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SPECIAL SCOTTISH NUMBER

editorial . . .

DUNOON has been described as "the gem of the Clyde coast." It is one of the most popular holiday resorts in the west of Scotland, an excellent touring centre for the waterways of the Firth of Clyde and for the glens and wooded hills of Argyll. A small part of my early life was spent in Dunoon; it was here that my spiritual life began.

The motto word of the town comes to my mind as this Scottish number is prepared. On the coat of arms are a galley with furled sail, a triple-towered castle and, on a scroll below the shield, the word FORWARD. I think of this word in relation to the Elim work in Scotland. We are grateful to God for the progress that has been made in the past few years. This national number tells of another pioneer campaign—this time in Govan, a large industrial area in Glasgow. Pastor Alexander Tee has been much used by God in the field of evangelism and in this new great venture he has again the whole-hearted and prayerful support of the Elim friends in Scotland.

New congregations need new buildings for the worship of God and for service. Two new church buildings in the presbytery will be dedicated in the near future. Building work has begun on another and plans are ready for construction work in two other districts. One of the first established Elim churches in Scotland is alive to the need of the new housing estates and is acquiring ground for branch Sunday school activities.

While we lift our hearts in praise to God for the progress that has been made we are deeply conscious that only a small part of the vast need has been met. Scotland was once known as the land of the Bible. It can hardly be called that now. In this country, as in nearly every other place, disregard for the things of God is both open and widespread. We must not, however, allow our light to be extinguished or ourselves discouraged by the magnitude of the task that is before us. The Lord whom we love and serve is constantly by our side and will give a new brilliance to our witness.

It was in the village of Innellan, adjacent to Dunoon, where Rev. George Matheson wrote the immortal hymn "O Love that wilt not let me go." One verse of the hymn seems appropriate to the thought of witness:

"O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee:
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be."

With God's help we can look at existing conditions as a challenge and *go forward* to meet them, encouraged by the great progress that has already been made.

W.J.H.

Editor's note.

We are happy to have the co-operation once again of Pastor W. J. Hilliard, Scottish District Superintendent, who has so ably prepared the material for this special Scottish number, and also written our guest editorial. We rejoice to hear of the real forward move in Scotland and pray it may continue and increase in the coming days.

SOUTH GOVAN CRUSADE

Below we publish part of a report which appeared recently in the Glasgow Herald.

"HEAVENLY Sunshine" was still being sung with the utmost vigour by as many people as could crowd into South Govan Town Hall in Glasgow last night when an Elim evangelical campaign entered its second week.

On the platform was Rev. Alexander Tee, the leader of this campaign which has attracted 300 each weeknight and almost double that number on Sundays.

Those who wish him to pray for their eternal life are asked to raise their hands while the remainder of the congregation pray. Mr. Tee says that 182 have taken decisions in this way during the past week.

Persons hoping for Divine healing are called forward and asked to state their belief. Mr. Tee then lays on his hands and prays for cure or relief.

On Friday a young girl walked naturally after this service, and Mr. Tee told the meeting that she said she had previously been lame since birth.

Mr. Tee gave examples of other healings. Mrs. Ruth Smith, of 152 Ardneil Road, had arthritis which had locked her arm for two years. Mr. Tee said, but she is now able to use it freely.

A deaf man discarded his hearing aid on Thursday and has not needed it again, and another arthritic left a meeting without using her walking stick.

PS. Converts now number over 300. 540 attended the rally on a recent Friday.

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BROKEN THINGS

By Arthur Anstey (*Minister of Elim Church, Edinburgh*)

EDINBURGH has its own mountain near to the centre of the city, known as Arthur's Seat, and standing on this high vantage point one can scan a very lovely scene. The panoramic view delights the eye and visitors often spend hours gazing over this fascinating Scottish capital. Art students find a thousand subjects for the canvas, for the architectural beauty is unique, with the backgrounds of parks and gardens. However, even Edinburgh has a few black spots, and with a sense of relief we have recently watched demolition workers break down some of the older buildings, and amid the clouds of dust and the heaps of rubble, combined with the noise of pneumatic drills and sledge-hammers, comes a sense of satisfaction as we also see new buildings arising close at hand. The breaking process was necessary, we all agree, so that on new foundations there might arise new homes, brighter homes, homes with a better outlook, and homes more worthy of this fine city.

