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SMILING FACES IN THE SUNSHINE

Ministers of the North-Eastern, North-Western, Lancashire, and North Midlands Presbyteries who met in Scarborough for a richly blessed Spiritual Conference.

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

Ministers Blessed at Scarborough

By Pastor S. Penney (Sheffield)

I'VE JUST RETURNED from our Spiritual Conference, attended by ministers and their wives from the North-Eastern, North-Western, Lancashire and North-Midlands District Presbyteries—the best ever. The idea of such a conference came from the District Superintendents of the respective Presbyteries, but the origin of the thought goes back much further, for did not our Lord say to His own disciples "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile?"

The weather was most generous in warmth and sunshine, the accommodation and catering facilities were all that could be desired, and the kindly welcome and hospitality of the Elim friends at Scarborough is beyond all praise.

Our conference days were few, commencing on the Monday evening and concluding on the Friday at lunch-time, but they were days of memorable Christian fellowship and blessing, every minute being utilized for the enrichment of body and soul.

The mornings and afternoons were sessions for devotion and Bible Study, with public meetings in the Elim Church in the evenings. It was a great joy to see the enthusiasm of the younger ministers who conducted the morning devotions.

The theme chosen for our Bible studies was Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, that priceless gem with its predominant theme of our Lord's Second Coming, a fitting topic for these momentous days, enriching and edifying the listeners.

All the public meetings were filled with divine life, power and blessing. In the after-meetings, some sought the Lord as the Great Physician, others as the Baptistiser in the Holy Ghost, and the Lord met with them.

Such a conference required careful thought and planning and much work behind the scenes. Special thanks are due to Pastor J. Tetchner, who was ceaseless in his efforts for the success of the gatherings, and to Pastor E. J. Jarvis, the resident minister, who had no small task in arranging all the accommodation.

A thousand thanks to the church officers, members and friends of the Scarborough Elim Church. You treated us in a manner worthy of the Yorkshire proverbial hospitality and may the Lord bless and reward you all for your great labour of love which made our stay among you a joyous experience and a most delightful memory. It has been a tonic to every minister and a stimulus to faith.

Ex-Teddy Boys

Longton Bethel Temple Sisterhood celebrated its anniversary during three days of special meetings.

Many Sisterhoods in the North Staffordshire Federation of Sisterhoods sent delegates to the great rally. Each gathering was addressed by Mrs. Arthur Gorton, of Reading, and the President, Mrs. H. W. Fardell, convened them.

Another outstanding event was the Youth Night, when

a team of youth told remarkable stories of their conversions. Many of them had been notorious characters, and when they gave the "altar-call" another fine young fellow surrendered himself to Christ.

The *Evening Sentinel*, Stoke-on-Trent, published this report:—

"Self-confessed 'Teddy boys,' who had been converted at open-air religious meetings in Tunstall, were in a youth team which visited Longton Bethel Temple on Sunday evening.

"About twenty young men and women told the congregation remarkable stories of their association with 'Teddy boy' gangs.

"Some said they had been drunkards and had spent their time going round cinemas and dance halls, damaging property and spoiling all the entertainment. Now, they said, they had completely changed their lives.

"There were certainly some wonderful cases', the Bethel minister (the Rev. Henry Fardell) who presided at the service, told the *Sentinel*.

"The team—under Mr. J. W. Baxter, a member of the Longton Bethel Temple—sang Gospel hymns and solos."

Clapham Convention

The Easter Convention at Clapham Central Church was richly blessed through the splendid ministry of Pastors R. Lighton and D. W. Newman, with a special visit on the Saturday by Pastor L. Cowdery.

It was one of the best Easter Conventions at Clapham and the attendances were far above average for convention meetings.

On Sunday night the church was packed and people had to come early to get a seat, while some had to sit in the aisles. The whole of the service was taken down on a tape recording machine so that it can be played back for the benefit of sick friends and other evangelistic purposes.

On the Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wigglesworth told of their adventures for Christ in West Africa.

All the meetings were convened by Pastor F. A. Hodge. Items were rendered by the choir and by individual members.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Following is a list of the District Presbyteries (including Ireland) with names of the Ministers who are the Superintendents:

Birmingham	Pastor J. Dyke
Bournemouth	F. J. Slemming
Channel Islands	J. F. Hardman
Devon and Cornwall	J. C. Kennedy
Ireland	J. Smith
Lancashire	J. Tetchner
London North	F. H. Coleman
London South	C. J. E. Kingston
North-Eastern	E. J. Jarvis
North Midlands	A. A. Biddle
North-Western	J. Gardiner
Portsmouth	J. McAvoy
Scottish	T. H. Stevenson
South Wales	P. S. Brewster
Swindon	G. Canty

The Kidderminster Campaign

Report by the Revival Party

When we commenced our campaign in the Town Hall, Kidderminster, we did not know a person in the town. Now at the time of writing, a fortnight later, 460 men and women have made a profession of salvation, all boldly coming out to the front to make a public confession. Already as a result of many requests it has been announced that an Elim Church is to be commenced in the town. The Co-operative Hall, packed twice in one night, was the scene of great rejoicing when we announced that Elim was in Kidderminster to stay. One hundred people immediately took membership cards, and there are still ten more days before the Campaign concludes, still time for more converts and more new members.

This town, famous because of its great preacher of three centuries ago, Richard Baxter, has once again become the centre of religious awakening. One of the interesting features of the campaign has been the great number of young men and young women attending nightly. Also the afternoon services have been among the best attendances of any of our campaigns.

