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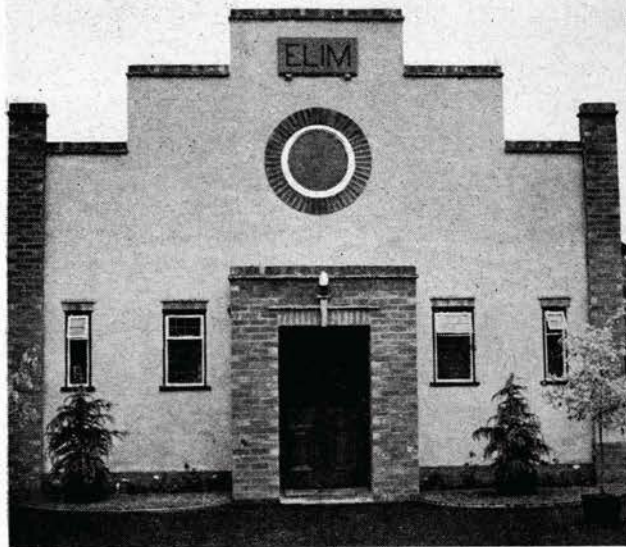
OCTOBER 30TH, 1954.



Choir Festival at Worthing in which visiting choirs participated (Report on page 519).

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

Pastor and People work to build Church



Top : Front of the lovely church at Hereford, built after the campaign.

Centre : The campaigners and the pastor at the opening of the new building.

Bottom.—Exterior view of the new church.

HEREFORD Elim Church now rejoices in its own building, the result of much sacrificial giving and faithful prayer and service.

The assembly began nearly four years ago with a campaign by Pastors P. S. Brewster, W. Plowright, and Alex. Tee, and since then Pastor E. Harford has been in charge.

At first the only hall available, with a most uninviting approach and twenty-two outside steps to climb, was hired. The people came faithfully, the presence and blessing of the Lord was greatly manifested, and the saints worked and prayed for a church building.

Every possible opening was explored. Five halls, eight plots of land, four large houses (with a view to conversion into a church) were all refused.

Then a house with a plot of ground adjoining was purchased, but when application was made, and plans presented, the authorities refused permission to build. Still the saints prayed and believed. Then application was made again and this time permission was granted.

Last November work began on the demolition of the old buildings, and 6,500 bricks were cleaned by brethren and sisters of the assembly. The brethren then commenced to dig the foundations, and on Christmas Eve the first bricks were laid.

During the erection of the church, many of the members spent hours doing all kinds of jobs willingly. The Pastor, helping with the brethren to unload seven tons of cement, was asked by an inquirer if it was true that a fish and chip saloon was being built.

When the opening date was announced, Saturday, June 12th, there was a cry "Is it possible?" But it was done—built within six months and completed.

The church seats about 230. A small gallery and an exquisite pulpit and platform, in solid oak panels, add to the beauty and dignity of the building.

Since May 1953, until October 1954, the sum of £1,142 has been given to the Building Fund, and 140 chairs have been purchased by members, at the cost of 30/- each. For all these blessings we give God the glory.

Pastor P. S. Brewster performed the opening ceremony, at which a Bible inscribed with the names of the trustees, builder, architect, Pastors P. S. Brewster and Harford was placed in a metal container, sealed and inserted into the corner stone. Crowds gathered to witness this unusual ceremony.

Mr. Dan Hughes, who had prayed for twenty-five years for Elim to be established in Hereford, dedicated the church to the Lord.

Since the church has been opened, the Lord has blessed in the salvation of souls and the healing of bodies.

There is a family spirit which dominates the assembly in prayer, worship, service and practical things.

CHRIST MEETS THE EDWARDIANS

Here is a story to thrill the believer, and to encourage. It tells of the wonderful way God has been working at Long Eaton, Notts—a break-through which came after months of faithful, prayerful, plodding service. Let Pastor Bernard J. Epton, of Long Eaton, tell it in his own words:—

FOR A LONG TIME our Sunday evening open-air in the Market Place has been the gathering place for the young people of Long Eaton. The gangs of toughs, Edwardians, Bop boys, hooligans, every type imaginable anywhere up to 300 of them, listening for as long as an hour and a half at a time.

Month after month passed, and still no results. It seemed that these young folk were so hard that there was no way to reach them.

On Sunday, September 5th, we invited them to come back to the church with us for a service. This invitation had been extended time and time again, but now was God's time. About fifty were induced to come in. It was no picnic. Not one had set foot in a church for years, and some had never been.

The following Sunday we had to lock the door: Church Full. The queue forms up now very quietly outside, waiting for the next service.

On September 26th it was Harvest Thanksgiving, and

we had the Gospel Service at 6.30, a Youth Service at 8 o'clock and another Youth Service at 9 o'clock. For the first time in these meetings an appeal was made. At 8 o'clock eighteen accepted Christ; at 9 o'clock seventeen more made their decision. Truly this was the working of the Holy Ghost in answer to continued prayer.

Last Sunday the question was asked "How many here tonight accepted Christ last Sunday?" and with no hesitation up stood about thirty of those who called themselves the toughs of the town.

