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The Old Bird Bath

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

Welcome Visitors Bring Glossop Blessing

GLOSSOP Elim Church reports progress and much blessing, especially from the visits of many Elim pastors and friends.

One special week-end was organised by the Women's Meeting, who took charge of the services. Mrs. Price, from Denton, gave the message on the Sunday evening, and the meetings, conducted by Mrs. Allen, proved a time of refreshing.

For the Sunday School Anniversary, Pastor B. J. Hopkins and friends from Oldham came over on the Saturday for a time of rich fellowship. On the Sunday an equally welcome visitor was Pastor W. J. Baker, from Macclesfield, whose messages will long be remembered. In the afternoon there was a procession of witness through the main parts of the town, with members and scholars taking part.

Four members of the Hyde assembly accompanied the singing of hymns on a visit to sick and aged members. Following this, the scholars took part in a service, with songs, recitations and Bible readings.

On the Monday, Pastor and Mrs. Tranter came over from Barnsley to minister the Word.

Other recent events at Glossop:—At the children's Flower Service, conducted by Pastor W. Allen, the children took part in song and recitation. Their gifts of flowers were taken to the sick and aged in the town.

The women's week-end was such a success that the men-folk arranged something similar, taking over the meetings and even providing their own choir. Great blessing came from the messages of Mr. Fisher and a Hungarian friend from Salford.

Pastor and Mrs. Bradley, who spent their holidays at Glossop were welcome visitors with their messages in word and song.

Glossop also gives thanks for the help given by Headquarters, and by Pastor Rogerson, Pastor Allen and the deacons, in the repairs to the church floor needed because of dry rot.

St. Helens does it again

More than 800 people gathered in St. Helens Town Hall recently to see the film "Mr. Texas," depicting the work of Dr. Billy Graham, which was sponsored by Pastor Ken Smith, and the Elim Church, St. Helens.

Twenty-nine decisions were recorded, and each one was personally counselled and put in contact with an evangelical church which they either attended or lived nearby. A copy of "Here's how," and the Elim "Convert's Handbook," and also "Receiving Christ," was given to each convert, and the counsellors were asked to visit them within the next week.

The usual Elim banner held a prominent place on the platform of the Town Hall, which has been "converted" into an Elim church for three occasions in the last seven months. The Church Army band co-operated in leading the singing, and providing musical support to the service.

The work of Pastor J. Tetchner, District Superintendent for Lancashire, in conducting the service was really appreciated, especially by the local minister. Copies of the magazine "Power Age," were again sold, in fact sold out before Pastor Tetchner announced their presence!

Once again the members of the Elim Church in St. Helens have been the means of extending the evangelical witness of their assembly in a stronghold of Roman Catholicism. People are left in no doubt where the Elim Church is situated, thanks to a 20ft. x 5ft. poster placed on one of the town's busiest thoroughfares. Pray that God will continue to bless every effort to spread the Gospel in this difficult town.

Nelson's Change-over

On a recent Sunday evening, Mr. C. R. Younger concluded his pre-college ministry at Nelson with a farewell service. A former Nelsonian, Mrs. Matthews of York, contributed to the service by song and testimony, in which she declared how fervent prayer had played a major part in establishing an Elim Church at Nelson.

The Pastor, in his message, recounted the unique way the Lord had called him to Nelson eighteen months ago. Mr. T. Baldwin, on behalf of the congregation, paid tribute to Mr. Younger's life and ministry, and prayed God's blessing on his future.

Mr. D. Green was given a real warm Lancashire welcome by members and friends of the Nelson Assembly on the following Thursday. At a meeting to mark Mr. Green's induction as Pastor, the District Superintendent Pastor Tetchner, welcomed him on behalf of the Presbytery. Mr. Tetchner then delivered a challenging address to minister and people from Romans xii. 1, which resulted in many Christians making a public surrender of their lives to the Lord.

The inspiring service concluded with an introductory message from Pastor Green, entitled "Going forward with God."

Farewell, Llanelly

It was with regret, after four years of happy and blessed ministry and fellowship, that Llanelly members and friends bade farewell to Pastor David J. Ayling, Youth Commissioner for Wales, on taking over the pastorate at Motherwell, Scotland.

At the farewell service the deacons and officers of the church paid high tribute to Pastor Ayling's zealous and enthusiastic ministry, which had a high inspiration on all, the church having flourished in membership and financially. His work among the youth and children will be keenly felt, for his inimitable personality among the children of Sunshine Corner will long be remembered.

He was also an ardent worker in open air services and also among the sick. He was a member of the local

Youth for Christ Committee, and the Protestant Youth League, and his services in these will also be missed.

Pastor Arnold Brooks, Neath, representing the Welsh churches, exhorted the church and Pastor to "Go forth without fear, the Lord is our Guide." Pastor Ayling, in his final message, exhorted the church to "Go on" abounding in spirituality unto the Lord.

