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PROMOTION OF MISSIONARY INTERESTS
AT HOME

NOTES of an address given at the E.F.G.A. Conference at Llandudno, in 1959 by Miss G. M. Garton, Missionary Secretary of the Elim Pentecostal Churches.

THERE is no short cut to having a successful church, neither is there one to a continuing missionary interest and a steady missionary income. I would like to divide my talk into (1) Creating interest, (2) Activity, (3) Zeal.

1. INTEREST

We are interested in any place where we have a personal link. Inquiries from missionaries bring one reply, "personal interest."

(a) *Introducing the missionary to the people.* It is not always possible for the prospective missionary to do much itinerating, neither are we interested in a "name" going out. Every use should be made of articles, photographs and details of home assembly, training, etc. A block should be available for use at any time. There are some missionaries whom we never see. May photographs of wives and children also be included, please?

(b) *Visits of missionaries.* One church did not have a visit from a missionary for six years. After one, the missionary income almost doubled. Even if little financial help can be given at the time, have a missionary!

Longer visits of missionaries to the district would be more effective and not so wearing for the visitor. Suggestions: more missionary week-ends; rallies with time for discussion and meeting missionary families personally.

(c) *"Adoption" of missionaries.* This has been proved successful in our fellowship. In agreement with the pastor a missionary or couple was allocated to a church. Personal interest was then shown in these by letters, small birthday and Christmas gifts or any specific need. Yeast, mouth-organs for the school bands and shampoos have been sent out. All this can be adapted to any branch of the church and is in addition to usual giving.

(d) *The "missionary" children.* There are now a number under fifteen years of age. These are "our missionary children." They should not lack in any way because their parents are abroad. In answer to a query one wrote: "An occasional packet of sweets would be very welcome. I remember the delight with which one was greeted." Sometimes we overlook the small things, the refreshing soap, nice handkerchiefs.

(e) *General interest* is kept alive by that map of the world with missionary names in their respective fields; photographs; missionary income for the last quarter—this to be kept in a prominent position and up to date!

N.B. It is suggested that members should send international postage coupons when writing to our missionaries.

2. MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

For these notes I will give just a list of suggestions under each branch.

Sunday School. Missionary interest has to grow, therefore have plenty to look at—photographs, scrap-book of missionary pictures, prizes and film-strips of missionary character. Collect ship-halfpennies. Competitions can be run in connection with this in teams or a presbytery competition.

Junior Crusaders. Effective scrap-books can be made from used cards and sent out with ends open. Inquire if the missionary uses them before sending. Collect stamps. Foreign and others over 3d. can be sent to Pastor Newman.

Sisterhoods. Parcels are not welcome on all fields, but they are on some. The rule is to inquire before sending. Duty is very heavy in some cases. Things that can be used for prizes and soft toys are useful. Collection of old Victorian pennies (bunpennies). Money is obtainable through the sale of old woollens, aluminium foil and lead capsules. Current prices vary.

Periodicals. These have been suggested by those on the field as being the most acceptable: *Reader's Digest*; country magazine of their home district; *London Illustrated Weekly News*; *Telegraph* or the *Times* (weekly airmail edition); *Evangelical Songster*; lighter study books; the *Year Book*.

Coloured film-strips and films for cameras for those who can use them.

3. ZEAL

A keen Pastor vitally interested in the whole field—the world.

A keen missionary-box secretary regularly collecting even the few shillings. Every penny counts in the total.

Raising the standard of missionary-box giving. Missionary giving should be as consistent as the

tithe, not the odd halfpenny, etc. It would seem that the burden of missionary giving is borne by few churches in Elim. Are we content that this should be so? Can we make a drive to encourage an extra 2/6 in each missionary box each quarter?

Much has been said on the practical side, but nothing makes up for a burdened missionary prayer group. Our hearts are burdened with the thought of a deficit. Candidates are unable to be sent out

and missionaries are frustrated. The greatest promotion of missionary interest will come from *us*.

Missionary work is the will and command of God. Let us get into the place of faith regarding our income, then call for the same spirit of unity which has been present in the conference and go forth to enthuse even the smallest companies to give and to work.

GOSPEL GEMS

"As thou prayest!"

By Hugh Sawyer

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come!" (Psalm 65:2). Two men went into the house of God to pray. One stalked disdainfully as he walked—a typical Pharisee, superior, stiffnecked, arrogant. The other walked with eyes downcast, and humble tread, a man of lowly mien; a representative of the common people of whom Scripture records concerning Jesus, that they "heard Him gladly."

Here we see a man full of his own importance, basking in the reflection of his own self-righteousness, loudly proclaiming to God how right *he* was; the other, full of his own contriteness, groaning beneath the burden of his sins, desperately realising the importance of getting right with God.

"God, I thank Thee," cried the Pharisee, "that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess" (Luke 18:10-13).

Jesus, speaking of this man, said, "He prayed *with himself*"! His prayers only rebounded from the ornamental rafters of the temple, and if he found satisfaction in his mode of prayer, then here we certainly have a fine example of auto-suggestion and vocal futility, because God found no pleasure in him!