To follow these another eleven made their decision, and one young lady on the Saturday night, making a total of forty-seven saved in a fortnight. Hallelujah! Where once these jeered and mocked at Him, now they are willing to fight anyone who dares to speak against Christ or the Elim Church.

God is moving in a wondrous way. Please pray for greater things than these for His glory.

An Elim Torpedo Boat lines up with a Battleship

At least that is how Pastor V. J. Walker put it at the Choir Festival recently held in the Elim Church, Worthing. He was referring to the fact that the large church opposite (Christ Church) had sent its choir to take part in the proceedings.

The church was packed for the occasion, and the chairman was the Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. W. Crittle. In his remarks he wittily expressed the hope that the amicable relations between Elim and the Church of England in Worthing would not be upset by a torpedo, but he could not see that happening as, with Pastor Walker, he stood for Salvation by Faith and the infallibility of the Word of God.

Pastor W. G. Hathaway opened the meeting in prayer. Worthing and Hove Choirs sang a number of items well

known in Elim circles, such as "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," and "Jesus of Nazareth," while the choir of surpliced boys and men rendered well-known and loved portions of scripture set to music, including "God so loved the world."

Pastor J. McBurney, the guest speaker, was impressed by the foundation laid for his text "And He preached unto him Jesus."

The speaker stressed the value of Jesus to our needy world. If men who preached would not wander from this text all would be well. Christ had shown Himself in every way to be worthy of the central place in all our thoughts and plans.

It was an inspiring evening and all present felt that something had been achieved for the Kingdom.

Clacton Double Anniversary

Services to mark Clacton-on-Sea Elim Full Gospel Church's 7th Anniversary, and Pastor F. Frost's 2nd Anniversary were held on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 3rd-4th.

Pastor W. Baker, and the Macclesfield Crusader Choir, were present for the occasion, and great blessings were experienced from beginning to end.

Preaching at the breaking of bread on the Sunday morning, Pastor S. Long, first pastor of the church in 1936, gave a stirring address on "God's Word and its creative possibilities."

A large congregation was present in the evening when

Pastor Baker's address was on, "God's Word the Bible, proved real by experience in the human heart."

Solos, duets, trios and testimonies were given by the Crusaders and the Choir.

Ninety sat down for the Anniversary Tea on Monday when officers of the church thanked Pastor and Mrs. Frost for their loyal service, and the blessings received under their ministry.

Another large congregation assembled in the evening. Several pieces were sung by the choir, and during the singing of a solo, "King of my life I crown Thee now," a sister from Macclesfield was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost.

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EDITORIAL

The Incalculable Spirit of God

In last week's issue we published a report on the marvelous outpouring of the Spirit on the natives in the Congo. The writer stated that the greatest hindrance to the work was the unreadiness of the Christians to receive any new manifestation of the Spirit.

How true it is that we stereotype everything in the mould of past events, and judge everything by what has gone before, and absolutely refuse to countenance anything new or original, or that takes us out of the old ruts. Some Christians' motto seems to be "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen." We do not wish to be irreverent, but it is true that we are shy to receive anything that hasn't happened before, forgetting that God says: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth" (Isaiah xliii. 19).

If we think only in terms of past events, in ways that have become well established, in things we can expect, then we shall rule out God. While He is certainly a God of order, and never produces confusion, you cannot order God's ways or His works. He is God, and reserves the right to Himself when He thinks fit, to override all human plans and programmes and demonstrate in a new way His wonderful power.

If—as some of us are fully convinced is a fact—Jesus is coming again soon, and the Great Day is near at hand, then we must be prepared for unusual happenings in the spiritual realm, new wonders springing forth, new outpourings of the Spirit taking new shape and form, new breakings in upon our lethargy and slowness of heart to understand, new manifestations of spiritual gifts, such as we have not seen before.

The coming of that glorious climax to the history of the Christian Church will surely not catch us in the night as a thief. We are not children of the night but of the day, and the nearing Advent of our Lord will surely bring to us a quickening of our perception, a heightening of the tempo of our service, an increasing sense of victory and triumph as the Great Victor prepares for His descent from the skies.

We must be ready to expect the unexpected, to welcome every God-breathed reviving, and to be quick to take advantage of every opportunity to gather in the harvest while the Spirit of God is on the move.

I THOUGHT ON MY WAYS—Continued.

door; His servants watching with hearts aglow, would it be thus, if He came just now?

What if He came to the garden gate, e'er sets the sun, or at day break. Would His sweet flowers and lilies be growing in beauty watched o'er by thee?

What if He came in your hours of strife; found your post vacant, found wasted life; a scattered flock, a broken fold; the fire of love in your heart grown cold?

What if He came e'er this hour has flown? Say, is the task that He gave you done? Oh, what if you've left it all too late, and settled your doom and sealed your fate?

May God enable us by His grace to live nearer to Him, and help us to face the future without fear. The tender voice of Jesus, sweeter than the music of the sea, speaks to us as we listen for His voice: "I will not leave you comfortless." "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."



NEXT THURSDAY'S PROGRAMME (4th Nov.) —TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Einar Ekberg, the Swedish Baritone (ex Opera singer) brings to you the song "Alone with Jesus."

