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## CAMPAIGN BAPTISMAL SERVICE



Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Smith (extreme left) with the candidates. For report see "Successful Campaign at Old Hill," page 535.

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# THIRTY YEARS A WATCH TOWER SLAVE

Written by William J. Schnell and made the basis of a Sunday evening address by WALTER H. URCH, Minister of Elin Church, Dundee.

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Again we might ask, How do the Jehovah's Witnesses regard charitable organisations? The Watch Tower Society is out to establish what it calls a new world society, a world-wide organisation under the rule of the Watch Tower theocracy, and it cannot afford to be a charitable organisation. "It has to its credit no charitable works, which it considers to be 'maudlin sentimentality,' and they usually justify this by misquoting our Lord's words, 'Let the dead bury their dead.'" In their view charitable works are pharisaical and hypocritical: every orphan home, homes for the aged and infirm, every refugee organisation, every means of helping the poor and lifting the fallen—all are in this category. Yet throughout this country men and women are gulled by it; yet the Witnesses have the effrontery to proclaim it as the only genuine religion.

Chapter eleven of this astonishing book is entitled:

## "DOCTRINAL GYRATIONS"

In it some of the doctrinal absurdities of the Witnesses are outlined. The beast of Revelation 13 is said to be Christendom. The various Protestant bodies are the daughters of the beast. They see a future alliance of Catholics, Protestants and Jews, who will enter into an alliance with worldly powers. In the end, the united body, now become the beast, will be overshadowed by the world power, and then the battle of Armageddon will take place.

The writer then returns to the class distinctions of the society, especially to explain the large body of Witnesses called Jonadabs. For their purpose they took the story of the Gibeonites referred to in Joshua 9 and 10. These people were not integrated into the Israel nation, but became "hewers of wood and drawers of water" in exchange for protection and other benefits. Similarly, within the New World Theocracy a similar body exists—not Spirit-begotten, not a heavenly people, but earthly.

In this connection we must refer to the name by which these people are known—Jehovah's Witnesses.

They have *disowned* the name of Christ and they are *not* of Christianity. Let no one imagine for one moment that, despite their doctrinal deviations, they are still part of the Church of Christ, for the very basic conditions of membership are *denied* and there is not a major doctrine of the Church but what it has been *repudiated or distorted*. They have neither part nor lot with the people of God.

The fifteenth chapter of this book bears the title:

## "A SEVEN-STEP PROGRAMME"

It will be profitable for me to outline this programme, for it is in current use.

**Step one** is to get books into the hands of the public by any method which can be devised.

"We dealt mainly with people who were professing Christians. Most Christians hold only very loosely to the Bible truths 'once delivered to the saints.' There is a widespread holding of half-truths and partial knowledge." You buy a book and your address is recorded. The Jehovah's Witness chalks up a victory.

**Step two** is the back-call. This is supposed to be in order to encourage the reading of the book, when remarks are made to create more interest, and dramatic events are related to whet the appetite. A back-call is made at least once a month and the record card is duly filled in each time.

**Step three** is to induce the person concerned to open his or her home for a weekly Bible study. "But," says Mr. Schnell, "this was a deceitful misnomer. The course has little to do with the Bible. The textbooks are the Watch Tower publications. Those who are lured thus far are, in Watch Tower jargon, known as 'people of good will.' The process of brain-washing now commences."

**Step four** is the area book study. This is a gathering of a larger nature, but one having the same purpose. Orthodox doctrines are debunked, the Church and the ministers are derided, while the so-called truths of the Witnesses are inculcated. Of

course, reference has to be made to the Bible, but, as Mr. Schnell points out, the book study successfully obscured the fact that only 6½ per cent of Scripture is used, and that in a very disconnected manner; the remaining 93½ per cent is Watch Tower verbiage.

**Step five** is the introduction to the Kingdom Hall, where “the people of good will” are treated with great fuss. They are made to feel like long-lost exiles who have returned home. “Of course,” says our author, “nothing is taught them about Jesus and the way of salvation. They are shown that Armageddon is round the corner and that only if they stay in the city of refuge, which is God’s organisation, will they be safe.”

After some experience at step number five, the now largely brain-washed dupes are ready for

**Step six.** Training in propagation is commenced. They learn how to present books and carry out back-calls, how to conduct studies and to get monetary contributions. The final step,

**Step seven,** is water baptism. But do not imagine that it carries the significance of Christian baptism. How could it when the Witnesses *repudiate* Christianity as we understand it? It is the outward sign of official entry into God’s organisation, or City of Refuge. The Kingdom Publisher, as he becomes, is baptised in token of the fact that he is leaving behind his individuality and every personal aspect of the religion of Jesus. He has now become buried into the mass, or the theocracy. As long as he remains faithful to the Jehovah’s Witness teaching and fulfils his witnessing obligations he is in the City of Refuge and will escape destruction at Armageddon.

William Schnell continued a slave to all this, and he says that he did so because he failed to read God’s Word without distorting Watch Tower “helps.”