Glasgow Rejoices

More than two years ago, Glasgow was praising God for the opening as an Elim Church of the church building. Since then we have had much blessing and we rejoice with those who have joined our fellowship and regard this as their spiritual home.

The second anniversary brought a week-end of special services which was a time of pleasure and profit.

On the Saturday evening the choir from Kilsyth conducted the service. It was a grand meeting.

The Sunday evening service was conducted by Pastor R. D. Bradley from Greenock, who gave a challenging message.

Elim Bible College Rally

By Pastor J. Hywel Davies

It was "Number One" in both senses for me. My first, and I am sure it will be my best - it will never be "Number Two," others may, but not this ONE.

When we arrived, my wife and I, I thought we were late; in spite of the reassuring signals from my wrist-watch. I feared we were late because the Clapham church was full, from the door right up to the Dean (in the pulpit), and we managed to squeeze into a back seat. The people had come from widely scattered parts of the globe; although not directly to the rally, yet they had found their way there. Australia, Africa, Finland, Sweden, America, Scotland, Wales, various parts of England, and someone called out Barcelona, Spain (although I saw no sombrero or bull-ring). This proved to be a veritable warm introduction, and put everyone fully at ease.

First, my impressions. I will remember this rally as an outstanding meeting midst the hundreds I have attended. One was keenly sensitive to the hand of God upon the proceedings, and it was obvious that the Holy Spirit was enjoying perfect liberty. It was one of those "never-to-be-forgotten" events. If the next one will be as this one, you should be there.

If the saying "A good start is half the battle" is true, then the 1954/5 students are well within their right to expect rich royal blessings during their year at College.

An outstanding feature of the rally was the address given by Pastor H. Burton Haynes. This inspired word possessed a soul-penetrating power which swiftly found its mark, and even as a listener one became aware of the work of the Holy Spirit in progress, claiming the lives of men and women consecrated to the purposes of God. Many raised their hands in response to the appeal for consecration given by the Dean towards the close of the meeting, but, to my mind, this was but a small indication of a lasting

work being done deep amongst the foundations of human lives.

On the Monday evening we had the Greenock choir. Their singing and testimonies were a real blessing, and it was good to hear some of the younger members taking part.

The work is going on well and the meetings are well attended, and a source of much blessing.

We have resumed our Saturday night meeting, which, with its varied programmes, is much enjoyed, even by those outside our own fellowship.

We are looking forward to a visit from Pastor Baker from South Africa, and also hoping that our after-church rallies being held in the Dixon Halls, will prove an attraction and blessing to many.

—Helen Hillierd.

Longton's Big Day

There were four decisions for Christ, and the power of God was present to heal on the occasion of the visit of Pastor Ken Matthew to Longton Bethel Temple for one day of special meetings.

On the previous day he had ministered at the District Rally of the British Pentecostal Fellowship in Tunstall. Pastor Fred Squire also ministered at the evening meeting.

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The address was mainly directed to the new students, but I, for one, edged my way into their company that night. Said the Minister: "The danger of depending on success as a stimulant for your soul is one to which you must always be alert. Joy which springs from success in service is evanescent. God may call us to plough the thankless rocks which breaks the ploughshare. He may send us to places where there is no response to the invitation. What will we do then, if we only rejoice when we are successful? When the way becomes hard we shall give way to depression and discouragement. Oh, for a faith which depends not on gifts, or influence, or present success, but sustains itself upon the unfailing promises of the ever-blessed God." Chapter x. of Luke's Gospel was the basis of the message. Rejoice not because of your success in your missions, but rejoice because your names are enrolled in heaven. As a warning to future ministers, and I would add to all of us who read: "It is possible to speak the language of sanctification and consecration without possessing it in the heart and life."

The Dean of the Elim Bible College, conducted the rally, and his joy was infectious. It was an excellent beginning to another year's studies, and here the course was being launched with the Dean at the helm. There were two choral pieces by the students, a charming duet by two sisters from Sweden, and a group of girl students sang together.

Pastor F. A. Hodge, in welcoming the Dean and the E.B.C. students to Clapham, said that the Clapham Church were highly delighted to have this rally in their building, and remarked on the high spiritual tone of the service.

Plans are being considered for further E.B.C. rallies which will be conducted by the students. As a pattern for the future I cannot think of a better than the one which is the subject of this report.

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EDITORIAL

The Three Maps

A Christian business man who always kept three maps hanging above his desk was asked for an explanation. "These maps represent three stages of my life," was the reply. "Before I found my Saviour I was a young and enthusiastic real estate dealer in this city. In those days I always had this map"—pointing to one of them—"before me. It is a map of a part of the city with certain additions and subdivisions in which I was much interested. In those days I didn't think of much else, or live for much else, but real estate.

