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FACING FORWARD IN 1961

A Happy New Year to all our readers

editorial . . .

BELLS pealing across the snow herald the coming of another new year. Another page is turned in the calendar of human life on this planet, and for a while multiplied millions pause to reflect on the prospects that face us in 1961. What will this year hold for the world, and for God's people in particular? Undoubtedly in the realm of scientific thought there will be further advances; maybe some new conquest of space, some fresh discovery of untapped sources of power, some victory in man's life-long warfare against disease, some device to make life easier. Yet mankind is not without its fears that the coming weeks and months may herald fresh outbreaks of violence, further territories ravaged by war, while still over our heads hangs the threat of the final holocaust which would destroy untold millions and snatch away every vestige of the progress so tardily achieved.

What a comfort it is to us to know then that the hands which hold the universe in their sway also hold us—that the unknown future is only unknown to us, but not to our Guide. Our vision may be clouded, but our hand is in the hand of One who will lead us safely from the beginning of the year to its close, making known to us a step at a time as we walk with Him.

For God's people the commencement of a new year affords an opportunity for spiritual stocktaking, and for a fresh consecration of ourselves to the task ahead. Many will have commenced the new year in the presence of the Lord, seeking that its every moment shall be lived under His rule and for His glory.

Elim members in particular face the coming year with enthusiasm and confidence, for this is Elim's

Year of Extension. Within a few days the Executive Council, the Evangelistic Committee and the district superintendents will be meeting to formulate plans for the great move forward. However, it does not rest with them alone, but with every Elim minister, officer and member. May each one of us be fired with a great vision, and with the determination to see that vision become a reality. "Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" says Joel in his prophetic forecast of the Pentecostal effusion. May God keep us young enough to be visionaries instead of dreamers—young in spirit, even if our outer shell has suffered from the ravages of the passing years!

Dr. Niemoller, speaking at a recent Bible Society meeting, quoted figures which showed that whereas today the white and nominally Christian nations are outnumbered by three to two by the coloured nations, which are mainly followers of non-Christian religions, by the end of the century only 2,000 million out of an estimated 7,000 million world population would be white and nominally Christian. When we further consider the extremely small percentage in the so-called Christian nations who are truly born again, the challenge becomes colossal. The world today contains more non-Christians than ever in its long history, and the number is advancing like an avalanche. But—and this is what concerns us here at home—our own country, drunk with its materialism and bowing down to the gods of comfort and plenty, has also vastly more non-Christians than ever before.

Look out on the fields, not only on the distant horizon, but around you, and see that they are white already to harvest. The need is great; the call is sure; the challenge is urgent. The opportunities were never greater. May God grant us the spiritual stature to measure up to them in 1961.

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ELIM BRANCHES
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EVERYWHERE !

By Alexander Tee, F.R.G.S. (Member of the Evangelistic Committee)

"Joseph is a fruitful bough . . . whose branches run over the wall (Genesis 49:22).

PENTECOST in Britain is far behind what it should be. We have never really reached our beloved land with the blessed Pentecostal truth. Our nation is looking for reality and true satisfaction in the things of God. Dead, dry religion is but turning multitudes farther away from God. The only answer I can see is a presentation to the people of what Bible Christianity with its full supernatural power can really do for men and women; a Christianity which is alive with joy and challenge, with healing for the sick, with the voice of the Holy Spirit manifested through godly men and women. For almost forty years Elim has enjoyed this very thing and has been led by men of God who have excelled in Bible teaching, power-filled evangelism, the promotion of youth work, etc.; and yet with it all, thus far, we have barely begun to let the nation know how glorious are the experiences we are enjoying in the things of God. What a shame this is! Think of it: multiplied thousands of souls seeking after something, and here we are, smug and cosy, enjoying blessing upon blessing from our blessed Saviour and from the Holy Spirit, which are the very things for which our fellow travellers are yearning. We must do something about it; again I say we *must*.

Our Evangelistic Committee has submitted a five-year plan, and one of the items we see as vital is the opening up of branches in towns, villages, housing estates and wherever a hall can be booked to conduct meetings. Where we cannot find a hall or a church, we must be willing to open our homes and invite neighbours and friends to come and hear the message. Here is a sad incident. An Elim family moved to a town where there was no Elim church. Someone there had attended one of our Elim revival crusades and was very keen for a crusade to come to that town. One of our evangelists searched the town, but was not able to find a suitable place

to found an Elim church. After contacting this Elim family and suggesting the commencement of an Elim church in their new home, the sad reply came back: "We have now settled into a non-Pentecostal church and become members." We feel that where families move out into areas where there is no Elim church this presents a wonderful opportunity and a glorious challenge. May we suggest to all such that they commence with a Sunday evening service and bring in a few friends, have a good sing together and then a Bible reading. If you cannot preach, send for someone who could give a short and simple address. There are many who would gladly co-operate and come to speak. Here, as you can see, is the foundation being laid of what can ultimately become another Elim church. The next step is to have another such service in the middle of the week. Breaking bread will be the next step. Then of course you will find that where you live there are plenty of children. What is to hinder you from opening up your home and having a Sunday school right in your front room, then a midweek service for boys and girls? I can assure you that the blessing you will receive will so thrill you that you will for ever rejoice that you launched out and did something for the Master. I know of a man who did this and before long his home was too small, so he launched a building fund himself and the congregation which came each week caught the vision. They had no minister, but this man's zeal was so strong that they all began to put their best into it, and together they actually built a splendid little church, invited a minister to come, and the blessing of God was tremendous among this enthusiastic little band. So much for having a church in your home. Remember this is perfectly scriptural (Philemon 2).

When I was a boy of seventeen I went with another young lad to a village and received permis-

sion from the local headmaster to use one of his classrooms for a Sunday evening service. The first night we began with only two old women in the congregation. However, we visited many homes and soon started a Sunday school. Within a month we had about fifty children, and after moving into a better building we saw about eighteen adults attend each Sunday. Then we commenced a weeknight service, had the children for an hour and then an adult service when the children's service was over. The Lord blessed the work. There were only 300 people in the village, but today there is a fine little building in the village and the work is going on stronger than ever.

