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View of the splendid congregation at the evening service

ROYAL ALBERT HALL NUMBER



Elim at Trafalgar Square

By T. H. Stevenson

AS I stood at a vantage point to look down from the National Gallery side of Trafalgar Square, a gentleman asked me "What is this meeting, and who are these people?" Briefly I informed him that the splendid company of people on the plinth of Nelson's column and the great crowds before us were members of the Elim Church, and that this was the annual Easter Monday demonstration and prelude to two great meetings in the Royal Albert Hall. Yes, we were beginning Elim's great day and getting off to a wonderful start as crowds of onlookers joined us in this open-air spectacle.

To me the morning was marked by favourable weather, a faithful witness, and the fruitful winning of souls for Christ.

How the sun shone; and I seemed only to see brightly coloured hats and berets all over the square—the feminine touch. It all seemed to demonstrate

that this was a celebration of the joy of resurrection, not a day of sorrow. "Isn't it colourful?" my daughter remarked to me. It certainly was, and true to the vagaries of our climate this early Easter with glorious sunshine was a striking contrast to the later and bitterly cold Easter Monday of a year before. (I can't forget it then, I being one of the speakers whose main job seemed to be to make it hot for the people.)

The witness of this great rally lasted one and a half hours, without one moment of flagging interest, as Rev. H. W. Greenway so ably conducted the proceedings. There was a splendid platform, but all Elim members were witnessing by their obvious joy,

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*Above: Section of crowd at Trafalgar Square. Inset: Mrs. Pam Parker (soloist), H. W. Greenway (con-
vener), C. Brookes and J. C. Smyth (speakers).
Photos by Julian Dinsell.*

their sincerity and splendid community singing. Early in the meeting Dr. Saayman, the evangelist from South Africa, and Miss Freda Grossen, Elim missionary to Africa, were introduced to us, each making a suitable and brief response.

What a feast of talented gospel singing we enjoyed. The Elim Crusader Choir from Southampton was splendid under the leadership of its pastor, C. H. Brookes, as were the other vocal items from Southampton, the male quartet and the fine solos of Mrs. Pam Parker and Mr. David Connel. The Ladies' Trio from Leeds sang delightfully. All exalted Christ, the theme of their song and the theme of the preachers' story.

The Rev. Charles Brookes, having led his choir and having sung with the quartet, was presented to us as the first speaker. Knowing his ability as an instrumentalist also, one could only admire the versatility of a minister who had been a boxer in his pre-conversion days. We were told by Mr. Brookes that 289 times he had entered the ring, but now he was engaged in "a good fight." The message was indeed forceful and stressed the supremacy of Christ. In the realms of science, sickness and sin Christ was demonstrated to be Master of every situation. Effectively the preacher elucidated his points by relating wonderful testimonies of some whom he had seen God deliver from sickness and sin. It was thrilling when, with a flourish of the hand, the preacher could say, "And here he is." Yes, out stepped a man from the choir who had been miraculously healed. No more a tortured cripple, but an upright and alert man standing before the throng as a living testimony. So later, also, there came forward a man whose sin had broken the home, but who now stood beside the preacher, a trophy of God's great grace.



Below: Section of crowd at open-air rally at Trafalgar Square. Photos on this page by Michael Greenway.



White sister leads coloured sister—coloured brother leads white brother to Christ.

The Rev. John Smyth, a member of Elim headquarters staff, was the other speaker. His message brought the challenging question "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" Mr. Smyth declared that Christ may not only mean something to us, but can do something for us. The telling story was recounted of how, only days before, a woman passing Pastor Smith's church felt compelled to enter it. In despair she had been on her way to commit suicide as a way out. Now she had found in Christ a Saviour to meet her every need.

The winning of souls was the great climax to this stirring service. Hands were raised in response to the invitation as people expressed their desire to receive Christ. When the last note of the hymn had died away and the service ended, souls were being led to Christ, including a coloured woman weeping her way to Christ. The risen Saviour had met with us in the heart of London.



EDITORIAL

ELIM'S EASTER FESTIVAL

ALTHOUGH Easter is now well past, there will be many lingering memories of the blessings of convention-tide. To us, as Pentecostal believers, these holidays are indeed holy days—days of spiritual feasting in the presence of the Lord. While the tendency of the world is to turn the church festivals into opportunities for pleasure and amusement, we rejoice that we can reverse the trend. To the majority even of faithful churchgoers Easter ends with the Sunday, but not to us, for the climax comes with our great gatherings on Easter Monday, and of these the greatest is the annual family gathering in the Royal Albert Hall.

It was good to note the emphasis by our beloved President on the family spirit of Elim. Nowhere is this more evident than on Easter Monday. We never forget one writer of a report on the Easter gatherings once saying that what impressed him most was the crowds of people sitting on the steps eating their sandwiches! I think that for him this symbolised the relation between holy day and holiday for so many happy worshippers. Elim people certainly enjoy their worship, and especially conventions such as this.

Better even than the enjoyment of fellowship is the knowledge that for many Easter Monday was a beginning of new things. In Trafalgar Square and in the afternoon and evening meetings there were scores who found new life through the resurrection life of Christ, while many others, as you will read elsewhere, entered upon the glorious experience of the Pentecostal blessing. None of these will ever forget Easter Monday 1959.

What a contrast the other great gathering at Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday presented! Its message was a negative one, down with this, that and the other; ours was a positive one, "Up from the grave He arose." Their hope, the avoiding of strife

by human endeavour; ours, the ending of strife by the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Racial troubles are constantly in the news, the endless strife in certain places between coloured and white people, and even our own country has not been entirely free from this. How welcome then the scene depicted in photographs on another page of white sister leading coloured sister to the Lord and, maybe less common, coloured brother leading white brother to Christ. This same theme was repeated in testimonies in the afternoon youth rally, showing that in Christ there is no barrier of colour or caste, but all are one in Christ. Thus we anticipate that greatest gathering of all when we join the "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" which will stand before the throne and before the Lamb in that great day.



