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SUNSET AT LEIGH-ON-SEA

[George Stormont.

It is low tide, and in a few hours the incoming tide will lift these cockle bawleys, to set off for their fishing grounds.

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



Musical Life within the Swedish Pentecostal Movement

By Karl - Erik Svedlund (Music Director, Filadelfia Church, Stockholm)

As I have been asked to write a little article on the musical side of our work here in Sweden, I do it gladly and consider it an honour as well.

I well remember the visit here of the splendid London Crusader Choir and also the much appreciated visit of Rev. Douglas B. Gray and Rev. Ernest J. Phillips in November last.

As I have the privilege of serving the Swedish Pentecostal Movement on the musical side, I will just let you have a few glimpses of this work of ours.

During the last decade there has been a lively debate in the religious field regarding the character of spiritual song. The High Church people emphasise that the spiritual song must be objective, superpersonal, and ought not primarily to contain any emotional factors, not primarily to express the feelings of the

human heart in regard to eternal things, but provide an expression for these permanent unlimited realities without any subjective adornments. On the whole our opinion is the opposite. Pentecostal music is decidedly subjective, and expresses in a very high degree the very personal reactions of the human heart before that which is eternal: struggle, agony, jubilation, joy over personally received remission of sins, and so on.

Further, the High Church people consider the **static** elements of the spiritual song, that is, its contemplative and meditative features, a **resting power** we could perhaps say, to be a good proof of spirituality. Here, too, we Pentecostals have a contrary opinion. We think that our music mainly ought to be **dynamic**, that is **power in motion**. This dynamic power, which is characteristic of the Pentecostal Movement as such, comes to expression in triumphant string band songs, in rhythmic, steady marches for brass bands, and in greater rhapsodies over spiritual songs for solo, choir and orchestra, where especially the dynamic dramatic element is accentuated.

The Pentecostals love singing and music. "Revival creates song," Pastor Pethrus has said, and by the grace of God our musical life in Sweden has developed quite a bit. There are at present between ninety and one hundred thousand pentecostals in all, and about twenty thousand of these are active members of string bands, choirs, brass bands, etc. The string bands count as a rule thirty to forty members and their instruments are: guitars, violins, cello, counter bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone.

We have a special monthly for our singers, *The Herald of Song*, which also contains supplements consisting of loose-leaf hymn sheets with songs and music for string bands. We started this loose-leaf series in 1948, and in six years we have published in all 1,250,000 copies of these loose-leaf hymn sheets. Now we print about 250,000 copies every year.

During the last seventy years choir singing has greatly developed. We have mixed choirs, as well as ladies' choirs and male choirs. The Filadelfia Publishing House has pub-

lished different collections of songs for them all.

In Einar Ekberg, soloist of the Filadelfia Church of Stockholm from 1925 to 1948, the Swedish Pentecostal Movement has had a first-class solo-singer. He has been called "the church singer of all Sweden." Nowadays Ekberg has settled in U.S.A., but almost every year he tours in Sweden. His successor in Filadelfia, Stockholm, Göran Stenlund, is also a very good vocal artist.

Since 1947 the different song leaders from all over the country gather for a conference every year. Then we pray, discuss our problems and have practice. Most of the song leaders are amateurs and want to develop their musical skill.

Something most interesting is the Pentecostal Minister's Choir having a membership of about 250, and gathering for conference a full week every year. Then we practise during the day and have a revival meeting each evening.

At Filadelfia, Stockholm, we go in for singing and music very much. Our pastor, Lewi Pethrus, is a very gifted speaker, leader and so on, but he also has a very prominent musical gift, and is a lover of singing and music. I ought perhaps to mention that he is the one who has published the Swedish Pentecostal Hymnal, "Victory Tunes," the editions of which have been very large. He also has written several beautiful hymns, loved and sung by all Swedish Pentecostals.

His assistant, Rev. Allan Törnberg, is also a very good musician and has written several songs, which are much loved. Everybody understands that the musical life of the Church has been stimulated through this. In our Church we have, if we include the out-stations, about 1,300 singers in string bands, mixed choir, male choir, brass band, orchestra, and musical groups among the children in Sunday School.

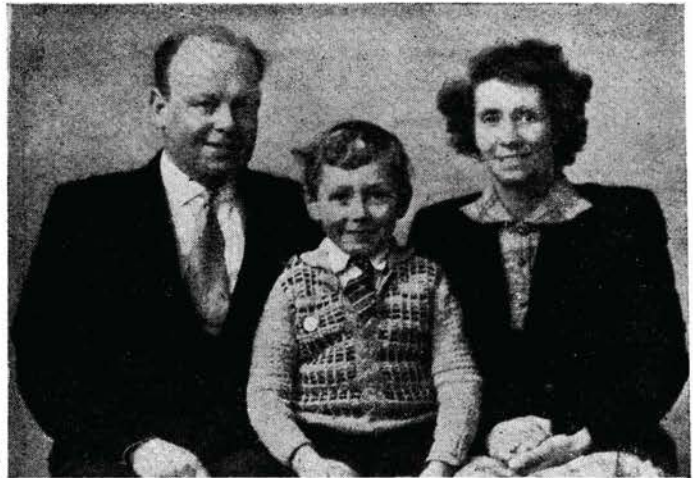
I consider it a great privilege to have a share in this work—yes, grace upon grace—and no man shall have the honour for what possibly has been accomplished and for the blessings received through our singing and music. To God alone be the glory for it all!

