elim congregation concentrated on making this Easter Monday in this famous Hall the most memorable one in the annals of Elim. If every Elim Church doubled last year's coach party—everyone bringing an unconverted friend with them, and making it a matter of fervent prayer, this year's meetings could be a breath of revival from heaven.

Then there is the unique opportunity afforded by the great open air witness in Trafalgar Square. To gather at this famous spot right in the heart of London, and to see the crowds all around the Square, spilling all over the area, all around the fountains, all around the base of Nelson's column, intently listening to the Word of Life being sounded out from the loudspeakers operating from the mike conveniently placed to catch the voice of the speaker and the voices of the singers, is to share in the thrill of a worthwhile Christian witness. You must really

join us this year. Get your coach driver to put your party down right on the spot, and come and share in this open air witness in the heart of London.

Campaigns and campaigners come and go, but the witness of Elim's Easter Monday demonstration will, God willing, go on from year to year until the trumpet sounds for the great rally of all the redeemed in the air at the coming of our blessed Lord.

Let there be such a concentration of loyalty, love, and liberty in this year's Easter meetings in London that will long live in memory and in experience, and provide a deep sense of spiritual satisfaction as we look back over the days to that wonderful time together.

MONDAY

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Pastor
P. S. Brewster



Pastor S. Gorman

This year's Speakers at the Easter Monday Rally

Fellowship Meeting

A note of triumph was sounded at the recent annual Fellowship Meeting when it was intimated that the blessing of the Lord had rested upon the activities at Ilford during the past year under the faithful ministry of Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

A good company gathered to hear the reports that were given and it was revealed that steady progress had been attained in the various spheres of service connected with the Church.

A net gain in Church membership of four was reported in spite of a few losses, incurred.

Eleven candidates had been baptised.

All the offerings, including Home and Overseas Missionary Funds, had been generously supported.

The work amongst the young people showed a definite forward move.

The Sunday School had doubled its scholars, mainly by the addition of children from new estates, who are being brought to the services by some of our members with their own cars, and taken home after the services are over. These new scholars are very keen to get along to the services, and have shown eagerness to enter the Sunday School Examination.

The biennial election of Deacons was held at this meeting, and the Secretary expressed the assembly's thanks to Pastor Magee for his untiring devotion to the Church, and also to Mrs. Magee for her willing service.

Pastor Magee thanked all who had served the Church in any capacity, and all the members for their continued generosity to the Church funds.

Afterwards a time of refreshment served to bring the members into closer fellowship, and terminated a happy time spent together in the presence of the Lord.

R. Walden.

Kingstanding marches on

Great blessing continues to follow the faithful ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Morrison at Kingstanding, who recently celebrated their third anniversary, when the Deacons took the evening service.

It was a great joy to see the church packed to capacity for the Sunday School Prize Distribution, when Mrs. Morrison gave a grand message on "Hands."

Since then the Fellowship Meeting has been held, it was well attended and there was a lovely atmosphere, and much praise went forth as the very encouraging reports were given from each department.

The Sunday following will long be remembered for its great spiritual wealth, and the day closed on a wonderful note of praise as the right-hand of fellowship was given to twenty new members. To God be all the glory.

—E. W. Long.

LATE NEWS

The following comes to hand as we go to press :

Salford Elfm Church crowded to capacity for Saturday night rally. Over 100 turned away. 44 converts.

—Woodhead.

Growing Old

*This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.*

*What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honourable they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.*

*Why should I care if time's old plough
Has left its furrows on my brow?
What though my tongue refuse to talk?
What though I falter in my walk?
I still can tread the narrow way,
I still can watch, and praise, and pray.*

*My hearing may not be as keen
As in the past it may have been;
Still I can hear my Saviour say
In whispers soft, "This is the Way."*

*The outward man, do what I can
To lengthen out his life's short span,
Shall perish and return to dust
As everything in nature must.
The inward man, the Scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day;
Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Saviour's fold?*

*Ere long my soul shall fly away
And leave this tenement of clay,
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize,
I'll meet you on the streets of gold
And prove that I'm not growing old.*

—Contributed by Mr. J. B. Holt,
who was 86 on August 31st, 1953.

