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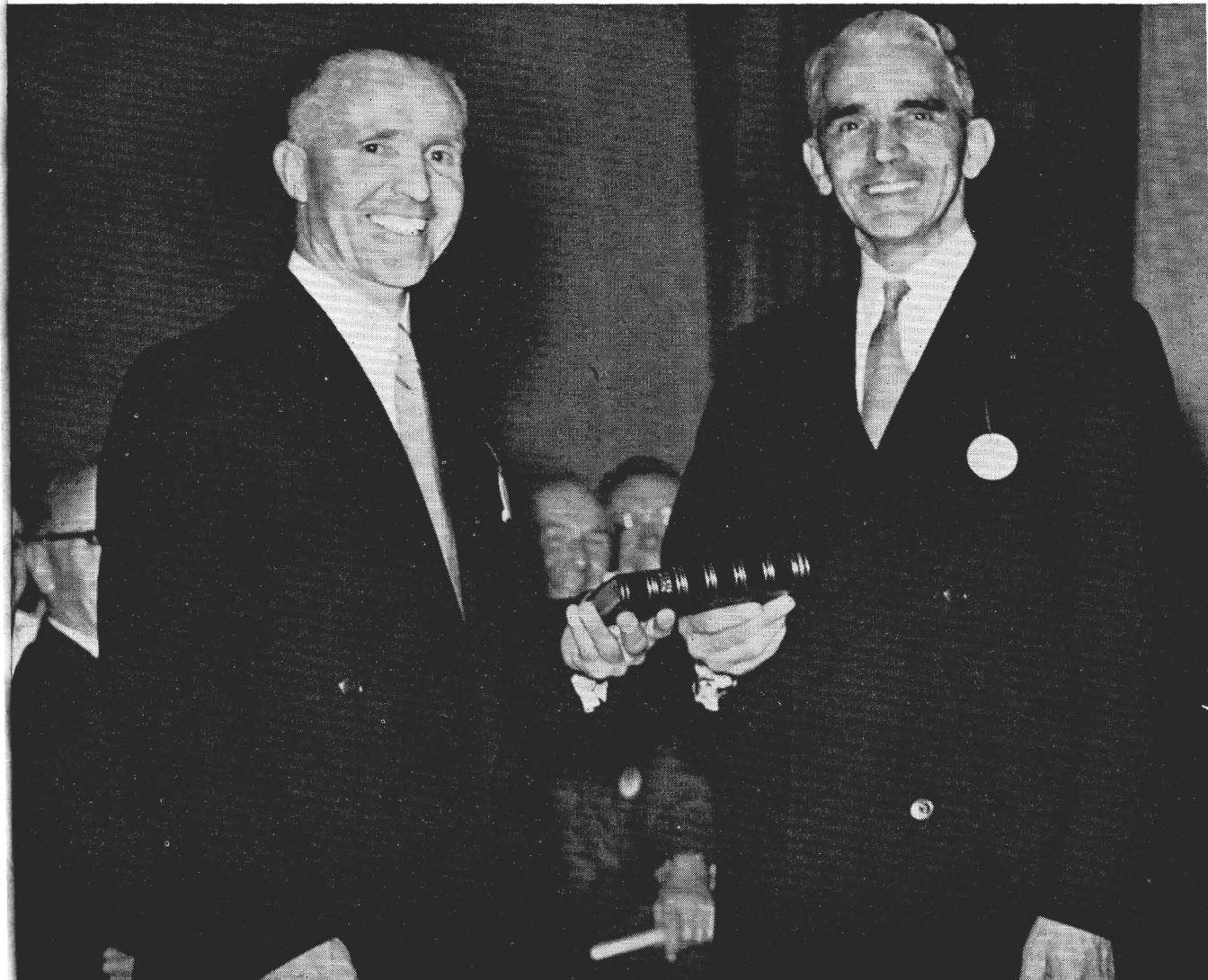
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The new President (James Craig Kennedy) receives a Bible from the retiring President (Joseph Smith).

Reflection on the opening day of the Elim Conference

By Walter H. Urch

(Minister of Elim Church, Dundee)

FIRST of all I must tell you that we had the kind of welcome to Bournemouth which makes you feel you want to go back again, and of course that is what we are going to do, for the Conference voted it so almost unanimously. Our proceedings commenced with an official reception at the Pavilion, given by the Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor C. Whitelock, J.P., who was accompanied by the Mayoress. In a most gracious manner each member of the Conference (many of whom were accompanied by their wives) was personally announced and then welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress. We then sat down to a delightful tea, during which light music was played by the Pavilion Orchestra. When tea was over, the Mayor, on behalf of the Corporation and citizens of Bournemouth, made a speech of welcome, simple and sincere, which obviously pleased the delegates, and to which Mr. Don House, himself a Bournemouth man, most ably replied. This very pleasant function concluded with prayer offered by the retiring President, Pastor Joseph Smith.

Following the civic reception I made my way to the Town Hall, where the new President, Pastor James C. Kennedy, was to be inducted, and where we were again to witness the solemn setting apart by ordination of a number of young men to the ministry of Christ's Church. By the time I arrived the place was almost full to capacity. There were smiles and handshakes to such an extent as to be almost overwhelming, and I feel sure that my own apolo-

getic feelings at having to hurry away from old friends so hastily must have been shared by all my colleagues in the ministry.

Pastor Ron. Jones of Bristol opened the service with community singing, and it was good to see him looking so beaming and energetic after his long illness.

What a joy it was to listen to the Bournemouth United Elim Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Don House, rendering the negro spiritual "Do you love my Lord?" and also the lovely setting by Tschai-kowsky of "Can there be one, O Saviour." These were acts of worship enhanced by thoroughness in preparation which did much to create a fitting atmosphere for such a service.