God's Word has much to say about broken things and in its pages we not only read of broken towns and cities but of broken empires, and as we study the prophetic word of Daniel concerning the great image representing the mighty empires of Gentile power we gain a little foresight as to the future of this world. Digging into the past by archæological research we observe that a breaking process has already taken place and the earnest Bible student realises that this will culminate in a final demolition process from heaven when the King comes with power and majesty; when the works, the hearts, the minds and the spirits of men shall be broken by the glory of the King of kings.

Though war scars are being healed by the wonderful new cities arising from the dust, like Coventry, Plymouth and the great metropolis, we also witness that many homes and lives are being

BROKEN BY SIN

and the power of Satan, and that new environments have not always produced new living. Statistics recently given on the moral standards in our beloved land are appalling: principles are being broken, together with vows and solemn promises; hearts are being broken, minds and bodies wrecked. Thank

God there are a few bright spots, for we have witnessed recently many great evangelistic rallies which remind us that the Word of God has not lost its power.

The Old Testament reminds us that Samson was powerful as the saviour of Israel until he broke the promise of the Nazarite vow. From that moment came a devastating collapse for a man who had been instrumental in breaking the ranks of Israel's enemy. Now, instead of a powerful leader, we see a blinded slave grinding in the prison house of the Philistines, being mocked by the ungodly. Likewise, the broken tablets of stone at the foot of Sinai seem to symbolise the state of the people as Moses the great mediator looked down at the chaos among the people who had been redeemed from Egypt. He realised that every one of the laws engraved upon the stones had already been broken by this back-sliding people and the dispirited leader once more fell broken before the Almighty for an answer to the problem in hand.

An eagle with a broken wing was found recently in the north of Scotland and the naturalist took the bird home, seeking to put a silver pin in its wing to restore it to flight once more (unfortunately the eagle died under the anæsthetic). The broken wing had been the means of the powerful bird's downfall from the high crag to the leafy undergrowth of the forest. What a come-down! Yet the same thing that happened to the eagle happened to Israel, for their wings of prayer and intercession had been broken. Pentecostal brother and sister, take heed lest you wander from the blessings of the sublime heights and a wing be broken through popularity, coldness or prosperity.

BROKEN AMBITIONS

Jehoshaphat had been greatly blessed of God; he had so often stood his ground against the false prophets and desired to hear the Word of the Lord, but we read that an unhealthy friendship with Ahab's son had meant the pooling of his resources with this wicked king. On the beach at Ezion-geber together they built a great navy of ships to fulfil an ambition to get gold from Tarshish. Suddenly, just before sailing day, the Lord sent an unexpected

storm to Ezion-geber and every vessel on that beach was shattered and broken so that they never sailed the high seas. "The Lord hath broken thy works" (2 Chronicles 20:37) declared the faithful prophet (Eliezer). What a loss of labour, of finance and of lives maybe! Let us take heed that our associations are all for the glory of God and our ambitions in line with the Spirit.

Jehoshaphat's treasures were broken by the Lord, but in contrast Mary's treasure, her box of ointment, was willingly broken by herself. Her exclusive gift for the Master revealed her insight into the coming Calvary and resurrection. She was not seeking to preserve His body but His presence and personality, and to give Him a central position of exaltation, and as

THE BROKEN BOX

released the fragrance to all present, so praises, adoration and worship were released from many hearts. Broken things usually bring disappointment, but this broken gift brought delight to the Master and proved to be a demonstration of true affection.

The minister's daughter had a beautiful doll and was holding it with care and affection when suddenly the china doll went crashing to the ground (the elastic holding the arms and legs had perished). Disappointed? Hardly the word, for the tears were soon flowing. The minister comforted his daughter saying, "Daddy will put her right." Several hours of patience and work were rewarded as the doll that was broken reappeared with beauty restored and hardly a mark showing where she had been broken by the fall. Our heavenly Father can indeed restore us after some "broken experience" by restoring us in joy, in peace, in strength of soul and radiance of countenance. The famous Portland vase, now restored by expert hands, is more valuable in this state of restoration than maybe it was before the breaking episode took place.