I have omitted a great deal relating to his personal experiences. Every bit of it underlines the *sinister nature* of this evil movement—the dossier system, used with such damning effects in Nazi Germany, and still in use in Iron Curtain countries; the spy system, also a characteristic of those régimes; the policy of creating class distinctions, where one class is pitted against another. It was this sort of thing which caused the author of this book to liken the Watch Tower Society to the idol Moloch. “Within,” he says, “there is kept going a constant fire, and into this fire are thrown the Kingdom Publishers to be tortured and tormented into submission. . . . I was in a veritable hell. My thoughts troubled me, my conscience tortured me.” Later he says, “Rapidly becoming a drunkard, physically and

mentally sick, filled with fears and phobias, I was in a straitened condition which was leading me straight to death. . . . Then one night I threw myself unreservedly on the Lord. . . . In the early dawn I rose from my knees. . . . I stood up by the grace of God a free man. . . . Delivered from the dual affliction, fear of the Watch Tower monster and drunkenness, I began to walk in the Spirit.”

The final chapter of this book is entitled:

### “A WARNING”

In it we are reminded that the octopus of the Watch Tower Society has spread itself, with its grasping tentacles . . . into all lands of the earth. It has brain-washed the personal religion of Jesus Christ from all those who have become its slaves. The society’s object is a new world society, and its field is the world. This false, counterfeit religion exists because somewhere the genuine article exists. That genuine article is the Christ-centred, Bible-honouring, Spirit-led Church of Jesus Christ—a people who have found in the Saviour, denied and rejected by the Watch Tower slaves, both their Lord and their God.

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# EDITORIAL

## THE MIDDLE EAST CAULDRON

**A**LTHOUGH this cauldron is only simmering at the present time, the Middle East continues to be the danger spot to world peace because of the hostile attitude existing between the Jews and Arabs. It is well known that the Israeli—United Arab Republic situation is latent with stupendous possibilities of a most serious nature, and fraught with peril for the nations of the world if not solved satisfactorily in the future. President Nasser has openly and vehemently declared that the Arab peoples must band together and destroy Israel as a nation, and he is supported in this by the leaders of other Arab countries. Complementary to this is the fact that Russia is ambitious to control the whole of the Middle East, and persistently by various methods is working to achieve this. Added to this is the danger underlying the conflicting policies of the other leading nations of the world regarding the tension there.

In a revealing article in the *Radio Times* dated April 27th, 1956, the following was recorded: "Sir Thomas Rapp, head of the British Middle East Office in Cairo from 1950 to 1953, explains some of the underlying causes of the dangerous unrest in this part of the world. In all the years of Britain's long connection with the Middle East, its affairs have never been so troubled and our relations with the Arab states so strained. Yet because the Middle East is the world's most important cross-roads, the link between Asia and Africa, and the gateway of the West to India and the Far East, the peace and stability of the region is vital to all trading nations such as Britain. And because the Middle East possesses sixty-four per cent of the world's known oil reserves, and supplies the great bulk of the oil required by western Europe, its economy is complementary to our own. The industry of western Europe needs Middle East oil . . . anti-western sentiment has also been fanned by the problem of Israel. Arabs regard Israel as a western colony on Arab soil, planted there in direct contradiction to the promise of self-government given by Britain to the Palestine Arabs. . . . Until there is peace between the Arabs and Israel (of which there is unfortunately no early likelihood) all the consequent miseries and all the sufferings of the 900,000 Arab refugees will be laid at the door of the West. . . . Clearly the Middle East is a danger spot, now rendered doubly dangerous because the Soviet Union is actively intervening to

exploit its many tensions, so as to eliminate what western influence still remains. She has also become the champion of the Arabs against Israel. While the West is striving to consolidate the Middle East, the Soviet Union is seeking to disrupt it, thus leaving it open to her penetrations. For this reason, the Middle East has become a decisive factor in the struggle between the free world and Soviet imperialism." All this is increasingly evident today. The Middle East cauldron could easily boil over at any moment.

It is clearly indicated in Zechariah 14:2 that preceding Christ's reign on the earth Jerusalem will be divided between two forces, one of them being in possession of *the city* (that part of Jerusalem inside the walls), the other force controlling the part outside. Such is the position at the present time: the Arabs hold the old city, and the Jews are in possession of the new Jerusalem outside the walls.

It is generally conceded by Bible students, particularly those who have specialised in the study of biblical prophecy, that it will be in the Middle East that the nations of the world will gather together in battle: "And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Zechariah 14:2).

The situation in the Middle East will only finally resolve itself when the Lord Jesus comes to the defence of Israel (Zechariah 12:8,9) and takes over the kingdoms of the world at the battle of Armageddon (14:3,4). Whatever lies ahead by way of further suffering for Israel, and according to the Word of God a great deal does, Bible lovers know, especially students of eschatology, that Palestine is for the Jewish people (Ezekiel 36:24-28; 37:24,25), and that in the last analysis Israel will be delivered from her enemies and reigned over by the Messiah-King (Zechariah 12:8-11; 13:1; 14:2,3; Romans 11:26,27).