Our retiring President told us that he had served the Lord in the ranks of Elim for the past thirty-seven years, and the quality of that service is reflected in the affection and esteem in which he is held by all who know him. Several of our ministers and scores of our people have been won for Christ through his zealous witness. We were honoured to have him at the head of our Movement.

It was clear to everyone that Mr. Smith was pleased to have another Ulsterman as his successor, and when we consider the immense debt which Elim owes to Ulster and her people we can all share that satisfaction. Pastor James C. Kennedy is a typical Ulsterman, strong in his convictions and faithful in his undertakings. He has been an Elim minister



The Secretary-General (E. J. Phillips) welcomed by the Mayor of Bournemouth.

for almost thirty-two years, and if I were to describe him as a "labouring man" it would not be amiss, for James Kennedy, like every other member of his splendid family, is a worker. As our new President took over the service he requested us to sing the words "O for a new anointing, O for a heavenly flame." It was



The Mayor and retiring President.

a good note to sound at the commencement of one's presidency, and one could feel that the prayer rose from the hearts of all in that great gathering.

Mr. Kennedy told us that he was not concerned to deliver a first-rate sermon or to shine exegetically, but he did want to give, as his presidential address, the message God had laid upon his heart. Elsewhere you can read all that followed; sufficient is it for me to say that we, as a congregation, were very conscious of the challenge and authority of that message.

It always seems a pity when the induction service has to be combined with the ordination service. Both are so important that they clearly merit separate gatherings. However, sometimes circumstances make the combination necessary, and this was such an occasion.

As a prelude to this, the Dean of the Bible College, Pastor James T. Bradley, presented the prizes to the probationers gaining the highest marks in their sections for their annual theses. This year they went to J. Coleman of Merthyr, K. Harris of Ballymoney, and D. Cartwright of Romsey, all of whom had gained 100 per cent marks.

We now turned our attention to the ordinands, who, as is customary, were required publicly to affirm their acceptance of the fundamentals of the Elim Church and to vow faithfulness to God and the Movement. Following this they were invited to the platform, where each gave a brief testimony. This is always an ordeal for the men concerned, but I should not like to see it discontinued. What a lot these young

men say in the moments allotted to them! What a revelation of character and disposition it all is! The most impressive are always the simple, artless testimonies which exalt the Lord Jesus and reveal true devotion to His person. These young men had been judged by the Ministerial Conference to be worthy of

ordination, and now by this solemn rite they were to be publicly pointed out and set apart to the ministry of Christ's Church.

The secret call within their own hearts was recognised by the evidence of it in their lives and ministries. We bowed in prayer with them during the hushed moments when the members of the Executive Council laid hands upon them, and together we committed them to God. They were sacred moments and I will forbear to enlarge upon them.

With the presenting of the ordination certificates and with praise and prayer we came to the end of a wonderful service. Many had come from long distances to be present and they journeyed far into the night to reach their homes, but whether from long or short distance we all returned as the people did who attended the dedication of Solomon's temple, "glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the Lord had showed unto . . . His people."

THE ELIM EVANGEL

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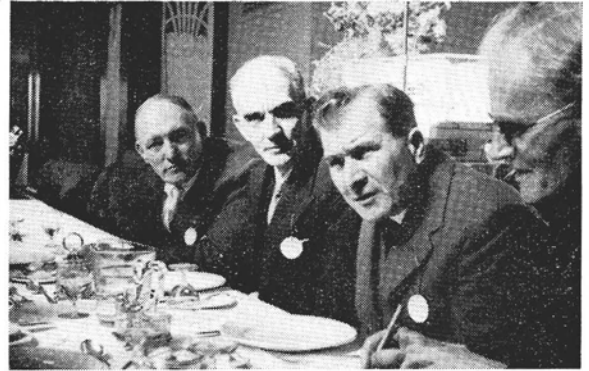
Editorial

THE coming together of Conference delegates from many parts of Britain and the Channel Islands was indeed a time of rich fellowship, and gave opportunity for renewal of old friendships. What a contrast this was to the condition of things prevailing in the world at this time—a subject often

referred to in personal conversation and mentioned in the public meetings.

The world of today is a sombre one. Past events have shaken it to its very foundations. During the last few years there have been many changes politically, financially, industrially, economically, morally and religiously. Evil now overshadows the world, disintegrating forces of various kinds are at work, and

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Top: The President (James Craig Kennedy) contemplates. Lunch-time discussion by members of Executive Council (W. G. Hathaway, J. Smith, P. S. Brewster, E. J. Phillips).

Middle: Ministers' octet rehearses with Music Director D. B. Gray. Conference delegates sing in Town Hall.

Bottom: Executive Council members S. Gorman and J. Dyke in meditative mood. Prospective missionary (M. Thomas) writes up Conference journal.

Photos by H. W. Greenway

GREAT EVANGELISTIC SERVICE IN THE TOWN HALL

By J. Osman (Minister of Elim Church, Selly Oak)

THRILLING! Gripping! Inspiring! Searching! Challenging! These are the adjectives to be borne in mind while reading this report if the true atmosphere and spirit of the meeting are to be appreciated. Right from the start one was conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. The people who streamed into the Town Hall were greeted with hearty "Elim" singing of such favourites as "He lives" and "God is still on the throne" as Pastor Richard Lighton led the opening chorus session, with splendid accompaniment from the accomplished fingers of Pastor Eldin Corsie at the piano.

When the members of the Executive Council and the District Superintendents took their places on the platform, Pastor P. S. Brewster rose to convene. His contagious enthusiasm communicated itself to the congregation as he led the singing of the opening hymn, "Love lifted me."