Thousands of preachers have delivered sermons on the story of the loaves and fishes, but many omit the point that the loaves were of no use while they were whole, but when the Master broke the loaves and blessed them with thanksgiving, followed by a further breaking process as the disciples distributed to all and sundry, so were the thousands fully satisfied. It is better for us to fall on the Rock than for the rock to fall on us, as we often sing:

"Broken, more broken, fain would I be
When I remember dark Calvary's tree."

These are the words of our lips and of our hearts when we muse on

HIS BROKEN BODY

in our Sunday morning gatherings. A broken heart and a contrite spirit the Lord will not despise.

"Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!"

THE MINISTRY OF THE MIRACULOUS

Pastor and Mrs. Taylor, of Whitehaven, have a son in the Elim ministry and themselves serve God with great devotion. Mrs. Taylor testifies to God's healing power.

WHAT a testimony is mine! Twice miraculously healed by the hand of the Lord Jesus! How inadequate seem our words of praise to Him. Born of Christian parents and saved at the age of eleven, I was suffering from a serious nervous disorder. Although compelled to leave school at eleven owing to my health, by the time I had reached sixteen years of age I knew that God was calling me out into full-time Christian ministry. After much struggling, and pleading my weakness, I finally committed my all to Him, and He completely healed me and a few years later I was off to Bible school.



Pastor and Mrs. Taylor.

A lifetime of service has been gladly given to Him who has done so much for me. In the early years of our married life and when the children were all very tiny, I was stricken down with a serious disease which, said the doctors, would terminate all public ministry and necessitate several years in hospital. But praise the Lord for yet another miraculous healing, for in sixteen weeks, without any surgical treatment, I was restored to my loved ones and to the work of the Lord which I love so much.

As a minister's wife it is my joy to share wherever possible in the God-given task of leading the lost to Jesus. As a mother I give God the glory for a family dedicated to Him—a son recently ordained in the Elim ministry and two daughters all glorying in a personal Pentecostal experience! How good is the God we adore!

(MRS.) GLADYS TAYLOR.
Whitehaven.

news from north of the border . . .

ABERDEEN

WE in the north are far away from most of our assemblies, but we rejoice in the knowledge that we are all one in Christ Jesus. During the holiday season though, we have enjoyed fellowship with many members from our churches farther south. We trust we shall see them and many others again soon and assure them of a warm welcome to our assembly.

We have been greatly blessed under the ministry of our pastor, Rev. F. R. Lomas, who has won the hearts of all our people, and we look forward to great blessing in the days that lie ahead if the Lord should tarry. Our members have increased since Pastor Lomas came to Aberdeen and we are earnestly praying that many souls shall be won for the Lord through the preaching of the Word.

CLYDEBANK

IT is with a spirit of expectancy prevailing in the fifteen-month-old church in Clydebank that this report is written. We shall be receiving news very shortly as to where the new church building will be situated and therefore erection should begin before the end of this year. The loyalty of the people is a noticeable factor, since there are good attendances at all services. The enthusiasm is quite outstanding and no sacrifice is too small. At the special services held to boost the building fund every other month, all catering for 300 people is supplied by the ladies of the church. The spiritual fervour is by no means lacking. Not only do they pray but they are keen to bring their friends along to the services, many of whom become converted and join the fellowship. The young people's work is very encouraging and those who are not baptised in the Holy Spirit are earnestly seeking God for this experience.

The Sunday school work is most progressive and often the attendances are in three figures. During the month of August a drive for new scholars in the form of local park services followed by big marches to the hall where the school is held was successful and proved popular among the children. In October our first branch Sunday school is to be opened in a nearby district, commencing with a children's campaign. Please pray for this venture.