The publican, for such was the calling of the other, a man despised by his own class for his collaboration with the hated Roman overlords, was so broken up that he would not even raise his head, but, smiting his breast in remorseful agitation, cried, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Almighty God heard that cry for forgiveness. Jesus said at the conclusion of His parable, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

A man is known among his fellows by the company he keeps, but he is known to God by the prayers he utters. The worldly wise say that the best way to get to know a person is to live with him, but of far greater importance is the fact that if we want to know God we must let *Him* live with us. As we talk with Him, making our prayer life the vital link of communication, so do we get to know Him, and as we dwell upon His Word so do we get to love Him!

When we pray we should be aware of the nearness of God, for "He sticketh closer than a brother"! Do you doubt the answer to prayer when the effort seems fruitless? Perhaps James 4:3 supplies the reason: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." Selfish motives, things which we may be unaware would be to our detriment and things unnecessary to our well-being are never granted by a benevolent God. It is only those who are sincere and of a trusting spirit whom God has promised to reward.

How can we get to know God and enter into this fellowship divine? "Behold I stand at the door, and knock," cried Jesus; "if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Down through the ages like a clarion call, loud and clear, this stirring invitation comes to mankind, no matter what may be their colour or creed. God is not interested in the colour of skins but in the attitude of souls, because in Christ Jesus all become one, when in the spirit of true repentance mankind will seek Him.

Let us then open our hearts and pray Jesus to enter, remembering as we do so that the more we grow in Him the greener and fresher will our foliage become and earthly desires, like dying leaves, will wither and fall away because the sap enabling them to flourish will have been withdrawn!

EDITORIAL

THOUGH by the time most of you receive this EVANGEL the election will be over and the final count be on, we write this column in the midst of the great election campaign. Party manifestos have given us tremendous promises if only the right party is put into power. Now your vote has been cast and we await the verdict, and trust the government elected will at least endeavour to the best of its power to fulfil the promises made. Whatever the government, we are exhorted in the Scriptures to pray for "all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life" (1 Timothy 2:2). Our prayer will be for peace, not only that these wonderful promises of temporal blessing may be fulfilled, but rather that time may yet be given for the winning of thousands before the Lord makes His triumphant return to herald the greatest programme of reform and advancement this old world has ever known.

Times such as these pose a serious question for the believer. Should he take part in voting for a government? Should he have any part in politics? Or should he reckon himself as one apart, to whom the affairs of this life are of little importance? Each one must in the final analysis take the decision himself, as guided by his own conscience. However, we would do well to remember that though indeed not of the world we are *in* it, and cannot shut ourselves up in some ivory castle, excluding all outside affairs. The monastic ideal may have had some merit in its favour, but can scarcely be reconciled with the ministry of Christ and His apostles. They were all very much "in the world." We see Christ mingling with the throng, joining at times in their feasts and even accused at one time of being a glutton. We see

on the other hand an interest in the commonplace things of everyday life—the Sermon on the Mount is full of very practical injunctions, so practical that many have endeavoured to "spiritualise" them because they are so uncomfortable. Paul, in the closing chapters of the Epistle to the Romans, has also some very practical things to say to which we do well to take heed.

Go back a little farther, to the time of the prophets, and you will find that there was an aroused social consciousness. Here were voices raised against the evils of their times, not afraid to speak out in admonition. Here was support for the hireling oppressed by his employer, thousands of years before the first trade union! Here was unfeeling condemnation of the evil practices of "big business" (see Amos chapters 4, 6, 8, etc.).

While we are very well aware that as believers "our citizenship is in heaven," that our first loyalty is to the King of kings, and that the best of our service is to be rendered to Him in the task of winning men to Christ and thus preparing for His return in power and glory to reign, we also remember that Jesus tells us we are the salt of the *earth*. Salt hidden away from view, kept in store, will not only fail to cleanse; it will itself lose its savour.

Thank God for men in Parliament and in high office who stand bodily for Christian principles, and for their godly influence upon the counsels of our nation. How many of the movements for reform and improvement of man's lot have had their spring in the heart of godly men and women, whose faith has given them a greater love not only for God, but also for their fellow men.

Though we may be in humble station, there may be times when opportunity is given for our voices to be raised in the cause of right and justice. May we not be so *heavenly* minded as to be of no *earthly* use!

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**From
my
Diary**



By T. H. Stevenson

DR. Goodhart, of Cambridge University, addressing the zoology section of the British Association, sought to show man's similarities to baboons. "Even today," Dr. Goodhart said, "soldiers adorn themselves with hair and feathers to exaggerate their own natural hair patterns. The bearskin of the Guardsman, the Highlander's sporran and the field-marshal's plumes are familiar examples." Perhaps the mention of men in evening dress complete with "tails," or the ladies with their feathers and furs, might add to this scientific evidence of man's baboonery, or maybe just the learned doctor's buffoonery.

A tattered old wooden panel about seven inches square, with a figure on it, has been acquired by Birmingham Art Gallery for £4,000. Ten years ago it was bought for £2/2/- by the previous owner. Now it has been found to be the work of Simone Martini, and a rare and valuable piece. Presumably the fragment of an altar piece, the panel is said to represent "an unidentified saint." We might know little about painting, but we know that most saints are unidentified by others, and are themselves unconscious of their saintliness—like Moses, who "wist not that the skin of his face shone."