Psalms 42 was feelingly read by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston, and under the Spirit's anointing familiar phrases took on new force and meaning.

We were told by Pastor Brewster that two choruses were favourites at the Newcastle campaign, "Now I belong to Jesus" and "If I but touch His seamless dress." Of course, we sang them. The latter chorus, particularly, revived many memories as we entered into a season of prayer. Pastor John Dyke voiced the desire of all as he pleaded and prayed,

"We all want to touch Thee, Lord. May simple faith be given to everyone tonight. May the Spirit's power be intensified." We echoed a sincere "Amen."

Three musical items followed: lusty, joyous, congregational singing of "Blessed Assurance" (Elim way, not Harringay way, i.e. at a breath-taking pace from start to finish); then Pastor D. B. Gray, in his own competent, compelling and completely inimitable way, drew the best out of the Conference delegates in their singing of "I walk with the King"; finally, a rich contralto solo by Mrs. Bailey of

Bournemouth entitled "He is the one who loved me." We listened enthralled to a lovely voice singing a lovely song about a lovely Saviour.

Announcements can sometimes be tedious and apt to break into the spirit of a meeting, but not on this night. Could P. S. Brewster ever

be tedious? There were flashes of both humour and inspiration. "There is nothing in the world like seeing souls saved," declared Pastor Brewster as he asked for a good offering for the cause of evangelism. "I am never ashamed of asking for money to advance the cause of Christ," he stated. Commenting on his power and exercise of talent in this way, he related how he told a congregation that Mrs. Brewster declared that his epitaph would be "The beggar died." The next day he was handed a note which said, "May the beggar never die." A prayer was



Crowded congregation at public meeting.

offered *before* the offering, and then £70 10s. 2d. was contributed as we sang "He lives."

We were called to a moment's silent prayer before Pastor Matthew rose to speak amid a stir of anticipation. Basing his remarks upon Acts 3:19,20, he pointed out the Divine progression from repentance to revival refreshing, and to the return of Christ. Then came a flood of inspired and inspiring eloquence, centred first upon the Christians, as we were urged, in view of the near return of the Lord, to seek for the floodtide of revival by repentance and prayer.

Can you picture Pastor Matthew affirming the following truths, and catch the Spirit which set his heart alight? "Britain is ripe for revival. . . . Pentecost is the answer to coldness, false religion, decadence. . . . It isn't a Wolfenden Report we need—that is sweeping the dust under the carpet—but a Holy Ghost revival. . . . The greatest miracle of Pentecost is the saving of souls. . . . What we have seen is only the beginning."

Our hearts swelled with longing and desire as we heard the speaker humbly confess his personal heart-break over the unhealed multitudes, and his need for more power. "I am asking God to do something new in me before my next campaign," he said. "Don't be afraid of excesses," he exhorted, and then, with fine logic, "We are not afraid of the rainfall because we sometimes get too much and a few bridges are carried away. We prefer to have the rain rather than suffer continual drought."

There was a word for the pessimists' negative expectations of revival because of the scripture, "In the last days perilous times shall come." "I expect revival on the grounds of that very scripture," declared Mr. Matthew.

Then the sword of the Spirit was turned against the unconverted. Evident were the directness and sureness, authority and sincerity, clarity and charity of the true evangelist as the unsaved were urged to that repentance without which it is impossible to have eternal life. There was a final telling story to illustrate the reception which the repentant sinner is given. We could almost see the apple tree with white cloths on every bough which brought the message of an abundant pardon and overwhelming welcome to the returning prodigal.

We were disappointed that no one openly responded to the clear and loving appeal. Yet we were conscious of obvious guidance in the choice of message, which stirred believers and confirmed the previous night's inspiring message by the new President.

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Women's Column

By
Gladys Gorton

AN OPPORTUNE TRIBUTE

MEEETING so many of the ministers' wives during Conference week at Bournemouth leads me to feel how right and proper it is to pay a special tribute to them, the women behind the men in our Movement.

Perhaps you visit your doctor now and again, but few people are vitally interested in the doctor's wife. She need not be known, but how different it is concerning the pastor's wife. "What's his wife like?" "Does she preach?" "Is she able to take over the women's work?" Yes, such inquisitive questions are frequently asked when the new minister and his wife are about to take up their pastorate. Notice I have written "and his wife." It is to be expected that she should be absolutely one with him and his work, though it can be that she herself has no overpowering ambition, desire or clear calling in this direction. Love for her husband, and for the Lord, makes her willing to be and to do—she and her husband are "labourers together with Him."

She is the one to whom he confidently unburdens his soul. Together they talk over the problems and difficulties of their church, and help to bear the burden of the unfortunate. She becomes the confidant of quite a few. Often she visits the afflicted and helps the needy, perhaps emptying her own purse. Her own need she does not talk about, but endeavours to look to the Lord to undertake. She listens to the worries and anxieties of others, and tries to sympathise with and advise them, but possibly very few think to give her a word of cheer and understanding, though her own particular burdens may be pressing heavily upon her soul. She sits long hours making and mending for her children, and more or less there is the constant thought of how to make ends meet. There is no settled home for her, she has to try to be content with what is provided and make the best of it.

God's work is ever and always being attacked by open and subtle Satanic forces, therefore the spiri-

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Another grand evangelistic service

By Ramon Hunston
(Minister of Elin Church, Dowlais)

APPROACHING the Town Hall, Bournemouth, on the Wednesday evening of the Elin Conference, one became aware of enthusiastic singing, such as only an Elin congregation can produce. Inside the hall delegates to the Conference from all parts of Great Britain, house parties and local friends were singing the choruses, under the leadership of Pastor Alex. Tee, which have thrilled so many in the past.