The Lord graciously healed a woman in the first meeting. Mrs. Turner was assisted to the front by her husband and sister. For six years a sufferer with arthritis, her legs were stiff, unable to bend her knees and powerless to raise her

Churches gave wonderful support. Thank you pastors and people, you did a grand job! How hard it was to get Elim singing in those first few days, but how different tonight as we listen to Kidderminster people singing, now without the help of supporting parties, singing as though they had been Elimites for the past decade. How proud they are to sing "The Lord's my Shepherd" with the famous descant to "Crimond." How glad they respond when Mr. Lighton calls for better and better singing. How eagerly they gather for the last ten minutes with Mr. Corsie at the piano. The fire has certainly caught on here.

In a few days from now we hope to arrange a baptismal service and then, too, is all the excitement of introducing the new minister, whoever that will be.

Last Sunday morning the first Communion Service of the Campaign was held, and over 100 attended. What a joy to hear the converts praying, "Thank you Lord for saving me in the first meeting," or "Thank you for saving me last night," and as one man was heard to pray "Lord, I thank Thee for saving me this morning."

We are very conscious of the support given by God's children who have prayed so earnestly for Kidderminster. It is now our privilege to pray that during the next twelve months whilst these converts worship in a hired hall they will be able to commence to build the Elim Church they want so much.

No other campaign, perhaps, has produced so many letters testifying to healing, too many to record. A man crushed in a car accident healed completely. A woman described herself as a nervous wreck suffering from insomnia is healed. A man suffering from psycho-neurosis is healed after fifteen years. A lady with thyroid trouble, Visceroptosis, anæmia, fibrositis and migraine was healed and many others. To God be the glory!

CO-WORKERS WITH CHRIST

By Pastor Derek Green

Having heard of the blessing during the first week of the campaign in Kidderminster, the party from Pontypridd was not to be disappointed.

Inside the Town Hall the people were being directed to the few vacant seats which were left. Glancing round the sea of faces we noticed a number of Christians, for there were Elim Churches from the district supporting the meeting. One could hardly see a spare seat.

One of my greatest impressions was that of unity. Truly all were co-workers together with Christ for one could not help but feel that the service was in the hands of God.

Seven men from Pontypridd willingly stepped forward to testify of satisfaction in the Christian life. There were duets from Pastors Matthew and Corsie, a lively chorus time led by Pastor Lighton, more testimonies from the five visiting ministers, and the surprise of the evening, the

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Top: The Campaign party (with a visiting minister) on the platform.
Bottom: The crowded congregation eager to hear the Word of God.
Photo by [Brian Garrard, Ealing.]

arms. In answer to prayer she walked immediately and without assistance. Walking across the front of the hall she immediately became a glorious testimony to the miracle-working power of Jesus Christ.

During the first week of the campaign the Birmingham

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EDITORIAL

The Wembley Climax

So Wembley and the Billy Graham Crusade has passed into history. Never in all the records of the Christian Church has there been such a Crusade in Britain.

From the first Saturday night to the last one, over three thousand came forward each night to decide for Christ. Throughout the seven days of the Crusade, twenty-four thousand made their decision for Christ, about half as many in that seven days as there were in the whole of the All-Scotland Crusade in Glasgow. Surely a most gratifying result.

Apart from the actual decisions in the Crusade, incalculable benefits have accrued to the Christian Church in general. Ministers and their churches have been revived. Counsellors have been trained in the work of personal evangelism and results will continue to flow in for many a day.

So let us thank God for the wonder of Wembley, and continue to pray for such a movement of the Spirit that many thousands more may be swept into the Kingdom.

Tommy Hicks in London

The reports reaching us of the terrific impact the Revival Campaign in Argentina made upon that country, when as many as 400,000 gathered to hear the Word and to see the mighty demonstrations of God's power at the closing meetings of the Campaign, caused much rejoicing and praise to God everywhere.

Then after the Campaign came reports, unconfirmed, that the Evangelist was in prison, and no more—in world news—was heard of him, though much prayer was made on his behalf.

It was with joy, therefore, that we heard he was passing through London on his way to Asia and would meet Pentecostal folk and show the film of his Argentina Campaign. His ministry was richly blessed and obviously the anointing of the Spirit was upon him.

The prayers of God's people will follow him as he goes forward with his plans for future campaigns.

From You to Us . . .

Here is a further selection of comments from readers:

Many thanks for the invitation in this week's EVANGEL for readers to put forward their views about the EVANGEL. I am putting mine here. 1. Set-out and Presentation. (a) To increase the space available, could not a poorer paper be used, thus giving more for the same expense. Also I think expense would be saved if produced in the form of a paper instead of a book. (b) The front page should be altered from a picture page to a more vital page, one of reading matter. The present title and oasis should be replaced by the title in bold square lettering, similar to the "Manchester Guardian" or the "Daily Express." Under this could be stated the four main truths for which we stand, central offices and officers of our movement, all taking up about 2in. to 2½in. (c) The back page only should be used for "Coming Events" and "Classified Advertisements," if necessary in very small type. 2. (a) The front page should be devoted to some very pungent remarks on a current national or international affair, with a good headline. I feel we ought to be more outspoken and definite about such things as hydrogen bombs, colour bar, Paris agreements, cost of living, social problems, etc., introducing a Christian point of view and comment. Whatever is said it should be on a matter which is current that is, no more than a fortnight old. I feel we should be given more guidance on these matters from the "top." Remember the old saying "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything," and I think this is true. This would be one way of guiding our members' thoughts. This would replace the Editorial. (b) I have no interest in reading reports from other churches. This is because (1) I do not know most of them, (2) the reports are often old (some in this week's are more than three months old), (3) the reading is very dry, and I am no wiser in the end. Therefore, I suggest that a new feature called "Spotlight" be introduced, spotlighting a specific church. I would show a small photograph of the minister, and give details of deacons, total members, meetings held, established since —, any interesting tit-bits about members, oldest member, and make a very interesting article. After reading, I would know the church generally, and I am sure the reading would be interesting. Furthermore, when a church has such a write-up, they would probably agree to take more copies of the EVANGEL and use them as a means of advertising. Also incorporated in the article could be a success story, giving details of one experiment which proved to be a useful means of service, whether in governing the church, firing the boiler, conducting the meetings, or some other function. (c) I think there should be three main articles, each occupying about a full page: An article on doctrine or the Elim Constitution. An article challenging Christians along the lines of consecration, holiness and separation. An article which if read by non-Christians would convict them of sin—even lead to their conversion—in other words a Gospel message. The above should be the responsibility of our "best men," as you put it, mainly those on the Executive Council. (d) Elim Youth Page although under the guidance of Pastor Davies could very well be run by the Bible College students. I'm sure this would do them good under Pastor Davies' leadership! I think a good competition should be included occasionally too, even to be printed if of that type. Of course, special articles could still be contributed. (e) I like a few "tit-bits," but not all at once on one page, like "Things Temporal and Things Eternal." I like them in odd corners. (f) Could not reputable clothing and food companies be invited to advertise at reasonable rates and help the exchequer? (g) Bible Study and Q.T. I would like selected passages with a definite aim, and then headings or short sentences as food for thought, rather than commentaries or sermonettes as at present. Also a short and sweet list of prayer items, the intention being to widen and deepen our prayer lives, say half-a-dozen a week. I'd like the Bible readings a week in hand. (h) Book Reviews. Yes please—at the same time they are advertised. (i) "Rejoice and Give Thanks." A column containing items of healings, revival outbreaks, demonstration of God's power in family affairs, etc. Each item crisp and to the point. Not to occupy a page, about a quarter of a page. Thanking you again for the opportunity, and may God richly bless you and all the ELIM EVANGEL staff.

—Sale, Cheshire.

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My friend and I have felt for some time we should like at least one really deep article each week, something—as in your own words—sound subjects that challenge the mind and heart.

—Tollesbury.

THE KIDDERMINSTER CAMPAIGN—Continued.

presence of Mrs. W. Protheroe of W.E.C. who stood as a miracle of God's healing power. Everyone was thrilled to hear that although she had been told she would never walk again, here she stood in Kidderminster to prove how wonderfully God had intervened.

Pastor Ken Matthew in his address spoke from the text "Come, for all things are now ready." "Come," he said, "is the theme of the Bible." After telling the congregation of some of the many excuses folk make for not coming, he gave the invitation to the people to come forward, and come they did, young men and women and older people. They came from all over this vast hall. Our hearts were moved to see the large crowd standing at the foot of the platform, some in tears, confessing Jesus as Saviour. Words of instruction were given to each convert and then the sick were prayed for.

With a grand climax of singing led by the people from Wales, conducted by Pastor Matthew, and a word of prayer from Pastor Lighton the service closed, but the blessing continued.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN

By Pastor Brian Garrard

THE FLAME OF REVIVAL

Entering the Town Hall on Saturday I didn't know what to expect, for on the very first night God had moved in the instant healing of a woman crippled with rheumatoid arthritis.

As I faced that great crowd of men and women accommodated in the Town Hall, I felt there was a great need there that only God could meet. One woman convert writes: "I feel as if I'm walking on air, everywhere I go seems like holy ground," and indeed it does appear as if God has chosen this place to transform many lives.

It was wonderful to hear the chords of "There's Power in the Blood" rising up to the lofty ceiling, and even more so to see the faces of those who had tasted of that power shining with the joy of sins forgiven. As Pastor Ken Matthew preached the Word of life, there was a hunger apparent in the hearts of many, and as the appeal went forth twenty-four stepped forward to give their lives to Christ.

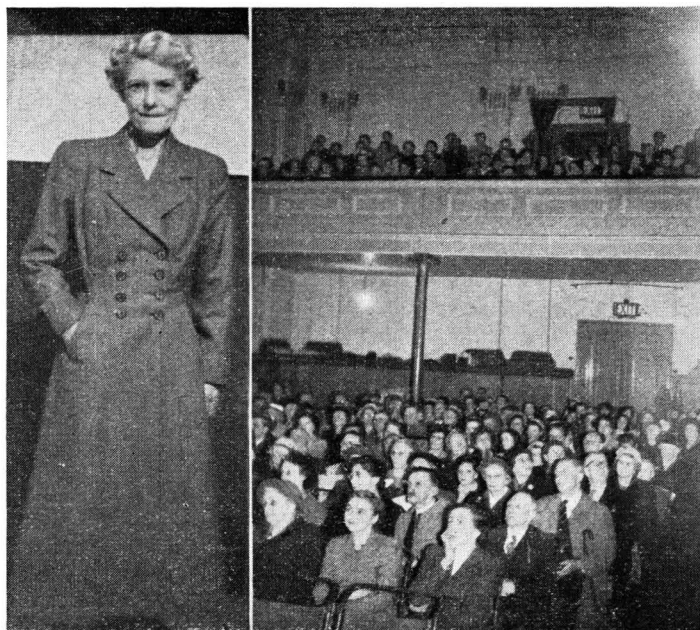
One striking feature of this campaign is the eagerness of the people to come forward for Divine healing. It thrilled my heart to see fresh hope given to those with stricken bodies, and it isn't hope in vain, for when an appeal was made for a show of hands as a testimony to a definite touch from God, at least fifteen hands were raised immediately. To God be the glory, great things He hath done.

I SAW IT HAPPEN!