While on the theme of art, the Society of Parson Painters, founded in 1925, is dissolved because of lack of support. It was found that almost all the pictures submitted for the annual exhibition were landscapes painted when the minister had his annual holiday. This year there was not enough money in the kitty to stage an exhibition. I don't know about the parsons' poor pictures, but this is a poor picture of the parsons. They seem to suffer from a lack of imagination, lack of time and lack of money.

After thirty-eight years' of safe driving (750,000 miles in London's heavy traffic), London's top bus driver, Mr. Richard Mason, gives five tips for safe driving: keep your mind on the job; go easy at crossroads; be extra careful when pulling away; give and take; try to be a gentleman on the road. And come to think of it, we might find such advice helpful as we try to get through the many complexities in the traffic of our daily lives.

As one moves among Christians in various places, and through the years, it is surprising how frequently they can be heard complaining of the lack of love and unity, particularly in reference to local church life. It is heard in their supplications, their exhortations and their conversations. Maybe members of churches are more aware of such lack among themselves than the minister. But when you feel at one with your fellow believer, I can hardly think that such lack on the part of others ever appears very obvious to you. If we looked at ourselves more, and less at others, we might complain less and compliment more. And Paul has a word—or rather a chapter—to say about this subject.

At an open-air meeting in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, Dr. Donald Soper, ex-President of the Methodist Conference, declared that "Khrushchev and the Kremlin have done more for Christianity than the fundamentalists." Dr. Donald Soper has more than once set himself as an antagonist to any who declare loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God. "Intellectual rabbits" Dr. Soper called his opponents. A man threw a Bible on to the platform, which perhaps made Donald duck.

Holidaying in Ireland more than once I came across Gospel inscriptions upon the face of giant rocks that dot the coast and country. As elsewhere, the most common text appears to be "Prepare to meet thy God," or "Eternity—where?" They have their message but in the national Tollymore Park, a wonderful Irish beauty spot, cut deeply into a rock in large letters are the words: "Stop; look around and praise the name of Him who made it all." And there the Mourne mountain peaks, the valleys, the forests and the river declare the unwritten Maker's name. Beside all this, the old stately stone bridge with the builder's name prominently displayed seemed a thing minute and obscure. We do not worship nature, but we may be led by nature to worship nature's God.



STORIES OF OUR GREAT HYMNS AND THEIR TUNES



By Douglas B. Gray, F.R.S.A. (*Director of Music*)

LIVING WRITERS : ERNEST C. W. BOULTON

THIS series has up to the present mainly reviewed writers of the past. Now we propose focusing upon those who can be described as living writers, and as our first guest we gladly present one of Elim's most prolific penmen and beloved ministers—ERNEST C. W. BOULTON.

Pastor E. C. W. Boulton came to Christ just fifty-eight years ago, his first ministry being that of a Salvation Army officer, which covered a period of something like eight years. Then came the introduction to Pentecost and all that this meant, followed very soon by that glorious experience the baptism in the Holy Ghost. This took place five years later, when the Elim work was just commencing and comparatively small.

During those long years of service in the Elim Church, Pastor Boulton has occupied various positions of responsibility in the administration of the work, being one of the four overseers who controlled the movement prior to the creation of the Executive Council. He has held at different periods the position of National Youth Secretary, Editor of the ELIM EVANGEL, Field Superintendent and Dean of the Elim Bible College, and was elected twice as President of Elim, in 1946 and 1951. In discussing with Mr. Boulton aspects of this long and successful ministry we gathered that it never occurred to him that he possessed anything in the nature of a poetic gift. To have suggested to him that he would ever become a composer of hymns would have seemed little short of presumption. However, eventually it was the realisation of a pressing need, and the challenging remark of a Christian friend, together with a certain amount of Divine inspiration, that finally led to the acceptance of the challenge of circumstances, and presuming to attempt that which had hitherto seemed quite impossible. Whether that effort and the subsequent outcome of that effort has been justified, in the words of Mr. Boulton, "is not for the writer to judge"; that is left to others more competent to decide!

Here we can make a personal observation and record appreciation of the many hymns and songs

that have been given us by "E.C.W.B." for special occasions. I well remember asking him to write a special hymn for Elim's coming-of-age celebrations. This he kindly did. The hymn, "Let us sound the wonders of His Name," was sung by that great massed Elim Crusader Choir in the Crystal Palace (1936), and I had the honour to write the music to these fine words. On another occasion I was greatly impressed by a broadcast in which the tune "O Canada" was used. I felt this majestic melody could well be used within our fellowship and I asked Mr. Boulton if he would supply some words to this fine melody. He did, and we have the great hymn "O Church of God, Thy Lord hath chosen thee" (Redemption Hymnal No. 678). One of my favourites among Mr. Boulton's contributions is "Temples of the Spirit" (Redemption Hymnal No. 602). I well remember these words being handed to me and being asked to supply the music. The theme of the song soon captured my own heart and the melody was quickly born. This song has been sung in many lands and never fails to stimulate and satisfy. A hymn which is more precious, we understand, to the composer, and which has proved a blessing to many of the Lord's people, is one which came to birth while on a holiday, "Alone upon the mount I stand" (Redemption Hymnal, 93), and is set to fine music by Marjorie Helyer. It was composed on a visit to the Devonshire moors; in fact it was while sitting on the summit of the well-known Hay Tor.

Another hymn which still awaits publication came to the writer while sitting upon one of the headlands of the rock-bound coast of the island of Guernsey, listening to the music of the waves beneath, and all that those foam-crested waves spoke into the heart of the one who listened to their message of the great Creator-Lover.