Leeds "Continental Trio" at Trafalgar Square.
Photo by Julian Dinsell.

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THE TIMELY SHOWER

By E. C. W. Boulton

“A shower . . . didst Thou rain, O God, upon Thine inheritance when exhausted”
(Psalm 68 : 9, 10—Spurrell)

The path we tread stone-strewn and steep may be,
As trackless, too, as yonder mist-veiled sea,
Yet on we press, those cloudless heights to gain.
'Tis then we'll learn that suff'ring's not in vain.

SUCH a passage as the above could easily be taken as a page drawn from our own Christian experience, for who that have journeyed far along the pathway of life have not at some part of the pilgrimage found themselves overtaken by an overwhelming sense of weariness, when spiritual powers have been at a low ebb and seemed to be rapidly running out; the hardness of the way, the stiffness of the climb, the increasing weight of the burden, all combined to break down spiritual endurance and resistance? It became a matter of going on or going under. The fig tree failed to blossom, the vines yielded no fruit and the fields no meat, neither was there any herd in the stalls. Unlike the prophet, in the face of such distressing conditions our song ceased, our faith lagged, and we hung the harp of thanksgiving upon the willows of fearful foreboding. We sat down beneath the juniper tree of disconsolation and wept, our tears dimming the vision of hope which should have been ours.

Possibly the most impressive word in this particular passage is that rather commonplace word “when.” How it shows the perfect timing of the Divine interposition—just at the point where collapse seemed inevitable. Yet we are apt to forget that crises never find God unprepared. He is ever on the alert. The emergency has its answer in Him. The God-sent shower never comes too late. At the crucial hour the great Strength-restorer steps in and turns impending disaster into glorious recovery. In that moment the greatness of our need wrung from our hearts a piercing cry which God heard long before it found expression on our lips. The anticipation of His love was revealed in the deliverance which His grace provided. We are reminded of the word that came to the prophet of old, “Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

'Tis but the echo of that cry of Thine
Which in this eager heart now burns,
The birth of hunger from that Source Divine
Which, Lord, to Thee now turns.

Who has not, at one time or another, welcomed the transforming effect of a shower falling upon a dust-clad countryside on a sultry day? The friendly rain washed away all that hid the beauty of the trees and the hedgerows, bringing forth the fragrance of the flowers, restoring the lustre of the leaves, and filling the air with the aroma of new life. How everything in nature seemed to respond to the ministry of the shower. It seemed almost as though the whole countryside had been touched by some mystic hand, behind which some great mind had been at work, for everywhere there were traces of the Divine artistry. And if this is true of nature, how much more so in the world and life of the Spirit. The spiritual shower coming from the hand of the Eternal must have its transforming effect upon the life of the Christian believer. A blessed and precious renewal of strength in God becomes the coveted experience of those who are thus immersed in Him.

Are there not these rich yet all-too-rare moments in Christian life when the whole being seems lit up with the glory of some splendid spiritual revelation—a sudden blaze of pure light breaks in upon the soul, and it becomes conscious of having crossed a new frontier in the life of the Spirit, making possible fresh contact with God, and it is as though God is being breathed into the being. Possibly it is at the end of all human resources that this spiritual anti-climax takes place, when the soul is almost swallowed up in the slough of despond. 'Twas then that there opened this new and greater vision of all the possibilities in God, and a spirit of triumphant trust took possession of the yielded personality.

Oh blessed shower from on high that baptises into

a new dissatisfaction with all that is less than God's best! That enables the soul to bend to the discipline of love, and bear the yoke of Christ's supreme authority! That reveals the dark shadows of today as the promise of tomorrow's radiant sunshine! That gives birth to a fresh sense of wonder at the handiwork of the great Sculptor in human life! That transfigures the bitterness of frustration into the wine of fulfilment!

Oh send a heart-refreshing show'r
 Upon this thirsty soul,
 That I, with never-tiring step,
 May press towards the goal;
 For faith that falters not I pray,
 When storm-clouds fill the sky,
 But rests on Thine unchanging Word,
 Nor seeks to reason why.



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

WALKING

A MILKMAN told me the other day that he reckoned he walked twelve to fourteen miles every day. Surprising isn't it? I noticed a picture in a London paper of a Pan American air stewardess from California checking a pedometer which she wore on her leg to record the miles she walked while serving in a Clipper on a round trip from San Francisco over the North Pole to London.

The experts who are interested in housewifery requested a housewife to wear a pedometer while she did her usual work in the home. It registered seven miles. Those "who know" inform us that the average housewife walks daily seven to eight miles. I don't know whether this includes shopping expeditions and gardening, or only pottering around the house. Anyhow, it is quite a revelation. Now you know the reason why your feet and legs ache so, your ankles swell, or your back feels as if it could break in two. The answer is to put your feet up for a while. Only five to ten minutes will refresh you and enable you to carry on the good work. One is fortunate indeed if this can be done regularly after the mid-day meal, but try it as often as you can, and you will feel much better for it. If some women did this more often they would be saved from leg ulcers, etc.

It would be interesting to know how many miles a nurse or a waitress walks each day she is on duty. Would it be more than the milkman I have mentioned?

Walking in the open air is one of the finest exercises to tone up the body. For headaches it is reckoned that a good brisk walk in clear, wholesome air is a sure cure.

Whatever our walk in life is, are we walking daily with God? What a wonderful experience Enoch had walking with God (Genesis 5:22-24; Hebrews 11:5). Perhaps God said to him, "Enoch, you have walked with Me a long time. Now you might as well come right home with Me. It's too far for you to turn back."