There was an air of expectancy as Pastor P. S. Brewster, recently returned from the Newcastle campaign, stepped forward to announce the first hymn. "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine," sang hundreds of voices as this great hymn seemed to set the tenor of the meeting—assurance in God. This theme was continued as all sang the chorus of testimony. "Now I belong to Jesus."

Our National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. H. Davies, read the scripture from John 3, telling how one can receive the blessed assurance. A hush fell upon the gathering as quietly but with confidence men and women realised that "God will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Him." With hearts and minds stilled before God, Pastors D. Ayling and G. Stormont led the congregation in prayer and worship.

As the next item was announced a subdued murmuring and rustling of hymn-sheets was heard; was it preparation or "nerves"? This item has in recent years become a regular feature of the Elin Conference meetings. Under the leadership of Pastor D. B. Gray, the delegates stood and sang with fervour and a confidence born of an experience with God, "My heart is fixed, eternal God, fixed on Thee." What a thrill to realise that in days of uncertainty and artificiality such as we live in now the ministers and brethren of our beloved Movement can sing this hymn, testifying to the fact of the reality and experience of salvation, endorsed by the experience of so many others.

Splendour, we sat and listened to the Gospel in song as Mrs. R. B. Chapman sang of Christ. The lovely melody of the solo filled the auditorium, reminding those present that it is "He who is call-

ing," and of the great responsibilities of every individual because "the choice rests with us."

Again the message of hope was given in song as eight of the ministers stepped to the front of the platform and, unaccompanied, sang in beautiful harmony a translation of a Swedish hymn, the message of which is profound in its simplicity: "Trust in God." The octet and their conductor, Pastor D. B. Gray, were about to return to their seats when something a little unusual for an evangelistic service took place: first one, then another asked for an encore, and the request was taken up by many in the congregation. Having another piece ready, the octet again thrilled and blessed us as they rendered a song previously given in the week, "I have a friend, you ought to know Him."

From the first hymn, the theme of personal assurance was present throughout the service. But it is not enough to sing of an assurance, or even to possess it; we must share it, and as the offering was about to be received this point was stressed by Pastor P. S. Brewster before handing over the leading of the next hymn to Pastor Alex. Tee. During the singing of this hymn the offering was received, amounting to approximately £60.

A well-known voice with an old-fashioned message then filled the hall, Pastor John Woodhead preaching the Word of Life, taking as his text the well-known verse John 3:16. During the message it was mentioned that a clergyman in Versailles (France) had received Divine healing, the letter being appropriately delivered that very morning to Pastor Woodhead! Delegates and local friends, old and young, soon became very conscious of the presence of God as the message of the Cross was unfolded; that its apparent failure was in fact a tremendous triumph. The necessity of salvation, Calvary the revelation of God's love, and many other soul-stirring statements were presented from the Word of God.

Bowing in prayer, remembering that the "door of mercy is not closed," joy gripped our hearts as first one soul and then another signified their need of Christ. It was announced later that one of the three

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OUT in the bay an autumn sun glimmered on a placid sea and picked out the white face of a distant headland, but we had no opportunity to stop and contemplate the scene, lovely though it was, for we had come to Bournemouth on business—the King's business—and it required haste! First to unpack, find one's agenda, and then off to the Town Hall for the beginning of another Elim Conference. *Monday.* Walking into the Ministerial Session is something akin to returning home after a long absence. I find myself looking for familiar faces and noting the differences time has made. The Executive Council are already seated at their long table facing the delegates and it is good to see among them the Secretary-General, Pastor E. J. Phillips, who has made a good recovery after the illness which kept him from last year's Conference. I look around the delegates, seeing men who have been in Elim from the "early days," men who entered college with me and those who have come since. Some of them are looking older, some bear the marks of physical suffering and spiritual conflict, others remind me of the Psalmist's palm tree—they are "fat and flourishing"! We move smoothly through the agenda for this session, which consists mainly of the acceptance of probationers as ministers and for ordination. We close in prayer and then the murmur of conversation deepens and broadens as we pour out into the sunshine outside, greeting old friends, waving to



Conference

By JOHN

(Minister of Elim)



acquaintances, sharing fellowship with men we have not seen since last year's Conference.

Tuesday. There is something deeply moving in hearing a great company of men praising God, and as I sit here in the short devotional moments which precede the day's business I thrill to a fresh realisation of the matchless splendour of the Christ who has such an irresistible power over the hearts of this great fellowship. He is still the centre of our attraction.

Soon there is the rustle of paper as we turn our agendas over to the appropriate page. New churches are being officially accepted into Elim—Caerau (South Wales presbytery), Ripon (North-eastern presbytery), Romford (North London presbytery), Stockport (Lancashire presbytery), Weymouth (Bournemouth presbytery) and Whitehaven (Scottish presbytery). Most of these are the visible results of evangelistic campaigns which have been conducted through the year.



Two sectional views of the

Commentary

NEWCASTLE

(Church, Bayswater)

Now come the reports of the various departments. We already have these in printed form so that those who present them need only to add a word of explanation here and there. The discussion which follows each report reveals the keen interest focused upon the Elim work as a whole. We are delighted to hear of continued financial blessing upon the Elim Missionary Society and of the outstanding part the new missionary boxes have played in this. My companion remarks on the appropriateness of what follows. As we adopt the missionary report a telegram arrives bringing greetings from Pastor S. W. Law and the missionaries on the Indian field, and then as we move to the evangelistic report Pastor P. S. Brewster takes his place on the Executive Council, having just arrived after an all-night journey from Newcastle, where Elim's latest evangelistic campaign has been held. He receives a great ovation and smilingly reports that over 1,700 have professed conversion in this great northern city. Later we hear the

result of the voting for the Executive Council. Pastors H. W. Greenway, J. Dyke, J. T. Bradley and W. G. Hathaway are re-elected. A great outburst of applause greets the announcement that Pastor E. J. Phillips has been elected Vice-President by an overwhelming majority. This, we feel, is a fitting gesture to a man about to retire from the office of Secretary-General after holding it through many eventful and critical years with unswerving faithfulness and un-sparing energy.