I am sure that there is a village or town not far from where you live, and if you and maybe another young man put your mind to it you could do something about it! Why not begin to pray that God will lead you? Have a chat with your pastor about the whole idea and be willing to work hand-in-hand with him. If he sees that your only motive is to extend the kingdom of God I am sure that he will be

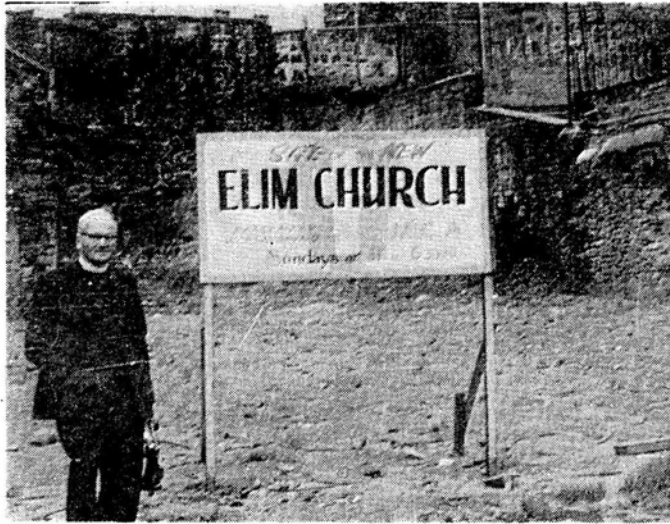
most anxious to help you. Do not try to pull away a number of people from your present church; transfer is not extension. *Go out after new people*; there are multitudes who are not saved and who are not Pentecostal who need to enter into a life of spiritual fulness. My plea is for branches everywhere. Please get away from the idea that everything must wait until one of our pioneer evangelists comes along with his party. There are scores of places which will never hear the Pentecostal message if we all sit back and wait for our pioneer revival parties to come along. Remember that all the time there are souls going down to a lost eternity.

We read that the Christians in the Acts of the Apostles were scattered abroad, but they did not feel isolated and despondent in that they had arrived in an area where there was no assembly. We read that

they went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4). They simply branched out everywhere. Let me bring to you a verse from 1 Thessalonians 1:8: "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad." This young church obviously spread abroad the precious message all over the district.

Fruitful trees are bound to have branches. Every live tree seeks to push out branches. Our text reads: "Joseph is a fruitful bough . . . whose branches run over the wall." In modern terms, this is a call to every Elim church to launch "Operation Joseph." Item number two in the programme submitted by the Evangelistic Committee reads as follows: "That

1961 be the inauguration of this programme and named as the Extension Year, the programme to continue thereafter for a further four years. That during the Extension Year we set a target for every church to open a branch church. We should also encourage the commencement of meetings in a house or hall in towns where there is no Elim church with a view to



Site for another Elim church. Elim is on the move in this Year of Extension.

opening new churches. As soon as such meetings are commenced, contact should be made with Headquarters or the area district superintendent."

This is a definite challenge to every Elim minister, elder, deacon and member to begin immediately to look out round the area and seek the best place to open up at least one Elim branch. Operation Joseph!

DEAF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Friends who are deaf or hard of hearing will be interested to know that there is a special fellowship of the above name which seeks to help and encourage those who suffer from this affliction. This fellowship has been founded for over ten years and unites believers of all denominations of the Protestant faith.

Readers who are interested are invited to write for a free copy of the magazine *Here and There*, which will give further information about the activities of the fellowship. This is obtainable from Frank J. Carter, 19 Saumarez Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, C.I.

THIS CHANGING WORLD

Clippings and Comments by W. G. Hathaway

Universalist and Unitarian Churches to merge

Announcement has just been made in the United States that the Universalist Church has consummated plans to merge with the Unitarian Church. The latter church utterly denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, while the former teaches that everybody, including the Devil, will be saved! It is an instructive lesson to observe the final apostasy resulting in a church that rejected Christ's warning of the reality of hell and judgment. The Universalist Church, in joining the Unitarians, now has become part of a group which has been notorious in its opposition to Christ and His divinity.

All pointing to the fact that a church without acceptance of the Bible doctrine of the deity of Christ and the final punishment of the wicked is one which shuts out Christ and abandons the only hope of salvation.

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Bible society unwelcome

Officials of the Leipzig Spring Trade Fair have barred the Evangelical Bible Society of East Berlin from setting up a booth to display its products. In years gone by the society's stand has attracted many visitors.

Soviet zone authorities said that a lack of exhibition space was the cause of the ban. The Evangelical Bible Society of East Berlin is one of the chief Bible-producing agencies of East Germany.

Another attempt to ban the Bible and so limit the chances of people getting to know the truth.

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Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Top architects in Jerusalem will compose a committee to study the "dangerous state" of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Jordan-controlled Old City, according to an announcement made by Premier Hazza al-Majali of Jordan,

acting on the personal instructions of King Hussein.

The ancient church was built originally during the reign of Roman Emperor Constantine the Great on the traditional site of Christ's crucifixion. The present church is largely the work of twelfth- and thirteenth-century Crusaders. It was severely damaged by earthquake in 1927, by fire in 1949 and by unusually heavy rains in 1954. Restoration work was begun in 1958, but it has been estimated that £500,000 will be needed to complete repairs.

One reason for not completing a full programme of reconstruction is the failure of the different religious bodies to reach an agreement on the matter because of "jealous concern" over their respective rights in the church.

Visitors to Jerusalem for the World Pentecostal Conference next year will prefer to see the garden tomb where, as most evangelicals now believe, Jesus was laid. The traditional site on which the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built is not now recognised by many as the real place of His burial. In any case, there is always controversy as to who should control this Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

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All dead in ten years?

A United States Congressman reported to his constituents recently: "Two very important authorities, one on disarmament and the other on science, stated in my presence the other day their belief that we would all be dead in ten years and that the earth would be an incinerated relic."

Well, we certainly do not share their belief, for the Word of God clearly tells us that Jesus is coming back again to reign over the nations for 1,000 years, and not to set His nail-pierced feet upon an "incinerated relic." Without God such a thing might happen, but He has not finished with this old world yet.

Son gets twelve apostles' names

A Dutch father has named his newborn son after not one, not two, but after all twelve of Christ's apostles. The news was reported over Dutch radio, which said that a registry office clerk had argued with the father, saying that when the boy grew up he would have trouble writing his name in forms and statistical reports.

But the father stuck to his intentions, and gave his son twelve Christian names.

Poor father and poor son. Probably he thought to increase his son's chances of getting into heaven. Only the new name given to those who are reborn into Christ's family and kingdom can assure anyone that privilege.