By Pastor J. Osman

I was in Kidderminster Town Hall on the opening night of the campaign conducted by Pastor K. Matthew and party. There was an air of expectancy, for many of those

present had been praying for God to move. After a stirring meeting, in response to the appeal, thirty-one hands were raised indicating acceptance of Christ as Saviour, but when Pastor Matthew asked them to come forward to the platform thirty-four people came forward. How our hearts rejoiced! But there were further thrills in store. I saw a lady being helped to the healing line. Her joints were locked, she was unable to bend her knees, we felt touched



Left: Mrs. Turner who was healed of Arthritis on the first night of the Campaign.

with compassion. Hands were laid upon her and prayer was offered. I saw Pastor Matthew speaking to her. She raised her arms straight above her head and clenched and unclenched her hands, while the congregation praised God. A further word of instruction was given and I saw Pastor Matthew gesture across the front of the hall. With an erect bearing, she walked back and fore in full sight of the congregation. I thought of many in the Bible who found that Jesus healed, and I rejoiced to know that He is just the same today. There were radiant faces to be seen as we left the Town Hall, but none more radiant than those of Mrs. Turner and her husband, who shared the joy of the miracle that has transformed their lives. Hallelujah!

N.B.—At least six Elim Ministers witnessed this wonderful healing.

Mrs. Turner, a sufferer for six years was assisted to the front of the Town Hall by her sister and husband. The campaigner had to lift her to her feet for her to stand for prayer. God healed her instantly.

Gifts to enable us to press forward with Pioneer Campaigns are urgently needed. Only by the generous support of our friends, whose hearts God has touched, can we extend our endeavours. Send your gift today to the Secretary, Evangelistic Fund, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

By JACOB BOEHME * 1575-1624

"This cup of the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke xxii. 20).

"To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. viii. 6).

THAT A MAN need only acknowledge Christ with his lips and believe that He died for us, so offering satisfaction for our sin, is not Christianity. That a man need only give assent to the Gospel and believe the history of what was done by Christ to be true, is not Christianity. That a man need only go to Christ's Testament—that is to the Holy Communion, the Communion of Saints, the Lord's Supper—and there receive the grace which Christ left behind Him, comfort himself therewith and account it as a merit and imputed grace, is not Christianity. It is not enough for a man to hear sermons, to be baptised unto Christ and go to His Testament, to keep up a custom. No one is a Christian unless Christ LIVES AND WORKS in him: for He Himself said: "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John xv. 5) and, "He that gathereth not with Me, scattereth" (Matt. xii. 30).

A Proper Christian

A Christian must be one Spirit in and with Christ, and must will and work in the power of Christ. In a Christian there is a living, active, working grace, a continuously burning fire, a real power and virtue that is felt. Though this grace, fire, and power, be often covered over with the desires of the flesh and the vanity of the world, nevertheless they glow and burn in the heart like a fire, reproach the flesh with its vain desires, and reject the way that is wrong.

That inward fire is the Spirit of Christ, which continuously bruises the head of the serpent: that is the desire of the flesh. The will of the flesh is that of the world, but this inward fire has the will of God. If then any be a Christian, he will hate and be angered by the will of the flesh, he will be an enemy to his evil fleshly desires, and will constantly consider himself unworthy. With the inward will of God in his soul, he will continually submerge himself in God's

*The "Encyclopædia Britannica" gives a sketch of the remarkable life, and a list of the Spirit-filled writings, of Jacob Boehme (or Behmen) a devoted servant of God. This is a sample of his work, in modern writing.

grace and mercy. He will not say to himself, I AM a proper Christian; but will continually press with his desire into God's mercy and grace so as to BECOME a proper Christian. In his behaviour he will account himself unworthy of God's grace; and with humility, weeping and prayer, will press into that grace. As God's grace has apprehended him, even so will he evermore desire to lay hold of that grace by a life of continual repentance.

When his carnal desires would work sin, a proper Christian has a sudden fear of it. When he sees others sin, he groans within himself because of it, and wishes that such sin was not done. In his eyes sin is an abomination. He loves truth and righteousness and hates the wrong way. Although his earthly flesh will suddenly tempt him with some wrong desire, and many times cause him to fall—as did David, Solomon and many saints—nevertheless a man in whom the Spirit of Christ dwells does not abide in sin. Grace, imparted by the Spirit of Christ, quickly comes with God's unbending righteousness and moves into his conscience: even as the prophet Nathan went and spoke to the conscience of David, awakening therein the fire of God's anger at sin. Then David began with great sorrow to repent and acknowledge his sin, his earnest repentance being so great that he would on no account accept comfort from his friends until he actually felt the grace of the Lord in his conscience. No flattery from man gave his heart any satisfaction until the Lord gave peace to his soul.

Worthy Preparation for Christ's Testament

If any will call himself a Christian, comfort himself with the merits of Christ, approach His Testament and worthily receive the same, he should consider his ways well and look into his heart and see:—

1. If he is willing to die wholly from vanity.
2. If he is determined to give up all falsehood, unrighteousness, lying and deceit: being resolved never to practise them again.
3. If he desires the grace of God in Christ with a clean and pure will.
4. If he is sorry for his sins.

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

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

June 2, Clacton. 4, 5, Leyton. 6, Letchworth. 7, Finsbury Park. 8, Rochester. 9, Ilford.

BERMONDSEY. June 5. Elim Church, corner Dunton Road and Grange Road. Pastor's 4th anniversary. Speaker: Pastor J. H. Davies (National Youth Secretary). Sun. 6.30.

CANNING TOWN. June 12-23. Elim Church, Bethell Avenue. Evangelistic Campaign by Evangelist Alec O Johnson. Week-nights (except Fri.) at 7.30. Sat. 7. Sun. 6.30.