It doubtless is the experience of most hymn writers that some of their hymns have been written under a far greater sense of inspiration than others. Such hymns have served to voice the longings of the soul conscious of an intense hunger for God, and as a result have found an echo in the hearts of others

possessed of similar longings, striking chords within them which have deepened and strengthened their life in God.

Another of the hymns which means much to the writer came forth from the grave of hopes which never came to fruition. Others were born of a deep and strong and almost overwhelming sense of the Divine presence, while some were due to what could be described as prayer turned poetry—aspiration rather than inspiration—the outflowing of a soul in search of God's utmost and best.

It is only natural that there has been much joy in the writer's heart as on occasions he has listened to that great choir of young people in the Royal Albert

Hall render so beautifully some of the pieces of the composer. And here it is fitting that a tribute should be paid to those friends who have written the music for many of these hymns, in some cases so obviously wedded to the words, all of which has added effect to the resultant rendering of such pieces.

In closing these few lines the writer would like to repeat the heartfelt feelings as expressed by Pastor Boulton when he says how deeply grateful to God he is for opening this door of opportunity, through the years, of using this gift of ministry to some extent to the furtherance of the Gospel and the extension of Christ's kingdom.



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP ?

IDLY opening a magazine while I sat in a hospital waiting room the above title caught my eye. "The fact is the amount of sleep is a highly personal matter," I read. I have always secretly envied people who seem to be able to manage with so little sleep. I must have a good eight hours! If this is not possible I suffer as a consequence and have to pay the price of exhaustion sooner or later. I read on: "Most people think sleep is a non-essential, some even boast of it. Others need more but are ashamed to confess it. They are made differently and try to keep up with others who need less sleep. One should have the courage of one's own needs and meet them. Aim at two square nights a week if you are one who needs eight hours a night. Don't ever fall to the illusion that taking sleep is a waste of time. One day feeling full of beans is worth two spent semi-listlessly and with a slight headache. One hour too little at night can spoil the full enjoyment of the whole of the next day. Sleep problems, like other problems, are best dealt with by bringing them out into the open. Do you get as much sleep as you need? If your answer is no, begin to tackle the problem. The matter is much too important for delay."

The article was by a well-known London doctor.

Another writer suggests that a fortune could be made if someone would invent a package of sleep and suitable streamlined modern premises where, in a little booth painted in restful colours, on a single bed, one could retire for an hour or more during the day, say when one has tramped around seeing the sights of London or after a long train journey. Sounds alluring! Sleep is mysterious, it is magic; gently it enfolds one in its embrace until the body and mind rest in a condition of natural unconsciousness. It is essential to health. Nature demands sleep and yet gives sleep. This is ordained by God. Can it be due to lack of sleep that you are overtaxed and overstrained, your temper is easily aroused, you are soon irritated, easily hurt, and prone to fretfulness? Then get more sleep. Spend more time in rest and get alone and relax. Shakespeare's Macbeth declared "Sleep is the balm which heals hurt minds." Jesus urged his disciples to get away from the throng and rest awhile. And He knows when *we* are near to breaking point. Seek rest—where there's a will there's a way. Why, Jesus even slept in the hinder part of a boat in a storm. What a lesson for those who are storm-tossed upon life's fitful sea.

God caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam—then He operated on Him. When he awoke, lo, Eve his wife. He who watches over you, giving you sleep, constantly plans and works for you. Cease from worry which causes sleeplessness and pillow your aching head upon the cushion of faith and rest in Him. He will do wonders for you.

"I will", said David, "both lay me down in peace and sleep: for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

PS. *The latest.* Someone is making a small fortune in New York on "aids to sleep" and has a well-equipped sleeping salon!

IN the first verse of his first epistle to the Corinthians, Paul wrote of his having been called to be an apostle. In the second verse he wrote of believers being called to be saints. But in the ninth verse he wrote of a calling that transcends all others—the calling to fellowship with God's Son, Jesus Christ. "*God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

This a great mystery. How can the finite fellowship with the infinite—the created with the Creator? The natural man cannot comprehend this. It can be understood only through the revelation of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Why does God call the Church to such a fellowship? Is it for their sake, that through the fellowship they may partake of the nature of Christ and be conformed to His image? Or is it for His Son's sake, who desires this fellowship? Doubtless it is both.

FELLOWSHIP OF HOLINESS

The basis of true fellowship is a common interest. There can be no fellowship between light and darkness, nor between righteousness and unrighteousness (2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 John 1:6, 7). The sinner can have no fellowship with God. To have fellowship with God, he must come to love the things God loves and hate the things God hates.

What does God love and what does He hate? In Hebrews 1:9 we read of the Son of God, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity." Our Lord not only "did not sin" and "knew no sin"—He *hated* sin. His whole nature was contrary to sin. He loved righteousness. By nature man loves sin. It is only when his nature is changed and he becomes a partaker of God's nature that he begins to hate sin, the thing that nailed his Saviour to the Cross and made men mock and revile Him. The deeper he enters into fellowship with Christ, the more he will hate sin. He will come to know how sin broke the heart of God, how even the smallest sin separates from God and makes fellowship with God an impossibility. And he will come to value this fellowship so much that he will hate anything that destroys it.