Posters, Window Bills, and Folders announcing the Easter Monday Meetings in London are now obtainable from Elfm Headquarters.

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

Allow me to introduce Pastor T. W. Walker, member of the Elim Youth Committee, and the Editor of the TEACHERS' HANDBOOK. He was educated at Riley High School, Hull, and tells me "succeeded in outwitting the educational authorities to the extent of passing the matric. exam with distinctions in languages, English, German and French, and Maths." From school he went to work in the "Land of Green Ginger" (the name of the street where his firm—Estate Agents—was located). Met his wife at an Elim Youth Camp (good recommendation, fellows, for this year's camps). Entered Elim ministry in 1942, studied at the London Missionary School of Medicine. Pastor Walker is the proud father of four children—so these words are not idle words!

OUR TEACHERS' HANDBOOK—Here's My View!

This publication has three great merits to commend its use by all our Sunday School teachers. It is guaranteed to cover our doctrinal beliefs, being fundamental and fully pentecostal. This is one of the main reasons for its being compiled. The Handbook is, in addition, systematic, seeking to lead the children's thoughts along a planned course of study. It is also comprehensive, covering, over several years, the main contents of the Bible. Some, who do not use our Handbook would find that this latter point is one on which it is easy to fail if they were carefully to examine the subjects they have dealt with over a period.

Let it be clearly recognised that our Handbook does not pretend to give the lesson in the form in which it should be presented to the children. As its name conveys, it is a TEACHERS' HANDBOOK. By dealing with topics at this level, and by suggesting suitable background and illustrative material, it assists the teacher to widen the field covered by weekly ministry to the boys and girls. The actual development and portrayal of the subjects dealt with are in the hands of the teacher's personal desire and enthusiasm.

Illustrative lesson-aids should play an increasing rôle in our schools. Pooling of flannelgraphs, cut-outs, drawings and models by the whole school should be encouraged. Do your best to follow the hints given in the Handbook. Simple, direct illustration is required—over-elaboration can draw attention to the method instead of to the message.

Rather than tackling the week's lesson at one sitting, try to develop the habit of dealing with a little each day. Put the newspaper down and spend that ten minutes on your lesson! Read the three sections given in the Handbook before settling on the one intended for your age-group. The daily portions of Scripture will be found a

great help in gaining an understanding of the background of the lesson. Read the passages denoted at the beginning of each week's notes several times. It is amazing how much will be brought back to your mind when you speak to the children. Such preparation will enable the Spirit of God to use you far more than by your turning up on Sunday afternoon with an approximate idea of what the lesson is about. Having read the notes and the Bible references, put them aside and begin to build up your message, using Handbook and Bible as reference books. The use of notes before the lesson is much to be desired, but it is usually best to speak without the aid of notes when face to face with the class.

Do not omit to use one of your strongest aids—Prayer. Intercede for your class as a whole and as individuals. If you are burdened with one or two troublesome children, pray definitely for a wise means of dealing with them. Your work is cumulative, long-term and painstaking—pray for grace and believe that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

TIPS for TEACHERS.

"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Rather stiff? Yet they are found in Jeremiah xlviii. 10 (margin).

How can I avoid becoming negligent in Sunday School work?

1. Prepare yourself by prayer.
2. Prepare your lesson by serious study.
3. Reserve one evening each week for preparation.
4. Each Sunday's Lesson should be in your thoughts the previous Monday.

Pontardulais—Pastor Phillip J. Brewer is soon to become closely related to a member of the Elim Youth Committee and that may have been an added incentive for his comprehensive Youth report—

Sunday School. No classrooms in your church? "Large curtain has made it possible for us to divide the hall into six classrooms for correctly graded classes."