Family Affairs

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ingram, and their son Paul, have recently left this country for Canada. For many years they have been associated with the Elim Church in Springbourne, Bournemouth. They have been most keen in their work among the young people in the Church, and Mr. Ingram's smiling face will be missed by many visitors to the church, who appreciated his leading of chorus singing on Sunday evenings. They will be taking membership with the Pentecostal Church in Hamilton.

Congratulations to Pastor R. Chapman on his appointment as the first minister of the Elim Church in York to be elected as President of the York Free Church Federal Council.

Congratulations, and compliments, to Pastor H. A. Court



Mr. and Mrs. B. Ingram and Paul.



moved to a tumbledown cottage in the country. Later her father and mother died. In view of the extremely critical state of the property she unsuccessfully applied for a Council bungalow. After Pastor Anthony had seen the place, he informed the authorities he would hold them responsible if she were injured in the collapse of the cottage. So, in answer to prayer, she is happily settled in her bungalow.

A very profitable meeting of the D.C. of the South London A.o.G. and the South London Presbytery of Elim was recently held in the A.o.G. Bible School at Kenley, with members of these two fellowships.

Left: Group of ministers at the united meeting of Elim and A.o.G. South London Presbyteries at Kenley Bible School.

Bottom: Pastor R. B. Chapman signing the Register on the occasion of his appointment as President of the York Free Church Council.

who, this month, completes twenty years as Editor of the YOUNG FOLKS' EVANGEL. Is this a record?

Mr. Frank Brown, well known to many at Clapham in the days before the war, has taken up an appointment in Government service on the Gold Coast. We wish him well in his new sphere of labour.

If ministers who change their addresses will kindly notify us, we will be glad to publish an intimation of such changes in our columns.

Good news comes to hand of interesting itineraries by Elim missionaries throughout our churches. Keen interest is always shown in the splendid work done by these valiant Crusaders for Christ.

Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. John Lancaster on the birth of their lovely boy, John Timothy.

Miss Kitty Herbert, of South Easter, near Chelmsford, writes to express thanks to God for answered prayer. She and her parents were bombed out during the war, and re-



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EDITORIAL

THE CASE FOR DIVINE HEALING

Now that the Churches in many denominations have become healing conscious, and many of them have commenced services of prayer and ministry to the sick, it is not surprising that the critics have been busy. One of the higher forms of criticism is, as we know, to "explain away" the truth, and to find an answer to all the miracles of the New Testament in some psychological process which satisfies the natural mind, but which can never lead us back to a repetition of those miraculous happenings.

Reading, the other day, an article by the Rev. James Green, D.D., entitled "The Ministry of Healing," and published in *The British Messenger*, a magazine published by the Stirling Tract Enterprise, we were surprised to read a denial of some things which have become precious not only to those ministers who practise the laying on of hands, but to those who have received direct, immediate, and lasting physical benefit from it.

The writer, dealing with the doctrine of the "Laying on of Hands" comes to the question of the "Biblical method of performing that duty." Referring to "the methods used by those who represent religion today," he writes: "If by Biblical we mean that the phrase 'to lay on hands' occurs, then it is Biblical, but I am not persuaded that that is what the Reformed Church means when it says that a certain act or point of view is Biblical. Rather, what is meant is that the act or point of view is identical with, or in accordance with, the spirit of the Biblical passage referred to. The 'Laying on of Hands', as at present practised, fulfils neither of these conditions. An examination of the relevant passages in the Gospels shows that there it was a spontaneous gesture of compassion and affection, just as we would put our arm round the shoulder of one stricken with grief, or would hold the hand of some very sick person. Present-day practice lacks not the motive of compassion but the spontaneity. It is compassion formalised, and as such has taken the first step on the road to magic in the popular mind."

To say the very least, we are surprised that Dr. Green should have penned these words. Does he consider that

every form of spiritual ministry should be spontaneous and never formalised? If so, why should ministers follow a prescribed form of Service every Sunday, and why should so much of the Christian ministry depend on formalised matter and methods? Why, too, did Jesus Himself command His disciples to "lay hands on the sick and they shall recover?" Why, too, docs James in his epistle, in the fifth chapter, tell the Christian believers that if there were any sick among them they should "call for the elders" who should then "pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord"? Surely, this is compassion formalised into an ordinance, and a privileged one at that.