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A new antichrist in Nigeria

A new antichrist has risen in Nigeria by the name of Emmanuel Adumosu. He claims he is the re-incarnated Christ, thereby adding one more to the long list of pretenders in history who have usurped the name of Christ. Here are his claims, according to the account in *Nigeria's Drum*:

"I am he. I am Jesus Christ, the very one whose second coming was foretold in the New Testament. I have come, and those who believe in me will have everlasting life and joy. I am the missing link of the Trinity: I have come to prepare the faithful for the judgment day."

Since he believes he is the Christ, he considers himself free to make his own laws. The Bible says let every man be the husband of one wife, but Adumosu now has seven wives, and plans to add more to his harem.

His manner of initiating new disciples is simple. He declares: "After I have flogged you nine times with my cane, you will forget your family and friends and follow me. All my disciples are flogged nine times. The flogging is the baptism a would-be disciple must receive before he is allowed to follow me."

Clearly this megalomaniac by his pretensions is another fulfilment of Matthew 24:23, 24: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Absolutely as Jesus foretold when He spoke about the signs of His coming. False Christs are appearing with their crazy pretensions and will only deceive those who know not the Lord Jesus Himself.

TELLING OF GOD'S GOODNESS

RECENT EVENTS IN IPSWICH

Report by Miss Elvina Blake

Towards the end of last year the Crusaders Trio from Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A., paid us a visit. Attendances at all the meetings were exceptionally good and the visiting brethren were especially encouraged by the presence of a large number of the U.S.A.F. servicemen and their families. Presentation of the Gospel through song brought great blessing, and the solo "How great Thou art" rendered by Lee Robbins at the breaking of bread service deserves special mention. Messages from God's Word were given by Stan Ramsey and Don Corbin, and after the message on Monday night two young men responded to the appeal.

MANCHESTER

The annual Manchester rally organised by the Lancashire district presbytery, which includes Cheshire and Derbyshire, was held as usual at the end of October in the Houldsworth Hall. The guest speaker was Rev. Alex Tee, paying a welcome return visit after four years.

The subject of the afternoon message was "Divine healing," and at the end of the service the sick were prayed for with laying on of hands.

For the evening service the hall was filled almost to capacity. The district superintendent, Rev. Arnold Brooks, convening the meeting, welcomed Elim Church members from approximately twenty churches, as well as A.O.G. friends. Receiving special mention was a contingent from Elim's youngest church at Middlewich.

The Kilsyth Gospel Quartet ministered in song.

In response to the challenging appeal presented by Pastor Tee many hands were raised, and at the invitation twenty souls came forward to receive counsel on the way of salvation.

ST. BLAZEY

The opening rally of this campaign was carried through by candle lights, owing to the recent storms causing our electric supply to fail. Our two pioneer campaign leaders, F. A. Hodge (Plymouth) and G. Taylor (Newquay), spent two whole weeks here among us

visiting some hundreds of homes and using their loud-speaker equipment to appeal and witness in the whole neighbourhood. Newquay members ably supported us, travelling the distance in spite of the bad weather.

In our first week as a newly formed church we were able to take a coachload of people to a baptismal service at Falmouth, where four of our number were baptised. Our need of a piano, hymn and chorus books and a Communion set has been met, even to starting a building fund, which reached £53 in two weeks. This is remarkable, as our numbers, as yet, do not reach more than twenty.

CHELTENHAM

Recently Evangelist Colin Younger conducted a two-week crusade. On the opening night a sister, her arm locked with rheumatism, was instantly healed.

Each night the blessing of God rested upon the meetings, a number deciding for Christ, others testifying to the healing power of the Lord. During the extension of the crusade into the third week, many more were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The church has seen steady progress during the past year, despite the lack of suitable accommodation.

EALING

The Lord is continuing to bless abundantly the church here. The visit of the Crusaders Trio in October resulted in stimulation and encouragement to believers and in the salvation of precious souls.

November was the "fundamental feature" month. Visiting speakers dwelt upon the precious truths for which we stand. Pastors J. Hywel Davies, B. J. Garrard, H. W. Greenway and J. J. Morgan excelled in their presentation of the facets of the Foursquare Gospel. Fifteen souls were added to the kingdom.

The recent annual church business meeting was very encouraging. All sections showed progress. Offerings and gifts totalled £2,342 for the year, an increase of £614 over the previous year. In fact, the finances and attendances were the best ever in the thirty years' history of the church. Sixty new members were added during 1960 and thirty-seven candidates baptised.

NORTH LONDON

"The Unfinished Task." The theme of the North London Presbytery rally planned for December 3rd at the Wood Green church took on a new meaning with the news of the tragic deaths of veteran missionary Mr. E. Hodgson and Mr. E. Knauf. The words "The Unfinished Task" displayed in large letters over the platform stood out as a forceful challenge. Miss Grimwade (Belgian Congo field) was the guest speaker. Quietly, but with penetrating words, she brought the situation vividly before the packed congregation. The film shown by Mr. F. B. Phillips was based on the story of one whose son gave his life on the mission field, having gone in opposition to his father's plans. Concluding, Pastor Samuel Gorman, Missionary Secretary, spoke out of a full heart, bringing us face to face with the One who made the greatest sacrifice for all, our Lord Jesus Christ, and who left us to finish the task of evangelising the world. The service was conducted by Pastor A. C. Jarvis (presbytery missionary secretary).

One happy outcome has been that an unconverted person in the service was so convicted that the next day she yielded to Christ.

Platform party at the annual Manchester rally in the Houldsworth Hall.



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WHICHEVER WAY YOU
RESULT IS THE SAME

WEOLEY CASTLE

The first presbytery rally at Weoley Castle was held on Saturday, November 5th, in the Community Hall, Castle Square. Pastor S. Gorman ministered the Word, Pastor A. Cagle sang, and Blackheath choir rendered the Gospel in song. The meeting was convened by Pastor J. Osman, district superintendent. About 300 people were present, the hall being packed to capacity. An offering taken up at this meeting reached the total of £25/8/2, which was given to the Elim Missionary Society.

A day of blessing was also enjoyed on the following Lord's Day, when Pastor Gorman again brought us God's Word in his own inimitable way.

At the evening service, gifts from the Sunday schools and from the church were handed to Pastor Gorman, which, along with the quarterly missionary box returns, brought the weekend missionary offering to a grand total of £81/13/8.

We cannot conclude this report without placing on record our appreciation of the two years' ministry of Pastor D. Evans. The Lord has greatly blessed during this period, and we would raise our Ebenezer, for the Lord has indeed done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND

The following cable was received recently from Pastor Gilbert Dunk, Chairman of the Elim Churches in New Zealand :

THE ELIM CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SENDS LOVING GREETINGS FROM 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO ALL ELIM FRIENDS IN ENGLAND—EPHESIANS 6:23—DUNK

Book Review

Journey into Prayer, by Helen M. Ross. George Philip and Son Ltd, 3/6.