Sunshine Corner. Commenced as a result of a campaign by Pastor Peter Rammell. "We announced that Sunshine Corner badges would be given to those children who wanted to join the week they attended for the sixth time." Forty badges distributed—more on order.

Other Youth activities include Boys' Guild, Junior and Senior Crusaders, and from each the main Church derives more benefit every week. We are encouraged by this report, "and the end is not yet"—good work Pontardulais.

Merthyr Tydfil—Pastor Peter Rammell conducted a Children's Campaign last November and since then "we have not looked back," writes Mr. Bain the Sunday School Superintendent. The Sunshine Corner meeting numbers fifty and half that number are Roman Catholic children. This is pioneer work and we rejoice with this branch.

GOOD NEWS TO REPORT.

Remember the item on *The Bible and Modern Science*, referring to a book of that name by Dr. L. Merson Davies? Pastor H. Palliser of Edinburgh, who knows Dr. Davies, has kindly informed us that this book is now obtainable at 6/- from Messrs. T. & A. Constable, Ltd., Edinburgh, who reprinted the book last summer.

Thank you for the good news and your interest, Pastor Palliser.

NEXT WEEK—an open letter to the Elim Youth Movement from the National Youth Secretary.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor T. W. Walker.

SUNDAY, March 28th. John xi. 47-57.

"One man should die for the people" (v. 50).

No wonder Pilate was to cry in indignation, "What evil hath He done?" The result of the mighty miracle of Lazarus's resurrection was the shady council meeting at which the ill-famed high priest, Caiaphas, prophesied the death of Jesus. Frightened of the Romans, jealous for their own positions and traditions, it was a simple expedient to crucify one Man. It mattered not that He was God's Son for whom the Jews had waited and watched for centuries. It is a sobering thought that they unknowingly fulfilled the plan of God. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee" (Ps. lxxvi. 10).

MONDAY, March 29th. John xii. 1-19.

"Let her alone" (v. 7).

Again in our portion there are sad comments upon human nature. There is the mercenary Judas, aghast at good money being apparently thrown away. Then the wicked leaders reveal their villainy by contemplating the murder of Lazarus. We can also see the crowd cheering the Hero of the moment. Do not miss John's honest and wry comment of verse 16—even the disciples did not understand. Human standards cease to have significance when a soul is worshipping and when a Saviour is about to die. Mary received that splendid commendation, "She hath done what she could" (Mark xiv. 8). Have I?

TUESDAY, March 30th. John xii. 20-36.

"Sir, we would see Jesus" (v. 21).

It is said that this text was painted on the inside of a certain pulpit visible only to the one who was to minister. Zacchæus was anxious "to see Jesus who He was" (Luke xix. 3). The people in our reading were not similarly disposed (v. 34); they wanted a popular leader of their own contriving, a triumphant Messiah who would overthrow prælate and procurator. They could not conceive of a crucified leader. "My ways are not your ways," we can hear the prophet sighing. Men do not want to behold our version of truth, our presentation, so much as they need to be brought into personal contact with the Saviour.

WEDNESDAY, March 31st. John xii. 37-50.

"They did not confess Him" (v. 42).

Conjecture as to what might have happened, had these Obadiah's boldly come out on the side of Christ, is very disturbing. We know what was the will of God, but the heavy burden of the Lord might yet have been eased had there been open support for Him in the council. The simplest way to deny Christ is to say that we will let our lives tell the story, and seal our lips. Ponder the words, "For they loved the praise of men" (v. 43); this comes home to us all. May we be given grace to say, "I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. xiii. 6).

THURSDAY, April 1st. John xiii. 1-17.

"Happy are ye if ye do them" (v. 17).

We are always careful to stress that the Lord Jesus is Divine, our Saviour and King, and that the Christian life only begins when we decide for Him. Let us take care, however, that we do not neglect the fact that He is our Example as well. Having been saved, we must then follow. It is not enough to go as far as is expected; we must measure up to the standard of Christ as He reveals Himself and His faithful life in the Bible. We should keep a careful watch on our critical tongues and should discover less opportunity for backbiting if we kept this always before us. We must be doers as well as hearers.