FELLOWSHIP OF JOY

This fellowship of holiness leads on to the fellowship of His joy. It is written that because our Lord loved righteousness and hated iniquity, God anointed Him with the "oil of gladness" above His fellows.

FELLOWSHIP OF HOLINESS

By V. I.

The "man of sorrows . . . acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3) was "anointed . . . with the oil of gladness above [His] fellows" (Hebrews 1:9). Our Lord knew both sorrow and gladness as none other—sorrow from the hands of men, gladness from the hand of God. This gladness was poured upon Him as oil, until He had enough to share with all who mourn (Isaiah 61:3).

What was this joy? And how was it expressed? Certainly not in joking, frivolity and boisterous laughter. We read of our Lord weeping, but never that He laughed. Did He never laugh? I believe He did. No doubt He laughed at the prattle of the little children who gathered around Him. I like to think that He often smiled at them.

However, the gladness we read of here was something different. David wrote in Psalm 16:11, "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Our Lord lived continually in His Father's presence, thus in the fulness of joy. The Christian knows something of this joy. Peter wrote of "joy unspeakable, and full of glory." The Holy Spirit fills the heart with laughter and song when He comes in with baptismal fulness. There is more joy in one such moment than the worldling can know in a whole lifetime of what he calls "fun."

Yet how lacking is this joy in the Church today! How few really glad, joyful Christians one meets! Someone has said that the Church of today has much "light" but little "delight." There is a painful lack of that inner joy and sweetness of personal communion with Christ, that attracts others to Him.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S SON

maker

David said, "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee" (Psalm 51:12, 13).

FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE

Again, fellowship with God's Son is the fellowship of His love and compassion for mankind (Matthew 9:36). How can we enter into this fellowship? How can we come to know that love that moved Him to comfort the mourner, strengthen the weak, heal sick bodies and sin-sick souls, and pour out His life for others? Can it be learned through reading of it? Can it be experienced by striving for it? Paul tells us in Ephesians 3:17-19 that it is when Christ dwells in the heart of the believer and the tendrils of his nature sink down deep and take root in the love of the indwelling Christ that he is able to comprehend the "love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." In other words, His love must be planted in the heart. Love must be generated within the soul through vital contact with the indwelling Christ. Christ Himself must *live* in us. Christ Himself must *love* in us.

FELLOWSHIP OF SERVICE

The fellowship of His love leads on to the fellowship of service. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). This fellowship is the only solution to the great problems of world missions. The love of Christ must "constrain" the Church, as it did Paul, to go, to send and to pray (2 Corinthians 5:14).

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Again, the fellowship of the Son of God is the fellowship of prayer. He lived a life of prayer. He taught His disciples to pray, and we have on record His beautiful prayer of John 17. We see Him praying in Gethsemane and on the Cross, and He is in heaven today interceding for us.

Is it possible for us to enter into this fellowship? To know the burdens on His heart and to pray with Him? To share in His intercession? Some of the saints in the past have known this fellowship. A few know it today. The majority of God's people know little of it, as yet.

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING

The fellowship of God's Son is the fellowship of His sufferings—perhaps in the contradiction of sinners against Himself; perhaps in the misunderstanding of even His own disciples; perhaps in the scorn, the ridicule, and the contempt of His enemies; perhaps in the agony of a seemingly fruitless ministry (Isaiah 49:4); perhaps in Gethsemane's sorrow and Calvary's shame.

Paul sought to know this fellowship (Philippians 3:10) and he came to know it perhaps as none other. To him, his sufferings were the filling up of that which was lacking in the afflictions of Christ (Colossians 1:24), and in this he rejoiced. This is a fellowship few care to know. Is there anything still lacking in the afflictions of Christ? It would seem so when we look at the sufferings of Christians in Korea, China and other lands. Is there affliction for us, too, to fill up?

FELLOWSHIP OF GLORY

The fellowship of Christ's sufferings will bring the fellowship of His glory. We read in 1 Peter 1:11 that the prophets testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that would follow. Paul tells us that afflictions bring glory (2 Corinthians 4:17). Peter wrote that the Church is called to eternal glory by Christ Jesus after she has "suffered a while" (1 Peter 5:10).

Marvellous calling! Marvellous fellowship! How little we understand it! As we go on walking in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7) we shall come to understand it better. And throughout eternity, I think, we shall go on discovering the "unsearchable riches" that are ours in this fellowship with God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCH NEWS FLASH

BLESSING AT KIRKINTILLOCH CAMPAIGN

We prayed for much blessing, we expected much blessing and during our recent campaign with Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Richie of the Christian and Missionary Alliance we experienced much blessing. Souls were saved, backsliders restored and the saints encouraged, and we believe that a permanent improvement in the work will result.

Many unsaved people were attracted to the meetings by the unusual musical programme provided by Mrs. Richie, who played Gospel music on 424 sleigh bells, thirty-two hand bells, twenty-eight musical glasses and a set of silver cord bells. This, together with the powerful preaching of Brother Richie, the outstanding Gospel films shown and the wonderful way in which our members worked to bring the unsaved under the sound of the Gospel, paved the way for the rich blessing that followed.

We prayed—we worked—God blessed.