No! I am afraid we must definitely disagree with our learned Doctor. The laying on of hands as at present practised in the Pentecostal Movement throughout the world has brought marvellous miracles of healing, outstanding demonstrations of Divine power, to countless thousands in every land. The miraculous evidences following the Divine healing ministry of many of God's servants today are not done in a corner, but are witnessed in public halls and churches everywhere.

There is a growing army of men and women who have been Divinely delivered by this modern method of laying on of hands—not merely a "putting an arm around their shoulder" as Dr. Green suggests—proving by the Divine attestation of this method that we are on the Royal Road. Of so many Divine healing ministries and missions today it can be said as it was said of the Apostles, "The Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following" (Mark xiv. 20).

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We wish to express our warmest thanks to those who have helped forward the work by the following anonymous gifts:

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Beacon on a Hill

Our Elim Church is like, to me, a jewel set in a miry sea. It was there my inheritance I did seek. Praise God! the Lord my need did meet.

It shines like a beacon on a hill, and opens its doors to all that will come and give themselves to Thee; finding peace and security.

For it's there the blessed Three in One; Father, Holy Ghost and Son, will take you up and set you free, giving you the victory.

That you may go and bear the Word to those around who have not heard; bringing glory to His name; saving souls from sin and shame.

Friend, to Elim come with me, and meet the Lord on bended knee. He'll cleanse your heart and you'll be blessed. Give Him your life, He'll do the rest.

—A Liverpool Crusader.

Why doesn't God do something about World Affairs?

By Ronald Reid (Elim Church, Portadown)

IT WAS A YOUNG MAN who asked me the question and I have good reason to believe that he was absolutely sincere. It has occurred to me since that there may be many others who are asking the same question, but with an entirely different attitude. Bystanders have watched with critical interest the unsuccessful attempts of men for peace; they have listened with the same critical interest to the Gospel preacher, either at a street meeting or in a church service. They make bold to inform us that they have failed to see in any camp, political, social or religious, the expected revolution, and so with petrifying scorn has come the question: Why doesn't God do something about world affairs?

The question reveals an indisputable fact—something is wrong in the world today. Britain and America may be free from the domination of Communism, but certainly not free from the insidious power of sin. Our so-called free world today is more in bondage than we care to confess. The morals of a nation are the things that really count. 1953 statistics of crime in America, issued by the F.B.I., are reckoned to be the highest in the nation's history. Viscount Samuel, speaking in the House of Lords recently, said: "The dogmas of Heaven and Hell no longer control our conduct." "The vices of Sodom and Gomorrah are rife among us." In Britain the question of increased homosexuality is causing great anxiety. Sin, like a great fire, is rapidly devouring the souls of men. These facts may prove fatal! Why then, doesn't God do something about it all? Do not suppose for a moment, critical friend, that we are without an answer to your question. There is an answer most definite and sure, beyond dispute. I propose to give it to you in three parts. Firstly, **GOD HAS ALREADY DONE SOMETHING.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John iii. 16). At no time from the creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden until this present moment has God turned a blind eye to the affairs of man. No eye is so far-seeing as the eye of God. It may interest you to know that God's chief interest has always been in man who was created in the image of God. God knew right well the course of events after the Fall, so when the fulness of time was come God sent forth His Son to redeem them that were under the Law. The ignominious death of Christ at Calvary was the laying of the only foundation for peace and happiness. God opened a door at Calvary. A door that leads to freedom and holiness, pardon and peace. God produced a remedy in the blood of Christ. God has done what man could never do. Despite the fact that this great truth is largely rejected by the nations today and relegated to a place of minor importance, it has nevertheless lost

none of its power. Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death, but a full-hearted repentance and a simple faith in the atonement of Jesus can still make a man what he ought to be. God has done something and although it has in many quarters been overlooked, the fact remains . . . Redemption has been provided! Let me hasten to say, that is not the end of it; not only has God done something, but **HE IS PRESENTLY DOING SOMETHING.** Jesus said: "The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end be" (Matt. xxiv. 14). God has not only provided a remedy, but is busy presenting it to whosoever will receive it. Hundreds of Missionary Societies are this day spreading the glorious Gospel message of peace and hope, but the world at large is refusing. God is calling for repentance through His ministers all over the land. If we fail to avail ourselves of what God has provided and is presently presenting, it is most unjust to charge God with indifference and disinterest. The wax of materialism has deafened the ears of the nations. The god of this world has blinded their minds, but God goes on calling with a louder voice than ever. God is presently doing something; and finally, **GOD WILL YET DO SOMETHING ABOUT WORLD AFFAIRS.** Again I quote the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Take heed unto yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life and so the day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come upon all those that dwell upon the face of the earth" (Luke xxi. 34, 35). What does all this mean? To put it plainly, Jesus is coming again! The New Testament has in the region of 318 references to this future event. Christ is going to take His own to Heaven for all eternity, but those who have treated the truth with scorn and laughed the laugh of the scorner shall in that day be brought before the Bar of God. Every knee must bow. We must all give an account. Hypocrites, Backsliders, Pretenders, Money-makers, Liars, and a multitude of others will then be exposed, condemned and eternally damned.