"Then one day I found Christ, and I began to look farther. When I began to live outside my community I hung up another map. It is the map of my county and country, and my city is only a dot upon it. My real estate business doesn't show here.

"Last of all when I began to think of my Christianity in world-wide terms I hung up another map—a world map. My real estate doesn't show here, even my city is gone, but I keep it to remind me that I am to live for the whole world."

How large a world is this I live in, and how small and insignificant are my petty affairs in the face of a whole world of people and problems!

Radio Monte Carlo

Reports are daily coming to hand from listeners expressing delight and appreciation of the first Elim broadcasts. Some, however, are finding it difficult to locate the Station. Whilst the wavelength given is 205 metres, which technically is correct, yet on many radio sets this tuning may differ. We know of many who actually get Radio Monte Carlo anywhere between 195 and 205 metres. Much depends on the age of the set and the wave-length scale on the set. Remember that each programme is introduced with the London Crusader Choir singing the great hymn, "Thine be the glory." This should serve as a guide to all tuners and listeners.

THE BIBLE

Generation follows generation—yet it lives.
Nations rise and fall—yet it lives.
To know it is to love it.
To love it is to accept it.
To accept it means life eternal.

ANONYMOUS GIFTS

We desire to express our gratitude to those who have shown their practical interest by the following gifts:

Elim Missionary Society.—M.C., Prestwick, £1; "Labourers with God," 2/6; "A believer in Jesus Christ" (desig.), £3; "Debtor" Chichester, £1; Portsmouth, Southsea (desig.), £1; Plymouth, Devon, £1; "For a House of God" (desig.), £3; "Hopeful," £9; Birmingham, 10/-; "From a believer" Croydon, £3; "Inasmuch" Southend-on-Sea, 10/-; "Kikilo Building," £13; Birmingham, £5; Swansea, £4; per V. J. Walker (Pastor), £60; Birmingham, £10; "To God be the glory," £1; Plymouth, £3; Ex-Clapham Crusader, £1; "Elim member" Bournemouth, £3; Birmingham, £10.

This is Life (Radio).—30, Edenhall Road, £4; Halifax, £2; Birmingham, T., 5/-.

Campaigns.—Hayfield, £5.

Work in General.—"A sinner saved by grace," Armagh (desig.), £5; Dunster, Somerset, 5/-; Wood Green, £10.

N.B.—Will readers kindly note that gifts for the General Fund or any department of Elim work should be addressed to Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, S.W.4.

MISSIONARY FINANCES

Following is the statement for the present financial year, showing the needs of the Elim Missionary work and the amount of money received:

	Estimated Expenditure	Received
1953		
November £1,200 £745
December £1,200 £588
1954		
January £1,200 £1,102
February £1,200 £1,432
March £1,200 £905
April £1,200 £1,302
May £1,200 £1,290
June £1,200 £1,301
July £1,200 £1,195
August £1,200 £1,517
September £1,200 £1,158
Total to date	£13,200	£12,535

Deficit to date £665

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EVERY THURSDAY

10.35 p.m. to 10.50 p.m.

The next programme includes: "Did you know that Jesus Christ is coming back again?"—a talk by Pastor H. W. Greenway; Einar Ekberg, Swedish baritone; the London Crusader Choir; a Timely Testimony; and a Hymn by an Elim congregation, recently recorded in London.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

Missionary's Miraculous Healing

Mrs W. N. Hawley

(Tzaneen, S. Africa).

We are happy to share with our friends the good news of Mrs. Hawley's wonderful recovery after many weeks of serious illness. Our sister writes: "I do not like talking about myself, but this does and will bring glory to God—a tumour on the brain dispersed in answer to prayer is indeed a miracle. It has been a time of proving the power of God, both physically and spiritually. He is a wonderful Saviour and my heart overflows in praise for all He has done for me. I have been back at the mission station just over a month and rejoice to be in the thick of the fight again. Before telling you the news of the work here I want to thank you all for your prayers during my sickness, and for your letters and love. Words are inadequate to express all I wish to say, but I assure you I will use my strength on your behalf for Christ and souls in Africa.

"Before the attack of Satan upon my body I had commenced several new ventures for God, as a weekly Bible School, a women's meeting in the Location each Friday afternoon, and a Sunday School teachers' training class every Saturday. All these are channels of blessing to the people and to me and they are meeting a real need. As we study the Word of God, the Holy Spirit gives light to these dear saints who are so eager to tell it out. Whenever the Evangelists are in from preaching, they too, attend and one said; 'We have given out, so come back to learn more.' These folk are keen to learn and thank God we are able to feed them with the Bread of Life.