The I.B.T.I. Male Voice Quartet—four Continental brothers—sing, "Have you been to Calvary?"

Testimony Time supplied by the Mansfield Elim Church—Mr. Dyer.

The London Crusader Choir with well-known hymns

AND

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"I THOUGHT ON MY WAYS"

By Mrs. Alice Beaumont

I THOUGHT on my ways" (Psa. cxix, 59). David seems to be taking thought as to where he stands in the Christian life and in God's sight. He first thinks of the covenant he made with God "Thou art my portion, O Lord."

The whole world, who are outside of Christ's family, place their happiness in the wealth or honour of this world, they look no further, they decide no more; but we who have accepted Christ, take the Lord for the portion of our inheritance, and can like David say, "Thou art my portion, O Lord, and my inheritance. I have chosen Thee and Thou hast chosen me. I am Thine and Thou art mine. I have said that I would keep Thy words."

Do not we also pledge ourselves to keep His words? By prayer, by singing, we swear allegiance to our King. Take notice of the hymns we sing, "Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee." "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee." We could recall many such. "I entreated Thy favour with my whole heart" says David. "Be merciful unto me." David knew that nothing but the favour of God could satisfy him. "I thought on my ways." This is what each of us should do, we should look backwards and see by our failures in the past where to make improvement in the future, and be determined to live nearer to God.

David had many enemies, there were wicked men who hated him. They robbed him, they endeavoured to take away his good name, but David said: "I have not forgotten Thy law and at midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee." Blessed be God, He can give songs in the night. Many of us have realised that in the midnight of sorrow, Christ has put gladness in our hearts. Paul and Silas could sing in the midnight of persecution. John Bunyan had a song in his heart which manifested itself by his pen, when his enemies thought they had stopped his song by prison and persecution.

David goes on to say: "I am a companion of all them that fear Thee." If we love God, we are bound to love the people of God. Spiritual relationships are the nearest and dearest of all. "I thought on my ways." Thoughtfulness is a splendid characteristic, especially when directed towards self-improvement. The young man who began to gamble in a very small way did not think that the unholy desire for wealth would so increase that it would lead him step by step to embezzlement and ruin. The young woman who began to take just one glass of liquor did not think that it would one day lead to a drunkard's grave. The slanderous tongues that have broken thousands of loving hearts have "did not think" behind them, and half the mistakes and cruelties of mankind could be put down to "I did not think."

Whither are we going as individuals? Whither as a nation? We are living in terrible times. Great catastrophes are happening all over the world. Biblical prophecy

is being fulfilled continually, showing clearly that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Our hearts ache for the sorrows and woes of the world, but our resting place and refuge is in the fact that God is love. His word says it and all His works declare it, but that fact is misrepresented by much of the sentimental preaching of today which takes out of it both truth and justice, and makes out that it saves the sinner in his sins.

Salvation is not a bare escape from hell, it is an escape from present sin. "His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Reconciliation with God is a definite transaction between the soul and God, on the simple conditions of repentance and faith. He forgives, and fills our hearts with joy. There is sufficient Divine grace flowing through the sacrifice of Jesus to enable every one who seeks it to find salvation and be adopted into God's family, and it is the duty of every child of God to serve Him as King, consecrating all they have of ability, influence and possessions to this task.

I have often been puzzled by the apparent indifference of many who profess to be the sons and daughters of God; and quite sure of heaven, as to the interest of Christ's kingdom on earth. All that appears to concern them is that they may have a good time in this life and a better time still in the life that is to come. They do not seem to care about the salvation of souls, or do any mourning on account of the sin-stricken world. Oh, let us all think on our ways and make a determined effort to live nearer God, to be swallowed up in the divinity of love. He loves us with unmeasured love, pity, and sympathy, and every gracious quality which our hungry hearts demand, exist for us in Him.

He took on Himself our human frame with all its possibilities of pain, hunger, temptation, poverty, and homelessness and friendlessness. He put Himself into the worst of our possible circumstances, and ended His life in sorrow and suffering, and by the most horrible of deaths, so that in every place and in every circumstance where a soul might ever be found, it should have the power to know in just that condition of things, the infinite compassionate love of God.

The fruits of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. How painfully unlike the perfect pattern after which our lives ought to be fashioned we are. The richest treasures of the Bible are not too well known. It is the great book of the consolations of humanity, and is our great guide book. Christ is coming soon, and we shall see Him in all His beauty. But let us think on our ways, so that when He comes He will find us ready.

What would He find if He came just now? A faded leaf and a fruitless bough, a servant sleeping, an idle plough. What would He find if He came just now?

Soon, oh soon, His coming's sure. Say, would He find an open
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SHE had rheumatic fever.
 Her heart was badly affected.
 She was in bed and could scarcely raise her arms.
 She knew she wasn't getting well there in bed.
 She was only twelve years old, but she knew Jesus could heal her.

She had listened to our broadcast in the Vancouver, B.C. area, and had learned she could be healed.

She had faith, enthusiastic faith.