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## One Hundred and Eighty Decide for Christ at Yeovil campaign

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**D**URING the three-week campaign held in the large marquee at the fair field hundreds of people gathered nightly to sing the praises of God. Much blessing and spiritual uplift was experienced from the ministry of Pastor L. Lambert. Each meeting was convened by Pastor Edwards, of London, and the Gospel in song was rendered by Pastor Bristow of Bournemouth, and the Yeovil Gospel-Airs Trio, accompanied by Mrs. Foote of Yeovil. Both Pastor Lambert and his revival party gave of their best, and God's presence and power were felt in every meeting. Signs followed the preaching of the Word. 180 people decided for Christ, and when Pastor Lambert prayed for the sick at the close of each meeting God's healing power was made manifest; many testified to having received healing. A baby, six months old and blind from birth, can now see, this being confirmed by a doctor; others were healed of skin disease, epilepsy, arthritis, deafness and many other sicknesses. During the first week



*The evangelist with about forty people who testified to being healed.*

also a baptismal service was held, and twelve converts were baptised in water.

The campaign continued in the church at Southville for a further week, at the commencement of which a short reopening service was held outside the church, which had been beautifully redecorated. God's presence and power still continued with us and we can truly say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

K. A. NEWMAN.



*Section of the large congregation in the tent during the campaign.*

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Life is the supreme riddle of the ages—we all have to "give it up"! But, while sooner or later we must give up this physical life, we will never have to give up "the life that is in Christ Jesus"—that eternal life which begins at Calvary!



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## Women's Column

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By Gladys Gorton

### IF JESUS CAME TODAY ?

**I**F I really believed that the Lord Jesus Christ could return today how would I be living? Would I live differently from the way I do now? These arresting questions have come to me in the light of present-day events. He *can* come! He *may* come! Since the end of the war many prophecies have become history with striking rapidity. Note the restoration of Israel and the revival of Egypt.

Jerusalem is God's geographical centre of the world. Now we see the foreshadowing of the king of the south, Egypt and her confederates, and the king of the north, Russia and her satellites.

We have all aspired to the thought that when Jesus returns we would love to be in some ecstatic spiritual experience, like Peter, James and John on the mount of transfiguration. But really that is highly improbable, for most of us will be doing the duties of the everyday. Even so we can *be ready* with our lamps all trimmed and burning when the "Bridegroom comes."

Have you read the fable *The Coming of the King*? Some children were at play in their playground when a herald rode through the town blowing a trumpet and crying aloud "The King! The King passes along this road today. Make ready for the King!" The children stopped their play and looked at one another. "Did you hear that?" they said. "The King is coming. He may look over the wall and come in and see us. That will be wonderful, but we must clean our playground and keep it tidy." They worked very hard, as it was far dirtier than they thought and terribly untidy. "Now it is clean we must make it pretty" they cried; so they gathered flowers and strewed the ground with grasses and made garlands to hang on the walls. The smallest child gathered marigold buds and threw them all over the playground—"To make them look like gold," he said. When all was finished the playground was so transformed and beautiful that the children looked at it with delight and clapped their

hands for joy. "Let us keep it always like this" they cried happily. They waited all day, keeping themselves and their playground clean for the King, but he did not come. As the sun was setting a tired-looking old man passed along the road and looked over their wall. "Come in," they called. "We have been expecting the King and he hasn't come, but we will pretend that you are the King." So they gathered around him and drew him in and set him upon the throne which they had made out of an old tub and covered with a red cloth. They danced around him and crowned him with a crown of laurel leaves. They treated him right royally. When he was about to leave he laid his hand upon each of them and blessed them. Suddenly he swiftly divested himself of his old cloak and hat and pulled the beard from his face, for indeed he was their King!

"... as I work I say  
All simply to Him, 'Come! And if today  
Then wilt Thou find me thus: **just as I am**—  
Tending my household, stirring gooseberry jam,  
Or swiftly rinsing tiny vests and hose,  
With puzzled forehead patching someone's clothes;  
Guiding small footsteps swift to hear and run,  
From early dawn to setting of the sun.'  
And whenso'er He comes, I'll rise and go,  
Yes, all the gladlier that He found me so."

(*Fay Inchfawn*)

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## CANVEY ISLAND CAMPAIGN

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**R**ECENTLY an evangelistic and Divine healing campaign was held on Canvey Island, conducted by Rev. A. Chuter and party. This campaign for Christ resulted in 103 persons confessing the Lord Jesus as Saviour, eleven rededicating their lives to Him and many being healed. The power of God was manifested in each meeting. A sister in the Lord was healed of a stammering tongue; another received sight in one of her eyes; a deaf brother, after prayer, was able to hear Mr. Chuter speaking to him from the other end of the hall, while another sister who suffered constant pain in her legs told how she had been healed and had been able to walk around Southend all day without a sign of pain anywhere.

