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Campaigner becomes Pastor of New Church

"If only Pastor Ken Matthew could stay after the Campaign." How often have these words been heard when a campaign draws to its conclusion.

On Monday, 5th September, Pastor W. G. Hathaway came to Worcester to make a very special announcement.

"Your new Pastor will be introduced to you on Monday" the Campaigner had promised the people, and now with an air of excitement and tenseness they awaited the announcement.

A number of ministers from the Birmingham Presbytery graced the platform and the congregation indulged in much speculation as to which of the group was the man for Worcester.

Pastor John Dyke, the President, took charge of the service and led the crowded gathering in some inspiring hymn singing. John Corsie, the young brother of Pastor Eldin Corsie, gave a thrilling word of testimony. Pastors Matthew and Corsie, with Mrs. Corsie, rendered a trio and there was a duet by John Corsie and Mr. Matthew's son Tudor. Then the meeting was handed over to Pastor Hathaway.

After challenging the congregation with a straight-from-the-shoulder Gospel message, many responded to the appeal to come forward to confess Christ.

Now the moment arrived for the special announcement. As Mr. Hathaway surveyed the platform he asked the congregation which of the ministers they thought was their prospective pastor. "Of course it would be too much to ask that Pastor Matthew stay as pastor," he said. There was silence. If only that

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

Worcester Elim Church Reopens its Doors

Four hundred men and women gathered outside the Elim Church in Lowesmoor for the re-opening ceremony recently. Many people had started queueing for this special service over an hour before the meeting commenced. Some had come straight from work so as to ensure a seat in the church. At 7.15 p.m. Pastor Ken Matthew and the Revival Party, together with Pastor J. H. Davies, the National Youth Secretary who had travelled from London to re-open the church, joined the waiting crowd.

Pastor Matthew led the people in singing the 23rd Psalm, and after thanking God for His blessing upon the past four weeks of campaign, he introduced Pastor J. H. Davies.

Putting the key into the church door Pastor Davies said "I am glad to declare this church open for the preaching of the Gospel and the worship of God." In a few moments the church was packed to capacity.

Many were heard to remark how beautifully the church had been decorated. Truly a glowing tribute to the ministers from Birmingham, and converts of the campaign who had laboured during the past weeks.

Then the service began with the well known hymn "Who is on the Lord's side." Mr. Davies spoke about "World Peace," mentioning the promise of God at the time of Christ's birth, "Peace on earth and good will among men." He declared that many people would be sceptical of this in view of world conditions, but remarked that the Bible says Christ will return again, and with His coming will establish Peace on this earth. He also emphasized the need of the individual soul, to find peace with God.

During the evening, Mrs. Rushton Hooper of Droitwich Spa, also spoke and said how sympathetic she was with the work being carried on by Mr. Matthew, she had a great faith in this method of evangelism.

Pastor Matthew is now the resident minister of this new Worcester Church, he was supported on this occasion by his Party together with other visiting Elim ministers from the district.

Welcome Home to Miss Topping

On Furlough from Tanganyika

On a Thursday early in September a large number of the members and friends of Elim Church, Ballysillan, Belfast, gathered to share in a "Welcome Home for Miss Meta Topping. A lovely meal was provided by the ladies of the congregation and as the folks sat around the tables in an informal way Pastor Yates the minister of the Church spoke words of welcome on behalf of the Ballysillan congregation. Pastor G. Wesley Gilpin, Irish Missionary Secretary, extended a welcome on behalf of the wider circle of Elim Churches in N. Ireland. He said that the Irish Churches were proud to have in Miss Topping one who had led the way for others of their fellow-countrymen to hear the call and take up work in other lands under the Elim Missionary Society. "We all," said Mr. Gilpin, "take off our hats to the gallant band of missionary warriors who are indeed the Princes and Princesses of the Kingdom."

Miss Topping, in replying, spoke of her appreciation for the support in prayer and gifts from many members of her home church and appealed for special prayer and understanding for those who were doing their first term on the field. Miss Jean Topping, her sister, gave a beautiful rendering of a solo.



Top: Pastor J. Hywel Davies opens the church.

Bottom: Part of the congregation, and ministers in the reconstructed pulpit.

MINUS PEOPLE AND PLUS PEOPLE

An English essayist once divided the human race into two classes—"minus people" and "plus people." "The minus people," he said, "are those who leave us poorer, and the plus those who leave us richer." The one group is characterized by selfishness and fault-finding and other traits that detract from human happiness; the other group by generosity and appreciation and love. In such a classification there can be but one choice for the Christian who would follow his Masters example. We can give no more effective witness for Him than to live in such a way that others shall be richer in spirit because their lives have been touched by ours.

Salford Crusade

Conducted by Pastor John Woodhead

Reading from Top to Bottom. (1) The members and friends of the Salford Elim Church march to the marquee ready to commence with their pastor the Salford Crusade. (2) Section of the Sunday night congregation. (3) The Crusade over, the marquee comes down ready for the next campaign. Pastor John Woodhead in overalls. Pastor J. T. Glass in white coat. (4) The marquee ready for the beginning of the Crusade.

Campaigner becomes Pastor of New Church—Cntd.

could happen. Mr. Hathaway's words suggested this was impossible, for Mr. Matthew has been in Pontypridd for fifteen years and in spite of the fact that he had conducted many campaigns he had never entertained the idea of staying as pastor on these other occasions.

The congregation sat waiting. Who will it be? "Well, Pastor Ken Matthew is to become your minister" was the joyful proclamation, and thunderous applause echoed through the building. It seemed it would never stop. There were tears of joy, spontaneous words of appreciation and many expressions of thanksgiving.