Unsaved reader! In the light of this tremendous fact, where will you stand if Jesus should come today? Where will you stand in that day? What will you say in defence of yourself at the Bar of God? God is doing something right now! Asking to come into your life. Waiting on you saying: "Yes, Lord, I surrender all. Come Thou into my heart." Make no mistake about it, God has His eye on the international situation! His only begotten Son is presently despised and rejected of man, but in a time to come He shall reign in power and everlasting peace shall be the rich portion of all His servants.



[Picture by courtesy of the "Observer, Leader, and Free Press, Pontypridd.]

The Rev. Ken Matthew addressing the assembled Sunday School members of Pontypridd at Ynysangharad Park, after a 4,000-strong march of witness. The Treforest Salvation Army Band are around the rostrum.

Tent Blown Down, but Campaign Went On

The decision to launch a campaign in Woolwich was taken after many months of waiting upon God. Therefore to some it might have appeared a hopeless setback when, on the morning of the opening day, the tent was blown down and badly damaged during a gale, but we stood firm on the promise in Romans viii. 28 ("All things work together for good to them that love God") and arrangements were made without delay to transfer the special meetings to the church.

The services were anointed of God and the ministry of Pastor Charles Kingston was charged with the power of the Holy Spirit. What a joy it was, following the faithful preaching of the Word of God to see each evening some needy soul finding Christ as Saviour or experiencing His touch of healing.

On the final evening, testimonies were given by those who had surrendered their lives to God during the campaign.

Much has been learned during these weeks about our individual responsibility, particularly to those newly won to the kingdom of God. We have seen God's power, we have seen men and women, young as well as old, coming to the Saviour in full surrender and we have been granted a new vision of the Christ of Calvary and His Divine compassion for humanity. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

First Year in New Home

Winson Green (Birmingham) reports a year of progress, beginning in May last year with the opening of a new church building after many years without a spiritual home. This was accomplished after months of untiring labours by Pastor L. T. Reeves and members of the Church, converting the building from a one-time café premises to a bright and attractive church.

During the year new members have been received into fellowship, a Sisterhood and Junior Crusader Branch have been commenced, and we have known the blessing of God resting upon us both spiritually and financially.

The first anniversary of the new church took the form of a Revival and Healing campaign. From the outset God was answering prayer and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit was evident.

Under the ministry of Pastor E. Scrivens, a number of souls were born again, and the assembly was sobered one evening when a stirring message was given revealing the reasons why revival was not found in the church. Many items in song, and healing testimonies were enjoyed from members of the Birmingham Presbytery, including a lively testimony from Mrs. Scrivens. The services were relayed

by loudspeaker to passers-by, and quite a number gathered to listen outside.

Swansea's Surprise Gift

The Elim Sisterhood, Swansea, recently prepared a pleasant surprise for their President, Mrs. A. V. Gorton, to celebrate her twenty-five years in the Elim ministry. After the afternoon service to which Pastor Gorton had been invited, Mrs. Gorton was presented with bouquets of roses and tulips, a cut-glass vase and a cheque by the Sisterhood Secretary. As a further surprise for Pastor and Mrs. Gorton the Sisterhood had prepared tea with a huge iced cake. Over seventy sisters took part in the celebrations, a very lovely time of fellowship. The Swansea sisters thanking God for the blessing experienced under the leadership of Mrs. Gorton, felt it a joy to express their love and appreciation.

ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

The Annual Conference of the Elim Pentecostal Churches was held at Elim Church, Leigh-on-Sea, from May 24th-27th.

The Conference, was opened by a Communion service and an address from Pastor D. W. Anthony of Chelmsford. Following business sessions, a three-day discussion was held on, "The spirits of the departed," "Angels", and "Evil spirits." These subjects were introduced by Pastors C. J. E. Kingston, H. Burton Haynes and Raphael Gasson

(former Spiritist medium, and author of "Challenging Counterfeits.") Much knowledge and spiritual profit was gained by those present.

Public meetings were held each evening except Monday. Pastors J. N. C. Eaton and H. Burton Haynes ministered the Word and Mr. Gasson told of his experiences and confession to Christ at an Elim gathering in the Central Hall, Westminster in 1947. Pastor S. Gorman made the appeal on that occasion and though sixteen hands were raised, Mr. Gasson's was not among them. Five years later he had the joy of telling Mr. Gorman there was a seventeenth that evening.