T. W. JACOBS.

DUMFRIES

"YOU need it. We've got it. Come and get it." The words made the passers-by stop and look. Doors were cleaned and painted and other decorations carried out, in preparation for a vigorous evangelical effort to win the people for Christ. The planning, the practical work and prayer have been rewarded, new friends are coming to the meetings and three young men have recently given their hearts to the Lord. The ministry of Mr. Robert Pender (E.B.C.), admirably carried out during his vacation, has certainly been blessed by God. The saints in Dumfries have been greatly encouraged and would covet the prayers of the Lord's people for

the continuance of this good work. A "Back to the Bible Youth Rally" has been arranged and a number of Elim churches have shown their interest by arranging for groups to support the effort.

DUNDEE

THE Elim Church, Dudhope Crescent Road, Dundee, was founded about thirty years ago as a result of an evangelistic campaign conducted by Principal George Jeffrey and his team. Hundreds of people were converted and the present church was established to accommodate them. Many of the best-known preachers in our movement have ministered in the Dundee church, including the President, the immediate past President and the Field Superintendent.

The writer recalls how people in this city reiterated "It won't last. I'll give it a year or so." Thirty years is quite a fair period to give as a trial and the work still goes on and prospers. Many of our members were converted in those early days and are still as virile as ever, and that surely is the best testimony as to the lasting nature of the Elim work in Dundee.

Our church has passed through many difficult times, but the Lord has blessed us in a most wonderful way. We think of the long and painful illness of the late Rev. Walter H. Urch, whom the Lord took to be with Himself at the early age of forty-six years. We still remember with gratitude his able and self-sacrificing labours as our pastor. We hope in the very near future to provide a "minister's chair," with suitable plaque attached, in memory of our much respected and highly esteemed pastor, and this will be unveiled by Mrs. Urch.

Pastor F. F. Frost has been with us for the past two years and his work has been blessed by the Lord and we look forward to the years that lie ahead, if the Lord should tarry, to see a real spirit of revival in our midst and many added to the church of such as are being saved. It is gratifying to know that, while our numbers have somewhat decreased by reason of the closing of certain streets in the immediate vicinity of the church and the gradual moving out of the people to the new housing schemes, the finances of the church have grown during Mr. Frost's ministry and continue to increase. The work among the young people goes on very satisfactorily and the various organisations are in a very healthy condition. We look forward to real times of blessing in every department of the work.

W. S. MORRISON.

EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH is a city of churches and evangelical witness. The Elim church is not large compared with the size of the city. However, it is a church with a message, and we praise God too that it is a church where souls are being saved and bodies healed. We cannot tell of revival exactly, but the Lord has granted encouragements of late. One has been the fact that from people of other denominations we have been receiving requests by telephone and letter to pray for the sick

and many have come especially to our Divine healing services and evangelistic efforts over the past few weeks, and we have seen the hand of the Lord being made manifest. Like many other Elim churches we long for a major campaign in the Lord's good time. Meanwhile we are a happy people making the best of our present resources and praying that the Lord will keep our new converts keen on His Word and fellowship with His people.

GLASGOW

TIMES of refreshing from the presence of the Lord have been our experience in recent months. We are happy to report a time of much blessing at the Sunday school anniversary service. Interesting items, given by the scholars, were much appreciated and it was a real joy to see many of the parents present.

During the summer months a regular open-air witness has been maintained and the Crusaders are busily engaged each week distributing tracts in the neighbourhood. A steady witness is also being carried on at the great Rolls Royce factory by several of our members who work there.

We were privileged to have a visit from Pastor T. G. Hills (Eire) recently and all present were deeply impressed at hearing of God's work in that needy place.

Owing to hospital redevelopment plans, we are obliged to leave the lovely church building in which we have worshipped for a number of years. However, we are glad to say that in the good providence of God we have been successful in obtaining another building, adjacent to where we are at present, and we are facing the future confidently, knowing that the Lord will continue to guide and bless us.