FRIDAY, April 2nd. John xiii. 18-30.

"Went immediately out" (v. 30).

It seems incredible that from amongst the disciples there should be found a traitor to do the bidding of the Jewish leaders they having commanded that the presence of Jesus should be reported to them as soon as it was known (chapter xi. 57). Judas had allowed the evil suggestion (v. 2) to grip his mind and, though he had seen the Lord wash his feet, he gave himself over to Satan's desire (v. 27). It has been argued that he wanted to force the Lord's hand to declare His Kingship but, be that as it may, he immediately sacrificed fellowship when his mind was made up, not because he was thrust out but because he felt he must. A weighted conscience is a grievous companion.

SATURDAY, April 3rd. John xiii. 31-38.

"Wilt thou . . . ?" (v. 38).

The three verse cameo of human emotion finds an echo in all our lives. Who has not promised undying devotion to the Lord—and then failed Him at the first opportunity? Was Peter insincere?—no, he was, rather, premature. He promised martyrdom (a promise which he eventually fulfilled) in his own strength, in the passion of a moment. The tremendous thing is that, though he did deny, literally as the Lord said he would, he found a place of repentance and power (John xxi. and Acts ii.). We must not treat our failures lightly, but what a consolation it is to know that, if we sin in denying Him, He yet loves us and will help us to repent and to find new power.

COMING EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM. Commencing March 26. Elim Church, Graham Street. Spiritual Conference. Public Meetings each night at 7.30. Opportunity for Divine Healing and the Baptism in the Spirit.

EAST HAM. March 21. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Pastor J. T. Bradley. March 27 to April 1, Pastor S. Gorman. Special Services for the deepening of spiritual life, Sundays 11 and 6.30 p.m. Week-nights 7.30.

HALIFAX. April 3-8. Elim Church, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Spring Convention. Special speaker: Pastor Selwyn Homer. Sat. 7. Sun. 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights at 7.30. Convener: Pastor John Gardiner.

ILFORD. April 10 & 11. Elim Church, Scafton Road. Sat. 7.30. Missionary Film. Sun. 11 & 6.30, Pastor L. Wigglesworth.

MANSFIELD. April 7. Clarkson Street Hall. Sisterhood Anniversary. 3 and 7 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Wildgoose, Ashby.

MANSFIELD. April 11. Elim Church, Clarkson Street Hall. Visit of Slavic Camp Evangelistic Team. 11, 6.30 & 8.15. Leader, Mr. Geo. Cooke. Convener: Pastor J. C. Mulvagh.

OLDHAM. March 27-April 1. Opening of new Elim Church, Woodstock Street, Sat. at 3, also at 7 p.m.: Speaker: Pastor J. Dyke (Vice-President). (Cups of tea between services for visitors). Sun. 11 & 6.30, Pastor B. J. Hopkins. 3, Divine Healing Service, conducted by Pastor John Woodhead. Meetings Moo., Tues. and Thurs. at 7.30.

READING. March 27-30. Elim Church, Waylen Street. Re-opening of church after extensive alterations to front, and Church Silver Jubilee. Sat. 3.30 & 7. Sun. 11 & 6.30. Mon. 7. Tues. 7.30. Special speakers: Pastors H. W. Greenway, L. C. Quest & L. N. Knipe.

SWINDON. April 11-18. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. Coming of Age celebrations. Pastor L. V. Tiller (Palestine Costume and Custom addresses). Sun. 11 & 6.30. Week-nights 7.30.

TANDERAGEE, CARGANS. Now proceeding. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Miss M. J. Linton. Sundays and week-nights at 8 p.m. (Wed. and Sats. excepted).