Leigh-on-Sea Sunday School

For the Sunday School Anniversary services, held in the Elim Church, Glendale Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea, the visiting speaker was Pastor Plowright, of Camberwell. He fascinated the children as he dramatically portrayed Bible stories, and the adults were as interested as the children. His talk to the adults on Sunday evening had a profound effect. At all the services the children gave songs and recitations. On Monday evening prizes were distributed for regular attendance to 170 scholars.

Recently a Ship-Ha'penny competition was introduced. Girls competed against boys, and after nine weeks the splendid sum of £9 2s. 4d. had been contributed, with the girls leading so far.



Group of members and friends of the Banbridge Assembly at the recent farewell to Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Holohan. Pastor W. George presided at the gathering.

From Religion to Christianity

This is a twentieth-century proof that to be religious does not mean that you are a Christian.

The month is February, 1953, and the story starts on a bus which is taking R.A.F. lads home for their week-end leave. Two of these lads find themselves sitting beside one another and soon they are talking together about things in general. Then one who is a Christian says quite abruptly that he believes God to be a living reality, and Jesus, who is the Son of God, to be a real Saviour from sin and self-righteousness.

The other lad, instead of changing the subject as is usual, seemed very interested and particularly at the mention of self-righteousness. During the next five minutes this young man said he was a church attender, he believed in God, and never committed any of the coarser crimes of life. But, he said, "I feel my life is really dead, and I don't seem to have any personal joy." A few minutes later, after the Christian lad had shown to him from the Scriptures that he needed to seek forgiveness, and live for Jesus every day instead of on Sundays only, they had a short word of prayer. Then, as the bus rattled on its journey, he asked God to help this seeking young fellow to find a true experience of Jesus. They arranged, on parting company, to go to the Lytham Camp Fellowship on the Tuesday evening. The lad who was seeking, however, fell ill and so it was not until a week later that they went.

After the meeting, which was full of real spiritual joy and sincerity, the Christian asked the other lad how he felt, and the answer was this: "I am not sure about anything in my life, but I want to possess this which is evident in all these others."

A short time later found these two 21-year-old lads in an empty classroom, and in prayer for the second time in two weeks. The young man asked Jesus to take possession of his life, and they got up brothers in Christ. They had a word from God's Book and returned to their billets, one knowing the joy of being used, the other knowing the difference between a religion of form and profession, and

a Christianity that frees from the burden of sin and fills the life with joy and gives possession.

To God be the glory because "Salvation is of the Lord."

SERMON PREPARATION

I am in receipt of your very interesting letter. I am afraid it is not easy for anyone to help you, save in the most general way. In the first place, I should strongly advise you to abandon once and for ever the method of writing sermons in full and then committing them to memory. If you write them in full, read them until their general line of thought has gripped you, and then abandon them. More men have been killed through this method which you are adopting than by any other in preaching.

Besides, while I do not desire to criticise any other man's method, I am bound to say that, personally, I do not consider that either reading or reciting is real preaching. Both may have their place, but preaching is, pre-eminently, speaking directly to men.

Your difficulty concerning language is a very real one. Of course, there are those who have a natural gift in this direction. Where this is lacking, a great deal may be done by reading some of the best masters, noticing carefully their method in the use of words and the formation of sentences. What is pre-eminently necessary is an enlarged vocabulary, and this, such reading will help to supply. Let every new word be noted and its true value learned. Where this is done with patience, it will be found in course of time that such words come naturally into use.

Of course, in conjunction with such reading you should go on preaching, and, while not careless of the manner in which you express your thoughts, still, always remember that your main business is to make the people who listen understand what you are saying.

I note what you say about the occasions when, without any preparation, you have had freedom in thinking. I am glad to see your parenthesis in this connection (under pressing circumstances). No man can make this the habit of his preaching and be clear and consistent.

—G. Campbell Morgan.



Motherwell is witnessing a marvellous time of blessing under the inspired leadership of Pastor Alex Tee. Several times the Odeon Cinema has been booked for a Rally on Sunday evenings.

This photograph is of the newly formed Crusader Choir which is rendering valiant service for the Master.

We are
Crusading
for Christ

Elim Youth Page

We "Fight
the good
fight"

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



Pastor T. W. Walker writes this challenge to you! Editor of our SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' HANDBOOK, he is also a member of the Elim Youth Committee and the District Youth Commissioner for Lancashire. Bolton is his parish, and Yorkshire his home county—we may wonder what colour rose he now wears.

One letter was for a boy in the Forces overseas, one for an elderly lady who had been bombed out, another sought to comfort a bereaved family—they were the product of hard thought, heartfelt prayer and patient effort with the pen. The trouble was that these intended epistles of consolation did not achieve their object—they were never posted! The minister who wrote them thought that he had better obey that persistent call to join the family for dinner and left the letters on a chair, intending to pop them into the letter-box immediately after the meal. Alas for his good intentions!—the letters slipped down the back of the easy chair on which they had been placed, and the horrified pastor discovered them there about three months later! Opportunity which seldom knocks twice, had by then been missed. We can perhaps excuse this servant of God because he was deterred from his purpose not only by the meal but by a caller on urgent matters who came immediately after lunch.