W. W. KELLY.

GLENMAVIS

THE work of the Lord in Glenmavis, commenced nearly fifty years ago, became an Elim church following a campaign conducted by Pastor Alexander Tee. At the conclusion of this special effort Mr. A. C. Fyfe, of Motherwell, was appointed to take the oversight of the work. For three years he has laboured as honorary pastor in Glenmavis with great devotion and with marked success. Extensive repairs and decorations were carried out on the building and in this work Mr. Fyfe was ably assisted by a team of willing members from the Motherwell church. He has made every effort to promote the work of the Lord in Glenmavis. Special meetings have been arranged and speakers from other churches have been invited to minister. The Sunday school is a most encouraging branch of the work. Glenmavis is a village and yet nearly sixty children come every Sunday. In his work for God here Mr. Fyfe has been ably assisted by the members in the church. It was

with regret that Mr. Fyfe intimated his decision to relinquish the oversight. At the farewell service there was a large gathering of people from the village, members of the district committee and the minister of the Motherwell church. Appreciation was expressed for Mr. Fyfe's love for the people and for his able ministry of the Word of God. Presentations were made to both Mr. Fyfe and to Mrs. Fyfe from Mr. and Mrs. Paterson on behalf of the friends of Glenmavis. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the future of the work and the members are looking forward to continued blessing from the gracious hand of God.

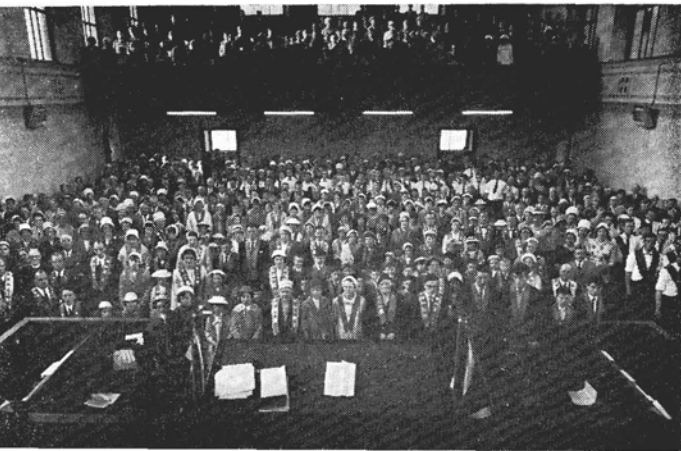
GREENOCK

"Serving the Lord with gladness."

THE Greenock Elim church is a hive of activity. In the blessing of God the Sunday schools and the other youth activities are enjoying good success. The leaders and their assistants are devoted to the service of Christ and are quick to see that this is the day of opportunity. Special efforts have been arranged and newer methods have been introduced when it was felt that by these the Gospel could be presented quicker and with better results. In the limited space it is impossible to give even a report in summary of the work in Greenock. Of the many things worthy of mention that come to one's mind the Saturday night meetings, for the moment, take precedence. These are fellowship meetings and Gospel meetings in one. The deputation secretary is responsible for the arranging of the meetings; programmes are varied and interesting. Groups of Christian friends come from other towns and districts and present the Gospel in a full and interesting way. The deacons of the church take turns in opening the meeting and introducing the leader of the visiting group. On Saturday nights we have listened to young converts testifying for the first time and to talented musicians and Gospel singers. In every deputation an honoured place is given to the ministry of God's Word. The fellowship at these meetings is good and we have found that the visitors themselves enjoy the fellowship and the ministry just as we do. The church in Greenock is grateful to God for its leaders, for the older members who have remained faithful to the work through the years and for the brothers and sisters who ably take part in the ministry; in some cases their own sons and daughters are serving beside them in the work of the church. Among the workers in Greenock are some who have come by way of the Sunday school and others by the witnessing of members in their places of employment.

KIRKINTILLOCH

IT was just two years ago that, with a congregation of approximately fifteen and £54 in our building fund, we decided to build a new church. We certainly needed one. Our present building was gradually falling to pieces,



A photograph taken on a recent Sunday evening in the Greenock Elim Church—an Orange parade. Pastor Hilliard conducted the service and gave the Gospel address. The Elim church choir also took part in the service.

one wall had bulged eighteen inches, there were between fifteen and eighteen leaks in the roof, depending upon which way the wind was blowing, and the floor, which had collapsed, was now propped up with bricks!