CATERHAM. During June. Elim Church, London Road, off Chaldon Road. Church's 21st Anniversary Services. 5th, 6.30, Veteran's Night; 12th, 6.30, Youth Night. Speaker: W. Morris. Sat. 18th, 7, and Sun., 19th, 6.30. Birthday Week-end. Speaker: Pastor Felix Lloyd Smith (Australia); 26th, 6.30, Thanksgiving Evening.

COULSDON. June 4-8. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Sat. 7. South London Presbytery Rally. Speaker: Pastor W. G. Hathaway. Sun. 11, 3 and 6.30. Mon. and Tues. 7.30. Wed. Reunion 6.30. Speakers: Pastors E. C. W. Boulton, C. J. E. Kingston, G. Stormont and G. H. Thomas.

DEWSBURY. May 9-June 5. Elim Church, Liberal Rooms, Bond Street. Campaign by Pastors T. Wilson and Gerald Rowlands (A.O.G.), Pastors Mervyn O. Thomas and Paul Dyson (Elim). Suns. 11 and 6. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.

HEREFORD. June 11-13. Elim Church, Clive Street. Anniversary Services. Sat. and Mon., 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Speakers: Sat., Pastor and Mrs. J. Osman. Sun., Mon., Pastor W. Plowright.

ILFORD. June 4-5. Elim Church, Srafton Road. Pastor's 5th anniversary. Sat. 7.30. Pastor J. Lancaster. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Pastor and Mrs. Magee.

KINGSTANDING. June 4. Elim Church, Warren Road. Birmingham District Presbytery Rally, 7.30. Speaker: Rev. L. B. Phillips. Convener: Pastor R. J. Morrison.

KIRKINTILLOCH. May 28-June 12. Elim Church, Temperance Hall, Alexandra Street. Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastor Fred Hodge and Party. Sun 6.30. Week-nights (ex. Fri.) 7.30.

LEYTON. June 4. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. North London Presbytery. Sat. 10.30. Devotional 2.30. Business 7. Rally. Speaker Sat. and Sun. Pastor John Dyke (President).

LONGTON. June 4-6. Longton Bethel Evangelistic Church, Dunrobin Street. 24th Sunday School Anniversary Services. Sat. 7.30. Sun. (9 a.m. streets parade), 11, 2.30 and 6.30. Mon. 7. Preacher: Pastor Leon C. Quest. June -2 (Newstead Branch Sunday School). First Sunday School Anniversary Services. Preacher: Pastor Henry W. Fardell. (10, Procession of Witness on Estate), 2.15 at Newstead County Primary School, Blurton. 6.30, at Bethel Evangelistic Church, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

LOWESTOFT. June 1-5. Elim Church, Milton Road. Visit of Ieuan Jones, Bible Teacher. Nightly 7.30. Thurs. 3 and 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Convener: Pastor George Backhouse.

NUNEATON. June 4-30. Elim Full Gospel Church, Queen's Road. Evangelistic and Divine Healing Campaign by Pastor A. Rowland Smith. Every night at 7.30 (Fri. excepted). Suns. 11 and 6. Thurs. 3. Divine Healing Service. The Sick will be prayed for at every service.

PLYMOUTH. June 7-21. Elim Church, Emma Place, Stonehouse. Special visit of Pastor W. George.

SALISBURY. June 7. Elim Church Scots Lane. Tues. 7.30. Visit of Rev. W. E. McAlister, General Superintendent of Pentecostal Churches, Canada.

SMETHWICK. June 12, 13, and 19. Elim Church, Oldbury Road (nr. Smethwick Junction). Sunday School Anniversary. Sun. 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7. Speakers: Pastors Jack Newman and Frank Shadlock.

WIMBORNE. Commencing June 13. Elim Church, Leigh Road. Salvation-Healing Tent Campaign. Nightly at 7.30. Suns. at 6 and 8. Conducted by Pastors Paul Dyson and Mervyn Thomas.

WOOLWICH. June 6-12. Elim Church, Crescent Lane. Evangelistic and Healing Campaign by Miss F. M. Munday. Week-nights 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30.

YEovil. June 4-5. New Elim Church, Larkhill Road. Stone-laying Ceremony Sat. at 3, followed by evening meeting in the Elim Church, Southville, 7.30. Speaker at both Services: Pastor H. W. Greenway. Also Sun. 11 and 6.30.

SPECIAL VISIT OF LEADING PENTECOSTAL MINISTERS

The following brethren with their wives will be visiting Elim churches on 7th and 9th June:

7th June: Rev. and Mrs. R. Riggs (Croydon).
Rev. and Mrs. R. Flower (Cardiff).
Rev. and Mrs. Noel Perkin (Sparkbrook, Birmingham).

9th June: Rev. and Mrs. R. Riggs (Cardiff).
Rev. and Mrs. R. Flower (Graham St., Birm'gh'm).
Rev. and Mrs. Noel Perkin (Clapham).

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5. If henceforth he is really willing to give up entirely his former sins and blasphemies.
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7. If he finds, feels and knows that there is a temple in his soul in which he can treasure this holy Testament: that is the flesh and blood of Christ, with His grace.
8. If he has made room in his heart and soul for the Spirit of Christ, that He may enter therein as a living conqueror of death and hell, and erect His Kingly palace there.
9. If he is prepared for Christ to fulfil His promise: "We will come unto you and make our dwelling in you" (John xiv. 23).
10. If the temple of the Holy Ghost within him is swept and purged with real and adequate repentance.
11. If the mouth of his soul can rightly receive Christ's holy body and blood.
12. If his life is such that Christ with His love may continue to dwell in him: for Christ said, "He that eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him" (John vi. 56).
13. If he finds the stream of living water of divine love flowing out of him: in that he loves God, his brother and his neighbour, as himself.
14. If he desires to do good to his enemies.
15. If, with regard to his temporal goods, he accounts himself but an officer and servant of God.
16. If he trusts God as his Lord Jesus Christ did. For He was but a pilgrim in the world, had nothing for His own, and willingly gave His life for His brethren.