Someone has said, "God never goes back, and if we walk with Him we never shall." Walking is a steady movement, taking one step at a time. Walking with God means step by step with God, not living on the blessings of the past, but going from strength to strength, loving more, enjoying and receiving more with understanding the things of God. Read Habakkuk 3:19.

To those of you who were at the Royal Albert Hall it must have been thrilling to listen to the youth choir of 1,000 voices singing

"Jesus will walk with me,
 He will talk with me, He will walk with me,
 In joy or in sorrow, today and tomorrow,
 I know He will walk with me."

IBRA RADIO

Radio Africa, Tangier

"This is Life" programme presented by the Elim Church
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, 1959, at 10.15 p.m. (B.S.T.)
 (Short wave: 20.2, 26.3 and 32.5 metres)

Speaker: Rev. A. D. Hathaway, B.A., A.K.C.

Subject: "The foolishness of God."

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Brian Wigglesworth (soloist)

W. Walker (grand organ)

(from the Elim Church, Bradford)

Programme produced and announced by
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We ask for the prayers of all our readers on behalf of this world-wide radio missionary enterprise. Your gifts towards Elim radio ministry are needed. Send your letters to Elim Radio and Music Department, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

A challenge to others!

By Samuel Gorman (Missionary Secretary)

IT was Saturday morning when I was praying in the office about the missionary deficit of £3,000, and the great need of our missionaries, that God laid it upon my heart to contact a dear Christian friend about this matter. I knew he was keenly interested in the spread of the Gospel at home and overseas, but had no idea as to how he could help in this particular situation. The one thing I was sure about was that the urge to contact him came from God Himself. With this confidence in my heart, and knowing that he was a man sensitive to the leadings of the Spirit of God, I journeyed to his home.

After discussing the situation with him he decided to pray definitely about it. The next day he informed me that God had clearly spoken to him in the early hours of the morning saying he was to give a tenth of the debt, namely £300. Although not in a position

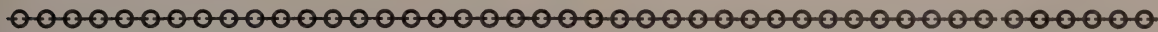
at the moment to give all of it, because of other business financial commitments, he gave me a cheque right away for £100. The other amount will be given in the very near future.

Surely this immediate response and generous gesture of my friend constitutes a challenge to those in our Elim fellowship who could make similar contributions.

Since the appeal appeared in the ELIM EVANGEL a few days ago a small number of people have sent gifts ranging from 10/- to £50. Several old age pensioners sent 10/- each.

We have been deeply touched by all these gifts, but we are still a very long way from clearing the debt of £3,000.

Reader, please ask God concerning the amount you should give and send it to the Missionary Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.



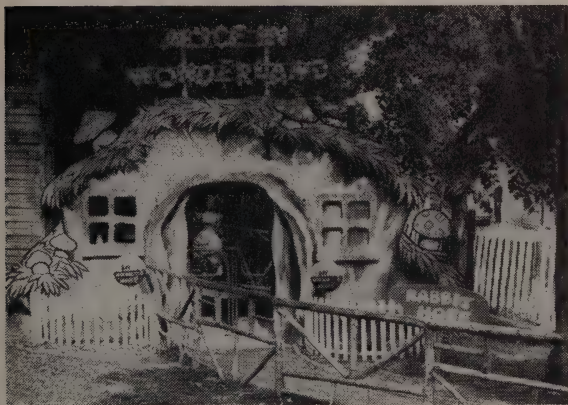
It's an ideal place to take the family

- LLANDUDNO

It is no new thing to describe the Elim Church as the ELIM FAMILY.



Why not make the Elim Annual Conference the occasion for one big family reunion? Llandudno offers excellent holiday amenities for children and adults.



The entrance to the "Alice in Wonderland" illuminated garden at the Happy Valley, Llandudno.

(Lewis Carroll was inspired to write "Alice in Wonderland" while at Llandudno)

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THERE is something about the Royal Albert Hall on Easter Monday that moves one deeply; perhaps it is a nostalgia created by the memories of happy and exciting times spent in this famous hall. From the moment when the familiar outline of the dome looms into view there is a sense of homecoming and anticipation. One looks forward to other familiar things: the sight of Pastor Gray conducting the singing; the swelling tones of the great organ under the nimble fingers of Mr. Ronald Cooper. One hopes that the choice of hymns will give him the opportunity for which we are sure he waits of "pulling out all the stops" and making the building vibrate, while we sing our hearts out and feel our spines tingle to the thunderous notes of praise.

As I write this, I hear again the soft singing of the choir and see the coaxing, dominating, ruling, demanding, encouraging and expressive gestures of Pastor Gray as he urges it from the plaintive, haunting, tender melodies to the rising, thrilling and swelling crescendos. Will the "man with the trumpet," Mr. Harold Johnson, be there this year? I hope so and trust that we shall have "Thine be the glory" complete with the rum-tum-tum-tum. In this I was disappointed, but at least we *did* have "Up from the grave He arose."

The morning open-air meeting and afternoon service had paved the way for the evening service. Souls had been saved in each service and we were conscious of God's blessing. Expectancy ran high; there was no need to strive to create an atmosphere, for it was already there, and God always works in such an atmosphere.

Suddenly things were under way. We were melo-
lowed by the singing of the choir, and keyed up for the service proper. Pastor Greenway, whose handling of the services is sure and masterly, announced the first hymn. It was a prayer for "Showers of blessing" which the Lord heard. We sang "Kneel at the Cross" before Pastor J. J. Way prayed vehemently and praised God for the rising tide of blessing.

The new tune to "And can it be" is a beauty, and we were glad of the opportunity of joining in with the choir for the last verse.

Pastor Lancaster read 2 Peter 3:1-14, so we shall hear something about the second coming, we thought.