Wednesday. Today we are joined for the morning by delegates' wives and members of the house parties for the Conference of the Elim Church Incorporated. We begin with a communion service and once again the wondrous supremacy of the Man of Calvary asserts itself; once again our attention is riveted on Him and lesser things are forgotten as we gather at His table. Refreshed in spirit, we turn to the day's proceedings and soon we are listening intently to a spirited and thought-provoking address by Pastor Alex. Tee. His theme is "Evangelism in the local church," and with characteristic enthusiasm he outlines many practical suggestions for reaching the unconverted through the local assembly. He exhorts pastors to "do the work of an evangelist" and urges church members to "look out for new business" with the determination of an insurance agent. "Have a go" is his Caledonian battle-cry. In rather more measured tones but with equal emphasis Pastor G.



Conference delegates in session.

Stormont exhorts us to make it our aim in the local church that every member be an evangelist, and Pastor H. W. Greenway follows this with a strong plea for doorbell evangelism. Time has gone, but one thing is clear—Elim still has a great concern for the lost and is exploring every avenue of reaching them. We return to the business session to discuss several important items. With very little discussion, the Conference unanimously adopted a proposal to provide financial assistance to ministers on retirement, or to widows of ministers deceased before retirement age. Much satisfaction was expressed by this provision for years of service in Elim. Pastor H. Haith, who retired during the year, was presented with a cheque by the President in respect of his twenty-three years as an Elim minister. An important decision also made was the setting up of the Elim Buildings Development Fund. This scheme provides for loans to churches for buildings. Funds are to be obtained by loans and gifts from Elim members and friends, and loans are to be repaid to the Fund in regular monthly instalments. By another resolution Conference committee members, not already members of the Conference, were authorised to attend Conferences by virtue of their membership of committee. Another point of interest, particularly to members in Ireland, was the authorisation of all members of the Irish Executive as members of the Conference. We join in the hearty laughter that follows the confession of one delegate that he has broken the vow of silence he took before coming to the Conference. We're glad he did!

Thursday. The day has dawned; the President urges us to spend time seeking for Divine guidance at the beginning of the session. We sing "Sweet will of God still draw me closer," and sense the deep-felt desire in every heart for His will to be done. Now we turn to the issue before us, a proposal that our Elim Movement be affiliated with the Church of God, U.S.A. First we question the three delegates who earlier in the year visited this great American Pente-

costal Movement, met its leaders and inspected its churches; then we listen to members of the Executive Council giving their own personal judgment. Now we turn to listen to first one and then another of the ministers and laymen, some for and some against the proposal. At the end of the day we are not ready to vote and so adjourn, giving ourselves more time to think and pray.

Friday. How quickly the week has gone! Here is the last day of the Conference, and what a great amount of business is still to be dealt with. Firmly and graciously the President marshals us. Pastor Kennedy has had a difficult task, but he has excelled throughout the week—imagine how difficult it is to stop preachers talking! First we deal with Headquarters offices. The final voting is declared and the offices allocated as follows:

Secretary-General: Pastor H. W. Greenway.
 Field Superintendent: Pastor W. G. Hathaway.
 Dean of Elim Bible College: Pastor J. T. Bradley.
 Adviser: Pastor E. J. Phillips.

Out of yesterday's discussion has come a proposal that we affiliate with the Church of God subject to review in two years' time. After further discussion the proposal just fails to secure the three-quarters majority required and the matter is referred to next year's Conference. Now the Conference is enlivened by a delegate who rises confidently to second a motion, only to find after a few minutes that he is speaking on the wrong item. He laughs with us! A little later we decide that next year's Conference will be held again at Bournemouth, God willing. The end has come. We stand together in prayer and then slowly wend our way into the streets. Only the echoes remain—the rich kaleidoscope of voices and personalities, the intermingling of a dozen dialects, the sudden sparkle of humour, the enriching moments of personal fellowship and, above all, the overshadowing consciousness that the risen Lord has been walking in the midst.

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Impressive Missionary Rally

By T. H. Stevenson (Minister of Elim Church, Ilford)

“EVERYBODY ought to know who Jesus is.” The refrain burst forth in the crowded auditorium as the Annual Elim Missionary Rally got under way, and thus was expressed the tone and theme of an inspiring occasion. Earlier we were introduced to several of our missionaries, whose lives have been dedicated to a great call. As our President introduced each missionary, spontaneous handclapping manifested our great joy to welcome them.

Pastor Jesse Williams read a portion of scripture, and before addresses were given the octet party of Elim ministers thrilled the congregation again with their singing.

Before reporting on the addresses given by our missionaries, let me mention other highlights of interest to all missionary-minded Elim members and friends.

Mervyn Thomas, a young Elim minister, was presented to the audience. Mr. Thomas will soon leave us to labour in Tanganyika. May God mightily use his servant.

Elim's new van for transporting the Missionary Exhibition was referred to by Pastor J. T. Bradley, who informed us that the van could be viewed in the forecourt of the building. (It was so well guarded by the surrounding cars of Conference delegates, that it was *not* so easily seen!) Appreciation was expressed for the generosity of two Elim members, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pettet, who contributed greatly to this very fine acquisition for God's work. Though splendid offerings were received at the earlier public

services to help evangelism, and Conference expenses, the grand sum of over £116 was received towards our missionary endeavour. This liberal offering was given following the stirring addresses of the missionaries, of which we will now seek to inform you.