So we could go on and tell of many others who have been blessed and healed as a result of this three-week campaign. To God be the glory!

H. W. WILLSHER.

# Successful Campaign at Old Hill

We have just come to the end of a twenty-four-day revival and Divine healing campaign held in the Elim Church, Old Hill, Birmingham, conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Smith. Truly the Lord has been with us in a wonderful fashion. Much prayer and work had gone into the preparation for the campaign and the church was in a state of expectancy when the evangelists arrived.

Right from the very first note of the first meeting the blessing of the Lord came down on the meetings. About forty decisions have been registered, many sick folk have found Christ as their Healer, and several of the saints received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. To crown the effort, fifteen candidates were baptised in water during the last service. The folk of this district have had to exclaim, "We never saw it in this wise" as needy people were helped into the meetings, to go home without the aid of man, testifying that Jesus did it.

Several of the dear ones who accepted Christ during the campaign are now being prepared for acceptance as members of the church, and when these have received the right hand of fellowship it will mean that the church membership has increased from eighteen to approximately forty-five during the seven months of the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. F. J. Taylor.

F.J.T.

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# CHILDREN'S STRIP

Conducted by Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

Here is the end of the story of Ishii.

He read the words, stopped, and read them again. This is what Ishii read: "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Those words made a new man out of Ishii. He became completely changed and was soon known as the most cheerful man in the whole prison. Warders and prison officers came to see him, and in the end even the governor came to hear about it, and paid a visit to the man in the condemned cell, where any day might mean his death.

"What makes you so happy, Ishii?" asked the governor. "I have become a Christian," Ishii replied. Then he told of the visit of two missionary ladies, of the book they had left, how he had read it, and discovered Jesus' famous words: "Father forgive them..." There can be no greater love than this, that a man should pray for his enemies at the very moment when they are taking his life!

Even the prison chaplain, a Buddhist priest, wondered at Ishii's faith. Prisoners in the condemned cell dread the dawn, for it may bring the day of their death—but not so with Ishii. Then he had a great idea, to write a book telling what the New Testament had come to mean to him. He had left school forty years before and had to re-learn to write, but he did it, and slowly began his book. It was a race against death. He had so much to say, and so little time left. But at last the work was done. The book was finished.

"Ishii, are you ready?" asked the jailer one morning. "Yes, quite ready," he replied. "I have just read 'Let not your heart be troubled,' so I am not afraid. But please give my writings to the two ladies who visited me." And so he died.

The book he had written was received by the two ladies, and one of them, Miss Macdonald, translated it and had it published. The book was called *A Gentleman in Prison*.

Ishii had no other Christian teaching but that which he received from the two missionary ladies during their short visit, and his reading of the New Testament.

Tell me—do you read *your* Bible?

Cheerio and God bless you.

BERNARD.



OF all the many wonderful names and titles by which God's people are called, surely this is one of the most glorious and the most outstanding. Only God would dare to induct us into such a high and holy calling. No mere saved sinner, conscious of his past, would deliberately assume either office or calling to himself. Our credential is the Word of God, and our authority written clear and unmistakable (2 Corinthians 5:20).

*We are—Ambassadors for Christ!*

It is personal and present. A simple, definite statement of fact that brooks no question. "We are ambassadors for Christ." Remember that this is

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## Ambassadors



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from one of Paul's "general epistles," not one usually designated as "pastoral" with its emphasised obligations applicable to a minority. It concerns us all and reveals our *present occupation*. Much may be written concerning the activities and service of our future life, but this is not something which we are going to be but something which we are *now*. Neither ignorance nor incomprehension will count as excuse for faithlessness in relation to this stewardship.

*What is an ambassador?*

### HE IS AN EXALTED SERVANT

Although representing a sovereign in a foreign land, and almost a king with a private court, the splendour of the position should never cause forgetfulness of subserviency. We are not what we are by personal choice, and God is under no obligation to us. Rather it is the contrary: "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, that you should go . . ." (John 15:16). Our office is in the nature of a crown appointment and at the best we are only servants, bondslaves at that, of Jesus Christ. Every position of His ordaining is honourable, and whatever success or prosperity may attend it the memory of our servitude should keep us humble. Faithlessness or forgetfulness may mean instant dismissal and the ruin of a promising career.

### HE IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

There is the British Ambassador to Paris, or the American Ambassador to the Court of St. James. Likewise with every Christian, our citizenship is of heaven (Philippians 3:20). Our allegiance is there and our orders are taken from its government. As a specially chosen diplomat the ambassador is expected to maintain the honour of his country, especially if sent to one less socially enlightened than his own. Thus the conduct demanded of couriers from the court of heaven is exceedingly exacting. We carefully refrain from conforming to the lower standards of the country in which we may serve (Romans 12:2). While dwelling on foreign soil and absent from the land of our nativity and affection, we recognise and acknowledge the temporary sacrifices of active service. Those engaged in the King's business belong to a privileged and exclusive company and consequently concentrate every effort to fulfil each loyal duty. *We are* "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye [we] should . . . show forth . . ." (1 Peter 2:9).