GLOUCESTER

We have just passed the second anniversary of the conversion of the Empire Cinema into Gloucester's most pleasant church. Having committed ourselves to a scheme which required a fifty per cent increase in our annual income, our boldest step of faith, we can join in the old, old story of God's faithfulness.

However, this tremendous financial burden meant the utmost economy, and for a whole year we could not spend a penny in advertising.

God has, however, helped us into easier financial waters, and we are slowly gathering momentum in

activities. Some of these have been of a unique order.

First we might mention our "one-night attacks" on small localities, when the male voice choir and church backed up Pastor George Canty in taking Pentecost to little towns near Gloucester where it was unknown. This proved highly successful and many souls were saved as a result, and striking healings are now being spoken of. This scheme will be continued this winter.

The second of the unusual efforts was that we conducted Sunshine Corner in the beautiful mannequin tent in the middle of Gloucester's carnival and exhibition. The organisers paid liberally for prizes, and we had very good attendances. The weather being perfect, we have had a wonderful season of open-air witness.

Third, for the first time perhaps, a church has presented a witness in a trades exhibition by hiring a stand. We used films of our Gloucester work, tape recordings, photographs and other data showing miracles of healing, and so on. Crusaders manned the stand for eight hours a day for two weeks, handing out literature and talking to all who showed interest.

PONTARDULAIS

Much blessing was brought to the Elim church during the Sisterhood week-end through the ministry of Mrs. E. F. Cole, wife of the Elim minister at Swansea. Preparation for revival and the life of Gideon were subjects which challenged the saints, and the story of the woman at the well brought the Sunday evening Gospel message to the sinners, for a good number of outsiders attended the meetings. Singing by the local sisters brought blessing to the meetings. Support for the Monday evening women's rally was exceptional, both from local Elim churches and from other assemblies in the district, and much appreciation was expressed concerning the very excellent ministry of Mrs. Cole.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

More than 300 young people will travel to London from all parts of Britain on Saturday, October 10. They will be members of different Youth for Christ choirs competing in the second annual British Y.F.C.



Crusaders man Elim stall at Gloucester Exhibition

Choir Festival. Sponsored jointly with the *Sunday Companion* and the Gospel Music Publishers, the festival will again be held at the Bermondsey Methodist Central Hall.

The judges for the festival will be Frank Birkenshaw, director of Gospel Music Publishers, Douglas Gray, F.R.S.A., conductor of the London Crusader Choir, and Robin Sheldon, M.A., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., assistant organist at Eton College.

The special speaker this year will be Rev. Sam Wolgemuth, overseas director of Youth for Christ International, who will be on a brief visit to this country for conferences with Y.F.C. leaders.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

In Edinburgh Festival week the parks and streets were crowded with people, but several hundreds of Elim enthusiasts made their way into the Gorgie Baptist Church (kindly loaned) for this great youth rally.

It was both heartwarming and inspiring to hear the congregation sing (as only Pentecostal believers can) under the able leadership of Youth Director Pastor R. Lighton. The duet sung by two young men from Alloa, "You have longed for peace," held and thrilled everyone. Three testimonies from Carlisle and one from Dundee Crusaders reminded us that real Christianity was a joyful experience. Pastor D. Ayling brought us a thrilling message on the text, "Give me this mountain."

The evening rally saw the church almost filled to capacity, and the final chorus, "The Lion of Judah," before the meeting commenced found the people well tuned up and expectant. After prayer a Greenock Crusader moved our hearts as he sang "Down from the glory," then Pastor H. Clarke, of Whitehaven, challenged us with "The need of the hour," speaking from the text "By reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus." More testimonies followed, and then a beautifully rendered duet by two young ladies from Shotts, "Sing of His Cross," made the Lord's presence so wonderfully sweet and real.

Pastor D. Ayling, from Newcastle, brought us the final soul-stirring message on "Time shall be no longer." Several responded to the closing appeal to surrender their lives to God and decided for Christ, and we came away with food for thought and rich blessing in our souls.

A little fellowsip outside, and farewells, before the exodus of coaches to speed us on our ways home, all agreeing that it was a day of blessing and profit.

FRANK F. FROST.



Platform party at Scottish Youth Rally



***The Campaigners say
a big thank you!***

At the moment we are right in the heat of the battle, but praise the Lord we are certainly getting the victory! On behalf of Pastor Brewster and his team and on behalf of my own team I write to say how much we appreciate your prayers for us. The meetings have been easy to conduct and we attribute this to the Lord answering the prayer which you are sending up on our behalf. Last night almost 1,000 people poured into this magnificent town hall and right to the end rapt attention was paid as the blessed old Foursquare Gospel went out once again.

The number of converts is now running into hundreds when you combine the Derby and Paisley Crusades. We all ask, will the converts stand? Here then is where we ask for your special prayers again. Pray that as we seek to confirm the decisions during the remainder of the crusade God will enable us to consolidate the work of grace which has begun in so many hearts. Like you, we want to see a solid work accomplished, and only as we surround the new-born babes in the warmth of much prayer can we expect this to happen. The enemy is real and he will seek to snatch away the good seed, but it is our united duty to do all in our power to see that the converts go on from strength to strength. It is our burning desire to see every one of them growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for praying for us—we appreciate it more than you will ever know.

A. TEE.

Conducted by
National Youth
Secretary

youth page



BIG WAGES GUARANTEED!