BUT . . . and now Pastor Hathaway unfolded the commitments of this new church. A Manse must be acquired and that means money. Promissory notes were handed to the people and £180 was promised that evening, and between that evening and the succeeding evening enough had been raised to go forward with the purchase.

Pastor Matthew faced the congregation not only as the Campaigner, but as Pastor of yet another thriving Elim Church, built by the prayers and gifts of Elim friends and the unsparing, untiring faithfulness of God's servants.

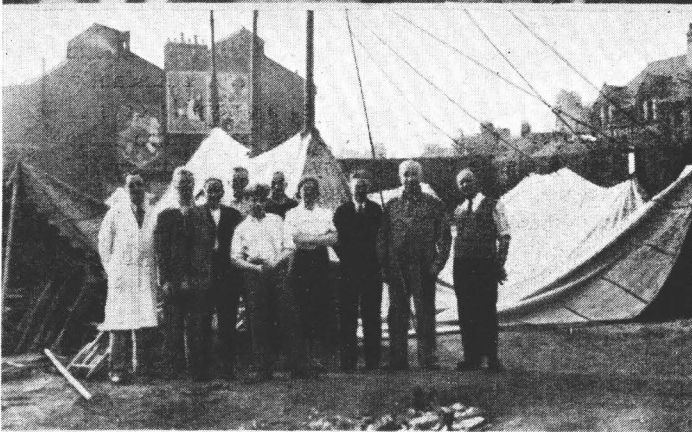
—A Platform Observer.

A MISSIONARY CALL WITHOUT RESERVATION

A pastor on reaching home after the Sunday morning service was met in the hallway by his daughter in the full freshness and beauty of young womanhood. She said: "Father, I was much impressed by your prayer for missionary recruits this morning, and my heart said, 'Why shouldn't I go?'"

"But I didn't mean **you**, my child!"

It was not until he had escaped to the solitude of his study that he realized that he had not really meant anybody because he had not meant his own daughter!



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EDITORIAL

Mrs. W. N. Brambleby

We regret to hear that Mrs. Brambleby, the wife of our brother, Pastor W. N. Brambleby of Hastings, passed away suddenly at her home on Sunday, Sept. 25th. We sympathize with our brother in this loss and pray he may be comforted greatly in the Lord.

The funeral service at Gosport, in the Elim Church, on Saturday, October 1st, was conducted by Miss Florence M. Munday.

The Conference at Harrogate

Looking back to last week and the happy times of fellowship together during our Conference Week, it is gratifying to know that all the long months of careful planning and preparation have borne fruit abundantly. None of us can quickly forget those memorable days in lovely Harrogate, although we did not have much more than a fleeting glance of it, so busy were we each day of the Conference.

The atmosphere of the Conference was indeed inspiring. Beginning with those fragrant morning sessions before breakfast when different brethren brought us their devotional messages, challenging our hearts in the things of God, and then the first devotional half hour of the Conference Session in the morning being given over to the spiritual exercises of prayer and meditation of the Word of God, there was no wonder that the business of the Conference proceeded rapidly to the closing session on Friday morning.

The public meetings at night brought crowds of visitors from Harrogate itself and from the surrounding districts and helped to make them such a great success. The Induction of the President on Monday, the Ordination of Ministers on Tuesday, and the Missionary Meeting on the Wednesday were times of blessing never to be forgotten.

It was no surprise when the decision had to be made about next year's Conference that the choice fell again on Harrogate.

Full reports of the meetings are being prepared, with pictures of the various meetings, and these we hope to publish shortly, along with the Presidential address at his Induction Service. If they can be ready in time, they will appear in our next issue, otherwise they will appear the following week.

Acquaint thyself now with Him and be at peace

All lack of peace is due to men's limited knowledge of God. The unsaved sinner has no peace because he has been without a vision of the real beauties of holiness; had he but once seen the Divine as He really is, his impenitence would have melted into tears. The believer is filled with doubts and fears because he manufactures for himself a being of theologies, and then either trembles with terror at His imagined severity, or shivers with trepidation because of His feared insufficiency. All this would be avoided if only men would "acquaint themselves with Him." To know about God is one thing; to know God Himself is quite another. Men are sometimes profoundly steeped in the former knowledge who have not learned the A.B.C. of the latter. Once we really know God, our sins will slough away from us, withered in the light of His purity. Once we really know God, our fears and our doubts will wither and droop in the sunshine of His loving, tender face. Once we really know God, a peace, profound and indestructible, will fill the recesses of our hearts as the waters fill the ocean bed. Do not say: "Such knowledge is too high for us;" Christ Jesus came that He might reveal to us the Father. The veil has been rent and we may pass straight into the presence of the Divine and hold direct communion with Him—if we do not get to know God in these Christian days, the fault is solely our own; if we are not at peace, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Anonymous Gifts

We say "thank you" in His Name to those who have so kindly sent the following anonymous gifts:—

Elim Missionary Society.—Romsey, 10s.; A.S.S.B.G., Romsey, £1 5s.; Birmingham, £10; Castleford, £5; Birmingham, £10; York, "Grateful," £25; Birmingham, £10; Birmingham £10; Blackheath, £2; Birmingham, 10s.; Bournemouth, £1; Halifax, £1; Anonymous, £1 15s.

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HONEY FROM MANY HIVES

"Dost thou love life, then do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of."

"If time be of all things the most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality."

"Thrift is really the expression of a healthy determination not to rely on others."