Now if he does find all these in himself, he is rightly worthy and very fit to participate in Christ's Testament. But if he does not find all these in him but nevertheless has a hunger for them, then he is being drawn by the Father to the grace in Christ. Then he should not parley with reason and doubts, but should straightway engage in sincere repentance and continually fly to the grace of God in Christ. This he will not attain by his own power and virtue, but by sinking into the grace and mercy of God. He must become as a little child who desires its mother's milk and runs to its mother for help, being unable to help itself. His going to the Communion of Saints should be in humility, being reconciled to all those whom he has

wronged or who have wronged him, forgiving all his enemies, and wishing for them that which he desires for himself. In the fear of God, with a penitent heart and with an earnest purpose, he may approach the Testament of Christ. He will not apprehend or comprehend such grace by his own ability: he must submerge himself wholly in God's grace as unworthy, casting himself upon that grace and letting that grace do with him what God wills.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

O Thou great Grace of God, I, unworthy sinful man, come to Thee at Thy call, because Thou hast told us poor men to come and Thou wilt refresh us (Matt. xi. 28). Be it done unto me as Thou hast said and how Thou wilt. I give myself to Thee entirely. Do Thou with me, poor unworthy man, according to Thy grace how Thou wilt. I will be Thine eternally. Tame my will and govern it with Thy will. I am unable to do anything, and now enter deeply into Thy grace.

Such a man, who wholly gives himself up to God and continues in such resignation to His will, will in the end—when grace moves in him—find and feel what grace and divine love really are. When the divine fire is kindled in his life, he will feel and taste what Christ in him actually is. He will find he has become another man, with new thoughts and another will. Then when Christ's love-fire strives in his conscience with God's anger at sin, he is a proper Christian, and it will be made clear to him that he must follow Christ in His suffering, anguish, pain, scorn, and persecution; that he must take the cross of Christ upon him and be conformable to Christ's image. He will experience an inward strife against sin and against the fleshly desires that are in him, so that he despises himself, hates these evil desires, and experiences contempt, scorn, trouble, and misery on account of them.

Whereas the world accounts such a proper Christian as a stranger and a fool, he himself will hate everything which his flesh loves. When none flatter him, when all his friends shun him and withdraw themselves from him—except such few of God's children as He sends for his comfort—then he may consider himself as hanging with Christ upon the cross. Then he will willingly die with Christ for the sake of the truth, hoping that in Christ's victory he also will arise with Christ and live with Him for ever.

The man who has entered into this life and converses thus, is a proper Christian and fit for the Communion of saints. But he who goes because it is the custom, accounting Christ's Testament an outwardly imputed grace, appropriating it to himself as a gift—yet is unwilling to be born again of the Spirit, unwilling to be turned into another man with new thoughts and a new will, keeps the defiled cloak of sin in his conscience and returns quickly to his old ways—is both unworthy and unfit to receive Christ's Testament, but receives judgment instead, as it is written in I. Corinthians xi. 23-32.

Preliminary Announcement

ELIM CONFERENCE, 1955

As has already been announced, the Elim Conference is to be held this year from September 26th to 30th, at Harrogate. This popular Conference centre is half-way between London and Edinburgh and also about half-way between east and west coasts. The following Public Meetings are to be held during Conference Week at 7.30 p.m. in a splendid hall seating over 1,400 persons—

THE ROYAL HALL, HARROGATE

Monday, September 26th

Induction of the President
conducted by Pastor J. Dyke (Retiring President) and
Pastor H. W. Greenway (President-Elect)

Tuesday, September 27th

Ordination of Ministers

Wednesday, September 28th

Great Missionary Rally
when Elim Missionaries on furlough will take part

Coach parties will be arranged from many Elim Churches in the North. Applications for reserved seat tickets for such parties should be made to the Secretary, Elim Headquarters, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

On the Thursday night there will be no public meeting at Harrogate, but the delegates will divide into parties and conduct services in Elim Churches and Public Halls.

MISSIONARY FINANCES

Here is the Statement of our Income and estimated Expenditure up to the end of April. Pray with us that all needs may be met as we press forward with the work in the Master's Name.

	Estimated Expenditure	Received
1954		
November	£1,200	£1,230
December	£1,200	£859
1955		
January	£1,200	£834
February	£1,200	£1,761
March	£1,200	£750
April	£1,300	£1,344
Total to date	£7,300	£6,778

Deficit to date £522. Please note that while expenditure is up by £100, the deficit from last month is down by £44.

.. BOOK REVIEW ..

HALLOWED HARRINGAY—By E. O. England

I enjoyed reading "Hallowed Harringay," by E. O. England, published by Victory Press at 4/-, because it is essentially a human story, expressive of the difficulties and problems which we all meet if we face up to the challenge of the world in which we live. Obviously the author has tried to portray on the canvas of his story, an intimate close-up of the revolutionising Christian experience, with its inevitable attendant crises in the lives of two young people. The battle is not merely between right and wrong, but between indifference and enthusiasm. My only criticism of the story is that perhaps everything comes right more easily in their case, than most of us would find.