This little book on prayer was born out of practical experience in the difficulties of the prayer life, and therefore what advice the authoress offers on the vital subject is very practical and helpful. Naturally she deals with the chief elements of prayer, but she also deals with the purpose and motives behind all forms of prayer, and this section will repay the diligent reader. Here the writer calls for discipline and definiteness. Without hesitation I would recommend any young convert to Christ, and any Christian finding prayer a difficult thing, to study this book. It avoids theological jargon and is eminently readable.

E. SCRIVENS.

Polish Your Silver, by Gladys M. Gorton. Published by Henry E. Walter Ltd., 26 Grafton Road, Worthing, 4/-.

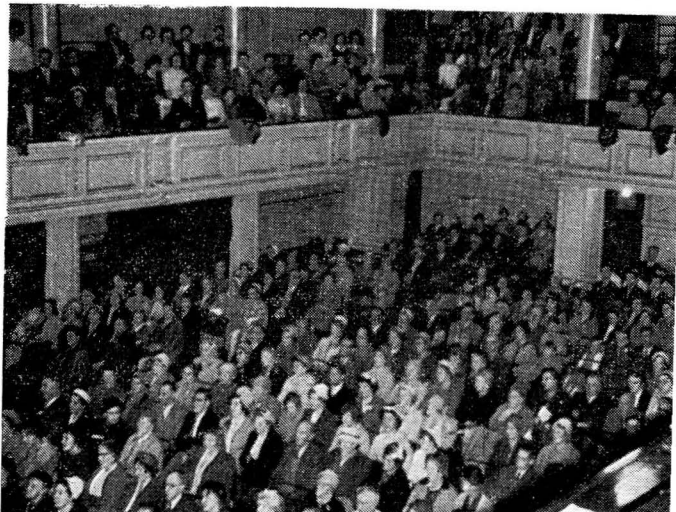
Illustrations from everyday life formed an essential part of the ministry of the Master, making His message readily understood by the simplest of His hearers. Mrs. Gorton, in this eminently readable book, follows closely in the footsteps of her Lord, taking her themes from the commonplace things of the home and from the daily life of ordinary people just like ourselves. It is this which gives the book not only a charm all its own, but a usefulness in the ordinary though often trying circumstances of life.

Those who have read some of these articles before in the columns of the ELIM EVANGEL will be grateful for the opportunity of having them in a compact form, and those who have not read them have a great blessing in store. We feel that many will want to turn again and again to these simple yet telling chapters, finding in them the word in season which will help in the common round of life. The combination of the devotional with the intensely practical, of deep spiritual truths with the familiar things around us, will serve to impress the vital lessons which this little book teaches.

Buy a copy for yourself and another for a friend. You will be amply rewarded.

A.D.H.

A section of the congregation at the annual Manchester rally in the Houldsworth Hall.



AFTER receiving the Editor's invitation to write for the New Year number of our magazine, this text came to me as a message for us at this special time—for the simple reason that it deals with things that are timeless; things that grow in importance while the affairs of men, that seemed so great in their fleeting moment, lie dead and buried. In the world around us, with its seeming tremendous happenings in many spheres, time marches on, yes, flies past, and each year that dies becomes but another memory. But here is a word from the inspired apostle that marks the three greatest events in history, affecting all mankind and you.

Paul writes about the creation of the world, the incarnation of Christ and the regeneration of man. Here are the ways and means, above all other events, whereby God has revealed Himself. He has made Himself known to man by creation, as man by incarnation and in man by regeneration. Whether we look out upon the world or into our hearts or up into the face of Jesus Christ, we shall see that God has commanded light and glory to shine forth. 1961 will open with customary wishes all round for "a happy new year"; but if it follows the pattern of recent times, nations will continue living under a brooding darkness of despair and despondency, as they look only to man, and merely for survival. We look to God; our eyes are to Him who has set our feet upon a path that "shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

GOD AND HIS CREATION

Dwell much upon God and His creation. God "commanded the light to shine out of darkness," and in that act marked the first day of the first year of known history. Each day that is born is God's day, and is the testimony to God's creative and sustaining power. Scientists confess that they cannot keep abreast of the ever-increasing knowledge of the universe and this earth, and we more readily confess our comparative ignorance. But we know this: "We understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God," and that "He upholdeth all things by the word of His power." And by God's fair and beautiful creation we know that "the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead." The words of the poet are true, that we are "led by nature to nature's God." The many features of the earth and sky and sea cry out in unison that "God's in His heaven—all's right with the world." The Christian does not live in H. G. Wells's *Country of the Blind*. We live with eyes that open afresh each

A Bright

By T. H. Stevens

"For God, who commanded the light to shine of the knowledge of the glory of God in

new day to see that "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handy-work." I am well aware that Paul declares that "the whole creation groaneth . . . together until now," but neither am I unmindful that our Lord said of a commonplace flower: "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Let us in this year of grace see as through children's eyes and learn more fully that

"The world looks very beautiful,
And full of joy to me;
The sun shines out in glory
On everything I see."

GOD AND THE INCARNATION

Meditate upon God and the incarnation: It is there we see "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." The year may begin in January, but it is dated by Christmas Day, A.D. 1961 but emphasises that yet another year has dawned since the dawning of Christ upon the sin-darkened world of mankind. I heard our brother Joseph Smith recount how he told a Jew that every time he dated a business letter he acknowledged the advent of the Christ whom he denied. There is no reply to that. His birth is an historical fact. It is also an awe-inspiring fact, for "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." Jesus said: "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." John bore witness: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him."

All this is also a mysterious fact. "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh." For thirty-three years revealed, and yet veiled, in human flesh, God tabernacled among men as man.

In this too there is found a very comforting fact. In Jesus Christ we have one who "in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted . . . is able to succour them that are tempted." Though centuries have

New Year

(Elim Vice-President)

*of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light
face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6)*

passed. Christ is still with us. No longer in His physical presence, but in His risen power and glory, Christ is yet with us, true to His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." William Blake asked:

"And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?"