"What is not needed is dear at a farthing."

—A Latin proverb.



Picture shows the Tent Campaign in its first week in Stuttgart. Pastor Willard Cantelon has had great success in five years' campaigning in Germany.

The Spirit Working in Germany

A Report of a succession of tent campaign meetings in various parts of Germany over the past five years by Willard Cantelon who, with his wife Verna, has had remarkable success in the work there. In a letter to Pastor E. J. Phillips he says :

Next week will bring to a close three and a half months of continuous tent meetings in Germany. This is our fifth year in Germany and without question is the most fruitful year that we have experienced.

Although our knowledge of the work in Germany as a whole may not be complete, yet we can say from our experience with our group called "Volksmission," there has been continuous growth. We came in 1951 when we had only one tent here in Germany and this year we are using three.

We spent the first six weeks in Berlin and Brother Fix continues to carry on the tent meetings in Berlin with excellent results.

In the month of July we took a real venture of faith in launching a tent meeting in Frankfurt and had the joy of seeing a hundred per cent increase in each week that passed. The Frankfurt meeting closed in great victory spiritually and financially.

We began our tent meeting in Stuttgart the last of July by purchasing more tent equipment and enlarging the tent. Although this is our fourth year to preach in Stuttgart the attendance and spiritual results have surpassed any former year. Some friends have felt that perhaps the financial recovery of Germany has lessened her interest in the Gospel, but from our personal experience Germany seems to offer a riper field for evangelism than ever before.

I have often marvelled at the graciousness of the German

brethren in welcoming us into their midst and making us feel so much at home. Strong spiritual leaders like Brother Fix, Brother Siering, Brother Keck and Brother Lorenz have given us a free hand to evangelize and have worked with us heart and soul. Brother Oskar Siering, a fine preacher himself, has been our interpreter during our entire campaigning in Germany.

While there is a great move of building going on at present in Germany, our Pentecostal people are also moving forward. Our friends in Stuttgart have just paid seventy thousand marks for a piece of land here in the heart of Stuttgart where they will commence a church building that will seat approximately one thousand. In Esslingen, which adjoins Stuttgart, the friends have just paid fifty thousand marks for a piece of land upon which they will erect a three storey church building. Only a few weeks ago in Schorndorf our Pentecostal people moved into their new quarters. Up in Erzhausen by Frankfurt, Brother John Kolenda with his staff of workers continues to enlarge the Bible School to take care of new recruits training for the ministry. Naturally there is joy in our hearts to see this advancement for God, but along with this joy there is a sadness to see vast sections of Germany still untouched by the full Gospel.

I'm enclosing a picture taken in the first week of our Stuttgart Tent meeting; the tent has been filled every night and many nights to overflowing.

LATE NEWS FLASH

As we go to press, news comes to hand of the Holyhead Campaign conducted by Pastor W. Ron. Jones. The Town Hall was packed to capacity for the opening meeting and many turned away. Thirty-six decisions for Christ were made in that meeting.

A MAJOR PART of our Lord's teaching is concerned with giving things their right names. For instance, He called wrong-doing sin. To the woman caught in the act of adultery He said: "Go, and sin no more." He called deception in religion hypocrisy, denouncing the scribes and Pharisees as hypocrites, whited sepulchres which indeed appear beautiful outwardly but are within full of dead men's bones and uncleanness. In our text Christ described discipleship by the rather grim term of self-denial. But having called discipleship by its right name He went on to qualify it. Self-denial is really the negative side of **self-dedication**. What we give up for His sake is not lost. It is truly invested in a life which is beyond life.

The need of sacrifice in Christian discipleship is inescapable. This is true also of any kind of success. There is a Spanish proverb which says: "Take what you will from life and pay for it." Everything we ask of life has its price. The athlete who wishes to excel in some branch of sport will deny himself certain foods and lawful pleasures so that he may be physically fit and at his best on the day of his trial. The musician withdraws himself from company and diligently practises on the key-board of the piano in preparation for the concert. The scholar burns the midnight oil to acquire mental knowledge for the attainment of a degree. "The worst of it," said a man who had had a successful career in politics, "is that when you get to this position you are too tired to enjoy it." No one can escape sacrifice of some kind. The real question is on what altar shall we make it? When Christ asks for sacrifice we need not wonder or complain.

The important thing is to call the sacrifices we make for Christ by their right name. We must learn to think of the sacrifices Christ asks as He thought about them. They are in fact investments which contribute to God's purpose and to a larger life for ourselves and others. A farmer does not call it a sacrifice when he takes his precious grain from the storehouse and buries it in his ground. For him sowing is an investment. When he looks at the soil he does not see a grave but a potential harvest field. The athlete does not mourn over the sacrifices he makes when he disciplines his appetites in training for a race. He thinks of these self-denials as an investment in physical fitness and the power to win the prize. Jesus shared the same outlook when He faced the sacrifices of the Cross: "He . . . for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame" (Heb. xii. 2). His death was an investment in the triumph of God's kingdom, the means by which He would bring many sons to glory.

Would it not revolutionize our thinking and lead many to dedicate their lives to Christ if we thought of the sacrifices He asks for in the light of an investment instead, perhaps of pitying ourselves or grieving for what we have had to surrender or suffer. Many people go through life bear-

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ing burdens patiently enough, but often with an air of resignation that has no joy in it. If we are finding the cost of duty or service pressing heavily upon our spirits it may be that we are not doing things "for His sake." The motive of personal ambition or advantage is not great enough to turn the burdens of duty or service into a privilege. Surface springs dry up. Only a worthy motive will enable us to find a blessedness in drudgery. The main-spring of effective, joyous discipleship is revealed in the Master's injunction: "whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it."