One day she heard on the broadcast that we were coming to Vancouver with the big tent. Very excitedly she told her mother, "You just wait until that big tent gets here," she said, "You can take me out there and Jesus will heal me."

Her mother had been listening to our programme, too, and believed God could heal, but she was a little taken back at her daughter's enthusiasm.

"But honey," she said, "you know we can't let you get up out of bed."

"Mother, don't you want Jesus to heal me?"

"Yes, I do, but you are not supposed to move about. It will make your heart worse."

"Mother, you have got to promise to take me and I know Jesus won't let anything hurt me."

It took the little girl several days to get her mother willing to bring her to the meeting after we arrived. Finally, mother and the girl got ready and the mother took the child and put her in the car and was fixing to leave.

Just at that moment a very close friend came up.

"Where are you going?" he asked.

"We are going to the Oral Roberts campaign so he can pray for me and I can get healed," the girl said.

"You are what?"

"I am going to be healed."

The mother spoke, "What do you think about it?"

He said, "You can't take that girl out there. She is liable to die on the way."

"But Mother," the girl cried. "You promised me I could go and be prayed for."

"Well, I don't know what to do now," said the mother.

It seemed they would never get there that night. After this friend left they met other difficulties.

The little girl was determined, and they finally made it.

When the mother saw the huge crowd present, she was encouraged. She said, "If so many people believe God can heal, surely we are in the right place."

Still she had some misgivings.

The little girl was bubbling over with enthusiasm.

After finishing the message, I went back in the invalid room to pray for the emergency cases when I saw this child. They told me what was wrong with her.

"Put your hand on your heart, honey," I said.

I placed my hand over hers.

Her heart was pounding wildly.

Her body was swollen and partially stiff.

I prayed a simple prayer for her and told her to believe God and then went on my way.

Talk about excitement. The room was suddenly full of it. The little girl jumped up, began pumping her arms up and down. She threw her arms around her mother and

How to get your H when others a



cried for joy.

The mother was both happy and scared. "Honey, you musn't do this," she cried. "Remember your rheumatic fever."

"But Mother, my rheumatic fever is gone! God has healed me! See! Look at my arms! I can raise them! Put your hand here on my heart! See! It is real quiet now!"

Then the mother got excited.

She was convinced it was a miracle.

But after they got home, the mother began to lose her faith. The next day the little girl was jumping around all over the house, running and playing and having a good time.

"Honey, stop that. You know you can't do that."

"Mother, didn't you see me get healed last night?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you feel my heart?"

"Yes."

"Didn't God heal me?"

"Yes."

"Then, Mother, I am all right. I can run and play."

"But, honey, what if it is not real."

"Mother, all I have got to say to you is that you are just plain stupid!"

The mother burst out laughing and threw her arms around her child and they had a merry time. Soon they were back to the meeting and the little girl came on the platform and showed herself to the people and testified to what Jesus had done for her.

You will find that some of your friends will tell you that you shouldn't believe in God for Divine healing.

Not many will encourage you to get healed.

Not many will stand up and enthusiastically add their faith to yours.

Not many will say, "Well, everything has failed and now your only hope is God."

Not many will come to you and say, "Whatever I can do to help you get healed, I will do it."

You will face many difficulties.

You may have to go alone.

Just remember this, your faith is strong enough to heal you. It will be nice for others to add their faith to yours, but if they don't, your faith is sufficient within itself.

Sometimes we forget what some of the people in the Bible had to go through for their healing.

They were criticised.

They were laughed at.

They were misunderstood.

Interested in you

By ORAL ROBERTS

A child's faith
brings a
miracle of
healing.

They were rebuffed.
They were told it couldn't be done.
The case I have in mind now is the Syro-Phœnician woman told about in Matthew xv. 22-28.
Her child was mentally ill.
Day after day she watched this child wasting away in mind and flesh.
Her child wasn't going to get well. Nothing in the world could cure her.
Then she heard about Jesus.
Jesus was a Jew.
But He was not like other men.
He went about "doing good, healing all who were oppressed of the Devil, for God was with Him" (Acts x. 38).
He preached deliverance to the captives (Luke iv. 18).
He went about giving people life and giving it to them more abundantly (John x. 10).
He was moved with compassion when He saw people afflicted, and healed them (Matt. xiv. 14).
He healed by the touch of His hand (Mark vi. 56).
By His word (Matt. viii. 8).
By people touching His clothes (Matt. xiv. 36).
Through His followers (Luke x. 9).
There was great enthusiasm among the people. His name was on every lip. Faith was high.
The Syro-Phœnician woman heard about Jesus.
For her it would not be easy.
She was not acceptable to the Jews.
She was classed as a "Gentile dog."
She would not be welcome in Galilee where Jesus was healing the people.
Many would be against her.
None of her neighbours would encourage her to go.
It would take strong faith and great personal courage.
She would be humiliated and scorned.
But she felt she could endure anything if she could get her child healed.
When she arrived where Jesus was she cried, "Oh, Lord, Thou Son of David, my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. Have mercy, Lord, and heal her."
He answered her not a word.
She turned from Him to His disciples. They turned their backs on her.
She came around in front of them pleading with them for help.
The disciples said to Jesus, "Send her away for she crieth after us."
Jesus answered, "I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