More blessed it is to know without question that today, in 1961, He is with us and all His people in this and every other land. When David Livingstone was found dead in Katanga, he was found on bended knees, the wonderful testimony that, alone in Africa, God was with him. And there, yes, in Katanga, our dearly loved brother "Teddy" Hodgson, with his colleague brother Knauf, has at this time passed into the presence of His Lord, martyred for the cause of Christ. Think you that these esteemed servants of Christ were alone? No! "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

GOD AND THE REGENERATION

Rejoice daily in the experimental knowledge of regeneration: "God hath shined in our hearts." Wonderful! The glory of God revealed in the face of Jesus Christ is now radiated to manifest itself in our unworthy lives. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels" is Paul's word following our text. On the threshold of another year, who can vie with the Christian rejoicing in such a glorious experience? Christ has come into the lives of those whose trust is in Him.

As God first gave light to all the earth, so Christ, the Light of the world, waits to shed His love abroad in every heart. There is light enough for all, but not all receive it. And this is explained by Paul in the earlier part of the chapter: "If our gospel be hid,

it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." The prince of darkness blinds man's vision to the wonders of God's glory and light. How striking is the example and illustration that Paul uses in the previous chapter, declaring the cause of man's spiritual blindness. When Moses came down from Sinai to give Israel God's message to them, the people were afraid to look upon Moses, because, unknown to him, the light of God's glory was on his face. Moses was compelled to put a veil over his face, because of the people's fear. But there was more than fear; there was that which begets fear. There was ignorance. "Their minds were blinded" says the apostle. And behind their ignorance there was unbelief. "The veil is upon their heart" is Paul's final summing.

Fear, ignorance, unbelief! These three gaunt evils haunt the whole world today, holding millions in satanic darkness. Yet there is a glorious solution and salvation—"The veil is done away in Christ." When they "turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away." Christ has brought us into the very heart of God's glory, and His glory into our very hearts. What a wonderful thing is this! Every other glory that man boasts of is as darkness beside this. In his book *High Country*, Alistair MacLean writes: "Let it be said at once that glory is one of the most mangled words in the English tongue. We talk about a woman's glory, her hair, and about a young man's glory, his strength. We talk about the glory of riches, and the glory of knowledge, and the glory of victory in war, and often our talk savours of nonsense. It may be gall to admit, but the bitter truth is that the shams and false shows that many of us call glories are no glories at all." God "hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God." That is the only true glory.

As you stand "at the gate of the year," facing so much seeming darkness, step out in joy and faith, knowing that we are "the children of light." God has revealed Himself to us, but let us ever remember too that God would now reveal Himself also to others through us. "Ye are the light of the world" said Jesus. "Among whom ye shine as lights in the world" says Paul.

"Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till each remotest nation
Has learnt Messiah's name."

WOMEN'S COLUMN

By Gladys Gorton

"HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS."

A SMALL company who love and are interested in a missionary sat in groups in the spacious lounge of a lovely home, casually talking while awaiting her arrival. I sat beside a charming woman—a converted Jewess. My husband was engrossed in record playing and put on a male voice recording of "He was wounded for our transgressions." The rich harmony blended with the atmosphere of the room and dominated our thoughts. "Wonderful!" breathed this lady. "He was wounded for our transgressions." Her face "lit up" with the revelation and wonder of it. For a quick, fleeting moment I saw from her point of view—a Jewess—what the crucifixion meant to her. It was this—the vicarious suffering of Jesus Christ. *That* changed her life.

Being reared in the Christian faith, I had known this verse all my life, had learned the whole chapter at school, but to her it would be all so different. When she believed, the revelation of it must have been profoundly impressive. She is Jewish, I am a Gentile. Yet there came to me on a memorable night that which changed my whole life; a revelation, born of the Holy Spirit, of Jesus dying for me. That sight melted and won my heart, as it did hers. Once the Spirit of God flashes upon the screen of the soul the meaning of the substitutionary sufferings of Christ, *one is never the same again.*

Enter with me into another home. A woman in great distress of mind and body gropes in the darkness of despair, and her soul cries for God, the living God. Another sister calls to see her too, and we listen to this woman who knows nothing about God in Christ who came to die for our sins; knows nothing whatever about the Bible, or any verses from it. Unfortunately for her, which is most tragic, her scanty knowledge of ministers of religion has made her a little bitter. They have only been professing Christians. "I asked one how Jesus Christ could stay on that cross," she told us; "and he replied, 'He was propped up somehow.' This finished me."

Now what puzzled her—and it must puzzle many—was *how* Jesus could be stretched out upon a cross. A crucifix gives this impression. "But He was never like you see on a crucifix. He would hang from the nails through His hands and feet. Perhaps a rude seat was made for Him, but as His body became limp and lifeless it would fall forward," I said.

"That's what I thought," she answered.

"You wouldn't know, but the Bible describes His sufferings. His bones were out of joint. His face was marred more than any man's." And then I quoted: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed." "You wouldn't understand this, but in prophecy, from the Old Testament, Jesus cried: 'I am a worm and no man.' This is a worm which when squashed makes a crimson dye—that's a little of His sufferings for you."

These two incidents make me revel anew in the glory of the Cross (Galatians 6:14). Jesus keep me near the Cross—keep me living beneath its shadow. Dear sister,

in this modern way of life have you and I strayed from the Cross? In this new year let us get back to the Cross and dwell there. From the Cross comes resurrection and Pentecost—*revival!*

SUNSHINE CORNER



MUMMY'S MEMORY BOOK

Hello Sunbeams.

A happy new year to you all! This week is the first week in the new year, so I have a special new year story for you.

I wonder if you have ever had a diary. Some sunbeams I know have had nice new ones for Christmas. Peter, Kenneth, Anne and Susan all had one each and were just longing for January 1st to pass by so that they could write something on the first page.

You can guess how surprised they were when Mummy told them about her diary. It was New Year's Eve when she showed it to them and they were very curious to know what was inside.

"Do tell us Mummy!" they cried—it looked so exciting!

"Well, let me see," said Mummy, looking mysterious; "let me see what happened last January. Peter was disobedient and he hurt his leg and had to go to hospital and get it stitched and bandaged."

"Oh, not that Mummy please," wailed Peter, rubbing the scar on his leg. "I don't want to remember that!"

"February the tenth," continued Mummy, "Daddy had to punish Kenneth because he let the rabbits out and they ate some of his best cabbages."

"Isn't there anything more exciting?" asked a gloomy Kenneth as he remembered the punishment.

"Oh yes, there are nice things," replied Mummy, "March the eleventh, Anne was praised at school for good work—but March the twenty-fifth she was kept in for talking when she shouldn't have done."