"Each Friday a number of women go with me to the the Location, singing as we go. We have a lovely open air meeting outside one of the believers' homes; many heathen gather and most weeks souls come out of darkness to the light in Christ and sick bodies are healed.

"The young people's choir practice night is also a good fishing ground; these Bantu folk love singing, so new boys come along and several have been saved at these meetings. It is very encouraging to see these new-born babes coming straight away to the Bible School.

"I have had several encounters with demon power, but praise God, Jesus is stronger than the strong man armed (Luke xi. 21, 22). In my last letter I mentioned the woman who was delivered of demon power. Well, she gave me a row of beads, saying that the large one in the centre had power in it from the witch-doctor. I kept these beads, thinking I would show them in the meetings when, or if,

I came home. Whilst in hospital the Lord told me to destroy the accursed thing, so on my return from the hospital, Brother Nuku—our native pastor—and a few of us missionaries made a fire and we burned the beads. It was a strange procedure and the native pastor said he had never performed such a service when the missionary was burning demon stuff. I had not had any fear, but I must be obedient to the promptings of the Lord, also His Word says, 'Neither give place to the Devil.'

"The saints gave me a lovely welcome and said, 'Manana (mother) is back from the dead.' I gave my testimony in the church on the Sunday and Jesus received all the glory; three souls were saved and the believers reconsecrated their lives to the Lord.

"I have bought an amplifier and microphone, also a pick-up for my gramophone, and these are a great asset in the open air meetings. One Saturday we visited a place in the Bush where I had not been before. A few people here meet together to pray and read the Word. On this occasion many heathen came along, having been drawn from their homes by the music. The presence of the Lord was manifest and two darkened souls found Jesus. These poor uneducated saints had prepared a supper for us of chicken and stiff porridge and for my special benefit, a large pot of tea. On our return journey we had trouble with the old car and I did not arrive home till about midnight, but full of praise to God for the privilege of telling out the glorious Gospel.

"Last Saturday a visitor to our meeting was giving his testimony and was holding forth at much length, then with an angelic smile said: 'I cannot read but the Book is in my heart, will someone read Ephesians viii. 10.' All knew there is no such chapter in the Bible, but not one smiled or gave any sign that he was wrong. It was chapter six that he really wanted. One has to live amongst these folk to know them, and often I have to hide my humour. There is never a dull moment on this station and one is kept busy all day long, but best of all, Jesus is with us.

"Pray on dear saints and you will share in the spoil one glorious day!"

A TEST OF TRUSTWORTHINESS

A Mohammedan trader, it is said, who could not read a word of English, nevertheless kept an English Bible beside him at all times.

"When I meet a trader who is unknown to me," he explained, "I put the Bible into his way and watch him; if he opens it and reads, I know I can trust him; if he throws it aside with a sneer or a curse, I will have nothing to do with him."

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"
(Prov. xxix. 18).

HOW TRUE THIS IS TODAY. We hear of people perishing all over the world in millions; and where they are so perishing there are no visions. But as soon as the Holy Ghost is outpoured and the people are blessed with visions from God—usually of their sins, the torments of hell, the power of the blood of Christ to cleanse from all sin and to save from hell, and also to see the glories of heaven: as in the Hebrides, Scotland, and in the Belgian Congo—lives are transformed by confession to God of all remembered sins, repentance thereof, followed by the baptism of the Holy Ghost: a real experience of God.

"He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him" (John xiv. 21).

This passage contains a very wonderful, but sadly neglected promise. It is so definite that, if you obey the first commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength", there is no reason why you should not yourself see the Lord Jesus Christ. The promise is to that man who, having God's commandments, obeys them for the one reason that he loves God. Then the Father will love him and the Son will manifest Himself to him, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has kept that promise for some nineteen hundred years since He made it. It was not a new way, because He had been doing that very thing ever since Adam was created. When you read the Old Testament you will be surprised at the number of people who saw the Lord: they include Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, Job, David, Habakkuk, and so on. Many other people down the ages have had this beautiful experience, and doubtless there are thousands living today who have. Such people know Him. Such people are taught by Him.

AN EXAMPLE

A good example of this experience is that of Charles Grandison Finney, that great evangelist whom God used to save millions of souls, and who died about eighty years ago. Finney was training to be a lawyer. Having read parts of the Bible as one of his law books, the Spirit of God convicted him of sin and he felt he must make his peace with God. So one day he went out of the town of Adams, where he was studying, into a wood where he would be free from all distractions and interruptions: and he got down on his knees and confessed to God all the sins in his life which he could remember and told God how much he wanted to know Him.