We discovered that there were in the congregation those from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, from South Africa and the Channel Isles. Our bouncing baby church from Norwich had turned up in strength, and we listened to 101 of them singing "Since Jesus came into my heart." It is the firm



EASTER MONDAY EVENING

By J. Osman (Minist

conviction of the writer that every new convert should be encouraged to attend the Royal Albert Hall. It will be a spiritual tonic, and the sight of so many brothers and sisters in Christ will be a helpful memory in times of testing and of a feeling of aloneness in witness.

It would not be an Elim service without a chorus, so from thousands of throats there rose a tribute to Jesus our Saviour in the familiar words of "Rolled away."

Higher rose the tide of blessing as the London



London Crusader Choir and ma

THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

m Church, Selly Oak)

Crusader Choir treated us to the excellence of its singing in a beautiful rendering of "O love that wilt not let me go." This music was new to me, and I made it my business to investigate. I discovered that it had been specially composed and dedicated to the choir by Mr. Oliver Janes, music editor of the *Sunday Companion*.

Greetings were read from Miss Vera McGillivray, missionary in Hong Kong, and Miss Jean Ayling, who is on a visit there. What a shame that they



r conducted by Douglas B. Gray.

could not be with us! But there were some missionaries present, so Pastor and Mrs. Gull, Miss Freda Grossen and Miss Coralie Paint brought greetings.

We rejoiced to see Pastor E. J. Phillips occupying the presidential chair. He spoke of Easter Monday as Elim's family day, and after tracing some of the work that has been accomplished he quoted the words of the founder of our movement: "Elim has always retained the family spirit and I believe will continue to do so till Jesus comes." "Let us pray for one another, encourage one another, and by life and lip witness for Jesus Christ," urged the President. Suiting his actions to his words, he led us in a family prayer, praying God's blessing upon the various departments of the work. His prayer for the bereaved gave to many of us the first intimation of the death of our dear friend and brother in Christ, Pastor Granville Davies. We echoed a sober and sincere Amen to every petition.

After the massed choirs had sung "What a friend we have in Jesus," our guest speaker, Dr. Saayman, of South Africa, formerly Moderator and now General Superintendent of the Full Gospel Church of God, addressed the meeting. Speaking with a distinctive accent, which seemed at times to carry more than a hint of Wales, Dr. Saayman, in an impassioned sermon based on 2 Peter 3:9, stirred our hearts. Can a few phrases convey the urgency, power and conviction of his message? I trow not. Nor can words capture the personality of the speaker. "God is never slack, but rather forbearing," said he; "forbearing to Christians, backsliders and sinners." With grave warnings based upon God's dealings with Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar and others, he pressed home the need of the people and the claims of Christ with passionate and persuasive pleading.

Pastor Woodhead made the appeal and we rejoiced as sinners and backsliders came to Christ. Confirmation came through the gifts of the Spirit, and as we waved and waved our hymn sheets to the singing of "When the roll is called up yonder" we thrilled again and again to the inward witness of the Spirit of God. Pastor Smith closed with prayer.

I would love to have it all over again, but we have handed the Royal Albert Hall back to the manager for another year. It will be used for all sorts of functions between now and next Easter, but then it will belong to us again.

Was there no grumble? Well, there is one from me at least. I wish something could be done to regulate those flash photographers. I always seem to catch an eyeful.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL YOUTH RALLY, 1959

By Brian Barnett

“CHRIST the Lord is risen today.” The words of Wesley’s grand hymn were the fanfare that opened the afternoon youth rally at the Royal Albert Hall. Year after year the building vibrates with the Easter message, and this year was no exception—Elim, let no man despise your youth! The daily press which writes columns about the “Teddies” would have done well to hear the massed youth choir—the target was barely missed, and only the angels could sing finer. We could not but be moved as the choir sang “He lives,” and we realised that He did indeed live, in every heart whose voice was raised in praise.

The missionary feature which has become a star attraction on Easter Monday afternoons again proved that our youth are fired by the missionary vision. An innovation this year was the young ladies’ choir, which sang “Give us forth to labour” as Christine and Clifford Gilpin—son and daughter of Rev. G. Wesley Gilpin—recited in turn the story of Elim youth who had gone forth to the labour of God. As the choir sang the last verse the flags of ten nations, with our own Union flag in the centre, were raised, a vivid and colourful reminder of where our beloved missionaries labour.

Testimony times are sometimes apt to become monotonous; not the testimonies in the Royal Albert Hall, however. We had living, visible evi-

dence of the value of missionary endeavour in the person of Charles Chin, a coloured brother from British Guiana, who was saved under the ministry of Elim missionary John MacInnes. A coloured brother led to Christ by a white missionary, but that was not all. Next to testify was Brian Wigglesworth, son of Elim missionary Leslie Wigglesworth. Brian was converted in the Belgian Congo under the ministry of a coloured evangelist. Truly God is no respecter of persons or colour.