"Mummy," they asked, "why don't you put only the nice things in? We don't want to remember all the nasty things!"

"Oh, I didn't want to put them in," said Mummy seriously. "I just wrote what happened. I put in what was good and what was bad and that's how it came out."

"Now," said Mummy, "you all have nice new diaries with nice new clean pages, but you must write only the truth. I wonder how they will look at the end of the year."

"Oh, dear," said Anne, "I do wish we could be good all the time; it's terribly hard."

"I know," said Peter, who was a sunbeam; "we can ask Jesus to help us to be good, then we will have only good things to write."

Mummy thought that was a splendid idea, so she told them all to kneel down together while they asked the Lord Jesus to bless them in the coming year and help them to be good. If we want to be good the only way is to get Jesus to help us. Do you know the verse of the hymn in which we ask Jesus to help us to be good sunbeams and to shine for him? Here it is in case you haven't read it before.

"I will ask Jesus to help me,
To keep my heart from sin,
Ever reflecting His goodness,
And always shine for Him."

“Through”

By the late E. C. W. Boulton

“He . . . brought me through” (Ezekiel 47:4).

“O waiting soul, be still, be strong,
And though He tarry, trust and wait;
Doubt not, He will not wait too long,
Fear not, He will not come too late.”

HAS He not brought us “through” our periods of pressure, pain and poverty? “Through” those times of terrible temptation. “Through” the moments of misunderstanding and malignment. “Through” those perilous phases of our Christian life when faith was wont to forsake us and we trembled on the brink of some dread calamity. “Through” the crisis of crucifixion when our religious reputation was nailed to the cross of a cruel and merciless criticism; when the flesh urged us to escape from the painful position, but the will of God held us fast and faithful. “Through” the dark shadows of our Gethsemane to Olivet’s sunlit summit. “Through” our time of acute mental stress and strain, when the body was weak and worn and our physical powers were all at their lowest ebb, and the demands upon our dwindling resources were constantly increasing. “Through” when the physicians offered us no hope of recovery, and we lingered on the verge of the grave, the subject of sympathy of all who passed by. “Through” the hour of humiliation when our good was evil spoken of and our testimony repudiated, while our experience was regarded with the greatest suspicion. “Through” when our business was rapidly falling to pieces and we were but a short distance from bankruptcy. “Through” when the stress of crushing circumstances saw our diminishing store of temporal supplies bringing us nearer to the place of penury. “Through” the times of tearful sowing to the season of reaping. “Through” the burning desert sand to the cooling shelter of Elim. “Through” the waters of Marah to Horeb’s gushing rock. “Through” the fog of fear, when we walked in uncertainty and could not “see one step ahead.”

It is well to observe that God always has His way “through.” And it is just here that a word of warning is relevant. In our anxiety even to reach some God-given goal we may easily make a way through of our own. The enemy is always ready to suggest some short cut to the objective. We must beware

lest we put the shoulder of self-will against the things that bar our way, and in so doing hinder God’s greater manifestation of Himself on our behalf.

Then further think of how wonderfully God has led us “through” the shallows to the depths of spiritual life. “Through” the superficial stage to the heights of reality. From lukewarmness “through” to a life that throbbed with holy passion and power. “Through” self to Himself. “Through” storm to stillness. “Through” want to wealth. “Through” night to noonday. “Through” the “far country” of our own folly and failure back to the feasting and fulness of the warm home circle where the Father crowned our home-coming with many a princely love-gift. “Through” the challenging throng of our “dark reasonings” to the clearer atmosphere of His precious, priceless revelation. “Through” the fire and the flood into the “large place” of abundant outpouring. “Through” the wilderness of wandering into the land that flowed with milk and honey. “Through” the tangled maze of “what men think and say” into the joyous assurance of full salvation. “Through” the billows of baffling and bewildering denominational interpretations of truth to Christ the living embodiment of all truth.

Oh how utterly inexhaustible and innumerable are the things which the Lord has compressed into the limited compass of one life! How wonderfully He has worked! Dear reader, whosoever you are and wheresoever you are, God is able to bring you “through.” Let Him lead you “through” to the place of your heart’s desire. Fear not to commit your cause to Him. And mark you this, He does not send you “through.” He takes you “through.” He goes “through” with you. Allow the Holy Spirit to constrain you to sing “Jesus, I’ll go ‘through’ with Thee!”

“He’ll take you through, however you’re tried,
His tender care is never denied;
Believe His word, His promise is true,
He’ll take you through, He’ll take you through.”



"Hit me again; I can still hear him!"

Conducted by the
National Youth Director

THAT was the laugh-line. Eight hundred over-fed members of the clergy roared with laughter. It was the occasion of a luncheon-introduction to London ministers of Billy Graham, who told the story of a long-winded speaker. He was allowed half an hour, but continued for two hours. In an attempt to attract his attention the chairman threw his gavel at him, but it was a bad shot. It flew past the speaker and hit one of the front row listeners right in the middle of his forehead. He lost consciousness for half a minute, and when he recovered he was heard to say: "Hit me again; I can still hear him!"

It was Billy Graham's contact point. He was in a company of men comprising some who were suspicious of his methods, others who were sceptical of his message, and some who objected to his coming. It was important that he met them immediately on a common level. A good story with the right amount of humour is the shortest route from one point of view to the other.

But my object in this New Year Youth Page is not to recommend funny story-telling for your 1961 plan of campaign. The point is: plan a campaign of contacting those who are ignorant of the Christian point of view, and begin on New Year's Day. Billy Graham knew that it was vital for him to gain the maximum amount of support from the 800 leaders present. I am sure that his light-hearted story did not mean he was careless of the situation. To be serious about your mission does not mean you must be morbid.

You are the contact point for Christianity. The church building presents to the unbeliever a solemn, drab and unattractive picture in most places. Even if he enters, it is only to find it weakly illuminated. But the majority of people stay outside.

If you rely on church services to meet this need they will fail. You are the contact point even here. This is the most urgent message I feel upon my heart as I write with another new year in mind.

The Elim National Youth Committee set aside an entire series of committee meetings to review the work of the Elim Crusader Movement. A full year's plan was prepared which will reach you through

your Elim minister and Crusader secretary during the early days of 1961. But I can tell you this: you and your attitude to this tremendous task are the key. Unless you catch this vision we will fail. Scientists tell us that the world clock is set at two minutes to midnight. The Bible tells us that we are on the threshold of Christ's return. We must work now while it is day.