Are we serving for His sake? This is the only true motive for Christian service. Adoniram Judson, during a furlough from the East, was asked by a curious friend whether it were faith or love that had moved him to go as a missionary to Burma. "I scarcely know," he replied, "I think it was just a great desire to please Jesus Christ." It was under this constraint that the apostle Paul travelled through Asia and Europe preaching the Gospel, always reaching forth to the regions beyond. Living or dying, he says, "my endeavour is to please Him" (II. Cor. v. 9). The Master of our service is not hard to please; He is meek and lowly in heart, and is swift to commend, even if it be only a cup of cold water given in His name. To please Him there must be a willing mind. Yet He asks much. He requires nothing less than perfect conformity to His holy example of self-sacrifice and dedication to God's will. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

He calls us to follow Him in His incarnation. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. ii. 5). Christ laid aside His glory; from the heights of eternity He descended to the lowest depths in time; He came to where we were. And what was the purpose of this amazing condescension? That He might redeem the world and become a perfect and sympathetic High Priest, ever touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Men in all ages have caught the inspiration of that wonderful example, and even today in all lands men and women find a new incentive for service and sacrifice as they look upon the One who is the supreme pattern of all sacrificial love. When

IT OF CIPLESHIP

By

Pastor H. Burton Haynes

(Elim Church, Croydon)



"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it."

—Matthew xvi. 25.

Ezekiel came to the people of the Captivity, he "sat where they sat." George Fox, the Quaker, was "baptized into a sense of all conditions." We too must be like our Lord, His mind must be allowed to operate in us by His Spirit. Then we shall be "touched with the feeling" of the infirmities of others. A city missionary, preaching the Gospel in a back court, was accosted by an aged woman who suddenly appeared from one of the crazy tenements. "You have told us," she said, "what it is. Come now and live in our court, and show us how it is to be done." "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"; He did not merely speak the Word of God, He expressed the fulness of God's Word in sacrificial deeds of love.

We must follow Him in His ministry. "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you" (John xx. 21). In His absence we are His representatives, ambassadors from the court of heaven. His glorious ministry is to be perpetuated on earth through His Church. This service can only be accomplished as we are clothed upon with His Spirit. Thus the commission of Christ is always linked with the promise of "power from on high." John Wesley who drank so deeply of His Master's Spirit tells us in his *Journals* how he stepped down into the midst of a hostile mob, feeling

very much as His Master might have done: "My heart was full of love, my eyes were full of tears, my mouth was full of arguments." We can picture this heroic follower of Jesus Christ, "frail to all appearance, though actually of fine steel, gazing upon the seething crowd with the love of God burning in his heart, pleading earnestly for the welfare of their souls and for the honour of his King."

He calls us to follow Him all the way. There can be no reservations in our consecration, no drawing a line here, and saying: "Thus far, and no farther." Calvin, the reformer, bore a seal which displayed a flaming heart with the lettering, "I burn for Thee." He expressed the symbol in his life, and burned out for God. Count Zinzendorf visited a sorrowing mother in Herrnhut. Her sons had answered Christ's call and in a distant field had laid down their lives. The Count simply said: "He is worthy of this too." Could he have said anything more comforting to that bereaved mother? "Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

The pathway of Christian discipleship will be challenged by Satan and all the forces of hell. The Devil using Peter as a mouthpiece whispered into Christ's ear: "Spare Thyself." But our Lord spurned the temptation and setting His face like a flint went to the place called Calvary. There were many things to weaken His intention; the coming failure of His own men, the bitterness of the betrayal, the frenzied malice of the multitude. But His purpose remained unshaken, and from the outset He had to pay the price of His fixed resolve.

Thus He calls us to invest our lives and talents and possessions in His Kingdom. Will the investment yield a rich dividend? We can invest our lives in this world, but the investment will yield only a temporary dividend. What is invested in Christ and His kingdom will result in an eternal reward.

"Be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God" (Lev. xx. 7).

How eager we are to **do!** And so often our wanting to do is an admission, conscious or unconscious, that we have failed to **be.** We pity the Hindu in his lifelong, weary journey from shrine to shrine; but what would we not be willing to do if by doing it we could look God in the face unashamed! The one thing that more than any other keeps men from the cross is the fact that the cross stands for man's complete failure both to be and to do . . . "Be ye holy" rings through the Old Testament. And the whole Old Testament story bears out the evidence that man is not holy. Therefore the cross.

"My God is reconciled, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And 'Father, Abba Father' cry."

—Anna J. Lindgren.

YOUTH NEWS and VIEWS

The First Crusader Branch in New Zealand reports—

"There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains, the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon, and they of the city like grass of the earth" (Psa. lxxii. 16).

In this verse we note that a handful of corn is only a small, insignificant thing, yet the fruit of that corn shook the whole earth, like the felling of the great cedar trees at Lebanon. The whole countryside was blessed from the fruits of a mere handful of corn.

God often works to this plan. He starts with something only very small, yet in His hand, He is able to use it to accomplish great and mighty things for His glory. This is the type that we are praying our Young People's Meeting might be. Numerically, we are not very strong, yet in God's hand we want Wellington City to be blessed by our efforts for God. We believe that this will be possible, if we all unconditionally yield our lives—and the little service we can individually give—to God for Him to fashion and mould into His scheme of things.