When he was perfectly at peace about his past, he left the woods, went to his office and did his day's work. At the end of the day, when everyone had left except himself, he had a great desire for more of God. So he went into a back room in the office, which had no fire and no light, to commune with God further. When he opened the door he was surprised to see that the room was filled with a kind of ineffable light, and in the centre of the light he saw standing before him his Lord and Saviour,

Jesus Christ. The Lord said nothing to him, but just looked at him with those wonderful eyes of love; and Finney threw himself down at his Lord's feet, worshipped Him, poured out his soul to Him, and received such a peace of which he had never dreamed. He experienced that which is written in Isaiah xlvi. 18, "O that thou hadst hearkened unto My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river." His peace and our peace is Christ, and that peace was to him as a smoothly running river is to a tree planted by the side of its waters, from which it can drink all its needs, whenever it needs. So did the living Christ become to Finney.

When the Lord had vanished out of his sight, he got up and went back into the outer office, looked at the fire, which he had stoked just before he went into the back room, and found that it was nearly going out: indicating the length of time in which he had been enjoying the visible presence of his Lord. He then sat down in a chair by the fire, and as he sat down the Spirit of God fell upon him. He felt the power of God descend upon his head and pour through him, body, soul, spirit, from his head to his feet. He was immersed in the Holy Ghost. He was baptised in the Holy Ghost. He describes it as "Wave upon wave of God's love." And as these waves grew more and more powerful as the Spirit of God poured through him with increasing power, his physical strength dwindled away. But he was filled with a great joy although he could not move. Then he cried out, "If these waves go on I cannot live. His happiness, as the love of God poured through him, was so great that he felt he could not live. Not that he minded. As long as he experienced this wonderful love of God, he did not mind whether he lived or died. Well, that is the description that he gave, and he experienced the other part of Isaiah's prophecy, "O that thou hadst hearkened unto My commandments! Then had thy righteousness been as waves of the sea." His righteousness and our righteousness is the Lord Jesus Christ, present by His Spirit; and he was describing that presence of the Lord as "Wave upon wave of God's love." Is not that a beautiful description of it? Your righteousness, if you are a real Christian, is wave upon wave of God's love from time to time. That is what it is to be filled with the Spirit. That is what it is to be baptised with the Holy Ghost.

THE LONG-PROMISED PROPHET

Now may I remind you that our Lord saw every work which He did during His ministry on earth, in a vision, before He did it; and He heard from His Father all the words which He spoke to His disciples, or to individuals, before He spoke them; and He heard every word He spoke to the crowds in a sermon before He spoke them. His position was that of the long-promised Prophet (Acts iii. 22, 23). Hearing the voice of God with His spiritual ears, He repeated the words He heard to the people.

When it came to doing a miracle or an act, He had seen in vision beforehand what His part in it was to be: He made it quite clear that they were not His works. He states clearly that they were the works of His Father.

Take the case of the man who was born blind. In vision

DIVINE VISIONS and PROPHECY

By P. St. G. Kirke, M.A.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"
(Prov. xxix. 18).

our Lord had seen Himself and this man: had seen Himself spit on the dusty ground, stoop down and pick up the spittle with some dust, had seen Himself rub the spittle and the dust in His hands and make clay. Then He had seen Himself divide the clay into two parts and put one part on each empty eye socket. Then in His vision He had seen His Father change the clay into two wonderful organs of sight. In each socket an eye appeared: an act of creation, by which the Father demonstrated to the people how true it was that He created Adam from the dust of the ground. When our Lord saw the man coming to Him, He knew him at once and instead of just touching him and making him see, which would have been disobedience to the heavenly vision, He carried out His very simple part: He spat on the ground, picked up the spittle and the dust, made clay, put it on the man's eye-sockets and waited whilst His Father created two eyes.

Now, if you doubt that, here are some of the proofs. We read in John v. 19—"The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He *seeth* the Father do" (that is by vision) "for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and *showeth* Him all things that Himself doeth." That is by vision in advance. It must be: because He is doing what His Father has shown Him, and He cannot do it before His Father has shown Him. Again, in John iii. 32, the Lord says concerning Himself, "What He hath *seen* and *heard*, that He testifieth." Again, in John xii. 50, we read, "As the Father said unto Me, so I speak."

A MODERN EXAMPLE*

Living in America is an evangelist, William Branham,

* See Gordon Lindsey's book "William Branham." U.S.A. 1950.

born in 1909, whose experience fulfils our Lord's words to His disciples, "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." We have just seen how the Father sent and used the Lord Jesus Christ; and William Branham is used by Christ in a somewhat similar way. He has many visions. Before a service he has visions of those wonderful works that God intends to do, in which Branham has some very simple part to play. The following is an example in which, by mistake, he carried out his part in advance of the time portrayed in his vision. The result was complete failure, until he repeated what he had been told to do after all the conditions, shown in the vision, had been fulfilled.