The woman came up to Jesus, fell down before Him and worshipped Him.
"Lord, help me," she cried.
Jesus was deeply moved.
His compassion started flowing toward her.
He decided to put her to the acid test.
"It is not meet," He said, "to give the children's bread to dogs."
This means that the "children's bread" is healing for the bodies of God's children.
The woman was a sinner.
She was a "Gentile dog" who cared nothing about God and decent living.
"Truth, Lord," she said, admitting she was not a child of God nor was worthy of becoming one. "Yet, the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table."
She was referring to the little house dogs common among the Jews. Those little dogs were always under their master's table during mealtime. From time to time the children would take the crumbs from their plates and pitch them under the table to their little dogs.
If she cannot be His child and sit at the table with Him eating the children's bread, then she wants to be like the little house dog and at least get the crumbs from the Master's table.
Jesus was astonished.
He was thrilled.
He had been searching for this kind of faith.
"O woman, great is thy faith," He cried, "be it unto thee even as thou wilt."
"And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."
This woman is one of two people in the New Testament whom Jesus said had "great faith."
The other was the Centurion (Matt. viii. 5-13) who believed if Jesus would only speak the word his servant would be healed.
Everyone's faith can be great faith.
Great faith recognises Jesus' power over sickness and disease.
It will press its way in to Jesus when others criticise, mock and scorn.
It won't be discouraged or dismayed.
It won't take no for an answer.
It won't quit.
It will fight its way through to the Lord of power and deliverance.
It will get results.
Are you having to go through opposition to get your healing? Are you being criticised? Laughed at? Scorned? Do you feel its just too difficult to press your way through?
Then pause a moment and think about the Syro-Phœnician woman.
Think about the little Canadian girl with rheumatic fever.
Think of these two cases, separated by almost two thousand years and how they can be applied to your own case.

—America's Healing Magazine.

HOW "ROCK OF AGES" CAME TO BE WRITTEN

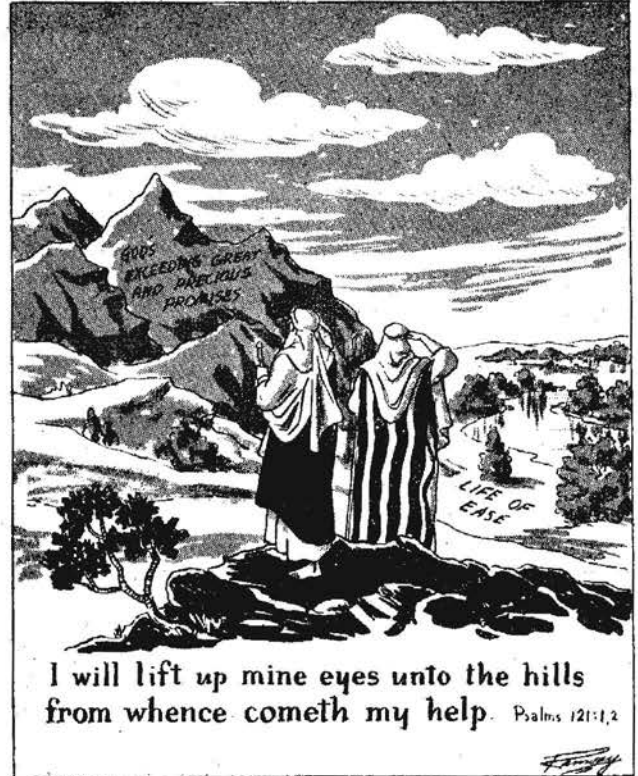
"Ye who were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. ii. 13).

The greatest of all hymns had its spiritual birth place in a barn. About the year 1756, a bright lad of sixteen, the son of Major Toplady was taken by his widowed mother to visit some relatives in Ireland. During this visit at the hamlet of Codymain an earnest layman was holding some evangelistic meetings in a barn, for the benefit of the surrounding peasantry. The young lad, Augustus Montague Toplady, was attracted to the place out of curiosity. The homespun preacher's text was "Ye who were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Up to that time, the boy had been a stranger to salvation, but the plain discourse led him to Jesus. He was converted that day, and the sermon that converted him, preached by an unknown preacher, gave in the end that matchless hymn "Rock of Ages." Truly the faithful servant of God who scatters His seed upon the waters, little knows whereunto it may grow, or after how many days he may find it. That plain Irish preacher was setting in tune that day a youthful heart, which should yet yield the marching song to millions on their way to glory.

In the year 1776 Augustus Toplady was overtaken in a storm while he was walking amongst that beautiful countryside in the Mendip Hills in Burrington Coombe, Somerset. The rain became heavier, and louder the thunder. The roadway was literally a river. A great tempest raged. Turning aside to a huge rock, which had been cleft by the hand of God thousands of years before, he found refuge from the storm. There he hid himself in the cleft of the rock with his Lord, who gave him the inspiration to write those beautiful words, "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me." What a wonderful hiding place in the height of the storm, may we find in that Rock Christ Jesus, who was cleft for us before the foundation of the world.