Will you think, right now, of how many times in your life when far, far less has diverted your attention? The Spirit of God has been mightily present, the speaker, enthused by his message, has appealed for volunteers for tract work, open air work or even for the noble calling of the Mission Field. Up has gone your hand; in all honesty and good intention, you have decided to lend your aid, by the grace of God. "We need more prayer warriors!" Such was the call at that convention, when you were so uplifted, and you inwardly decided that you would count it a privilege to be one. The Youth evangelist has stressed the need for young, energetic, devoted Sunday School workers. You have been among the first to give in your name and you have done so with real sincerity.

What has stopped you from fulfilling your promise? You

meant what you said, but you never got round to doing the job. In some cases, you just forgot. In others, you promised more than you could do. For yet others, it was just that you were moved for a minute or two, but it was



only a transient emotion. But what about many more of the promises that are made? Do you know what are the two chief causes of failure? They are, quite frankly, those twins of Satanic subtlety, Procrastination and Good Intention. It was just simply that you didn't start. If only you had begun! It might have been a small commencement but it would undoubtedly have led to greater things. If only you had "got cracking." It really is, so often, as simple as that. NOW'S the time!

It is fascinating to recall the excuses we give to ourselves. The teen-ager at school is definitely going to start on tract distribution when she has finished with home-work, general certificates of education, and the like. The young fellow will most decidedly be a grand open air worker, he tells himself, when once he gets himself fixed up with that grand Christian girl who will be so much of an encouragement. The engaged couple resolve that they will positively go to the prayer meeting again after they are married. The husband is determined to get down to Sunday School work when the children get a bit older!!! Do some really hard thinking right now and remember how many times you have said things like that when you have really been speaking only half the truth. The plain fact is that you are putting it off. Satan is not very worried when we fight him only with the things we are going to do one day. If we decided we are going to fulfil our word some time in the future, it is like saying, in our British climate, with all its vagaries, that we are going to go out next Tuesday, quite definitely, if only the weather is fine! What a disappointment if it

NEXT WEEK—The feature is entitled, "Mistakes in the Bible? Yes, there are plenty!"

is wet—as it is often is on such occasions! Now is the hour. We have no idea at all what tomorrow may bring. We may be miles away, changed by the vicissitudes of life into a person of quite different outlook from that which we have now, within a few short months. "Take no thought for tomorrow"—get started now, pronto, at once, right away, immediately, if not sooner!!!

Do you remember when you first started school? How many centuries it seemed before you would be fifteen or sixteen and free again! Do you recall when you were in your early teens? How many ages it seemed before you could get married and settle down happily like your elder brother or sister! Look back now! Doesn't time fly? Your schooldays seem so short, in retrospect. Those teenage years seem all too brief when the responsibilities of married life are your portion. Yes! Crusaders and Junior Crusaders, and you older folk, young in spirit, who eavesdrop on this page—the time is NOW! Go on then, get going!

Erdington Schools Unite

On Sundays, May 23rd and 30th, the Tedbury Crescent branch Sunday School united with that of South Road,

Erdington (Birmingham), to take part in four successful Anniversary services.

The singing items and recitations were given with a high degree of efficiency and boundless enthusiasm. Erdington's adult choir reached its peak in an impressive rendering of "Jesus of Nazareth."

One recalls with amusement the evening when Pastor F. B. Byatt was explaining to the children that the name Caleb meant "dog." "And what sort of a dog do you think Caleb was?" he asked. A bright grammar school boy flashed back: "A dirty dog!" (loud laughter).

Finally, and of paramount importance, was the fact that on each Sunday evening, after a brief message by the Pastor, one person received the most blessed of all experiences—spiritual regeneration.

Sisterhood Rally at Hull

Friends were greatly blessed at the City Temple during the Sisterhood meetings. Mrs. Gorman was the Guest Speaker. At the opening service on Saturday, the sisters sang choir pieces, conducted by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Green.

Sunday morning, round the Lord's Table, the presence (Continued on page 311)



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor H. A. Court.

SUNDAY, June 27th. Acts xii. 11-25.

"It is his angel" (v. 15).

How weak our faith can appear at times. Prayer for Peter was made. Now what did they pray for? If it were only for his preservation it was not enough. And if it were for his liberation then their astonishment and unbelief at seeing him were hardly praiseworthy. But can we sit in judgment on these early Christians? Have we not demonstrated a similar weakness of faith at times? O for a faith that will take God at His Word and expect a clear definite answer any time from the moment the prayer is uttered. If we pray for rain in drought let us carry umbrellas and raincoats.