One night Branham was staying in his mother's house and had retired to bed. As he was resting, the Holy Spirit fell upon him; his surroundings were blotted out and he was in the Spirit having a vision. In this vision he saw himself going uphill to a two-room cottage which he entered. In the cottage was an old woman crying, holding her tear-dimmed glasses in her hand, sitting in a red-covered chair; standing by the door between the two rooms was a young woman also crying; standing by a bed was her husband; and on the bed a four-year-old boy lay dying. One of the boy's arms was twisted, both of his legs were also twisted badly, he could hardly breathe and was unconscious. But the Lord told Branham to tell the father to bring the child to him. So the child was brought to Branham and, in the vision when he laid his hand on the child's stomach, the twisted legs, within a period of three days, became straight and he began to walk. Branham also saw the child walk to him and say, "I am well now."

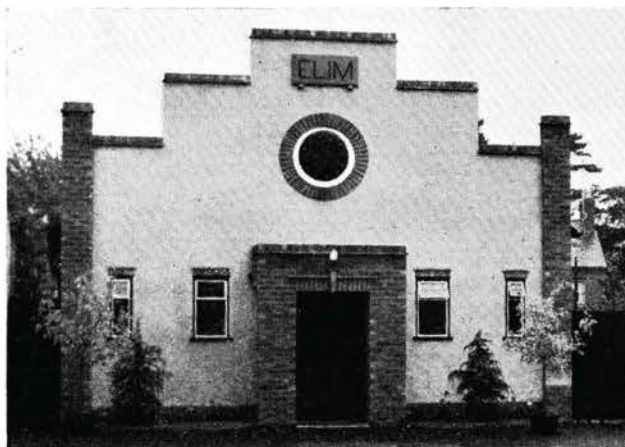
The Spirit of God lifted off Branham and he was again conscious of his natural surroundings. Presently he heard a man calling him from outside the house; so he got up, went to the front door, opened it and recognised the man as the one he had just seen in his vision. The man said, "My child is dying. Will you come and pray for him?" They got into the man's car and drove off. On the way, Branham was moved to describe the cottage and those others in it he had seen in his vision, and the man asked him if he had been to his cottage. Branham answered, "When you called me I had just left it in my vision. Thus saith the Spirit, your baby shall live." A clear case of prophecy by vision. The man stopped the car several miles from the cottage and gave his heart to Christ then and there, before ever the baby was healed. He believed the words of God spoken through Branham's lips.

Then they drove on again, arrived at the cottage, entered it and found the boy unconscious and barely breathing: his lungs being nearly full of water. And this is where Branham made a mistake. The old lady he had seen in his vision was not there, and, not noticing her absence, he carried out his part of the vision too soon: for he told the father to bring the child to him. The father obeyed and Branham laid his hands on him; but to his utter astonishment, nothing whatsoever happened, and the

father had to lay the unconscious child back on the bed. When Branham noticed the mistake he had made and told the parents they must all wait. They waited an hour and a half, and then Branham saw the old lady he had seen in his vision coming. She entered the cottage, asked after the child, was told by the mother he was dying, sat down in her red-covered chair, took off her glasses as they were obscured by her tears. Then Branham again looked at the scene and saw that the mother was standing by the middle door crying as he had seen in the vision; the old lady was in the red chair, holding her glasses, as he had seen in the vision; the father was standing by the bed as seen in the vision; so he again carried out his very simple instructions. The father brought the unconscious child to him again and Branham laid his hands on his stomach. Immediately the child cried out, "Daddy, Daddy," recovered consciousness and threw his arms round his father. The excitement and joy was very great. Then Branham said, "Take the baby and lay it on the bed, for thus saith the Spirit, 'It will be three days before its limbs are completely untwisted according to the vision. At that time it shall come to pass that the boy will become normal.'"

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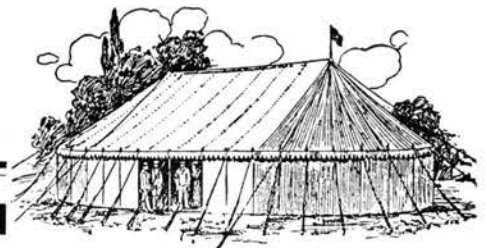
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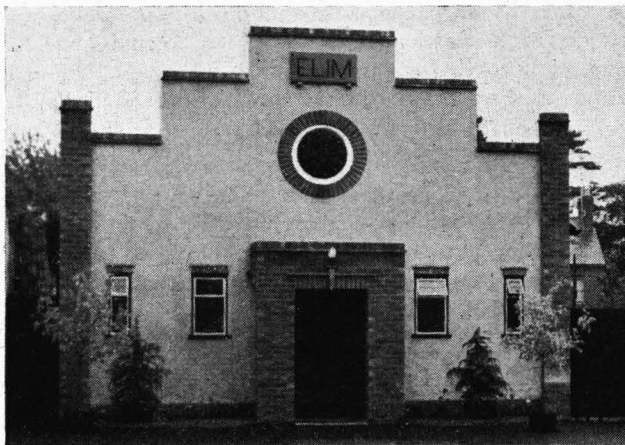
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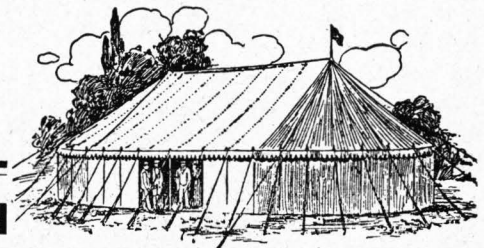
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Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

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

COURTSHIP! How do you behave?