Miss S. F. Beardwell came forward to speak; small of stature, but a spiritual stalwart. “India,” she declared, “is a land not without religion, but without Christ.” That India is full of religion we were vividly reminded as our sister described the daily and weekly heathen temple services and the seasonal and annual religious festivals. Yet out of this darkness souls are being brought to the light,

and the stories about some of these trophies of grace warmed our hearts.

How delighted we were to see and hear our brother Pastor W. H. Francis after a long term of service in the Transvaal. It is difficult to visualise our brother's “parish,” so vast as to cover in comparison many counties of England, and containing a



Exhibition stalls—missionary stall first right.

population of over 300,000 people, including two tribes to whom David Livingstone once ministered. Mr. Francis interspersed his address with an African spiritual song which he told us meant, “They are quenching it, but the fire keeps burning.” The spread of revival fire in Elim's work in the Transvaal is wrought through personal evangelism by the converts. “Stoke the fire, don't poke it” was a crisp statement we will remember, as also “The mission field is a grim fight, not a holiday camp.”

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THE FAMILY ALTAR AND ELIM PRAYER CIRCLE

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by F. Lavender
(minister of Elim Church, Loughborough)

Sunday, November 3rd. 1 Samuel 14 : 36-48.

"Saul asked counsel of God" (v. 37).

Men sometimes make their plans, put them into operation and then ask God to bless them. On this occasion Saul set us a wise example by asking God what He wanted him to do. The Christian is called to do the will of God, not to please himself; so if we really desire His blessing our plans must be in accordance with His will—His prior approval is vital.

Monday, November 4th. 1 Samuel 15 : 1-15.

"Get you down from among the Amalekites" (v. 6).

Saul fulfilled the mission of an evangelist when he warned the Kenites to escape before the judgment of God came upon Amalek. We, too, are aware that Divine judgment is shortly to overtake this earth, and we must warn men and women to "flee from the wrath to come." Each of us is called to be an evangelist, and we dare not be quiet when the world is in deadly peril.

Tuesday, November 5th. 1 Samuel 15: 16-35.

"When thou wast little in thine own sight" (v. 17).

Here is the key to Saul's failure! When he was humble, God exalted him to supremacy, but his pride had now made him useless to God. How often when God has used humble men they have become proud, as though success was due to their own goodness! Success is a searching test of our devotion to Christ; when it comes let us have humility before Him.

Wednesday, November 6th. 1 Samuel 16 : 1-13.

"Behold, he keepeth the sheep" (v. 11).

You may think this a very humble occupation, yet David's life as a shepherd was preparing him for the time when he would care for the Lord's flock. We may feel that our daily tasks are very ordinary and unimportant, yet if we dedicate them wholly to the Lord He will use them to prepare us for the time when the saints are to rule the universe (1 Corinthians 6 : 2).

Thursday, November 7th. 1 Samuel 16 : 14-23.

"The Lord is with him" (v. 18).

What can give a man greater strength than the knowledge that the Lord is with him? If the Lord the Creator and Upholder of heaven and earth is with me, what is there that can harm me? Can we be sure of His constant companionship? Yes, for the Lord Jesus has assured us that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13 : 5, 6), and He has said: "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matthew 28 : 20).

Friday, November 8th. 1 Samuel 17 : 1-16.

"Let him come down to me" (v. 8).

Goliath, confident in his own strength and armour, issued a challenge which terrified the men of Israel, but God brought deliverance through David the shepherd boy. Satan had mankind in his grip, bound by the chains of sin, and

it seemed none could challenge him, but the Lord Jesus came down to him, overcame him, stripped him of his power, and set the captives free. Hallelujah!

Saturday, November 9th. 1 Samuel 17 : 17-30.

"Eliab's anger was kindled against David" (v. 28).

Can you detect the envy inspiring this outburst of fierce anger and biting sarcasm? When Samuel would have anointed Eliab as king, God rejected him and chose David—and Eliab's childish petulance now proves God right! Envy can damage God's work by causing us to speak angrily, slightly, of one whom God is using. If we detect it in our lives let us humble ourselves before Him so that Satan obtains no advantage over us.

Women's Column (continued)

tual pressure upon God's servants is at times almost overwhelming. This demands urgent prayer, and to the pastor and his wife it can mean hours of pleading, passionate prayer together.

Yes, I'm a pastor's wife, but being in the ministry before I married gives me sympathy and understanding for those who did not know the "ups and downs," the "ins and outs," before they married.

Dr. Boreham writes beautifully of his wife in his biography *My Pilgrimage*. "How can I forget the closing meeting of the series? It was held in the University Road Methodist Church, Belfast, which was crowded to the doors. After I had pronounced the benediction, a voice from the body of the church cried, 'Can't we see Mrs. Boreham?' The people resumed their seats and applauded vigorously. The chairman, Dr. Marshall, asked Mrs. Boreham, if present, to come to the pulpit. I shall like, in my last hours, to recall the scene that followed. It was one of the proudest moments of my life. Escorted by Mr. J. Lynn Hazelton and Mr. Norman Robb, officers of the church, my wife made her way up the aisle amidst an overwhelming ovation. She happened to be attired in a costume that I thought the most becoming and attractive in her wardrobe. Mounting the pulpit, all grace and dignity and charm, she smiled and bowed her acknowledgments. I loved Ireland for loving her. No plaudits were ever more richly merited, and certainly none ever fell more sweetly upon my own ears."