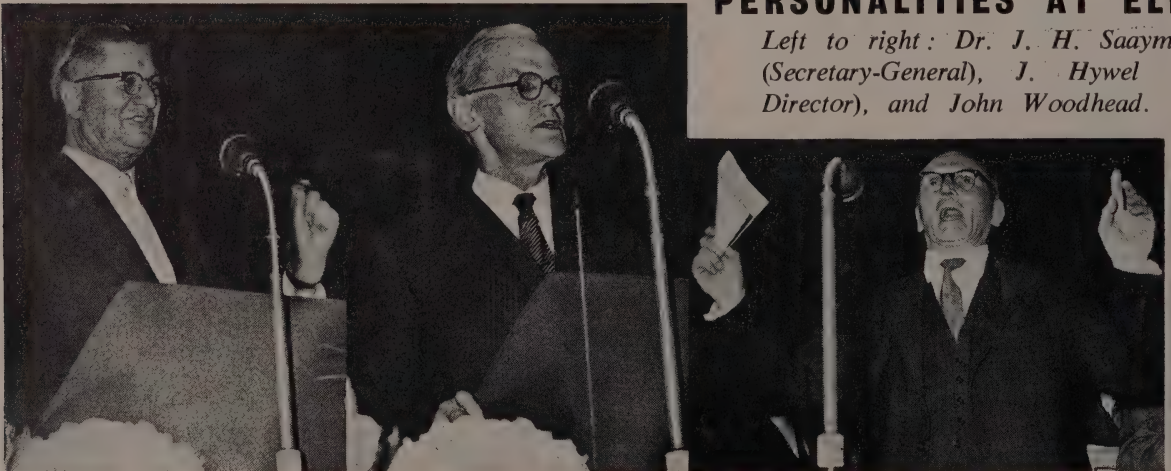
Elim youth is nothing if not versatile, and what had been a missionary rally now changed and became an evangelistic campaign meeting, with Rev. John Woodhead preaching on “The Cross.” How thrilled we all were when once again the old rugged Cross, once the place of death, became the place of life as men and women surrendered to the Gospel claims and found newness of life in Christ.

Each year our National Youth Director convenes and arranges these rallies. Our thanks are due to him for so ably convening this one. Elim youth is fortunate in having as leader a man of unbounded energy, and striking and successfully executed ideas.

This year it is easy to say “The best is yet to be,” for every youth rally is better than its predecessors, and 1959 was no exception to the rule. Praise the Lord.

PERSONALITIES AT ELIM

Left to right: Dr. J. H. Saayman, (Secretary-General), J. Hywel Davy (Director), and John Woodhead.





PENTECOST AT EASTER

By John Dyke



THE glorious meetings in the Royal Albert Hall are never limited to the requirements of the Christian year. All facets of Christian truth and experiences are touched upon or catered for.

It was the writer's privilege, with other ministers, to assist in the receiving meeting when about forty believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke with tongues in the Bible way.

Two things are significant about the meeting. First, the manner in which folk received the blessing. Some received almost immediately as they grasped the truth of receiving by faith. Others seemed to imagine that the experience could only come through great effort. What a thrill to see some of these resting upon the simple word, ceasing from their labours and quickly receiving.

Secondly, the character of those assisting in prayer. There were senior ministers earnestly praying, showing that after many years in Pentecost they were still anxious that others might receive the blessing which they had received long ago. Then there were a number of young men still on the threshold of their ministry encouraging seekers to receive. Hallelujah! The Pentecostal future of Elim seems to be as sound as the past.

ASTER MEETINGS

*Phillips (President), H. W. Greenway
outh Director), D. B. Gray (Music
Photos by Julian Dinsell.*



THE GAIN OF IDOL BREAKING

IT is related that when Mohammed, the conqueror of India, came to a celebrated temple he was entreated by the priests to spare the idol that stood at its entrance. He was offered a large sum of money also to buy him off. He paused a moment. Then he replied that he would rather be known as a destroyer of idols than a seller of them. He then lifted his mace and dealt the image a blow. His example was followed by members of his retinue. Under pressure of the blows rained upon it, the idol, which was hollow, burst open and discharged a veritable stream of precious stones, far exceeding in value the amount of the ransom offered by the cunning priests.

All life costs. The Christian life is no exception. But for every idol which a Christian destroys he gains more than he loses. Some sorrows would be avoided if self-denial were practised. Every idol destroyed means fresh strength for the inner man, a greater sense of God's approval and an increase of usefulness of others. Successful Christian living means living for the spiritual at the expense of the natural; for the future at the expense of the present; for the higher at the expense of the lower. Spiritual success is sure, provided we are willing to pay the price.



Congratulations Sunday Schools!

*Ram it in, cram it in,
Children's heads are hollow.
Slam it in, jam it in,
Still there's more to follow.*

THAT used to be the precept for child teaching many years ago. It certainly does not apply to Sunday school teaching; "today's youngsters just won't take it."

We proudly announce that despite the 'flu epidemic which hit this country with a shattering blow during our *exam-time* we almost reached last year's all-time record with over 2,900 entrants. Without any more ado we announce the winners of the National Challenge Shield to be **BANGOR**, N. Ireland, and the winners of the Diploma of Merit to be **GREENOCK**, and to them we send our heartiest congratulations. Both schools deserve an additional consignment of congratulations because they were also last year's winners, Bangor having won the shield for three years in succession.

Here are the two select lists of the "first tens":

National Shield

Bangor, N. Ireland	19.89
Bristol	19.16
Ryde	19.06
Brixton	18.62
Glasgow	18.21
Carlisle	18.206
St. Helens	16.99
Abercynon	16.13
Eastbourne	15.71
Oxford	15.66

Diploma of Merit

Greenock	94.31
Braintree	93.538
Carlisle	93.093
Llanelly	93.071
Letchworth	92.25
Rayleigh	92.22
Delancey	91.38
Birmingham, Graham St.	91.292
Bangor	90.72
Aberdeen	90.66

To return to our rhyming title, instead of clumsiness our teachers must be dexterous in their task of teaching today's children. Most religious denominations report a falling in their Sunday school attendances. We are encouraged to notice that not only is that "fall" absent from our records but that this more difficult region of our work, the annual Scripture examination, is gaining ground. It is not an easy task to persuade many children to attend Sunday school for one hour on a Sunday afternoon, but consider the achievement of bringing these same scholars into the church building for *two hours* and for an examination! The scholars must be persuaded to do this—no compulsion.

We take off our hats to our gallant Sunday school staff. May God richly bless their endeavours.

The outsider must wonder why we go to this trouble; perhaps some "insiders" have a doubt or two. The simple yet profound answer is that we handle the Word of Life and seek to persuade our children to study it well. The examination is a most effective way to make this possible.