The story of Queen Esther never fails to inspire me. As a young woman she was faced with the opportunity of saving her people. It was a challenge. To enter the king's presence uninvited could bring about her death or banishment. One can almost picture her in the grip of this dilemma. Wealth, comfort, popularity, influence, security and pleasure were all in her possession. To do the work of God might mean the loss of all. Suddenly, she caught the greater vision. She saw the emancipation of her

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people, young people saved from death, a new life with light and joy for all. She straightened herself as if shaking off the filthy chains of self-indulgence, and sent her servant with this triumphant message to her cousin: "I will go in unto the king, and if I perish, I perish!"

In a meeting of evangelists in London some months ago I heard a clergyman give the opinion that an evangelistic crusade which was in progress last year under the title "Mission to Britain" was a misnomer. He thought it should be called "Mission to the churches." The evangelist who was present agreed. He added that the mission was the opportunity for the members of the churches to bring in the unconverted.

At another meeting of Christian youth workers which was also held in London a similar feeling was present. The church fails to contact the large majority of unsaved youth in towns and cities, whether they be the intellectuals or the illiterate. I am told that the Eastbourne "Youth for Christ" Committee has abandoned the conventional youth rally because it had become a rendezvous for Chris-

tian youth, and now holds its meetings in a café. But it all comes back to this one point: you young Christian are the contact point for Christ.

This is not an easy way. It calls for sacrifice. You will have to suffer ridicule. It means, to use the term of the sales representative, *breaking new ground*; and that is never easy. But it is a highly rewarding field in which to work. Pastor W. T. H. Richards, of Slough, went to that church when it had only four members. He now preaches to well over 300 every Sunday night, and over ninety per cent of his members were introduced to Christ and his church through the personal contact of himself and his workers.

Esther marked a place for herself in Bible history by her willingness to lose all in order to save her people. Her people were saved, and so was she. Your activity in Christ's work will become the joy of your experience.

Elim Crusader . . . take this challenge: march into the new year with this ambition: "I will be my Master's contact point wherever I go." Pray, plan, and then go!

MISSING — MARTYRED

"HODGSON KNAUF missing please pray." That was how the first cablegram read as we received it on the Tuesday. However, having been officially reported as "missing" for about three weeks myself when I was with Brother Hodgson some two months ago in similar conditions, and having eventually emerged, one did not altogether read anything final in that first cablegram, although my mind shuddered at the thought of what was involved in the alternative to escape. Within three days any hope that I might have entertained was blasted by the second cablegram, which read: "Hodgson Knauf martyred, etc."

Many a night since my arrival in England I have wakened with a cold shudder as devilish eyes have glared at me and long knives have flashed around me, and I knew that such would probably be the end of those two brave men—butchered by demonised, doped and drunken fanatics. "Bodies irrecoverable" was the simple statement by the United Nations soldiers; simple, yet significant to us. While it would be easy to clothe these bare bones of meagre information with a suit supplied by many of the verifiable facts of our own experience, giving them a definitely ghoulish setting, we confine ourselves to the supplied and provable information.

The C.E.M. has lost two spiritual giants and the

Congolese are the poorer; but the thousands of changed lives remain as their memorials, and we trust that in a very real and spiritually efficacious way their shed blood shall speak powerfully for God.

May we request you to convey to all your readers our sincere appreciation of their fellowship with us as a mission in this time of its tremendous loss.

His servant and yours for the mission.

JAMES SALTER, Home Director.

MAN OFFERS LIFE FOR FRIEND

A missionary offered Congo natives his life in a vain effort to save a colleague.

The natives hacked both men to death with machete knives. The incident happened at Kamai, a chieftain's capital village.

The man who offered his life, Elton Knauf, and the man he tried to save, 62-year-old Edmund Hodgson, were caught by tribesmen after they had been reported missing.

After he was told they would both die, Knauf, a New Zealander, tried to pacify the natives. He reminded them he had given them medical supplies previously, and had brought money for their teachers.

The head man of the village said they would free Knauf but kill Hodgson, who was a stranger. Knauf said: "No. Let him go, and kill me."

Other Christians who came to the village and tried to reason with the natives were also threatened with death.

The incident is told in a letter from the Congo Evangelistic Mission in Katanga. *Daily Herald.*



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by J. Osman
(Minister of Elim Church, Sparkbrook)

Monday, January 9th. Colossians 1 : 24-29.

"Mystery . . . made manifest" (v. 26).

This mystery is full of riches and glory, and is made manifest in the simplest terms. "And this secret is simply this: Christ in you" (J. B. Phillips). Not only are we redeemed and reconciled to God, but He dwells within. This is the revelation of the Gospel. The veil is done away in Christ. "The meanest saint under the Gospel understands more than the greatest prophets under the law" (M. Henry). Peter tells us "that the prophets inquired and searched diligently concerning the **grace and glory** which should come (1 Peter 1 : 10, 11). Now we receive and enjoy it. "Lord, make us truly thankful."

Tuesday, January 10th. Colossians 2 : 1-7.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him" (v. 6).

The **outworking** of a Christian's salvation follows the same pattern as the initial **inworking**. "As . . . so." This means that the root and the fruit of salvation are wrought by the exercise of **faith**. We were saved by faith and now we must walk by faith. This principle of faith is never absent from the Christian's life. To abound in faith means that we will abound in thanksgiving also (v. 7), because God will always work where there is faith. Notice this, too, that He was received as Lord. He is a Lord to be obeyed as well as a Saviour to be loved.

Wednesday, January 11th. Colossians 2 : 8-15.

"Ye are complete in Him" (v. 10).

Here again Paul is stressing our utter dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and the completeness of our life in Him. It seems sometimes almost too wonderful to be true that we have been given such a complete and uttermost salvation in the Lord, and yet the Bible declares it over and over again. All those things that were arrayed against us, the sum total of all our offences, were taken by Christ to the Cross, where they were nailed in His body, and where He triumphed by wiping them away. This was done publicly that all may look to the Cross and read plainly that "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Hallelujah! What a Gospel.

Thursday, January 12th. Colossians 2 : 16-23.

In verse 16 we read "Let no man . . . judge you" and in verse 18: "Let no man beguile you." These follow the similar warnings of verse 4: "Lest any man should beguile you with enticing words," and verse 8: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit." There seemed to be four roots of error which needed to be dealt with and guarded against, viz. intellectualism, asceticism, ceremonialism and mysticism. The need to beware is still with us. A point to ponder might be: "How far in each of these should a Christian go?"

Friday, January 13th. Colossians 3 : 1-11.