[Recently a party of us visited this lovely spot. Among us were Pastor and Mrs. R. Jones, Pastor and Mrs. J. Woodhead, the Editor and Mrs. Hathaway, Pastor and Mrs. A. D. Hathaway, Pastor Boston. It was a happy time of fellowship.—Ed.]

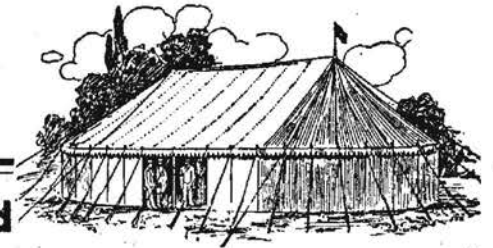
WHICH WAY ARE YOU LOOKING?



RADIO EVANGELISM

We are continually receiving encouraging news of the reception of our weekly broadcasts (every Thursday night at 10.35 from Radio Monte Carlo) from Elim Churches and Churches of other denominations, as well as hospitals, etc.

Please pray for these broadcasts which reach, not only the British Isles, but also the whole of the Continent, North Africa, and parts of the Middle East. The programmes can also be heard well behind the Iron Curtain. The gifts of our readers to help us maintain this form of evangelism will be gratefully received.



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Elim Youth Page

We "Fight
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fight"

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

BACKGROUND

The writer of this helpful article for Sunday School Teachers is **Pastor Harry Shaw**, Minister of the new Elim Church at High Wycombe. This church is one of the Full Gospel Testimony Churches which recently entered our fellowship. Mr. Shaw exercised the oversight of the Sunday School work in late F.G.T. fellowship, and we are very pleased to publish this feature kindly supplied by him.

I don't know if you are interested in pictures, but if not you might be well recompensed to take an intelligent review of the art. It can teach us many valuable lessons which can be applied with great profit in working amongst boys and girls.

Do you just teach your class out of some indefinable desire to be actively doing something in the church? You are on the road to failure if that is what has brought you into Sunday School work.

Every boy or girl whom you contact in your Sunday School work is a real picture. More real than any artist can adequately portray. Here is the door of opportunity standing wide open for any or all who will pass through its portals and do business for the King.

An object would be grotesque if it were just painted on to the canvas and left with the bare material surrounding it. It needs a background to throw out its qualities, its tone and beauty. Because we do not appreciate the background of some of our boys and girls they stand out ugly and gruesome to us. Unhesitatingly we might even show them the door because they don't appeal to us; they are naughty, dirty, unkempt. But all kinds of children must have been present when Jesus took them and blessed them. He got the background right.

The artist spends much time and study in background, yet Sunday School workers are so apt to just scrape up a few gleanings for a lesson and think they have done a good job of work. The way to success is to study the backgrounds. There is little that we can do to alter the setting but we can adjust ourselves a whole lot if we would only trouble to look out the surrounding conditions and circumstances of our scholars. We mustn't become nose-parkers, but the setting of our scholar influences the character, and the characteristics. Every one is a complete study in itself and it is difficult to generalise in these things. But there is a simple way in which we can tackle our problem. Realising our limitations for changing the whole background we need to appreciate the fact that we come into the setting

somewhere. Here lies our opportunity. We must seek to blend into the background rather than try to eradicate it. To fit in rather than stand out. To silhouette the scholar rather than obscure him by ourself. Points that help us in this are: an ability to be human; sympathetic understanding of their problems; wisdom in applying our understanding. Above all, LOVE, substantiated with miles of patience. Jesus thought a lot about children and loved them every one.

Another feature in background study is the position of light. Obviously there must be light to get a picture at all. We can play a part in the focusing of the light. God's Word is light—we can focus it a little. At least we can put it there, leaving the illumination to the Holy Spirit Himself. A good illustration of this is found in going to a high class jeweller to make a purchase. He has studied his background effects well. A light is supplied right over the counter upon which he purposes to make his display to us. Next he unrolls his piece of black velvet, immediately beneath the light. He is now ready to show his diamonds to us. They always "show off" better on this black background. I have met some beautiful souls whose beauty has only been discovered to me in the blackness of their background coupled with the focus of the light.

Finally, shadows play a very important part in this study. Some shadows can be cast deliberately, others unwittingly; some are uncontrollable. We need to be ever alert that we do not cast a shadow across the life of any of our scholars. Shadows will come, that is certain, but some of them will be taken up and absorbed by us so that they do not fall across the path of these little ones. We are now back where we commenced almost, our position in the background, the way we focus the light. Shadows will be cast; may we seek to cast the shadow of the Cross of Calvary upon the pathway of our scholars and pray that the Light of the World who was hung upon that Cross will focus His light right into the depths of their heart, bringing heavenly illumination upon the Word which we have sown and may no shadow that we cast blur the pathway that these little ones must tread.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

Most people think :

Happy are the pushers : for they get on in the world.

Happy are the hard-boiled : for they never let life hurt them.

Happy are they who complain : for they get their own way in the end.

Happy are the blasé : for they never worry over their sins.

Happy are the slave-drivers : for they get results.

Happy are the knowledgeable men of the world : for they know their way around.

Happy are the trouble-makers : for people have to take notice of them.