Topically it is beautifully timed, because it centres around the great meetings held in Harringay by Dr. Billy Graham, telling the story of a young and successful newspaper columnist and reporter, Brian Dawson, with his pretty wife Joan. The Dawsons are a typical picture of a happily married suburban couple quite content with life, with no complications, until an assignment from his newspaper sends them to Harringay to report on the Evangelist. Brian's report reflects his own opinions, cold and cynical, rather derisive of this new-fangled religion, and he is shaken to the core when his wife is first influenced, and then converted, as a result of their visit. Seeing his own complacent and elaborately constructed world collapsing in chaos around him, he endeavours to escape on a distant assignment, and the story is woven around the spiritual conflict between, on one side the purposeless life of self-indulgence, and on the other, the soul-satisfying Christian experience. I enjoyed the story, and found it stimulating in its portrayal of both sides of the issue, and challenging in its revelation of the scope of the Gospel.

—Pastor K. J. Hathaway

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DEDICATIONS

Brookes.—On Sunday, May 15th, at Elim Church, Colne, Lancs., by Pastor G. J. Jones, Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Brookes. C.248

Hilton.—On Sunday April 17th, Robert Peter Hilton, infant son of George and Hilda Hilton, was dedicated at Tamworth by Pastor H. F. Lance. C.250

MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale, "Collara" Auto Change Portable Gramophone, takes 8 records; £8 10s. 0d. 147, Blenheim Gardens, Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2. C.249

WITH CHRIST

Harrison.—On April 18th, Edward Harrison, aged 39, member of Elim Church, Bishop Auckland, passed into the presence of the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor F. A. Lowman.

MacDiarmid.—On May 12th, Mrs. Mary MacDiarmid, aged 68, member of Elim Church, Greenock for many years, and mother of Mrs. A. Lambie (Hayes), passed to be with the Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor W. J. Hilliard.

Newman.—On May 10th, Mrs. Newman, aged 90, beloved mother of Pastor Newman, and grandmother of Pastors Jack and Bert. Funeral at Billingshurst conducted by the Vicar. "At home with the Lord."

Paul.—On May 19th, at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Eddie Paul, aged 48, for many years a faithful member and youth worker at Elim Church, East Ham.

Sewell.—On March 31st, William Henry Sewell, beloved father of Samuel Sewell, of Elim Church, Lurgan. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Mr. Craig, assisted by Mr. F. Carson and Pastor G. Harpin.

Thompson.—On May 18th, suddenly, Shirley Eunice Thompson, aged 17, the newly-appointed Crusader Secretary of Halifax. Funeral conducted by Pastor John Gardiner.

Wildy.—On May 15th, Gordon William Wildy, aged 60, beloved member and Deacon of Elim Church, Croydon. Funeral at Croydon Cemetery, conducted by Pastor H. Burton Haynes, assisted by Revs. Fred Legge and P. H. Wood, M.A. "Till the day dawn."

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

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

"We Fight the good fight"

Your Reputation is Showing

By W. Glyn Evans

What you are Will Out!

If you are a Christian

Your life should speak for itself.

IT WAS A TIME FOR BOLD ACTION! If the apostles were throttled now, it could mean disaster for the Church. So, when the Sanhedrinists challenged them concerning the doctrine they proclaimed they spoke right up and said it was in the name of Jesus they did these things. Furthermore, they declared, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv. 12). How did the Sanhedrinists take that? "They marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (v. 13). Whether they knew it or not, the apostles made an impression upon their enemies.

The savour of Christ was on them and the Sanhedrinists couldn't mistake it.

Intentionally, or otherwise, you are making an impression every day upon everyone you meet. What kind of an impression is it? It may be, as with the apostles, an impression of Christlikeness. Or it may be the direct opposite. Believe it or not, what you **are** will out!

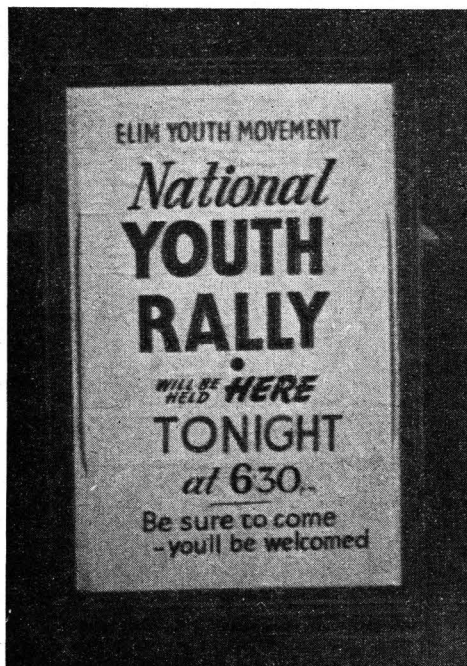
The U.S.A. recently witnessed an unbelievable incident. A young congressman, voted by the Chamber of Commerce as one of the most promising young men in America, was caught in a bold, far-reaching lie. Pretending that he had been in the Secret Service during World War II, and that he had worked behind enemy lines after every other man in his group had been killed, the young politician built a thrilling cloak-and-dagger kind of legend about himself which deceived even the highest officials in the nation. Finally, after an army magazine had exposed his deceit, the victim tearfully confessed the hoax and blamed it on his "own glib tongue." Despite his gaily coloured lie, the truth had to appear at last. What he was came out.

We may never be caught in the deep embarrassment in which the young Congressman found himself, but if we attempt to garnish ourselves in any way, we'll be red-faced sooner or later.

One of the fascinating things about Moses was his selflessness. "Moses wist not that . . . his face shone" (Exod. xxiv. 29). No one who came near him after he left the heights of Sinai failed to catch the glow of his face. Yet Moses had no idea he was impressing anyone. It is said of a remarkable German saint of God that a light was often evident on her face, yet the possessor of the lighted countenance was utterly unaware of the effect she was creating in the hearts of others. Like Moses, she had drawn her power from long hours of fellowship with the Lord and the result was evident to all.