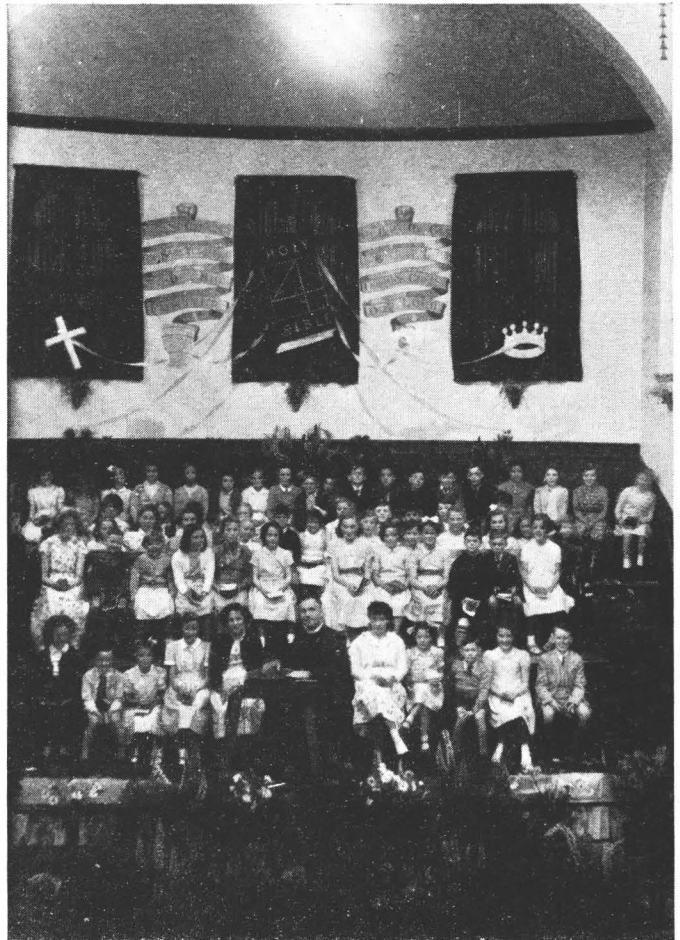
Highlights of the past year's activities: rambles to places of scenic beauty, informal social evenings at the homes of various of our Church members, and assisting each month with the local Youth for Christ rallies. We have also enjoyed the privilege of fellowship with young people of other Full Gospel Churches in the community.

Recently, four of our members went through the waters of baptism, expressing in this very positive way their desire to yield their all to the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been also noticeable over recent weeks, that there has been an increasing desire amongst our members to witness for the Lord and to share in the running of the meetings by contributing musical items and little messages of exhortation and blessing from the Word.

With the blessing of past activities in mind, we venture forth with a bold confidence in God, knowing that "He which hath begun a good work will perform it." As we ever look up and trust God, we know that we shall, like that handful of corn in the earth, bring forth fruit which shall stretch beyond the confines of our Church itself to the four corners of our City.

—Frank Bickerton,
Elim Crusader Secretary,
Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr. Arthur Gittins' picture shows the York Sunday School presenting a service of song entitled "The Foursquare Gospel." Here Pastor R. D. Bradley is seen giving a talk about the Potter's Wheel.



A recent photograph of Pastor and Mrs. Haith with Crusader Secretary, Les. Hillary and the East Ham Crusaders whose numbers are increasing weekly. The Crusaders took advantage of East Ham's Carnival last month by a Tableaux display of a Lighthouse and Shipwreck with the caption "Don't make a shipwreck of your lives—Jesus Saves." As they walked along the route the young people distributed 5,000 tracts.

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

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

ONE MORE RIVER

By Pastor J. LANCASTER

UNDETERRED by the news that a princess's hair-dresser fell into a canal in Venice only a day or two before, some 250 Crusaders set out on a river cruise that even Jerome K. Jerome's three men in a boat and their dog would have enjoyed. Certainly "Old Father Thames" never carried a happier bunch.

From Charing Cross pier we nosed out into the sunlit waters of London's historic river. On our right stood the Palace of Westminster, the majestic home of the "mother of parliaments"; on our left the contrasting architecture of County Hall and the Royal Festival Hall; behind us, rising above the slender arches of Waterloo Bridge was the distant outline of St. Paul's, gleaming in the September sun. Soon we were well on our way, passing Battersea power station, where a quartet of giant chimneys seemed to symbolize Light and Power, and on to the famous stretch between Putney and Mortlake, where generations of red-faced Blues have contested the university boat race, and where the livelier elements among us derived great satisfaction from shouting "In-Out" at practising crews who somehow did not appear greatly helped by this gratuitous exhortation.

Just beyond a small island where Oliver Cromwell used to go fishing we turned to begin the journey back. Solos over the microphone and the usual inevitable choruses kept us happy until we reached Putney where tea awaited us in the Baptist Church which had been kindly placed at our disposal. The great Oliver may have found it necessary to fish for his tea, but ours was already provided by a willing band of workers. Seeing the work involved in feeding this company made one realize even more what a tremendous miracle the feeding of the five thousand must have been!

The murmuring waters of the Thames speak mostly of the past, reminding us that "Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away," but as the shadows fell we were privileged to navigate the waters of that eternal river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God. Within the House of God we were able to crown our day with worship.

Pastor Plowright and the Heavenly Gate trio brought much blessing through the ministry of song and then several Crusader Secretaries rose to tell of the testings and triumphs in their branches. One declared that the Crusader Secretary's job demands a superman! Another paid high tribute to the loyalty and helpfulness of his fellow Crusaders. Perhaps the secret of success lies between the two. An ordinary chap can do a superman's job if he is well and truly supported. Perhaps the "I can do it" brigade will take note!