Yes, we certainly needed a new church. But how could so small a congregation raise enough money to build a church? However, the Lord was moving in the hearts of the little band of faithful Christians and every effort was made among them to bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord. Now two years have passed and we have raised almost £1,000. The vision of a new church has been very real and now that we are ready to commence building the enthusiasm is as keen as ever. Our new church will seat 150 people and we look forward with great expectation to days of even richer blessing ahead, for the Lord has promised that "the glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." "I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

With this building project ahead we have much work to do for the Master in a needy town to bring them to Christ. But we here, as exhorted in Hebrews, unitedly declare "Let us go on . . ." and as we continue a steadfast and faithful witness here in Kirkintilloch "let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually . . . giving thanks to His name."

MOTHERWELL

IT is good to be able to report that "showers of blessing" have been falling on the Elim church in Motherwell over the past months. After quite a strenuous time of apparently unrewarded labour, and of days when everything seemed barren and dry, it has been so much more thrilling to have the refreshing showers from the Master's hand. While it is true to say that every service has responded to this refreshment, it would seem to be most evident in the weekly prayer meeting and communion service. Increased numbers have been attending these meetings, and the sense of the presence of God is very real, and a great atmosphere of expectancy is present as the people join in intercession and worship. Over the past year three baptismal services have been held, and a further one is in course of arrangement. It is also a joy to report that the blessing of Pentecost is still in evidence among us, on both old and young. Souls have been saved, bodies have been healed, and believers have been baptised in the Holy Ghost. The church looks on to the "day of days" when the Lord shall return. In the meantime we pray for ourselves and for all the Elim family "rain in the time of the latter rain."

PAISLEY

IT is not two years yet since the Scottish presbytery united to launch a pioneer crusade in the thriving town of Paisley with almost 100,000 people. Now there stands to the glory of God a most beautiful modern church building, with a neat little gallery which by means of a folding wall becomes the minor hall, with seating for just over 100. During these twenty-odd

months the newly born congregation has been using two different hired halls weekly in which to hold its services. The new building is right on the main road and buses from Glasgow and many areas in Paisley stop right opposite the front door. The front is lit with a seventeen-foot neon sign in blue and gold, pouring a blaze of light right at the front door. A splendid youth choir sings every Sunday and a church orchestra has been formed. In no uncertain way God has blessed this new assembly, which is thriving in every department. Are pioneer campaigns worth while? If you were to visit this lovely new church, which is the talk of the whole town, you would soon find the answer.

A. TEE.

WHITEHAVEN

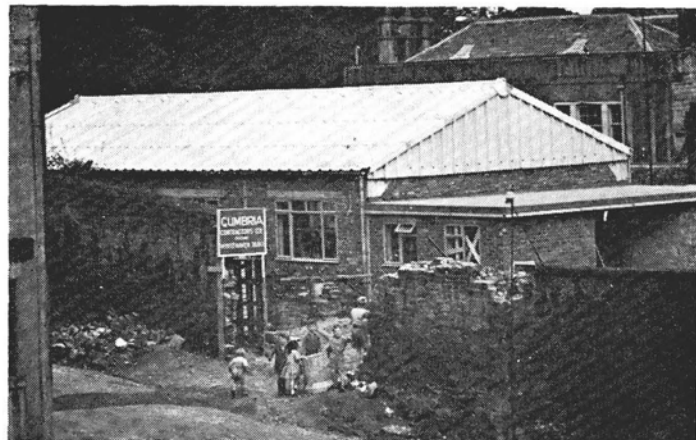
THE Elim church was established in Whitehaven following a revival and Divine healing campaign conducted by Pastor George Canty some four and a half years ago. Throughout its short life the work has been seriously handicapped owing to the limitations placed upon its activities by inadequate accommodation. The first moves to remedy the position were made during the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Clarke, into whose hands the follow-up work was entrusted. A plot of ground was purchased and upon this site a reinforced concrete skeleton was erected. Unfortunately, owing to certain difficulties which arose, we were unable to proceed further at the time.