For this work we invite your prayers.



Headquarters Youth Department, with the help of London ministers, engaged in their examination work.



**CARDIFF
SCHOLARS
SIT FOR THE
SCRIPTURE
EXAMINATION**



Calling Boys and Girls

By Bernard Norris

Hello again!

Here is the last instalment of our story

"THE LIGHT SHONE IN"

As soon as tea was over Granny said "Don't look so unhappy about the sun showing the dirty marks, for it will help me to tell you something about God. Come and sit by me, and I will get my Bible."

"Ooh, good!" said the children, for Granny could always make the Bible seem more interesting than when they read it on their own.

"In the letter that Paul wrote to the Ephesians, in the fifth chapter, he tells the people to be followers of God like dear children. Now verse thirteen reads like this——"

"Oh, let me read," cried Mary. "I'm good at reading."

"All right then," said Granny, handing her well-worn Bible to the girl.

This is what Mary read: "But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light."

"What does that mean, Granny?" she asked.

"Ah, now let me explain. God is like the sun.

Paul knew that God was like a great light, and often when people thought they could make themselves good by their own works He would come to them and show them that their hearts were not really clean, for they had kept some little things to themselves. You see, God wants all of our hearts, not just a part."

Johnny could not quite see what this had to do with the dust they had not cleaned up, until Granny said, "You children cleaned my house well, but, like myself, you missed some little parts because you couldn't see the dirt—until the light shone in. Often, in our darkness, we try to cleanse our hearts from sin, but when God's great light shines in we see the parts we missed. The only way to be really clean is to let God shine His great light on our lives, so that we can see the dirt that has to go."

"I see," said Johnny. "We shall always remember your lesson, and give God all our hearts."

"That's lovely," said Granny with a smile, "but it is getting late now, so I think you had better go, before anyone begins to wonder where you are. Goodbye, and thank you very much for what you did."

Johnny and Mary stayed just long enough to wash up the tea things and clear away, then off they went. They had enjoyed their day after all.

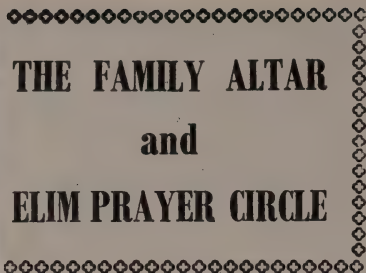
We thank Mr. Anderson of Dundee for his story. I hope you all enjoyed it.

Cheerio for now, and God bless you.

BERNARD.



THE FAMILY ALTAR
and
ELIM PRAYER CIRCLE



Scripture Union Portions. Notes by L. P. Cowdery
(Minister of Elim Church, Blackheath)

Monday, May 4th. Psalm 106 : 1-27.

In this psalm we have a penitential survey of Israel's history, written to encourage that feeling of penitence from which alone a real reformation and restoration of the nation could be expected. Verse 13 tells us how the nation forgot God's mighty works in delivering her from Egyptian bondage and tempted God in the wilderness instead of waiting for the natural and orderly outcome of His counsel. In the story of Israel's wickedness we see selfish desire, envy, stupidity, abominable idolatry and degrading licentiousness. These things are written for our good that we may realise how easy it is to fall from blessing into gross sin.

Tuesday, May 5th. Psalm 106 : 28-48.

Phinehas's "work of righteousness" sprang from his faith in God, and was the expression of his holy zeal for His glory. God rewarded him by the permanent bestowal of the priesthood upon him and his descendants "from generation to generation for ever." This act of righteousness stands out in the midst of an account of the wickedness of Israel. The value of the act is best seen in the light of the great reward. God will also reward any stand we make for Him in an evil day—if not in this life, certainly in the life to come.

Wednesday, May 6th. Ezekiel 1 : 1-14.

Verse 10 speaks to us of the four offices of Christ as revealed to us in the four gospels. The face of a lion speaks to us, as does Matthew, of Christ as King. The face of an ox speaks to us, as does Mark, of Christ as Servant. The face of a man speaks to us of Christ as the Son of man, as does Luke's Gospel. The face of an eagle speaks to us of Christ as the Son of God, as does John's Gospel. What a balanced personality Christ presents to us—King and Servant, Man yet God.

Thursday, May 7th. Ezekiel 1 : 15-28.

Ezekiel saw the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord, in the throne with the man, the fire and the rainbow. When he saw it he fell on his face. In the New Testament we see the glory of the Lord in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we see God walking around as a man and revealing to us what God is like on our level, by His deeds and words. The disciples beheld in Jesus of Nazareth the glory as of the only begotten of the Father—so do we as we read of Him in the Scriptures, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Friday, May 8th. Ezekiel 2 : 1-10.

"Eat what I give thee" (v. 8).

The message Ezekiel was commissioned to preach to the wicked house of Israel was given to him in the form of a roll of a book. He was to eat the Word of the Lord; it was to become part of him and then he was to carry that word to his hearers. The Bible is God's Word to us, inspired and useful for teaching the faith, correcting error and training a man in good living. The Scriptures are the comprehensive

equipment of the man of God, and fit him fully for all the branches of his work.

Saturday, May 9th. Ezekiel 3 : 1-15.

"But the hand of the Lord was strong upon me" (v. 14).

Here is the story of a man who was conscious of the fact that he was commissioned of God to carry a message to the rebellious people of Israel, but more than this, he was conscious of the hand of the Lord resting upon him. To the scriptures which supply our message we must add the anointing of God if we are to do our work well for Him. As we deliver God's message, if we are conscious of the hand of God upon us all will be well. The Word of God becomes alive when preached in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, May 10th. Ezekiel 3 : 16-27.