Our day ended around the Word of God. "Buy the truth, and sell it not" was the text of a disturbing sermon by Pastor Gorman. The Truth, we were reminded, had been purchased for us by the giving of God's only Son upon the cross. And yet, that dearly purchased Truth, instead of being the final court of appeal in the lives of Christians, has too often been sold by compromise with the world. The call was challenging and uncompromising. It was a call back to separation, to holiness, to absolute surrender to the Lordship of the Christ. In the hush of prayer that followed these searching words one could feel the pull of the river of God testing the strength of those ties that held one back.

Crossing Putney Bridge later, and seeing the waters swirling below one was reminded of the legend that is inscribed on the clock of the riverside church: "Time and Tide wait for no man." We had felt again the rising tide of God's blessing, but were we ready to take advantage of it? Would that God would help us to loose our moorings and sweep down to those deeper, grander reaches of the river glorious.

BOOK THESE DATES

November 12th. Great Northern Youth Rally, Albert Hall, Manchester.

Speaker: Pastor Ken. Matthew.

November 26th. Great Essex Youth Rally, Elim Church, Chelmsford.

Conducted by Elim Youth Committee.

CHILD EVANGELISM ON FAIR GROUND

The photo shows a new field of child evangelism recently taken advantage of by Pastor Chas. Brooks and his workers of Southampton. By arrangement with the authorities a service was held, and the children of the Fair workers taught choruses and told of the Lord Jesus. Photo shows children, led by the Pastor's daughter Yvonne, aged 7, singing "Deep and wide." The invitation "To come again" was freely given and, needless to say, accepted.



Notes
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The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

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Scripture Union Portions.

SUNDAY, October 16th. Acts xvi. 11-24.

"If ye have judged me faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there" (v. 15).

The Lord opened the heart of Lydia and as a result she willingly opened her home to Paul and Silas. Hospitality is a virtue of great value. Paul reminded the Romans (xii. 13) that they were to be "given to hospitality" and to Titus (i. 8) "Be a lover of hospitality . . . of good men, sober, just, holy and temperate."

There were many things that Lydia couldn't do, but here was an avenue of service whereby she could affectionately serve God. Have our homes become a Bethel for the passing Prophets?

"Every house where love abides
And friendship is a guest,
Is surely home and home sweet home,
For there the heart can rest."

MONDAY, October 17th. Acts xvi. 25-40.

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God" (v. 25).

The true test of Christian character is our reaction in the hour of trouble. These men had been cruelly beaten, falsely accused and imprisoned. Here is the crushing and the bruising of the flower, which in the crushing gives forth a heavenly aroma—prayer and praise. In the moment of severest pressure the best is produced. When the little girl told her music teacher that it hurt her fingers to practise the piano, the teacher replied: "I know it hurts, but it strengthens them too." Then the child said: "It seems to me that everything that strengthens hurts." Every wind that blows can only fill your sails and drive you nearer the heavenly harbour.

TUESDAY, October 18th. Acts xvii. 1-15.

"They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily whether these things were so" (v. 11).

It was redemption to the Bereans to receive the word and a revelation to search the Scriptures they believed in. They attended to the things spoken by Paul, as Lydia did. It is of vital importance to listen attentively to the ministry of the word and follow it by systematic study of the Scriptures. The doctrines of Christ can bear scrutiny. They contain nothing derogatory. We must see that our preaching is according to the Scriptures. Searching the Scriptures will not only prove the message to be right, but also improve the things that we have already heard. Holiness, righteousness, sanctification and purity are all maintained through the Word. "Thy word," said David, "have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

WEDNESDAY, October 19th. Acts xvii. 16-34.

"Men of Athens, I perceive that you are in every respect remarkably religious" (v. 22, Weymouth).

It was a fact that the Athenians were intensely religious, but in no way righteous. It is possible to be religious and anything but righteous. Their worship was performed in absolute ignorance of the true God, who loves to commune with men. To those of us who are saved and kept by the grace of God, we must never cease to thank God for His glorious revelation and the garments of righteousness which have been bestowed upon us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We know Him whom to know is life eternal.

"I need not journey far, this dearest friend to see;
Companionship is always mine, He makes His home with me."

THURSDAY, October 20th. Acts xviii. 1-17.

"Be not afraid . . . for I am with thee . . ." (vv. 9, 10).

Even the strong need to be strengthened, and to Paul, by a vision in the night, God reaffirmed his faith by reiterating a precious promise: "Fear not, be not afraid!" It is a good thing to rehearse the promises of God, for it greatly rejuvenates the soul and revives faith. Faith is the demonstration that defeats fear. The presence of Christ is the power that is paramount to His children.

"Keep looking up—
The waves that roar around thy feet
Jehovah Jireh will defeat,
When looking up."

FRIDAY, October 21st. Acts xviii. 18-28.

"If God will . . ." (v. 21).

So deliberately addicted to the will of God was this great Apostle that his promise to return to Ephesus could only be, if the Lord will. His secret of success was the absolute subordination of his plans and purposes to the will of God. God's will should be our way. His desire should be our delight. Can we truthfully say that we prefer God's will to our own will? Charles Wesley has written thus:

"To do or not to do; to have
Or not to have; I leave to Thee.
To be or not to be; I leave:
Thy only will be done in me
All my requests are lost in one—
Father Thy will be done!"

SATURDAY, October 22nd. Acts xix. 1-12.