An offer by Alexander Tee (member of the Youth Committee)

"Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages"

(Exodus 2:9)

"£15 per week plus bonus. Apply within"

IF you saw this notice outside an Elim church, I guess you would be knocking on the door and asking a few questions. Well, I am going to give you the surprise of your life and tell you that you can earn more than that in the Elim church where you worship. You ask me, "How?" Remember that there are some things which are of greater value than coins or Bank of England notes! The value of moulding lives and winning young people from a whole life of sin and an eternity without Christ is of much more value than £15. Some years ago I read a little leaflet entitled "Suppose." One of the paragraphs read something like this: "Suppose I was assured that I would receive £5 for every soul I could lead to Christ; would my love for £5 make me to win more souls than my present love for the Lord Jesus, King of glory, who died in such cruel agony to save my eternal soul?" This is a challenge we would do well to settle on our knees.

The text mentioned above is a wonderful verse for every Sunday school teacher and Junior Crusader leader; it carries with it *the guarantee of royalty*. The story of Moses being found by the princess amid the rushes in the river is well known. Notice that royalty claimed the child. This in itself is a great lesson. Jesus claims the lives of these precious young people with whom you are working. Jesus wants to have every one of them in His palace. How tenderly does the Saviour look down over each Elim Sunday school and with Divine longings desire to see every one of the thousands of scholars won for God. The text says "I will give thee thy wages." No one could ever have paid higher wages than this woman who found little Moses. Picture if you can this Hebrew woman joyfully taking her own child away and pouring love out to him, praying over him with many smiles, knowing the thrill of fondling a live child when it might well have been slaughtered with the thousands of other Hebrew children who

were under the condemnation of the evil tyrant Pharaoh. What a picture of the Elim youth worker who has this work at heart, but look again at the end of each week as this mother-nurse presents her healthy child to the princess and in return receives wages from a royal hand. Dear worker, take courage; God pays big wages. The young lives you are working with might have been drowned in the river of sin, but because of your loyalty to Christ they are there under your care. May I, with great emphasis, tell you, God pays big wages.

Notice then in passing:

The Gains of Responsibility

Jochebed would never have been in such favour with royalty as she was if it had not been that she was willing to nurse this child. God in heaven looks very favourably upon those who accept the responsibility of nursing His babes! Responsibility it is, but notice how happy this mother-nurse really was. I can think of nothing more thrilling than to win young people through much travelling prayer and become their spiritual father or mother and then to nurse them in the things concerning the kingdom, watching them grow in grace under your guiding hand. Elim youth, catch the vision of it all. Sunday school teaching is never a drudge if you are a real spiritual "nurse." Feed these precious ones, love them, guide them, smile with them, pray with them, be a true nurse. Yes, it is a great responsibility, but you gain more than you know by accepting it from the royal hand in which are nail-prints of love for you.

However, there is just one more thought:

The Greatness of the Reward

This Israelitish woman did not really realise just whom she was nursing. Here in her arms was one of the mightiest men in the whole Bible. This child ultimately led out of captivity thousands

of the Lord's people. Almost everybody in Britain has heard of Billy Graham, but very few know the name of his Sunday school teacher or his youth leader. Money could not buy the joy it must be to the person who led him to Christ; to sit back today, maybe well on in years now, and see the thousands coming to Christ in his campaigns. Big wages? Whom are you teaching? No one knows just now, because only time and eternity will reveal the full truth. This I do know, when you see these little ones in glory, and know that you nursed them here on earth, a mere £15 for every week you nursed them will be nothing to the reward that will be yours. I close by saying: Go after big wages—they are guaranteed!



Calling Boys and Girls

By Bernard Norris

Hello again!

You are all dying!

Yes you are. Everbody is going to die one day, and each day we live we get nearer to the day we shall die, so we are all dying. Now I hope you are not worried about it. I am not. When my body dies I will go on living, either in heaven or in hell. I am not worried because I *know* that I shall live in heaven, because I asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save me and give me eternal life, and He did.

Do you *know*? Are you *sure*? This is the most important thing in life. The second most important thing in life is to get as many other people as possible to do the same, and be saved from going to hell.

The other day at my church I had just finished the Cadet meeting when a few of the boys (who outnumbered the girls by three to one) were talking with me. One of them said he did not want to live down here any longer: he would like to go straight up to heaven. Well, one day Jesus will return in the air and catch away from this earth all those who love Him. Will you be one to float through the air? That will be a great day.

I have recently seen several young people decide to repent of their sin and ask Jesus to save them. A number of young boys at Balham, a young girl at Thornton Heath, three young teenage lads at my own church at Brixton—all these have asked Jesus to save them. At my own church all the young converts are really enjoying their salvation.

It really is wonderful to be *sure* of heaven, and certain of being saved. A Christian knows that Jesus hears his prayers, and will help him in his life. Oh, there are so many things that are wonderful about being saved!

Are you saved? Are you sure? If not, *please* do something about it this weekend, will you?

God bless you,

BERNARD.

PS. Next week I want to tell you about "Monkey business"!



ONE-MINUTE SERMON

By Selwyn Hughes

IN a northern city they once played draughts with a statue. The statue was first erected in memory of a citizen who had been mayor, and for a time it stood in a conspicuous place in the centre of the city. But with the growth of the borough and the increasing problem of traffic the statue stood in the way of development. So they took it down. First it went to one suburb, but it was not wanted there; then to another. And all the time it kept on being moved until in the end it seemed no one wanted it. Yet fifty years ago the man was great.