Tell me with whom you associate and it will be easy to describe how you will impress others. Spend hours with cheap friends in questionable places of entertainment and your standing with your pastor and your Christian friends will fall to a low level. On the other hand, spend time in the presence of the Lord Jesus and your companions will notice it.

IS IT IN YOUR DIARY?



LONDON 3 and 6.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th

When Naomi bade goodbye to Ruth and Orpah to return to her home in Judah, Ruth would not let her go. "Entreat me not to leave thee," she cried, "or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go . . . and thy God shall be my God" (Ruth i. 16). There must have been something about Naomi that savoured of the presence of God. The impression was not lost upon Ruth. It pierced her heart until she determined to make Naomi's God hers.

Max Reich was a young man who worked in a factory. One of his fellow workers was different from the others.

He was quiet and cheerful. His temper was even and his language was sober. Young Reich watched him daily until he felt ready to burst from curiosity.

He put the question squarely to his fellow worker, "What makes you as you are?"

The other replied, in a word, "Jesus." That was enough. Before long the same Jesus entered young Reich's heart.

That, after all, is the greatest impression you as a Christian can make on others. Let them take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus.

—Moody Monthly.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor Gordon Wright, A.N.E.A.

SUNDAY, June 5th. Genesis xli. 15-36.

"And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace" (v. 16).

Joseph had a good record behind him: his interpretations of the dreams of the butler and baker had come to pass; yet there was no self-assurance, but, rather, a confessed reliance on God. We should acknowledge that our abilities are God-given, and cannot be used to their maximum without humble dependence on Him. Joseph knew that God was equal to the situation: without hesitancy he said, "God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." O God, help me to live in such communion with Thee, that I might be able to face whatever situation arises with courage, and give forth the message of God appropriate to the occasion.

MONDAY, June 6th. Genesis xli. 37-57.

"And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt" (v. 41).

What a breath-taking promotion! God had suddenly blown away the mists and Joseph saw that all the twists and turnings of the road had been leading toward the fulfilment of his dreams—not that **this** was the fulfilment, but anybody with foresight could see clearly not only the possibility of fulfilment, but the probability. The dramatic change in circumstances is not always the climax, but it brings the climax into focus; and from then on events move quickly: we see clearly what God is doing, where God is leading, how God intends to make actual the vision of our youth, we see the past in relation to the whole—and we behold the unfolding of the Divine plan with wonder.

TUESDAY, June 7th. Genesis xlii. 1-17.

"And Joseph was the Governor over the land . . . and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth" (v. 6).

By circumstances undreamt of by Joseph, God had brought to pass His Word. For years it looked as though Joseph had been deceived: circumstances instead of pointing to the fulfilment of his dreams seemed to cancel them out. But Joseph cherished that vision in his heart, and through the mystifying, intervening years he humbly trusted in his God, no bitterness was allowed to sour his spirit, no frustration dogged his steps, no questioning of the wisdom and love of God dwarfed his soul, no planning of revenge should an opportunity arise—but a happy submission to the ways of God. When the hour of fulfilment struck, Joseph did not gloat over the servility of his brethren, but he rejoiced in the opportunity to render good for evil, and to testify to the reality of God in human experience.

WEDNESDAY, June 8th. Genesis xlii. 18-28.

"We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us" (v. 21).

The anguish of their young brother when they sold him to the Midianites had haunted them down the years. Now, the fading memory of his distorted features had been suddenly vivified by their distress. With bitterness they were learning of the irrevocable law of life: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." O God, my past is by no means free from sinful acts. Have mercy upon me, and turn their consequences into advantage for those I have wronged; and if for me the consequences cannot be avoided, may the pangs soften and enrich my character; and help me to act toward others as I desire others to act toward me.

THURSDAY, June 9th. Genesis xlii. 29-38.

"And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me" (v. 36).

Poor Jacob! He had much sorrow in his old age. He discovered, as so many do, that the troubles arising from a family are not limited to the days when the children are young. The artist's impression of an old man sitting serenely amidst a profusion of bloom in a well-kept garden is wishful thinking rather than reality. Jacob, sighed deeply as he brooded over the multiplication of his sorrow—yet the situation was not so bad as he thought. That consolatory discovery is made by everybody. O God, how often have I worried over appearances, they seemed so real, the pain was so sharp. Teach me to cast my burden upon Thee, help me to believe that all things work together for good to those who love God, give me grace to face every phase of my existence with courage.

FRIDAY, June 10th. Genesis xliii. 1-17.

"For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time" (v. 10).

Together with the others Judah knew that the situation was serious, and that it could not be avoided. Being of a practical turn of mind, he considered it advisable to face up to it without further delay. Duty demanded action: Simeon had been left bound, and food was running short. Procrastination instead of reducing the trouble was giving it time to develop into greater proportions. Their worrying during the delay was weakening their vitality, and rendering them less competent to tackle the situation. How stupid their conduct! That is what they thought when later they discovered that the threatening trouble was a blessing in disguise.

SATURDAY, June 11th. Genesis xliii. 18-34.

"And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house" (v. 18).

That was to be expected: not only had Joseph previously accused them of being spies, had bound Simeon in their sight, and had spoken roughly unto them; but to their horror, on their homeward journey, they had found their money in their sacks; their nervous tension considerably increased; obviously, somebody was creating difficult situations for them—this would mean trouble on their return journey, a journey that was inevitable because they had left Simeon behind. **Yet there was no ground for their fear.** Joseph had provided a feast for them. O God, help us not to fear the mystifying situations of life, but help us to face up to them with strength derived from communion with Thee.