"The Holy Ghost came on all them and they spake with tongues and prophesied" (v. 6).

In Samaria, one year after Pentecost, young converts were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Although it is not recorded that they spoke in Tongues, there was supernatural manifestation. (Tongues? Yes!) In Caesarea, eight years later, the Gentiles also received this mighty baptism with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues, and now almost twenty-three years later, twelve Ephesians receive a similar baptism, speaking in tongues. It is the privilege and duty of every Christian to seek this great experience and therefore continue being filled with the Spirit. Jesus said: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . ."

COMING EVENTS

ACCRINGTON. Commencing Oct. 22. Elim Church, Blackburn Road. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign. Conducted by Pastor Arnold Brooks. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sun. 6.30.

BARKING. Oct. 15-17. Elim Church, Ripple Rd. East London Revival Rally. Speaker Pastor V. J. Walker. Sat. 3 and 6.30 (tea provided). Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30.

BIRMINGHAM. Oct. 18, 19. Carrs Lane Church. Great National Rally of the British Pentecostal Fellowship. 3 p.m. Conference open to all Pentecostal Ministers (Tues. in Elim Tabernacle, Graham St.; Wed. in Carrs Lane Church), 7.30. (Service of Song, 7 p.m.): Public Meetings in Carrs Lane Church. Further particulars later.

BLAENLLECHAU (Rhondda). Oct. 1-20. The Welfare Hall. Pioneer Campaign, The Rhondda Crusade. Conducted by Pastor Reginald W. Smith and Party. Suns. 6.30. After-church Rally, 8. Week-nights (Fris. excepted), 7.30.

BOWERS GIFFORD, Essex. Oct. 9-23. Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastor C. Kingston. Suns. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sats. 7.

BRADFORD. Oct. 15-23. Elim Church. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Annual Convention. Speakers include Pastors A. Anstey, S. Beresford and J. MacInnes (British Guiana). Suns. 10.45 and 6.30. Week-nights (Fri. excepted) 7.30. Sat. 15th at 7. Sat. 22nd, Presbyterian Rally at 3 and 6.30. Cups of tea provided. Convener: Pastor J. J. Morgan.

CAERPHILLY. Oct. 15-20. Elim Church, St. Pagans Street. Annual Convention Services. Sun. 6.30 and 8. Week-nights 7.15. Special speakers: Idris Davies and Rees Brothers (Tredegar).

CATERHAM. Oct. 22-Nov. 2. Elim Church, London Road. Campaign for the Deepening of Spiritual Life. Suns. 6.30. Week-nights 7.30 (Fri. excepted). Speakers: Pastors G. Hillman, 22nd; A. E. Stringer, 24th; F. A. Hodge, 25th; J. J. Way, 26th; J. H. Davies, 27th; E. C. W. Boulton, 29th; W. Plowright, 31st; J. T. Bradley, 1st; H. Burton Haynes, 2nd. Sun. 23rd, Minister's 15th Anniversary. Sun. 30th: Croydon Male Voice Choir.

COULSDON. Oct. 15. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: Miss Florence Munday (Elim). Leader: Pastor R. W. Down (A.o.G.). Singing Party from Caterham Elim Church, 7 p.m.

CREWKERNE, Somerset. Commencing Oct. 8. Victoria Hall. Evangelistic and Divine Healing Campaign, conducted by Pastor F. S. Bristow and Party. Sat. 7.30. Suns. 8. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30.

EALING. Oct. 15-24. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Silver Jubilee Anniversary Services. 15th 7, 16th 6.30, 17th-19th 7.30. Speakers: Pastors and Mrs. A. V. Gorton. Soloist: Mrs. Ann Walters (née Boddy). 19th 3, Sisterhood Anniversary. 22nd 7, Visit of Clapham Choir. 23rd 6.30, Sunday School Anniversary. 24th 7.30, 22nd-24th. Speaker: The President, Pastor H. W. Greenway. All services convened by Pastor J. McBurney.

GLASGOW. Oct. 23. Elim Church, Butterbiggs Road. Visit of George and Violet Hill. Scottish Radio Gospel Duetists, 6.30.

GLOSSOP. Oct. 18-23. Elim Church, Ellison Street. Missionary Exhibition. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Sun. 6.30 Missionary meeting. Missionary speakers: Pastors L. Wigglesworth, C. D. Stockdale and G. H. Thomas.

GREENOCK. Oct. 19. Elim Church, Belville Street. Sisterhood Anniversary Rally (2.45 p.m.). Special speaker, Pastor Archie Nicolson (Senegal).

GRIMSBY. Oct. 8-23. Elim Church, Tunnard Street. Evangelistic Services conducted by Evangelist W. J. Martin (Ireland). Suns. 10.45 and 6.30. Week-nights 7.30 (Fris. excepted).

GUERNSEY. Oct. 15-28. Candie Auditorium, Candie Gardens. Revival and Divine Healing Crusade conducted by Pastor Alexander Tee and "The Forseth Trio" (Canada). Week-nights 7.30. Suns. 8. Thurs. at 3.

ISLINGTON. Oct. 16-20. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Annual Bible Study Week. Speaker: Pastor S. Gorman. Sun. 6.30. Week-nights 7.30.

KINGSTANDING. Oct. 22-30. Elim Church, Warren Road. Great Youth Week. Services nightly at 7.30 (Fris. excepted). Special Items by Coventry, Smethwick, Erdington, Graham Street, Oldbury, Yardley, Great Barr and Kingstanding Young People. Oct. 29 and 30, Pastor Lambert (Kidderminster) Suns. 11, 3 and 6.30.