MONDAY, June 28th. Ezra i. 1-11.

"The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus" (v. 1).

When God moves there is no knowing where He will start. In the book under review from today we shall see how wonderfully the hand of God moved in favour of His people. Certain religious people would have ruled out all possibility of Cyrus being the prime mover in the building of this temple. In some things we know that God can use only the sanctified vessels, but in some of the wider issues He demonstrates His overruling power and uses whom He will. He can enlist into His service those least likely from the human standpoint. When later the shouts of triumph are heard remember the stirring of the spirit of Cyrus.

TUESDAY, June 29th. Ezra iii. 1-13.

"The noise was heard afar off" (v. 13).

It filled the people with joy to be present at the laying of the foundation of the Temple. It was to them the beginning of good things. Others were touched deeply in their emotions at the memory of the former house. They all gave vent to their feelings, and away in the distance the uninterested heard. We have far more than a foundation to rejoice in, though were our only joy the great Foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ, it would be a joy indeed. May

the appreciation of His great goodness stir us that our shouting may be heard.

WEDNESDAY, June 30th. Ezra iv. 1-10.

"To frustrate their purpose" (v. 5).

We are not surprised. When did a work of God commence but what there was an effort to frustrate it? Satan has been ordained chief in the ministry of frustration, and exceptionally well he practises his profession. And he is not short of resources, too many of them being human. We should remember this next time we are overwhelmed with discouragements. The Church of Christ has not had an easy passage. She has pressed through, however, in spite of multitudinous frustrations. And in our day she still forges ahead, triumphing in her risen Lord.

THURSDAY, July 1st. Ezra iv. 11-24.

"Then ceased the work" (v. 24).

This looks bad. It was bad. A subtle twist had been used (the chief frustrator knew how to employ this), and the work came to a standstill. Let us not underestimate the power of the enemy, though we need not for ever dwell on it. Satan will use every art in his power to bring to nought the work of the Lord. We have seen it in a number of ways both in history and in our lifetime. And it is to be hoped we have learned our lessons therefrom. The work did actually come to a standstill, but not for long.

FRIDAY, July 2nd. Ezra v. 1-17.

"The prophets of God helping them" (v. 2).

The spiritual leaders were not abashed and turned Godwards. And God responded. He spoke through them. They lifted up their voices to let the people know that God would not fail them in this sad hour. They prophesied, but they also practised. All hands to the pumps. A servant of God on a sinking ship was once asked by the captain to go into his cabin and pray for deliverance. He obeyed, but five minutes later appeared on deck. "Why aren't you praying?" he was asked. "I have done so," he replied. "I have now come to work at the pumps." A practising prophet!

SATURDAY, July 3rd. Ezra vi. 1-12.

"That . . . expenses be given unto these men" (v. 8).

Hallelujah! Not only were the frustrating folk frustrated, but assistance is given for the furtherance of the work. Instead of being harder the work is easier. Surely this should encourage us and fill us with a great hope. The Church's triumph lies in this very thing, that God had made all Satanic workings to turn out for the furtherance of the Gospel. So on with the work, friends. There will be temporary setbacks, but God knows all about it, and stands ready to call in the reserves. And when God calls in the reserves the enemy is completely routed.

COMING EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

Pastor J. J. Morgan, the President, will visit the following churches: June 26, Birmingham (Botanical Gdns.), 27, Graham Street 11 a.m. S.S. Anniversary 3 p.m. Coventry 6.30. 28, Scly Oak. 29, Smethwick. 30, Yardley. July 1, Stafford.

July 6, Petersfield. 7, Worthing. 8, Hove. 9, Preston Park. 10, Portsmouth (Rally). 11, Southampton.

ABERDEEN. July 5-7. Elim Tabernacle, Marischal Street. Convention Week-end. Speakers: Pastors G. Stormont and J. Whelan. Convener: Pastor J. Leslie Timbrell. Sat. 3.30 and 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7.45. Tea provided on Sat.

BARNSELEY. June 26-28. Elim Church, Nelson Street. Sisterhood Anniversary Services. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 3 and 6.30. Special speaker and items by Sisterhood.

BIRMINGHAM. June 26. Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham Annual Elim Garden Rally. Speakers include the President, Pastor J. J. Morgan. Meetings in the Garden Hall at 3 and 6.30. United Male Voice Choirs conducted by Pastor David Dean. Admission tickets, 6d. from Birmingham Presbytery ministers.

BIRMINGHAM. July 3. Elim Church, Graham Street. Presbytery Youth Rally. Guest speaker: National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. H. Davies. Convener: Pastor F. Shadlock (Youth Commissioner). Sat. p.m.

BRIXTON. June 30-July 1. Elim Church, Milstead Street. Special visit of Pastor J. Dyke, Vice-President, 7.30 each evening.