Jesus Christ said :

Happy are those who realise their spiritual poverty : they have already entered the kingdom of Reality.

Happy are they who bear their share of the world's pain : in the long run they will know more happiness than those who avoid it.

Happy are those who accept life and their own limitations : they will find more in life than anybody.

Happy are those who long to be truly 'good' : they will fully realise their ambition.

Happy are those who are ready to make allowances and to forgive : they will know the love of God.

Happy are those who are real in their thoughts and feelings : in the end they will see the ultimate Reality, God.

Happy are those who help others to live together : they will be known to be doing God's work.

—J. B. Phillips.

And last, but not least . . . this week's tailpiece :

Do you understand ?

Many things in the Bible I cannot understand ; many things in the Bible I only think I understand ; but there are many things in the Bible I cannot misunderstand.



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A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor John Gardiner.

SUNDAY, October 31st. Isaiah 1. 1-11.

"Is My hand shortened at all . . . that it cannot redeem ? Or have I no power to deliver ?" (v. 2).

It is apparent that the Lord's people in every age doubt whether God can, or will help them. For here the nation Israel is reminded of the Almightyness of God that was unleashed for them at every crisis in their history. The Good News of Jesus Christ broadcasts to all the world that the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot redeem. "He is able to save to the uttermost ALL that come unto God by Him." Our God does not change. He can and He will deliver His people.

MONDAY, November 1st. Isaiah li. 1-16

"Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, with singing . . . everlasting joy shall be upon their heads, they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away" (v. 11).

This is the comfort of the Redeemer to Zion under the Old Covenant. It is also prophetic. This is the promise of things to come for all believers who have been redeemed under the New Covenant. Now, as disciples, we serve His cause and bear His reproach in addition to meeting life's stern hours. But Christ's kingdom is coming. The best is yet to be for the Christian believer. Jesus Christ keeps the best wine until the last.

TUESDAY, November 2nd. Isaiah lii. 1-15.

"Ye shall be redeemed without money" (v. 3).

This evangelical prophet is yet to write—"without money and without price." So the Old Testament agrees with the New Testament, "Ye are not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold." Bankrupts have nothing to pay with. Sinners cannot pay the price of their redemption from the penalty and power of sin, the price is immeasurably beyond them. Our Saviour, our Substitute, Jesus Christ, paid the price of our redemption with His own blood. "By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, not of works, lest any man should boast, it is the gift of God."

WEDNESDAY, November 3rd. Isaiah liii. 1-12.

"He was despised, and we esteemed Him not" (v. 3).

This is the Old Testament's chapter of Calvary. To think that there were years when Jesus Christ meant nothing to us. He willingly took our place, our blame, our strokes, our punishment, and we esteemed Him not. We didn't want Him. O the marvel of His love. He died for us whilst we were sinners. "Oh, the sinful sorrow, Oh, the strangest shame, That I saw no beauty in that Sacred Name." Now that is past and over. Now I give myself to Him as He gave Himself for me.

THURSDAY, November 4th. Isaiah liv. 7-17.

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper" (v. 17).

This is the sworn oath of the Lord God to His people Israel. Not a promise that no weapon should be used against them, but a promise that no weapon should destroy them. God has remembered that promise. Israel has been burned with pitiless fires right down to this day, but they have not been consumed. But this promise is for the Redeemed Church of Jesus Christ as well. The gates of hell shall not prevail against her. "Round His standard ranging, Victory is secure."

FRIDAY, November 5th. Isaiah lv. 1-13.

"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth. It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, And it shall prosper . . ." (v. 11).

For that promise every servant of the Gospel is devoutly thankful. None of the Lord's words shall fall to the ground. They shall not pass away, neither shall they prove to be powerless. So says the Lord to those who stand before their fellows saying, "Thus saith the Lord." "The word of God is living and powerful," so let the preacher use it with utmost confidence. Knowing that reaping must follow the sowing of such a word.

SATURDAY, November 6th. Isaiah lvii. 13-21.

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, I will dwell . . . with him . . . that is of a contrite and humble spirit" (v. 15).

The Almighty God, whom heaven and earth cannot contain, will dwell with and in a contrite believer. The God who dwelt in the Tabernacle of the Wilderness, in the magnificent Temple of Jerusalem, now dwells not in buildings made with hands, but in the true Christian believer. "Ye are the temple of the living God." What is your body ? A business place ? A playhouse ? A sty ? Or does Jesus Christ live there ?

A Hottentot boy came one day to a missionary, saying : "I have found my name in the Book."

"Where ?" the missionary asked.

"There," the boy replied. "'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' That's me."

COMING EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

Pastor John Dyke, the President, will visit the following churches:

Oct. 30, Coulsdon.

Nov. 6-8, Swansea. 9, Neath. 10, Briton Ferry. 11, Pontardulais. 12, Brecon. 13, Porth. 14, Cardiff. 15, Newport. 16, Trelaw. 17, Mountain Ash. 18, Pontypridd. 19, Treherbert. 20, Abercynon. 21, Dowlais. 22, Pantywaun. 23, Abertwswg. 24, Barry. 25, Aberdare.