What solemn words these are. To Ezekiel is given the sole responsibility of warning Israel that if she will turn from sin she will live, but if not she will die. He is not to concern himself with what Israel will actually do, but he is to carry the message. So with us, it is our business to carry the Gospel to every creature; whether they believe or not is not our business. They are accountable to God, not to us. We simply carry the message. The main thing for us is to make sure that the message does reach every creature.



Weekend of blessing in Bradford

On March 21st, at the invitation of Bradford's Evangelical Council, the London Crusader Choir travelled north to fulfil this long-anticipated appointment.

On Saturday evening St. George's Hall accommodated a congregation of 1,500, among whom were many Elim friends. The presentations of the choir were under the direction of Pastor Gray, whose fluent gestures derived the best. Hearts were moved by those sacred words clothed in melody; we believe too that the Gospel message by Major Ian Thomas did not fall fruitlessly on an attentive audience.

In our own church on the Sunday morning the choir sang beautifully as we gathered together to worship, and one of the brethren delivered God's Word.

In the evening, with the choir neatly arrayed on the platform, with Ron Cooper at our own church organ, we enjoyed instrumental music and individual and choral items in addition to a testimony and the ministry of God's Word.

Musically it was excellent, but such quality and depth of song could only be voiced by hearts with a deep desire to serve Him.

W. W. WALKER.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

FINCHLEY. May 9, 10. Elim Church, King Street (off Church Lane), East Finchley. Visit of Elisha Thompson (Kenley). Saturday only, Kenley Bible College students (A.O.G.), 7, Sunday 11 and 6.30.

ILFORD. May 10-13. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Visit of Miss Florence Munday. Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon., Tues., 7.30, Wed., Sisterhood Anniversary, 2.45 and 7.30.

KINGSTANDING. May 9. Elim Church, Warren Road. Presbytery Rallies. Speaker: Wesley Gilpin (Dean of Elim Bible College). Convener: R. J. Morrison. 3.30 and 7 (cups of tea provided). Also May 10, 11 and 6.30.

PLYMOUTH. May 1-3. Elim Church, Notte Street (near Barbican). Special visit of Dr. J. H. Saayman (South Africa). Friday and Saturday 7.30, Sunday 11 and 6.30.

SALISBURY. May 3. Elim Church, Scots Lane. Sunday School Anniversary. Special demonstration of "The Gospel Lighthouse." Speaker: "Uncle Arthur" (Campbell). 2.45 and 6.30.

SALISBURY. May 10. Elim Church, Scots Lane. Special visit of F. Shadlock (Hastings). 11 and 6.30.

SHEFFIELD. May 3. Elim Church, Lee Croft, Campo Lane. Visit of the President, E. J. Phillips. 10.45 and 6.30.

SMETHWICK. May 2-6. Elim Church, Oldbury Road, Smethwick West. Annual Church Convention. Special speaker: Alfred Webb (A.O.G.). Supported by Birmingham churches and choirs. Convener: J. Frame. Sat. 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon., Tues. and Wed. 7.30.

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA. May 9, 10. Elim Church, Westborough Road. Third Choir Anniversary. Full musical programme, including Ronald Cooper (organist) and Harold Johnson (cornet). Guest speaker: J. J. Morgan. 7. Special ministry continuing Sunday 11 and 6.30.

WHITSUN CONVENTIONS

BATH. May 16-18. Elim Church, Charlotte Street. Speakers: A. V. Gorton (Bournemouth) and L. W. Green (Caerphilly). Convener: Edward J. Jarvis. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Whit-Monday 3 and 6.30.

BIRMINGHAM. May 16-18. Annual Midlands Whitsun Convention. Speakers include W. J. Maybin and John Woodhead. Opportunity for those seeking Divine Healing and the Pentecostal Baptism. Sat. 7 in the Elm Church, Graham Street. Whit-Monday 3 and 6.30 in the Carrs Lane Church.

HOVE. May 16-18. Elim Church, Portland Road. Speaker: J. McBurney, supported by Worthing and Ealing choirs. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Whit-Monday 3 and 6.30.

LEIGH-ON-SEA. May 16-18. Elim Church, Glendale Gardens. Whitsun Convention and 38th Church Anniversary. Speakers: H. Burton-Haynes (President-elect), G. Wesley Gilpin (Dean of Elim Bible College) and Miss Ruby Grimwade (Elim missionary just home from Congo). Sat. 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Whit-Monday 3.30 and 6.30 in the Wesley Church, Elm Road (kindly lent). Cups of tea between services on Monday.

SALISBURY. May 16-18. Elim Church, Scots Lane. Annual Whitsuntide Convention. Speakers: E. Cole (Swansea), J. C. Smyth (London). Convener: W. J. Patterson. Sat. 6.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Whit-Mon. 3 and 6.30.

Birmingham Presbytery GREAT WHITSUN CONVENTION

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With various supporting items
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PRESIDENT'S TOUR

The President will visit the following churches: May 2, Rotherham; 3, Sheffield; 9, 10, Wigan.

LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

Director of Music: Douglas B. Gray, F.R.S.A.

May 2, Royal Albert Hall (Male Voice Festivals, 3 and 7 p.m.); 10, Brixton prison and Thornton Heath; 23, Cambridge; 30, 31, Southampton; June 6, Crawley; 7, Wormwood Scrubs prison and East Ham; 14, Lewes prison and Hove; 21, Croydon.

MISS F. GROSSEN'S MISSIONARY ITINERARY

May 3, Ilford; 5, East Ham; 6, Holland Park; 7, Barking.