CROYDON. June 12-July 1. Christian Challenge Campaign conducted by Pastors H. Burton Haynes and Charles J. E. Kingston in the Marquee, Canterbury Road, off London Road, West Croydon. Sun. 8 p.m. Week-nights (except Friday) 7.30.

EXETER. June 26. Paris Street. Presbytery Rally, 6.30. Speakers include Pastor Digby Matthew. Convener: Pastor J. C. Kennedy. June 27, 11, 6.30. Speaker: Pastor Digby Matthew. Convener: Pastor A. S. F. Horne.

GILFORD. Now proceeding. Stramore Road. Tent Revival Campaign. Sun. and week-nights at 8 (except Sats.). Conducted by Miss M. J. Linton.

HALIFAX. June 19-27. Elim Church, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastors Ludovic Barry and John Gardiner. Sun. 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Friday), 7.30.

HOVE. June 6-27. Hove Town Hall (June 6-20, and 27). Evangelistic Campaign by Rev. Paul Cantelon, artist-preacher, U.S.A. Sun. 8.15. Week-nights (except 16th) 7.30. June 21-26 (except 23rd) in Elim Church, Portland Road.

KINGSTANDING. Warren Road. Sunday School Anniversary. June 20. Pastor Morrison. June 27, Pastor Canty (Gloucester). Special items by scholars and teachers.

LANGLEY. Commencing July 3rd. Evangelistic Campaign in the Marquee, Vicarage Road; near the Drill Hall. Special Children's services, Choirs, etc. Speaker: Evangelist Adam Chambers. Convener: Pastor D. E. Dean.

LOWESTOFT. June 19-27 Elim Church, Milton Road. Special services to celebrate Pastor George Backhouse's 21 years in Elim ministry. Speaker: Pastor Samuel Gorman. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30 Special rendezvous at Baptist Church, Sat. 26, 7.30.

OLD HILL. July 6-10. Elim Church, Bearmore Road. Sunshine Corner Services, 6 p.m. With an Evangelistic Campaign each evening at 7.30. Speaker: Pastor George Baxter. Convener: Pastor W. G. Britton. Saturday evening brings "A Challenge to Youth."

ST. HELENS. July 10-14. Elim Church, Duke Street. Minister's Anniversary services. Sat. Rally 7. Week-nights 7.15. Speakers include: Pastors W. M. E. Plowright (Camberwell), T. W. Walker (Bolton), S. Beresford (Blackburn), L. V. Tiller (Liverpool). Convener: Pastor K. Smith.

WORTHING. July 10-12. Elim Church, Grosvenor Street. Special visit of National Youth Secretary, Pastor Hywel Davies. Sat. 7. Youth Rally. Sun. 11, 3, and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Sunday School Anniversary Services. Convener: Pastor V. J. Walker.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S ITINERARY

The National Youth Secretary will visit the following churches: June 26, Croydon (Tent Campaign). 27, Ealing (S.S. Anniversary).

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Miss V. McGillivray (on furlough from Formosa): June 26, Botanical Gardens (3 p.m.) 27, Nuneaton. 29, Coventry. 30, Tamworth. July 1, Rugby.

July 9, Vazon. 10, Delancey 11 (a.m.) Eldad, (p.m.) Delancey. 12, Delancey. 13, Vazon. 14, Eldad. 15, United Rally at Eldad. 17-18, Jersey.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Troke (on furlough from India): June 27, Swansea, 28, Llanelly, 29, Pontardulais, 30, Neath. July 1, Briton Ferry, 2, Brecon. 3, Aberdare. 4, Abertyswg. 5, Pantywan, 6, Dowlais, 7, Treharris, 8, Mountain Ash, 9, Treherbert. 10, Barry. 11, Porth. 12, Trealaw. 13, Abercynon. 15, Cardiff. 17, Caerphilly. 18, Newport.

Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth (on furlough from Belgian Congo): June 24, Hull (City Temple) 26, Driffield. 27, Scarborough. 28-29, York. 30, Malton. July 1, Harrogate. 3, Sunderland. 4, Bishop Auckland. 5, Todhills. 6, Grimsby. 7-8, Scunthorpe.

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Week-nights (except Fridays) 7.30

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of the Lord was felt. Mrs. Gorman spoke on the Palm Tree.

Sunday night was another joyous meeting. The Sisterhood sang three pieces, and Mrs. Gorman brought the Gospel message.

Tuesday saw much blessing which was received through the soloist, and through Mrs. Gorman's messages. The final Rally was held in the evening. All these services were wonderful, and folk were sorry when the Rally had to come to an end and Mrs. Gorman had to leave.

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BIRTH

Lancaster.—On May 29th, to Pastor and Mrs. John Lancaster, of Kensington, London; the gift of a son, John Timothy.

WITH CHRIST

Coutanche.—On June 8th, Lilian Maud Coutanche, member of Elim Church, Jersey, passed into the presence of the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor P. Watson.

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