Friends, including the brothers, a vote of thanks to the pastor's wife.

Great Evangelistic Service (continued)

Even so does the Holy Ghost do His work.

A final hymn, a prayer by Pastor Tee, and the meeting was over. But the memory and challenge remain.

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Elim Youth Page

We "Fight
the good
fight"

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

Were you able to visit the Conference Exhibition stands

AT BOURNEMOUTH BY THE SEA?

OUR Annual Conferences are increasing in their popularity, and this year I noticed that many more Elim youth were present.

Each evening after the meeting had ended, crowds of people made their way to the Town Hall lounge, alongside the main auditorium, and visited the exhibition stands. It provided an ideal spot for meeting friends, renewing acquaintances, and viewing the various ways in which Elim seeks to play its part in the kingdom of God. At the EYM stand we were visited by youth commissioners, ministers, Crusader secretaries, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, Cadet leaders, and scores of young people. Ideas were exchanged, EYM literature was obtained, badges were purchased, and we were left with the feeling that these stands were doing a good work.

Now to the point—while the Conference is fresh in our minds.

Conference-time can become the rallying point for Elim youth and youth leaders throughout the country. Here is an ideal opportunity for us to get together, and—who knows?—maybe we could arrange a session or two as a ren-

deavour during the week-end prior to the commencement of the General Conference. Now is the time to plan your holidays. If you are not joining one of the Crusader continental house-parties this year (there's only room for 70) why not keep one week of your holidays for Conference-time. Talk about it at your Crusader branch, and join us in Bournemouth as a party from your church.

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A prominent feature during this year's Conference was the recommendation for a drive in "doorbell evangelism." This is an activity in which Elim youth can shine to great effect. At this time when Communism is reaching out its ugly tentacles to grasp youth seeking for life's purpose, and as worldly pleasure endeavours to engulf those looking for life, we receive the challenge of our Master,

"Go into the highways and byways, and constrain them to come."

Let us not deceive ourselves. We can sit snugly in our Crusader meetings enjoying a well-planned programme, but to get the outsider in we must go out to where the outsider lives.



Youth exhibition stall

We began with the exhibition stands at this year's Conference (pictured here), which displayed Elim activities in different spheres. Yet we are all *exhibitions* displaying Elim, the Christian life, even the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, in the places where we live and work. A young man said to me last weekend, "My mother came to this church and was converted, but soon went back into the world. I suppose I am to blame because although I brought her to our church I didn't live the Christian life at home." He re-dedicated his life to Christ last weekend. What about you? Take up the recommendation of the Conference and become a doorbell evangelist, but be sure to exhibit Christianity at the same time.

Impressive Missionary Rally (continued)

A year ago Pastor A. Tate thrilled all who gathered at the Conference Annual Missionary Rally. Then his itinerary was commencing. Now it is over, and as you read these words Mr. and Mrs. Tate and children will be on the high seas, returning to their field of service in Central Africa, a land of upheavals, with fervid nationalism, heathenism, communism, and Christianity seeking the citadel of the heart. As our esteemed brother stood before us he said, "Central Africa is a cooking pot. Windows have been opened and they look for a faith. I would not go out for another term, I would not take my wife out again with me, without the message of the Cross. "We pray for God's servants, that the Divine presence and blessing will be with them as again they take up their task for God and souls.

Mrs. W. N. Hawley's message, the final one of the evening, transferred our thoughts to Tzaneen, Transvaal. Listening with rapt attention, we heard of revival among the children and adults. In day-school while the children sang, "Jesus loves the little children," tears and blessing began to flow. Revival came and spread, consummating in a month of great tent meetings. Services were held each morning, afternoon and evening for several weeks, resulting in many conversions and confessions.

Without exception, each speaker concluded with an earnest plea for the prayers of God's people. Here was a fresh challenge to every heart. Missionary work is everybody's work. "We are labourers together."

The great meeting is over, brought to a glorious climax as the large congregation of missionaries, ministers and members of our churches sang, "I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today." It is this assurance of the Master's power and presence that inspires our dedicated Elim missionaries.

Another Grand Evangelistic Service (continued)

converts was formerly a Roman Catholic, but now rested in the liberty of the Gospel.

God still confirms His Word with the demonstration of His power, and as sick folk of all ages made their way to the front of the hall Pastors J. Woodhead and G. K. Matthew prayed for them that the healing virtue of Christ would flood their mortal bodies. With the fragrance of God's presence still on the service the congregation sang in closing of Him who came from "out of the ivory palaces." The gathering began with a blessed assurance and dismissed knowing that others had received the same assurance of salvation.

Editorial (continued)

the sinister threat of atomic warfare makes the people of the nations of the earth fearful of what the future holds in store for humanity.

In spite of these momentous and perilous times it was evident that the Conference delegates were confident that in God is the remedy for all the varying and perplexing conditions among the nations of the earth. Amid all the problems of this life and the conflicting aims of a distressed world, it was apparent that their faith was in the Lord Jesus alone. They met believing that the Gospel is still the paramount need of the world, and a great deal of time was spent discussing the most effective and powerful means of propagating it.

Christianity offers to the world the only reliable remedy for its ills. Commerce, government, philanthropy and education deal with the world's maladies only in a superficial way. Jesus alone can save it.