Strange customs, habits, food and language combine to remind the ambassador that he is not "at home" although possessing a reasonable degree of earthly comforts. Like Daniel in Babylon as he

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looked daily to Jerusalem, we, too, serve God in separation to higher ideals.

The *embassy* is regarded as part of the ambassador's country and becomes a desert oasis where the refreshments of native fellowship, dress, diet and interests may be enjoyed. Those who shelter within its walls are immune from interference and influence of the reactionary principles and powers of the world outside. Is our home such an obvious part of heaven? A veritable city of refuge.

The ambassador's *country* is judged by his *behaviour*, and often the sole source of first-hand knowledge of its society and state of civilisation is gained by what he reveals. He may create a favour-

able impression which stimulates interest and encourages visitation, or the opposite. The total worldly comprehension of heaven is revealed through Christ and Christians. Do we make it real, attractive and desirable, or cause it to become repellent? Which is the more common remark heard as a result of our witness, that which states, "If so-and-so is going to be in heaven then I would rather not be there," or "Heaven must be a wonderful place if Mr. and Mrs. — and people like them will be there"?

### HE IS FULLY EQUIPPED

The ambassador possesses complete equipment for all requirements, being educated and trained from youth for this career. He is eloquently bi-lingual in order perfectly to express himself to both sides; his character and bearing are impeccable; financial security is assured. It is also so with Christ's servants. From the moment of salvation all the faculties of the human personality are directed to this work. "We speak with the tongues of men and of angels," and hold in trust spiritual gifts and such supernatural endowments as may be required for normal and emergency service. Diplomatic privileges and constant private communication are the equal prerogatives of Christ's ambassadors.

airing our opinions lest unauthorised speech should engender confusion and frustration (John 12:50; 14:10; 20:21). Remember the war-time slogan, "Careless talk costs lives."

### HE IS A MAN OF KNOWLEDGE

An ambassador has full knowledge of the past history of his own country and that of his adoption. He knows their mighty men of renown in every field; he knows the nation's achievements and behaviour over the centuries; their past ambitions and designs on national and international levels. To perform our duties expediently we should be equally familiar with biblical and Church history and with the lives of the holy men of God, and have some knowledge of world personalities and programmes of historic times, for such will prove invaluable in estimating characteristic reaction under pressure of circumstances, and indicate the wisest course of action in ministry and witness. We learn from the past to use in the present, to provide for the future.

An ambassador has perfect understanding of *modern history* and a true assessment of the present situation. Being well versed in contemporary events, he sees in correct perspective and is able to analyse and index each individual circumstance. Christ's ambassadors need an acquaintance with current

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By L. V. D. Tiller (*Minister of Elim Church, Mansfield*)

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### HE IS A MEDIATOR

As a mediator between two countries he is largely responsible for happy and peaceful coexistence, and when troubles or misunderstandings arise he acts on the behalf of both parties. He is a political priest. When on Calvary's cross Christ cried "It is finished," it meant that God had done all He could for the world. Christ is now the great High Priest of the Church and His saints as priests (Revelation 1:6) become God's contact with the unsaved world, ambassadors in the truest meaning of the word, "as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

### HE SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY

An ambassador speaks with the authority of his king and government. His voice is their voice. No authoritative act or utterance of private or personal opinion is permissible. How careful we should be in

affairs, appreciating their harmony with Divine design. We should have the measure of every situation and evaluate its spiritual and prophetic significance, importance and influence. Modern men of Issachar were "men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (1 Chronicles 12:32). God needs men like Joseph and Daniel who can interpret and translate prophetic dreams into present realities.

### HE IS A TRUSTED MAN

An ambassador is entrusted with the secrets of any future action of his king and government, so that he can play his part effectively, whether large or small, upon the stage of international diplomacy—or intrigue—and so assist the furtherance of his country's cause. How many believers today live as close as Abraham, Daniel or John to the Master, so that He can impart to them as trusted and dependable servants the secrets of intended activity? How

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## A Review of Six Filmstrips

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many are there whose lives and ministries are so essential that the Lord can say, "Shall I hide from . . . that thing which I do?" (Genesis 18:17)? In days when the Second Advent is so imminent, and celestial enterprises are reaching a crescendo, God is seeking such channels of communication; the need is vital and urgent. Is it not written: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man . . . but God hath revealed them unto us by His spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9,10)? Our lamentable ignorance of such matters is a tragic indictment against those who pride themselves on being pentecostal. Now is the hour to leave the principles of the doctrines of Pentecost and go on to perfection, allowing the Holy Spirit to make us ambassadors worthy of the name and capable of such confidence. The work and influence of the Church seems pitifully inadequate when confronted with the tremendous challenge of the godless world and the shortness of the time in which to work. There is a crying need for a great awakening to the realisation of the solemn and sacred responsibilities of our high and holy calling. Redemption of the time is still possible to those who will awake from their sleep and quickly and willingly assume the important roll their Saviour-King has decreed for them.