LOWESTOFT. Oct. 22 and 23. Elim Church, Milton Road. Sisterhood Week-end. Special Guest speaker: Mrs. Lilian Eaton. Sat. at 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Convener: Mrs. Elna Backhouse.

PORTSMOUTH. Oct. 8-23. Elim Church, Arundel Street. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign, conducted by Pastors A. A. Biddle and James McAvoy.

ROCHESTER. Oct. 22. Elim Church, Star Hill. Presbyterian Rally. Meet at Esplanade for tour of Rochester at 3. Tea at 5 at the church. Evening speaker: Rev. John Thomas, F.R.G.S., B.D., 6.30.

SMETHWICK. Oct. 8-16. Elim Church, Oldbury Road (near Smethwick Junction). National Youth Week. Guest speaker: Pastor Jack Gardiner 8th to 10th. Other Youth Groups taking part: Langley, Selly Oak, Muntz Street, Kingstanding and Smethwick. Special visit of East Ham Youth Group, Sat. 15th at 7. Week-night services 7.30. Sundays 11 and 6.30.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. Oct 22nd-Nov. 13. Elim Church, Seaview Road. "This is Life" Crusade, conducted by Evangelist Harold Miles. Suns. 11 and 6.30. Nightly 7.30 (except Fris.). Divine Healing services, Weds 3.

SWINDON. Oct. 16. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. 24 Party "Teddy Boys" now Christian Campaigners. Sun. 11 and 6.30. 3 p.m. Open Air P. O. Square. (nr Town Hall).

WOOD GREEN. Commencing Oct. 8. Elim Church, Russell Rd. (off Bowes Rd), Palmers Green, N.13. For two weeks. **Evangelistic Campaign** conducted by Pastor A. J. Chuter (Scunthorpe). Weeknights 7.30 (except Fri.). Sun. 11 and 6.30. From Wood Green Station, Trolley Nos. 629, 641 or 29 Bus. 2d. fare to Bowes Road.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Pastor A. Nicolson, Elim missionary on furlough from Senegal will visit the following churches:

Oct. 15-16, Neath. 20, Alloa. 21, Dunfermline. 22 and 23, Aberdeen. 24, Motherwell, 25, Edinburgh. 26, Kirkintilloch. 27, Glasgow. 29 and 30, Carlisle.

Pastor and Mrs. J. MacInnes, Elim missionaries on furlough from British Guiana, will visit the following churches in the North-East Presbytery:

Oct. 15, Hull, Mason Street. 16 (a.m.), Hull, City Temple. 16 (p.m.), Driffield. 17, Malton. 18, Scarborough. 19, Bishop Auckland. 20, Sunderland.

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The Wednesday afternoon meeting in Carrs Lane Church.

Subjects:

Tues.: The Holy Spirit in relationship to the Church.
Speakers: John Dyke (Elim) and T. N. Turnbull (Apostolic).
Chairman: P. J. Brooke (U.A.F.C.).

Wed.: Consideration of the reasons for the relatively slow progress of the Pentecostal Movement in Britain.
Speakers: L. F. W. Woodford (A.o.G.), F. A. Gilmore (P.J.M.).
Chairman: C. C. Ireson (Apostolic).

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Galbraith.—On August 19th to Mr. and Mrs. S. Galbraith, the gift of a daughter, Ailsa Lofthouse. Dedicated by Pastor W. J. Hilliard, at Elim Church, Greenock, on September 18th. C.293

Husband.—On July 24th, at Elim Church, Sparkbrook, by Pastor W. J. Patterson; David John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Husband (née Mary Holt). Born 4th June, 1955. C.291

Forbes.—On September 11th, at Elim Church, Sparkbrook, by Pastor W. J. Patterson, Thelma Deloris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes. Born Aug. 11th. C.292

MARRIAGES

Birmingham : Jenkins.—On October 1st, at Elim Church, Canning Town, by Pastor C. J. Coe; Patrick Joseph Birmingham (Salvationist) to Hazel Ruth Jenkins, Elim Crusader.

Chadwick : Wilks.—On September 17th at the Methodist Church, Sutton Coldfield, by Pastor Edward F. Cole; John Fred Chadwick to Constance Mable Wilks, both Elim Crusaders.

Gear : Walker.—On September 24th, at Elim Church, Swansea, by Pastor Edward F. Cole; David Clifford Gear to Joan Winnifred Walker.

WITH CHRIST

Brambleby.—On September 25th, very suddenly, Minnie, wife of Pastor W. N. Brambleby. Service at Elim Church, Gosport, and interment at Annes Hill, Gosport, conducted by Pastor Florence M. Munday.

Hodge.—On September 19th, Mrs. Catherine Hodge, aged 64, member of Elim Church, Liverpool, and mother of Pastors Ray and Tom Hodge. Funeral conducted by Pastor John Tetchner. "Till the day dawn."

Manning.—On September 19th, at Southend-on-Sea, Mary Elizabeth Manning, aged 61, member of the Pentecostal Church, Dartford. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. A. Wright. "At rest in the Lord."

Olivant.—On August 14th, Mrs. Agnes Olivant, aged 87, wife of the late Pastor J. Olivant, and a beloved member of Elim Church, Scunthorpe. Funeral conducted by Pastors A. J. Chuter and D. Hemingway.

Watts.—On September 19th, Mrs. Caroline Watts, aged 78, foundation member of Elim Church, Swansea. Funeral conducted by Pastor Edward F. Cole.

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