How easily men can lose fame. A generation can so easily forget. Yet there is One whom the world never seems to forget. Despite the indifference of this modern world to religion, the person of Jesus Christ still makes His impact upon every generation. Yet it is now almost fifty generations since He graced our world in physical presence. What is it that keeps His Cross and claims before us? It can be only this; by His death on Calvary's Cross He has done something in this world that will never be forgotten. That, my friend, in simple language, is this: by the shedding of His blood on Calvary, Christ has made it possible for you, guilty sinner though you are, to reach heaven. Everything has been done to save you and bring you to salvation. The only thing you have to do to be saved is to commit yourself in an act of absolute surrender to Christ, and you will find what men and women in every generation have found. Christ really saves!

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

ABERYSTWYTH. October 4-11. Revival Campaign conducted by Ramon Hunston. Commencing in Little Theatre, Sun., October 4, 8 p.m. Continuing in Elim Church, New Street, nightly at 7.

BARKING. October 10. Elim Church, Ripple Road. Saturday Night Special. Visit of F. Coleman and Islington singing party. 7.

BRADFORD. October 17-20. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Annual Convention. Speakers include W. G. Hathaway (Field Superintendent), O. G. Miles (Leeds) and H. Dawson. Sat. 7, Sun. 10.45 and 6.30, Mon. and Tues. 7.30.

COULSDON. October 17. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Monthly United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: Elisha Thompson (A.O.G.), Leader; B. G. Edwards (Elim). Singing by friends from Bermondsey Elim Church. 7.

DELANCEY, Guernsey. October 11-25. Elim Church, St. Sampsons. Campaign conducted by Eddie and Mrs. Smith. Sundays 6.30 and 8.15, weeknights (except Fridays) 7.45.

EALING. October 10-12. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Anniversary services. Two-day visit of London Crusader Choir. Speaker: W. Millington (Principal, I.B.T.I.). Sat. 3 and 6.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 7.30 Students from I.B.T.I.

EAST HAM. October 25—November 1. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Youth Week. Nightly at 7.30. Sun. 6.30. Sat. 7.30, visit of Southampton Choir.

FINCHLEY. October 16. Elim Church, King's Street (off Church Lane). Great Finchley Special. Speaker: T. Stevenson (Ilford). Convener: J. G. Cooper. 7.

HARROGATE. October 10. Grammar School, Ripon Road. United Presbytery Rally. Speakers: H. W. Greenway and D. Ayling. Conveners: J. Woodhead and A. D. Hathaway. Musical items from Leeds and Bradford. 3.30 and 6.30.

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LEIGH-ON-SEA. October 10, 11. Elim Pentecostal Church, Glendale Gardens. Ninth Anniversary of Church Reopening. Speakers: Eldin Corsie (London) and Robert Cox (Chepstow). Musical items by the Vada quartet and Elaine Burley. Convener: George Stormont. Cups of tea Saturday. Book-stall. Sat. 3.30 and 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

LONGTON. October 10-12. Elim Church, Five Ways, Lightwood Road. Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Preacher: W. G. Turney (Braintree). Convener: John Coleman. Sat. and Mon. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30. October 22-24. Billy Graham film, "Oiltown U.S.A." 7.15 each evening. November 7. Latest documentary film of Billy Graham's Australian Crusades, "Southern Cross Crusade." 7.30.

NOTTINGHAM. October 10-12. City Temple, Halifax Place. Annual Convention. Speaker: John Gardiner (Halifax). Singing items by Temple Male Voice Group and Crusader Choir. Convener: G. Harpin. Sat. 7, Sun. 10.45 and 6.30, Mon. 7.30.

WESTCLIFF. October 25, 26. Elim Church, Westborough Road. Minister's Fourth Anniversary. Special speaker: John Sainsbury. Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 7.30.

WINSON GREEN. October 10, 11. Elim Church, Handsworth New Road. Harvest Thanksgiving. Speaker: Brian Barnett. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30. October 12-15. Deepening of spiritual life campaign. Speaker: Brian Barnett. Nightly 8. October 18, Missionary Sunday, 11 and 6.30. October 20-28, Children's campaign. Nightly 6, Sun. 6.30 (Children's Sunday). Campaign conducted by "Uncle Terry" (Terry Jacobs, Worthing). Special prayer services each Monday 6.30 a.m. and Wednesday 10.15 a.m.

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October 28, 29, Greenock; 30, Kirkintilloch; 31, Glasgow; November 1, Motherwell; 2, Coatbridge; 3, Alloa; 4, Dundee; 5, Aberdeen; 6, Dunfermline; 7, Stoneyburn; 8, Shotts; 10, Edinburgh; 11, Dumfries; 12, Carlisle; 13, Whitehaven.

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WITH CHRIST

Daniels. On September 14th, Robert William Daniels, aged 75. Officiating minister at funeral: George Backhouse.

Goddard. On September 10th, Alfred Charles Goddard, Portsmouth (formerly of Plymouth). Officiating minister at funeral: James McAvoy.

Sinnamon. On September 6th, Mrs. Sinnamon, faithful and beloved member of Elim Church, Greenock. Officiating minister at funeral: W. J. Hilliard.

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