We are ambassadors for Christ. This is an undeniable fact. Are we satisfied with our comparison to the Divine standard? May we henceforth be "faithful stewards of the mysteries of God."

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### Sunny Blundell visits Elim Church Colchester

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A wonderful time of blessing was enjoyed through the unique ministry of Miss Sunny Blundell during her recent visit to Colchester, and several souls were saved. The children's Sunday school anniversary was also a time of blessing and a tribute to the teachers. Then at a recent baptismal service when eleven candidates were baptised by Pastor Grieves four others asked for baptism, and so these in turn were baptised the next night. This was the fifth baptismal service held during our first year in the new church. Pastor Heard from Braintree has also visited our church recently and all appreciated his ministry. We thank God for the way He has blessed.

A. E. WARD.

**I**F, like myself, you are not too happy about actors portraying Christ, you will be in favour of filmstrips made of drawings. There is another advantage in that the colouring in a drawing can be more brilliant, and there can be more dramatic lighting effects and "camera angles."

The filmstrips produced by Alexark and Norsim Inc., of Los Angeles, U.S.A., distributed in the British Commonwealth by Educational Productions Ltd., are outstanding examples. The drawings are first-class, and are full of action. Each frame is numbered clearly yet unobtrusively. This is most helpful for someone using this visual method for the first time, for he will know exactly where he is.

**MOSES. Part one.** This begins with the deliverance of the Israelites through the Red Sea. The pictures are true to the Bible, though the script is introduced with remarks which tend to cast doubt upon the Book. The ten commandments are divided differently so that the first becomes two, and the commandment about images is omitted. The twenty-fifth frame has two horizontal pictures, one above the other. This is rather a shame.

Incidentally, all the pictures in these filmstrips are single frame, and horizontal. They are all in full colour.

**MOSES. Part two.** This begins with the construction of the tabernacle, and again the script makes remarks which cast doubt upon the Book, while the pictures remain true. Frame two is again divided into two pictures. In frame thirteen the famous blessing, "The Lord bless thee . . ." is slightly altered. The pillar of cloud leading the Israelites is not a pillar at all, but just a cloud. On the other hand, the tabernacle is well drawn and is orthodox. The frame showing the wilderness wanderings is also good.

**DANIEL. Parts one and two.** Part one begins with the capture of Jerusalem. The golden image erected by the king is not the usual design of a man, but an Assyrian lion image. The script begins by stating that the book was written in 165 B.C. and not by Daniel at all. Part two begins at Belshazzar's feast.

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THE FAMILY ALTAR  
and  
ELIM PRAYER CIRCLE

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by H. L. Dawson  
(Minister of Elim Church, Andover)

**Sunday, August 24th.** Matthew 20:17-34.

Mothers are always ambitious for their sons; they want to see them do well for themselves, and this dear woman was no exception, but how selfish was this request: "Grant that my two sons may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy kingdom." The ten certainly objected to this request, perhaps because they all had visions of sitting in those exalted positions. Is it not a failing of human nature to desire the best and choicest positions for oneself? There are Christians like these disciples, who always want to be in the spotlight, but Jesus teaches us that the way to exaltation is not in selfish ambition but in humble service: "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

Thought for today: Christ the model servant (Philippians 2:5-11).

**Monday, August 25th.** Matthew 21:1-17.

Jesus, giving instructions to His disciples concerning the ass and her colt, said: "If any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them." Here is Christ's claim as the owner of all things. The apparent owner was merely his bailiff, Jesus was the true owner, and there comes a time when Jesus makes this claim of each of us concerning the things that He has put into our hands. Perhaps He will lay His hand upon our children and say, "I have need of them in the mission field," or perhaps it will be the little money we had put by in the bank, and He will say "I have need of it." It may be something we hold dear that Christ will claim as His own. Will we be willing to say "Yes, Lord" when that time comes?

Thought for today: We are only stewards of all we have.

**Tuesday, August 26th.** Matthew 21:18-32.

The cursing of the fig tree was a parable in action. Jesus was illustrating the uselessness of a fruitless life. The Master is looking for fruit, but often He finds nothing but leaves. The Pharisees were like this fig tree. They had a profession of godliness, but their religion did not bear close examination; they put on a face, but underneath were insincerity and sham. Outward show means nothing to God. King Jehoram put away the image of Baal, but he clave to the sins of Jeroboam, and God condemned his insincerity. Let us who are Christian be sincere and seek to be fruitful. "Joseph was a fruitful bough" and nothing will please the Master more than that we be fruitful too.

Thought for today: Fruitlessness is sin.