R. A. GULL'S MISSIONARY ITINERARY

May 2, 3 (Sun. 11 a.m.), Stockport; 3 (Sun. 6 p.m.), Salford; 4, Wigan; 5, Chorlton-cum-Hardy; 6, Oldham; 7, St. Helens; 9, 10 (Sun. 11 a.m.), Southport; 10 (Sun. 6.30), 11, Blackpool; 12, Accrington; 13, Blackburn; 14, Burnley; 15, Nelson; 16, 17, Warrington.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Staff required, chambermaid/waitresses; experience not essential if willing; excellent wages and conditions. Apply, Fairhaven Christian Guest House, Newquay, Cornwall. C.105

Newquay, Cornwall. Young Christian lady required as general help in Guest House, for summer season (May—September); liberal time off. Please write for details. Box 18, Elim Evangel Office. C.102

MISCELLANEOUS

"101 Ideas for Young People's Meetings." Six sections; attractive cover; recommended; widely used; 2/2 including postage. Obtainable from W. T. H. Richards, 20 Pitts Road, Slough, Bucks. C.116

Oral Roberts tape recordings now available. Send for further information to: A. M. Rushton, 241 Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Phone Eastwood 524521. C.90

Wanted urgently, a portable organ in good condition, for the work in Southern Ireland. Payment of carriage will be undertaken. Replies to Irish Superintendent, 93 Haypark Avenue, Belfast. C.111

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Fifty-six souls have been saved in the first eight days of Rev. A. J. Chuter's campaign in Small Heath, Birmingham.

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Blackpool. Christian Guest House, adjacent promenade. Recommended for its excellent food, comfort and Christian fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Goacher, "Hurstmere," 5 Alexandra Road. Telephone 25843. C.54

Bonnie Scotland, and Continental Tours, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy. No Sunday travel. Christian leaders, fellowship Lord's people assured; excellent value; well established organisation. Fairhaven Christian Guest House, Newquay, Cornwall. Phone 2979. C.22

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Bournemouth. Be sure of a happy Christian holiday at Crosbie Hall, Florence Road, Boscombe. Phone 34714. Every comfort; personal service; excellent and plentiful food; spring interiors; hot/cold; near sea. C.33

Bournemouth. "Ebenezer," 2 Arnewood Road, Southbourne. Phone 45122. Christian fellowship; every consideration; near shops and buses; sea eight mins. Misses H. Broomfield and L. Howarth. C.44

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Cornwall, Newquay. Delightfully situated Christian hotel standing in own grounds; happy fellowship; modern amenities; excellent catering; own farm produce; Guernsey cows; tennis, putting. Special welcome to the Lord's people. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hooper, The Place Hotel, Newquay. Phone 2526. C.29

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Eastbourne, A delightful holiday is assured at the Elim Guest House; one minute from sea, with views of both sea and Downs; spiritual fellowship and home comforts. Illustrated brochure from Miss Phillips, Lascelles Private Hotel, Lascelles Terrace, Eastbourne (Phone 633).

Hastings. Comfortable; bed/breakfast and high tea £3/16/- per week; also bed and breakfast £2/10/-; few minutes Elim Church. Write: Mrs. Stuart Gumbrell, "Tolworth," 103 Manor Road. C.112

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Ilandudno. The joy of spending a holiday not only in lovely surroundings but also with other Christians can be yours by writing to "Meifod" Guest House. Promenade position near the pier. Vacancies in May; reduced terms. A few family vacancies or for 3/4 people per room from June 27-July 18. Write for brochure. Telephone 7114. Ideal position for Conference visitors. C.106

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DEDICATIONS

Dawson. On April 12th, at Foursquare Gospel Church, Leeds; Sharon Elizabeth, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Harry L. Dawson; a sister for Peter Graham. Officiating minister, O. G. Miles. C.113

Downes. On March 15th, Ruth Mary, God's gift of a daughter to Pastor and Mrs. A. J. Downes. Officiating minister, T. E. Francis (Wigan). C.115

Noakes. On March 7th, at Bourne Avenue, Reading, to Brian and May Noakes; God's gift of a daughter, Carole May. Dedicated by A. S. F. Horne, on April 12th, at Elim Church, Reading. C.117

MARRIAGE

Colton: Tyrrell. On March 7th, at Elim Church, Barry, S. Wales; Harold William Colton, of Rochester, Kent, to Pamela Tyrrell, of Barry. Officiating minister, J. Hounsome.

WITH CHRIST

Berry. On April 13th, William Alfred Berry, aged 76, beloved deacon and founder-member of Elim Church, Rugby. "Till that great resurrection morn!" Officiating minister at funeral, N. G. Clark. C.114

Brian. On April 13th, at City General Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, Arthur Brian passed to be with the Lord. Officiating minister at funeral, J. Coleman (Longton).

Collett. On March 22nd, Miss Julia Isabella Collett, aged 91, faithful Pentecostal believer for 30 years. Officiating minister at funeral at Reading, A. S. F. Horne.

Hitchcock. On April 3rd, Henry James Hitchcock, of Elim Church, Bath. Officiating minister at funeral, Edward J. Jarvis.

Jones. On April 8th, as the result of a road accident, Melvyn James, aged 21, son of Mrs. E. Jones, a faithful member of Elim Church, Reading. Officiating minister at funeral, A. S. F. Horne.

Lennon. On March 11th, Mrs. B. Lennon, aged 61; a faithful member of Ulster Temple, Belfast, and formerly of Lurgan, passed into the presence of the Lord. Officiating ministers at funeral, G. L. W. Ladlow and J. Smith.

Mitchell. On April 10th, at Cheddleton Hospital, Mrs. L. M. Mitchell passed to be with the Lord. Officiating minister at funeral, J. Coleman (Longton).

Packer. On March 24th, Ivy Florence Packer, of Elim Church, Bath. Officiating minister at funeral, Edward J. Jarvis.

Smith. On April 10th, Laura M. Smith, beloved mother of Mrs. E. J. Phillips, and faithful Elim member since early Clapham days. Officiating ministers at funeral: S. Gorman and A. P. Thomas. "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away."