ARMAGH. Nov. 9-11. Elim Tabernacle, College Street. Missionary Exhibition. Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8 p.m. Elim missionary speakers.

BANGOR. Nov. 13-15. Elim Church, Southwell Road. Missionary Exhibition. Sat. 8. Sun. 7. Mon. 8. Elim missionary speakers.

BELFAST. Nov. 2-4. Elim Tabernacle, Melbourn Street. Missionary Exhibition. Tues., Wed., Thurs., at 8 p.m. Elim Missionary speakers.

BOLTON. Nov. 12-14. Elim Church, Moor Lane, Market Square. Youth Conference arranged and presented by Lanes. Presbytery and Elim Youth Committee. Friday, 7.30, "Did God create?" Fact and Faith film followed by discussion. Sat., 10 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. Vital Youth Topics introduced by Youth Committee members and discussion; 7 p.m. Great District Youth Rally. Speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway; Convener: Pastor J. H. Davies. Sunday, 11. 6.30. Speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway. 3 p.m. District Children's Convention. Speaker: Pastor L. C. Quest.

BRISTOL. Nov. 6. City Temple, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft. Great opening celebrations. Opening by Pastor E. J. Phillips. 3.30. Evening Rally 7. Speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway.

BRIFON FERRY. Oct. 31-Nov. 25. Elim Church, Old Road. Great Crusade for Christ Campaign, by Pastor N. J. Nelson. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7. Suns. 11 and 6.15. After-Church Rallies 8.

CLAPHAM. Oct. 24-Nov. 4. Elim Central Church, Carfax Square. Revival and Healing campaign, conducted by Pastor A. R. Smith and Party. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sun. 11 & 6.30. Children's meetings, 6 p.m. each night for first week.

COULSDON. Oct. 30. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. United Pentecostal Rally. Pastor J. Dyke (Elim President). Pastor R. W. Down (A.O.G.). Coulsdon Choir. Sat. at 7.

HALIFAX. Oct. 30, 31. Elim Church, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Sat. 7. Visit of Pastor A. E. Mellors and members of Wakefield Assemblies of God.

HOVE. Oct. 30-Nov. 4. Elim Church, Portland Road. Fourth Annual Advent Testimony Convention. Sat 7.30. Sun. 11 & 6.30. Mon. to Thurs. 7.30. Speakers include: Pastors H. W. Greenway and H. Burton Haynes. Sat. (Oct. 30), visit of Clapham Crusader Choir.

HULL. Nov. 6-11. Elim Church, Mason Street. Special visit of Pastor David Hathaway. Week-nights 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

KINGSTANDING. Oct. 23-31. Elim Church, Warren Road. Great Youth Week. Sat. and Sun., Oct. 30, 31, visit of National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. Hywel Davies.

LOWESTOFT. Nov. 7th. Elim Church, Milton Road. Special visit of Pastor A. W. Wright (Southend), 11 and 6.30.

NEWTOWNARDS. Oct. 30-Nov. 2. Elim Hall, Court Street. Missionary Exhibition. Sat. 8. Sun. 8. Mon. 8. Elim Missionary speakers.

PLYMOUTH. Commencing Nov. 13. Elim Church, Emma Place, Stonehouse. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign, conducted by Evangelist Len Chappell, recently returned from the U.S.A. Suns. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30.

PORTADOWN. Nov. 6-8. Elim Tabernacle, Clonavon Avenue. Missionary Exhibition. Sat. 8. Sun. 7. Mon. 8. Elim missionary speakers.

SALFORD. Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Elim Church, Nursery Street, Pendleton, Crusader Week-end. Speakers: Mrs D. Wild and Pastor Derek Green. Sat. and Mon. 7.30, Sun. 6.30.

SWINDON. Oct. 30, 31. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. Pastor's Anniversary Services. Sat. 7. Gloucester Male Voice Choir. Sun. 11 & 6.30. Pastor George Carty.

TONYPANDY. Oct. 30-Nov. 7. Elim Temple, Miskin Road, Trelaw. Annual Youth Week. Speakers include: Pastors Arnold Brooks, W. J. Maybin, and the National Youth Secretary, J. Hywel Davies. Supported by Youth Teams. Suns. 6 p.m., After-Church Rally, 8. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.15.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

Pastor J. Hywel Davies will visit the following churches during the months of October and November:

Oct. 30, 31, Birmingham (Kingstanding).
Nov. 4, Ilford. 6-7, Tonypandy. 8, Porth. 12-13, Bolton. 14, Salford. 15, Sheffield. 16, Barnsley. 17, Nottingham. 18, Burton-on-Trent. 19, Long Eaton. 20, 3.30 & 6.30 Presbytery Youth Rally, Lincoln. 21, Lincoln. 22, Rotherham. 27-28, Hadleigh.

Pastor Bryant Baker (South Africa) will conduct a series of Evangelistic Campaigns in the Scottish Presbytery as follows:—
Oct. 23-Nov. 4, Carlisle. 6-11, Greenock. 13-15, Motherwell.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor D. C. Lewis, Elim missionary to India, will visit the following churches:

Oct. 31, Bath.
Nov. 1, Wells.

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