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

The National Youth Secretary will visit the following churches: March 27-28, Hove. 30-31, Bristol. April 4, Englefield Green. 5, Ealing. 10, Leigh-on-Sea. 11, Chelmsford. 12, Rayleigh. 25-26, Canning Town.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo will visit the following churches, and where convenient will show films of his work on the mission field:

March 27, Hornsey. 28 & 29, Clapham. 30, Hayes. April 1, Hendon. 4, Islington. 6, Kingston. 8, Rye Park. 10 & 11, Ilford. 13, Woolwich. 18, Canning Town. 25, Eastbourne.

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—W. G. Hathaway.

WITHOUT

THERE are very few things these days that can be had without money and without work. Food, shelter, clothing, transport, and in fact, anything of any value at all must be worked for and paid for. Yet, how few believe that the most valuable thing this life can offer is absolutely free! It is salvation, the gift of God: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Acts viii. 20); for it is God's free gift to man. Man receives salvation by faith, by believing on the only begotten Son of God.

A gift is given in love without any strings attached to it. A love gift is not given on a conditional basis, but should be given mainly because one loves. Salvation is without money and without price. One does not work for it, he does no penance, he sells nothing and buys nothing, for salvation is without price. "The Son of God loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. ii. 20). Jesus paid the price of our redemption, our salvation, with His own precious Blood poured out on Calvary. "One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John xix. 34).

Salvation is without works: "Not of works lest any man should boast" (Eph. ii. 9). It is not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy that God saved us. A sinner cannot produce good works for all he has done is done in sin, and sin is not acceptable to God. Cain, bringing the work of his hands before the Lord, was rejected, because God demanded the shed blood, God still demands the shed blood of Christ as atonement for sin. All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags in God's sight. We have nothing to boast of but are sinful from head to foot. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores" (Isa. i. 6). Christ finished the work of redemption upon Calvary's Cross when He said, "It is finished," and then died. There is nothing now for us to do but believe in our heart and confess with our mouth (Rom. x. 9).

The most valuable thing a person can possess is everlasting life, and to think it is ours for the asking—for the accepting! "Believe on (accept) the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31).

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Hall: Halstead.—On March 6th, at Elim Church, Bolton, by Pastor T. W. Walker, George Albert Hall to Gladys Halstead.

WITH CHRIST

Bartlett.—On January 17th, Levi Bartlett, aged 70, father of Hilda and Olive. Funeral conducted by Pastor James McAvoyn.

Clarke.—On March 4th, Leslie Clarke, of Preston Park, Brighton, aged 56. Funeral conducted by Pastors H. A. Court and W. G. Hathaway.

Gardener.—On March 2nd, Charles Gardener, aged 80, one of the original members of Elim Church, Graham Street, Birmingham. Funeral conducted by Pastor John Dyke.

Gosling.—On March 12th, May Gosling, aged 73, faithful member of Elim Church, Ilford, and beloved wife of J. W. Gosling, chief usher and deacon for many years past. Funeral conducted by Pastors A. J. K. Magee, J. C. Kennedy and H. A. Court.

White.—On March 2nd, in her sleep, Alice White, aged 74, one of the first members of Elim Church, Graham Street, Birmingham. Funeral conducted by Pastor John Dyke.

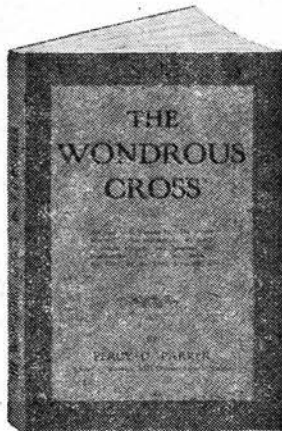
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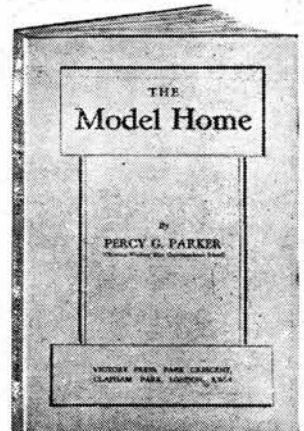


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