Pastor Frank Shadlock has contributed this article for our Youth Page. He is the District Youth Commissioner for the Birmingham and District Presbytery, an energetic Camp Commandant, and well known for his lively and valuable interest in youth. (He should know a lot about youth, having two charming daughters!) He has served in the Royal Air Force and has been twenty-two years in the Elim ministry—he is fully qualified to write the Christian point of view with a knowledge of the "man in the street."

What a subject: the seriousness of courtship. Can you be serious about it? Rather! So many of my young friends say they can, and they are. But, alas, only a few days or weeks and this serious-mindedness is ended and the courtship is off.

"What can you expect of young people?" someone asks. Then someone challenges me and says, "You've been young yourself and did you not have some promiscuous friendships?" My reply was, that since my conversion I indulged in only one serious courtship and that ended as all courtships should, in marriage. I believe that when we are converted, just as other questionable things go, so should ambiguous friendships. To engage in these intimate friendships only too often mars and spoils our spiritual experience, and that of the other party also.

In one church where I ministered, a young man was "seriously-minded." Whenever a new girl convert came to the church he went out with her in all seriousness regarding courtship, until for some reason, obvious or not so obvious as the incidents varied, it finished. Finished with this disastrous result: the young convert invariably lost confidence in her new-found experience of salvation, and also in her boy friend, and the church lost a prospective member. A most unfortunate loss.

Two young people in the Lord and in love—what lofty aspirations it produces. They seek the Lord about their union, they desire His will for their lives, they plan things together after much heart-searching and seeking of God's face. They are ultra-careful of their walk with God, they encourage each other to go to deeper depths with their Lord. They plan to serve God in some future sphere, and

sacrifice present comforts and pleasure that this shall be fulfilled. They are careful to attend God's house regularly. These and many more noble aspirations are evidences of true courtship, but to think that there are young people who deliberately and lightly enter into an engagement that tramples down and goes roughshod over these finer feelings and mutual high resolves, is most distressing. It is playing the fool. To ignore the consequences of this behaviour, is being an ostrich. It is burying one's head and refusing to face the shameful results in both lives. Crusaders, cherish your lofty and noble thoughts upon what your courtship should be, and do not come down, but ennoble them in prayer to God, and the results are guaranteed—a happier marriage.

Let me suggest a few hints in "don'ts and do's." First there are the negatives. We'll get these out of the way, because to young blood oftentimes, the "don'ts" make them all hot and pugnacious and stubborn, but this attitude will not help. Yieldedness and willingness to obey brings blessing.

Don't be tempted into a supposed serious-minded courtship, if you are making your way in life. It impedes progress.

Don't permit petting. It slaughters true love.

Don't break up a happy fellowship because of mere flirtation.

Don't impede your spiritual progress and that of another. Look up Matt. xviii. 6.

Don't fill your mind with sensuous fiction. Look up Phil. iv. 8, 9. (Think and Do.)

Don't deaden your conscience by light and flippant talk

on these things. Look up Prov. xxiii. 7.

Don't neglect the meetings for courtship's pleasures. Now some "Do's." You will see that it is not all restraint, and these "do's" will assist you in your courtship.

Do make your friendship a matter of earnest prayer. Do cultivate the habit of praying together; many difficulties resolve themselves at the Throne of Grace.

Do walk circumspectly, especially after a service.

Do remember God's house is a house of prayer, not a courting place.

Many happy courtships are based not only upon mutual trust and confidence, but upon the foundation of prayer and waiting upon God.

All have the same desire for a partner in life; **remember it is for life**; and this is a sobering thought. I would advise you to give God the key to your heart and ask Him to open it when Mr. Right and Miss Right comes along.

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The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

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Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor John Gardiner.

SUNDAY, October 24th. Isaiah xliii. 1-13.

"I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west, I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth" (v. 6).

The wandering Jews wander no more. The ancient prophecies of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, the prediction of Jesus have come to pass in our day. There have been wars and rumours of wars, and all the pestilential trail of war in every century, only with increasing intensity. Now the Fig Tree is budding. Israel is existing again. Watch! His kingdom is nigh.