**Wednesday, August 27th.** Matthew 21:33-46.

The parable of the wicked husbandmen was directed at the chief priests and Pharisees. God had sent forth His prophets and they had ill-treated them, and now when He had sent for His Son they refused to accept and planned to kill Him and they would have done so, but they feared the

people. Jesus now reveals the purpose of God: "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." That nation is the Church of Christ, He Himself being the chief corner stone, rejected by His own people but embraced by those who have believed.

Thought for today: What are we doing with Jesus?

**Thursday, August 28th.** Matthew 22:1-14.

The feast is prepared and the guests are invited, but those accepted by the invitation must wear the special garments provided by the king. Yet there is one who thinks his own garment is good enough for this wedding feast; but how conspicuous he is among those white-robed guests, and how speechless when challenged by the king. If we want to share in that heavenly feast we must cast off our old ways of sin and don the garment of Christ's righteousness which has been woven for us upon the loom of the cross, and which is offered to us freely by grace.

Thought for today: New robes for old, but have we made the exchange yet?

**Friday, August 29th.** Matthew 22:15-33.

As the time drew near for Christ to go to the cross the opposition increased, and the Herodians' question was but another attempt to trick Jesus into making a mistake. How clearly Jesus meets and answers this question, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." But He had no sooner met this challenge when He was again questioned, this time concerning the resurrection. Jesus had the answer ready, and no wonder the multitudes marvelled, for He gave them a new understanding of this great truth that "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." The body dies, but the soul is not dead; death is but the gate to life, life which will mean eternal bliss for the saints, but judgment and damnation for the lost.

Thought for today: Live today for tomorrow.

**Saturday, August 30th.** Matthew 22:34-46.

Today we have the lawyer questioning Jesus concerning the greatest commandments in the law. Jesus does not hesitate in His reply. The first, love for God, and the second, love for one's neighbour, are the two great commandments. "On these two hang all the law and the prophets." Paul also emphasises the greatness of love in 1 Corinthians 13. What good are great gifts to a man whose heart is without love? Why, without love we are merely empty vessels, the all-important virtue is absent. Yet there is little real love in this world today even among Christians; there is envy, jealousy, strife, bitterness, resentment, but where is love? John says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God." The greatest power in this world is love, and the greatest commandment in the Bible is about love. Love is our greatest virtue.

Thought for today: How much do we love God and our neighbour?

### A Review of Six Filmstrips (continued)

**JOSEPH. Parts one and two.** Part one begins with Joseph in Egypt being sold as a slave, and part two begins with the famine, ending with Joseph revealing his identity to his brothers.

BERNARD NORRIS.

These filmstrips can be hired at the usual price from the E.Y.M. Filmstrip Library, or purchased at 25/- each (by post 25/6).



**Malcolm Spurling (Leigh-on-Sea) writes this short story  
entitled:**

## **CAREER MAD!**

**“WHAT** an opportunity,” I breathed. “I can’t go wrong!”

The opportunity was there right enough. All the ingredients in the recipe for *success* were within my grasp, and mostly within my view. Lying close to the river, in an ideal situation, sufficient materials and men available in the district—I just couldn’t go wrong. I visualised the completed project—tall, graceful outlines, magnificent entrances, wide roadways—a city to become a lasting monument to my name.

There it lay in stark reality—a derelict mass of rubble, nobody living in its fire-charred ruins, neglected, as it had been for centuries. . . . But I was looking away and beyond to the city of my dreams—my brain-child—for I was a master builder.

I do not clearly remember who first told me of the vague “superstition” surrounding the place. Probably some “old dear” long past the age of modern reasoning. But when mentioning these “old wives’ tales” to a colleague, he laughed, looked me straight in the eye, and said, “Surely, with a name like yours, you ought to know the story!” I flushed. Why do people have to dig into the meaning of names? Mine meant “the life of God.” Did my friend suspect my godly parents?

It was a long way from those early days. I had moved right away from the district in pursuit of my career, collecting a wife and children in the process. My professional reputation was becoming more enhanced each day. To be reminded of my parents and their straitlaced ideas about religion and life was embarrassing among business associates and friends, to say the least. Yes, I had come a long way from home.

“I don’t know the story,” I replied shortly. My

friend explained. I was incredulous. How could the threatenings of a fanatical leader back in the “Dark Ages” have any relevance or effect today? And the subject was dismissed.

I began to build. All the arrangements, material and financial, flowed through perfectly, and the day for the official foundation ceremony arrived. At noon the stone was laid amid much excitement. Councillors and district officials were chatting with me afterwards when my houseboy, breathless and frightened, interrupted, “Bad news, sir. You’re wanted up at the house straight away.” Was it my fancy, as I hurried off, to hear someone in the crowd murmur, “The curse! It’s fallen on the family?”

My eldest boy, suddenly taken ill in my absence, had died within a matter of minutes. Grief-stricken, I inquired the time of the tragedy. It seemed it had happened about noon. . . .

“Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” My mother’s voice drifted into my tortured mind. The commandment was right, of course. “No other gods. . . .” I had believed it then—but now? Success was within reach. The glittering prize was there. My career at stake. Why should I attempt to tie up my son’s death with this 500-year-old fable? Why should I believe that a Supreme Being was directly interested in me, that I could be displeasing Him? Why should I stop building?

The grief passed. My resolve hardened. After that passing fit of the “jitters” I was a “man” again. The ease with which the city progressed was amazing. Even my friends would marvel at my capacity for work. I was like a vehicle coasting downhill with ever-increasing speed to reach my destination. Nothing should interfere. Nothing. No, God, nothing! Yes, I had to bolster up my unquiet

thoughts on those rare occasions when I couldn't submerge my mind in work.

The day of the city's completion dawned. Only the ceremonial installation of the great gates remained. My family were there among the thronging crowd gathered to watch this official opening of the city. My dream had materialised. I was a self-made man.

I gave the order. The gates were hoisted and swung out above their sockets on the wall. They became motionless, poised for the drop. And then . . . into my mind they came, tumbling over and over again—the words of the curse.

O God, why didn't I listen? Why did I play the fool? It was too late to cancel the order; too late to stop the catastrophe. The gates had swung into their sockets with perfect and devilish precision. The hour of reckoning had come.

I am a "successful" broken man. Often, to find some little consolation in the bitterness of my sorrow, I revisit the spot where God was forced to keep His word. There they picked up his little lifeless body, my youngest . . .

And still the words echo in my mind, coming down to me through the long corridor of time. They drift, with the ashes of my happiness, over the unhealthy growth that remains of my career. Happiness and prosperity could both have been mine, had I gone God's way. In the awful quietness I fancy I hear him speak, and shudder as I realise old Joshua is talking about me. "Cursed be the man before the Lord that riseth up and buildeth this city. He shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it."

Will they put God first, those who come after me? As they stand on the threshold of their future will they have learned the lesson from my failure? They, too, will be eager to get to grips with the bright career in front of them, but will they seek His blessing, listen to His voice, to find out whether the path they are thinking of choosing is His choice for them?

They will be lured towards many attractive ways, for the Devil wraps his "goods" well, but only one way in their lives will bring the joy and happiness

I lost—that is God's way. They will not be deceived as to whether their career is pleasing or displeasing Him. They will know!

I knew—but I ignored, and I suffered, and others through me.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Yes, they will know if He is first in their lives. Disregarding His warnings through His servants, ridiculing the godly training of childhood days, cutting themselves off from His love, must bring them ultimate ruin. My life is witness. *But* they will find lives entrusted to His care bringing the real *success* and happiness I missed. And when temptation threatens they will shake their heads and say, "Remember old Hiel . . . of Jericho?" (1 Kings 16:34).

### Do you know this chorus?

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Here are two more verses!

*Turn your thoughts upon Jesus,  
Think deep of His comforting love,  
And the thoughts of sin and of self and strife  
Will be lost in that rapture above.*

*Give your heart unto Jesus,  
Cast each burden aside,  
And the joy and peace of His presence near  
Will enter and ever abide.*

—Author unknown.

### ELIM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Town Hall  
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Public meetings, October 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th  
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**ELIM youth movement** CRUSADING FOR CHRIST

**EX-UNITARIAN CHURCH NOW OPENED AS  
ELIM CHURCH AT MALTON**

For years the Malton friends have faithfully held the fort for the Lord under Elim's banner, worshipping in a small hall on the outskirts of the town. However, of recent months God has given the Malton church a revival and their numbers have increased. They commenced to pray for a better building and Rev. J. Woodhead (District Superintendent) and Mr. Richardson (Church Leader) began negotiations to acquire a disused Unitarian church. They were successful, and at last the day of rejoicing arrived when this old historic building, after repairs and decorations, was opened by the District Superintendent, supported by ministers and lay preachers of the North Eastern District Presbytery. It was a happy day for Mr. Richardson and his band of faithful workers. A door-to-door evangelistic effort has been commenced by the members and it is hoped to make contact with every home in Malton

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**Youth Page (continued)**

**EYM LATE NEWS SPECIAL**

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**Ex-Unitarian Church now opened as Elim Church (continued)**

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J.W.

*Pictures of the opening ceremony*

*Top : Mr. Richardson (Church Leader) hands the key to Rev. John Woodhead (District Superintendent).*

*Middle : Service outside the church before opening ceremony.*

*Bottom : Open air witness between the afternoon and evening services.*

Photos were taken by Rodney Wiston.

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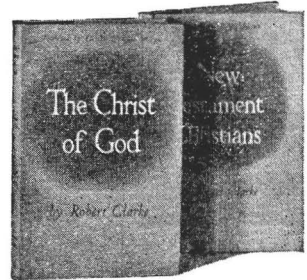
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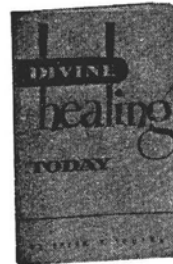
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