CAREY'S GUIDING POSTS

The "guiding posts" listed by William Carey for himself and his associates in the work of missions almost a century and a half ago have present-day value and could be profitably followed by every Christian worker. They are:

1. To set an infinite value on human souls.
2. To abstain from whatever deepens India's (or any people's) prejudice against the Gospel.
3. To watch for every chance of doing good to the people.
4. To preach Christ as the means of conversion.
5. To esteem and treat people of India always as our equals.
6. To guard and build up the "hosts that may be gathered."
7. To labour incessantly in Biblical translation (for us, study).
8. To be instant in the nurture of personal religion.
9. To give ourselves without reserve to the cause, not counting even the clothes we wear our own.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

BELFAST. Nov. 2-22. Ulster Temple, Ravenhill Road. Annual Youth Week. Sundays 7, week-nights 8. Special speaker: T. W. Walker (National Youth Committee). Programme by Ulster Temple Crusaders each night.

BOURNEMOUTH (Winton). Oct. 27—Nov. 10. Elim Church, Hawthorn Road. Evangelistic Campaign led by Don Summers, the International Evangelist. Week-nights 7.30 (except Sats.), Sun. 11 and 6.30.

CAMBERWELL. Nov. 9. The Pagham Campers' Reunion will be held in the Elim Church, Benhill Road (kindly loaned) at 3 and 6.30. Campers, former campers and prospective campers are specially invited to afternoon fellowship and tea. A public meeting will be held in the evening with Padre L. Lambert speaker and J. Lancaster convener, London churches are invited to support us. A welcome awaits all.

CLACTON-ON-SEA. Oct. 26—Nov. 3. Elim Church, Hayes Road. Coming-of-age Celebrations. Opening day 3.30 and 7. Mon. 3 and 7, with tea at 5.30. Other meetings, Sun. 11 and 6.30, week-nights 7.30. Speakers: F. H. Squire (founder of the church), S. Long, E. A. Fletcher, H. Shaw (former ministers), F. H. Coleman (District Supt.), H. W. Greenway (General Secretary). Convener: F. F. Frost (resident minister).

DUDLEY. Oct. 26—Nov. 3. Elim Church, North Street. Evangelistic Campaign. Sat. 7, Sun. 11, 6.30 and 7.45, week-nights 7.30. Conducted by Idris Davies, Welsh Evangelist, Ammanford. Special singing by Presbytery choirs. Witness march, Oct. 26, leaving church 6.15. Prayer sessions daily, 6.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 7 p.m.

GREAT YARMOUTH. Now in progress. Elim Church, Albion Road. Revival and Divine Healing Crusade. Week-nights 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30. After-church rally Sun. 8. District rally Nov. 2, 2.30 and 7. Conducted by George Stormont (Lcigh-on-Sea).

GRIMSBY. Nov. 2-7. Elim Church, Tunnard Street. Visit of W. George (Romsey). Sat. 7.30, Sun. 10.45 and 6.30, week-nights 7.30.

HADLEIGH. Nov. 21. Elim Church, Oak Road. Visit of Ian Moore (Yeovil), 7.30.

ILFORD. Nov. 2. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Monthly Saturday Rally, 7.30. Speaker: J. Woodward.

Nov. 3. Visit of London Crusader Choir, 6.30.

Nov. 17. Visit of National Youth Secretary, J. H. Davies, 11 and 6.30.

PONTYPRIDD. Oct. 26—Nov. 3. Elim Church, Thurston Road. Youth Week. Week-nights (except Mon. and Fri.) 7.15, Sun. 11 and 6. Conducted by Pontypridd Elim Crusaders. Guest speaker, Nov. 2 and 3, E. F. Cole (Swansea).

PORTSMOUTH. Nov. 9-11. Elim Church, Arundel Street. Sisterhood Rally, Monday 3 and 7 (tea provided). E. C. W. and Mrs. Boulton.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. Nov. 19. Elim Church, Seaview Road. Visit of Ian Moore (Yeovil), 7.30.

SWANSEA. Nov. 9-12. Elim Church, New Orchard Street. Church Anniversary. Sun. 11 and 6.30, week-nights 7.15. Speakers: A. V. Gorton (Reading) and J. Osman (Selly Oak).

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA. Nov. 16-17. Elim Church, Westborough Road. Sunday School Prizegiving and Anniversary. Sat. 6.30, Prizegiving; Sun. 3 and 6.30, Anniversary. Special speaker: Ian Moore (Yeovil).

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MISSIONARY TOURS

Miss S. F. Beardwell, Elim missionary on furlough from India, will visit the following churches: Nov. 2-3, Jersey; 5-7, Guernsey. Missionary slides will be shown.

Mrs. W. N. Hawley, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following churches: Nov. 9-10, Sheffield; 11, Barnsley; 12, Rotherham; 13, Mansfield; 14, Nottingham; 15, Chilwell; 16, Burton-on-Trent; 17, Sandiacre; 18, Leicester; 19, Loughborough. Mrs. Hawley will be showing interesting slides of her work.

W. H. Francis, Elim missionary on furlough from South Africa, will visit the following churches: Nov. 9, Andover; 10 Southampton; 11, Canada; 12, Romsey; 13, Eastleigh; 14, Ryde; 15, Gosport; 16, Portsmouth; 17, Petersfield. Interesting slides will be shown.

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Oct. 29—Nov. 3, Ulster Temple. 5-10, Ballymoney. 12-17, Melbourne Street, Belfast. 19-24, Saunders Street, Belfast. Nov. 26—Dec. 1, Alexandra Park Avenue, Belfast. 5-8, Lurgan. 10-22, Millisle. 28—Jan. 2, Coleraine. 4-9, Rathfriland. 11-16, Bangor. 18-23, Armagh. 25-30, Camberwell.

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Bickley.—On September 26th, John Bickley, aged 67, dearly loved husband and father, and faithful deacon of Elim Church, Kidderminster, passed into the presence of his Lord. Funeral conducted by resident minister, Laurence E. Lambert. "With Christ which is far better." C.601

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