MONDAY, October 25th. Isaiah xliii. 14-28.

"I am He that bloteth out thy transgressions" (v. 25). Israel had wearied the Lord God with their sins. Israel grievously sinned in offering "small cattle" in their offerings. Yet, if they will but plead with the Lord, He will blot out their transgressions—He will destroy all record of their sin. Isaiah, the prophet, anticipates the Gospel of Jesus—"If we confess our sin He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." A full confession brings a frank forgiveness. No man can permanently cover up his sin. Divine Omniscience will expose it. The only incinerator for sin is the blood of Jesus.

TUESDAY, October 26th. Isaiah xliiv. 1-13.

"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground" (v. 3).

This promise has a New Testament ring about it. Here, surely, is a reference to an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. O God, as we look upon our own beloved country, we confess we need more than anything else, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit's conviction. Living amongst a people who "care for none of these things" we are at last realising the futility of our best prepared efforts. O God of our Salvation, now do we feel our thirst, give us the promised Holy Spirit!

"Nailing it to His cross" (Col. ii. 14).

It was customary in the East when a bond had been fully satisfied, for the creditor to nail it to the debtor's door in evidence that it was paid. So Christ has taken the cancelled debt which we owed to the broken Law and nailed it to the Cross that angels, devils and men may see that the obligation has been fully met. That Cross has well been called "the door of Grace behind which the bankrupt world lies in hopeless debt." But it is in debt no longer, for our Surety has paid the price in full. With His own precious blood He has redeemed us, and we are delivered. There, upon that shameful tree, there hangs the certificate of our manumission; we have but to look upon it, to believe its message, and the burden of debt and despair will roll from our weary hearts. Nor need we doubt for a moment that we are included in the disentanglement. It was not the indebtedness of a select few that Christ liquidated when He hung upon Calvary. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" O glorious and blessed truth! "It was a heavy bond" and I had naught to pay, but lo, the pierced hand of Jesus hath nailed it to His Cross, and I am free!

"Free from the law! O happy condition;
Jesus hath died and there is remission;"
remission for you and for me.

Our answered prayers are precious to us; I sometimes think our unanswered prayers are more precious still. Those give us God's blessings; these, if we will, may lead us to God. Do not let any moment of your life fail of God's light. Be sure that, whether He speaks or is silent, He is always loving you and always trying to make your life more rich and good and happy. Only be sure that you are always ready.—Phillips Brooks.

WEDNESDAY, October 27th. Isaiah xliiv. 14-28.

"That . . . performeth the counsel of His messengers" (v. 26). The promised counsel of the Most High God shall surely be performed. All the messengers of the old covenant testify that He performed His word delivered by them. Noah, Moses, Samuel, David, Elijah, all tell us that God performed His word to those that believed, and equally to those who would not believe. All the gracious, beneficent promises of the Gospel are and will be performed to the believer. All the ominous counsels of judgment will as surely come to pass upon him that will not believe.

THURSDAY, October 28th. Isaiah xlv. 1-6, 16-25.

"Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth" (v. 22). In this chapter the Lord calls to Cyrus (vv. 1-13), then to Israel (vv. 14-17), then all the earth (vv. 18-25). In John iii: the Lord Jesus said, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." In John xii. the Lord Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto Me." The flawless life of Jesus Christ condemns us. Direct men to the lifted-up smitten Substitute. There is life for a look at the Crucified One.

FRIDAY, October 29th. Isaiah xlviii. 9-22.

"I am the Lord thy God . . . which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go" (v. 17).

Notice with thanksgiving—our God leadeth His people. The Great Shepherd of the sheep walks on before us. Not driving His own, but bidding them, calling them, encouraging them to follow in His steps. "And He led them forth by the right way" said the Psalmist. God's way is the right way, God's way is the best way. The steps of those who follow His unerring leading are ordered by Him. Where He leads me this day, I determine to follow.

SATURDAY, October 30th. Isaiah xlix. 8-23.

"Can a woman forget her child . . . yea they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands" (v. 15, 16).

Mother love! How tender is that love, how pure; how strong. And yet there are mothers who have forgotten; mothers who have ceased to love. Mother-love, the purest and strongest form of human love does sometimes break down. But God's love never gives way. Many waters cannot quench His love. To every Christian believer born into the Family of God by the Spirit, this intractable promise is given by God the Father—"I will not forget thee."

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Lawson.—On July 27th, Mrs. Emily Jane Lawson, aged 74, for many years a member of Elim Church, Coulsdon, taken to be with Christ after many years of suffering.

Reeve.—On October 4th, suddenly, Arthur Albert Reeve, aged 64. Funeral conducted by Mr. T. McClandlish (R.M.D.S.F.) in the absence of Pastor George Backhouse.

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