"Christ is all, and in all" (v. 11).

See here (1) the **outline** of our new life. We are raised with Christ (v. 1); we are hid with Christ (v. 3); we shall appear with Christ (v. 4); indeed He is our life (v. 4). To us Christ is all. Moreover, He is in all. See (2) the **obligations** of our new life. It touches our affections (v. 2); our

actions (vv. 5-22). One wonders that some of these things should have to be written. He would be a very poor Christian who needed exhortation along the lines of verses 5, 8 and 9. Are you carrying out your obligations? See (3) the **obliteration** of distinctions (v. 11). National, religious, educational and social distinctions are done away in Christ. We meet at His feet as sinners saved by grace.

Saturday, January 14th. Colossians 3 : 12-25.

In yesterday's portion we read of those things we should put **off**, which are connected with the "old man." Today we come to the positive side and read of the things which we should put **on**, which pertain to the "new man." What a picture this gives us of the Christian as the Lord would like him; kind, humble, meek, long-suffering, forgiving, peaceful, thankful and rejoicing. When we put these things into practice we are to do it thankfully, in the name of the Lord, and heartily (vv. 17, 23); "not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Sunday, January 15th. Colossians 4 : 1-18.

"Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it" (v. 17).

This injunction was addressed to Archippus, who was probably the son of Philemon, and very likely chief pastor of the Laodicean church. "This warning addressed so early to the minister of the Laodicean church is premonitory of the lapsed condition in which it is afterwards found" ("Pulpit Commentary"). It does seem very likely that there is a definite link between the failure of Archippus and the resultant lukewarmness of his church. What a responsibility rests upon the shoulders of ministers! Pray for your minister.



PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman

A Year of Prayer

A new year stands before us; a year fresh with glorious opportunities for Christ, yet a year veiled to those things which we know not but He does. Let us make this year a year of prayer, taking that wonderful promise and making it our very own. "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33 : 3).

We are encouraged by what we have experienced in the past year. There have been many answers to our prayers. The Elim church members at Scarborough have this column read to them at their weekly prayer meeting and they faithfully pray for each request. We were so pleased to hear this from the pastor of the church. Perhaps others might do the same.

We have been appalled in the latter end of 1960 by the number of murders committed and the mounting figures of crime. This presents us with a challenge to put into operation our motto text for this year. Let us call upon the name of the Lord. The Devil seems to be let loose in the earth, but prayer is a force which can hold back the forces of evil and deliver men and women from the grip of the evil one.

Prayer is requested for

Revival throughout Britain.
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A family which requests prayer for the wayward children and the father who is suffering from a nervous breakdown.

A man suffering with heart trouble.

Thought for the week

With God all things are possible.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Jan. 8. Elim Church, Moor Street. Minister's Anniversary Services. Speaker: L. R. Mason. Sat. 14th, visit of Blackheath Mixed Voice Choir. Speaker: L. Cowdery. 7.30 p.m. Sun. 15th. John Goddard (secretary, Blackheath Y.F.C.). 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Convener: Ken Smith.

CLAPHAM, Jan. 8-12. Visit of Rev. Felix Lloyd-Smith. Sun. 6.30. Weeknights 7.30.

GUILDFORD, Jan. 14. Elim Church, Martyr Road. Visit of the President, J. Woodhead, 7 p.m.

ISLINGTON, Jan. 15-22. Elim Church, Lennox Road. Finsbury Park. Evangelistic campaign by Rev. Felix Lloyd-Smith. Sun. 6.30. Weeknights 7.30 (except Fri.).

LEYTON, Jan. 14. Elim Church, Vicarage Road, E.10 (nearest bus stop Vicarage Road, **High Street**). London Evangelistic Male Voice Choir. 7 p.m.

WESTCLIFFE, Jan. 21, 22. New Elim Church, Electric Avenue (corner Fairfax Drive). First anniversary of the opening. Sat. 7.30; Sun. 11 and 6.30. Guest speaker: Rev. George Nunn. Convener: George Backhouse.

PRESIDENT'S TOUR

Jan. 7, Camberwell (Presbytery): 8, Wimbledon; 10, Thornton Heath; 11, Coulsdon; 12, Bermondsey; 14, Guildford; 15, Kingston; 17, Watford; 18, Holland Park; 19, Hayes; 20, East Ham; 21, Leyton (East London Revival Rally).

LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

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

Jan. 8, Broadmoor Institution: 14, Bethnal Green; 15, Watford. 22, Croydon Elim Church, Stanley Road. Thirty-second Choir Anniversary Services. Special speakers and past members taking part. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

ITINERARIES

A. D. Bull, Jan. 7, Halifax; 8, 9, Bradford; 10, Wrenthorpe; 11, 12, Sowerby Bridge (Wed. United Crusader Rally); 14, 15, Knottingley.

Mr. F. B. Phillips, Jan. 18, 19, Portsmouth.

Miss V. McGillivray, Jan. 8, Sparkbrook; 9, Langley Green; 10, Graham Street; 11, Oldhill; 12, Coventry; 14, Winson Green; 15, Kidderminster; 17, Erdington; 18, Wooley Castle; 19, Yardley; 21, Muntz Street.

J. Smith, Jan. 7-10, Mason Street, Hull; 11-15, City Temple, Hull; 17-22, Grimsby; 23-26, Newcastle; 28—Feb. 2, Bishop Auckland.

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BIRTH

Maybin. On December 6th, to Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Maybin, a daughter (stillborn). Ruth. Officiating minister at funeral: Pastor Tom Jones (A.O.G.).

MARRIAGES

Ashwell : Clarke. On October 29th, at Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park; David Ashwell to Rose Clarke. Officiating minister: F. H. Coleman.

Lamb : Pinches. On December 3rd, at Foursquare Church, Bridge Street, Leeds; Pastor Charles Edward Lamb (of Stockton-on-Tees) to Shirley Pinches (of Dewsbury). Officiating minister: T. W. Walker.

ENGAGEMENT

Challen : Bisset. The engagement is announced between John Challen and Pauline Mary Bisset; both members of the London Crusader Choir. C.437

WITH CHRIST

Bell. On November 13th, Mrs. LI. Bell, beloved member of Elim Church, Pontardulais. Officiating minister at funeral: A. J. K. Magee (Swansea).

Jeffels. On December 5th, William Bertram (Bert) Jeffels, aged 44, beloved deacon of Elim Church, Scarborough. Officiating minister at funeral: T. W. Walker. "With Christ . . . far better."

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