In November of last year our present pastor and his wife were appointed to our church. After much prayer it was decided that we must at all costs proceed with the building of the church, and so in April this year the contractor's men moved in to clothe the skeleton, and to transform it into the very neat modern church building which is now nearly completed and will, should the Lord tarry, be dedicated to His service on Saturday, October 14th. Every non-meeting night sees the pastor and brethren hard at work with pick, spade and barrow or else brushes, paint and ladders doing "all to the glory of God."

Coinciding with the opening of the church, Pastor Canty will again be visiting Whitehaven, an event which is much anticipated in the town. What is our need? Not the concerts, whist drives and bingo sessions that are paying for other church buildings in the area. What we need cannot be organised—it is recognised as a dire necessity, a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost that men and women may be saved, healed and filled with the fulness of God. What is our need? Pentecost—not in name only but in power and demonstration! Will you help us by your prayers? Please pray for Pastor and Mrs. Taylor and us all. The task is not easy—we do not expect it to be—but by His grace we shall win the day.

HENRY POSTLETHWAITE.

The new Elim church building in Whitehaven rising above and beyond the old walls which are ready for pulling down. It will be opened in October.



“The ravelled hesp”

By H. Palliser

(Minister of Elim Church, Carlisle)

“The crooked shall be made straight”
(Isaiah 40:4).

IN the centre of Aberdeen, hard by the imposing Marischal College, is the Upperkirkgate. Somewhere in this short street, about 300 years ago, lived the saintly Samuel Rutherford for two years, exiled for the cause of Christ from his beloved flock at “Anwoth by the Solway.” From “Christ’s palace in Aberdeen,” as he so described his residence, he sent forth most of those 365 incomparable “Letters” so ably assembled by Dr. Andrew Bonar; and the striking expression “the ill-ravelled hesp” is but one of the many which Rutherford uses with such telling effect.

But what is an “ill-ravelled hesp”? Well, it so happens that Dr. Alexander Whyte is not only one of the greatest authorities on Samuel Rutherford, but also an authority (from personal experience), on the matter of hesps. Writes the experienced doctor: “Young Edinburgh gentlemen who have been born with the silver spoon in their mouths will not understand what a ravelled hesp is. But those who have been brought up at the pirn-wheel in Thrums, and in such-like hand loom towns, have the ‘advantage of some of their fellow worshippers tonight. They well remember the stern yoke of their youth when they were sent supperless to bed because they had ravelled their hesp. When the hesp (that is the skein) is ravelled, the pirn (bobbin) is badly filled, and then the shuttle is choked and arrested in the middle of its flight, the web is broken and knotted and uneven, and the weaver is dismissed, or, at best, he is fined in half his wages.” So far Dr. Whyte as he recalls boyhood days in Kirriemuir. And what do we see? Surely this—that the ravelled hesp is something which ought not to be; that the crooked is something which ought not to be; and Almighty God is saying to all those whose lives are tangled and ravelled that, if He is allowed to do so, He will straighten out and disentangle that so ill-ravelled hesp, and “the crooked shall be made

straight.” “Comfort ye, comfort ye my people” cried the evangelical prophet in the chapter whence our text was taken, and the word “comfort” literally means “speak to the heart.” That is what God wants and longs to do—to speak to the hearts of all those whose lives are ravelled and tangled. When He says “The crooked shall be made straight,” He is saying “Hand over to Me the ravelled, tangled hesp of your life, and I will make it straight.”

I. THIS PROMISE IN RELATION TO THE BELIEVER

Take it, in the first place, in relation to the believer and his sanctification. In other words, not the backslider with the tangles of his life, but the believing soul who is “seeking after holiness.” To such a one the Word has come with power: “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” But that same believer also, as he studies and searches his own heart soon says also: “Who is sufficient for these things?” He understands Jeremiah’s cry: “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked—who can know it?” In a searching sermon on Psalm 119:11 (“Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee”), Rev. G. B. Duncan said: “Some years ago I heard a Christian psychiatrist commenting on these words, and he said that if we were to use the



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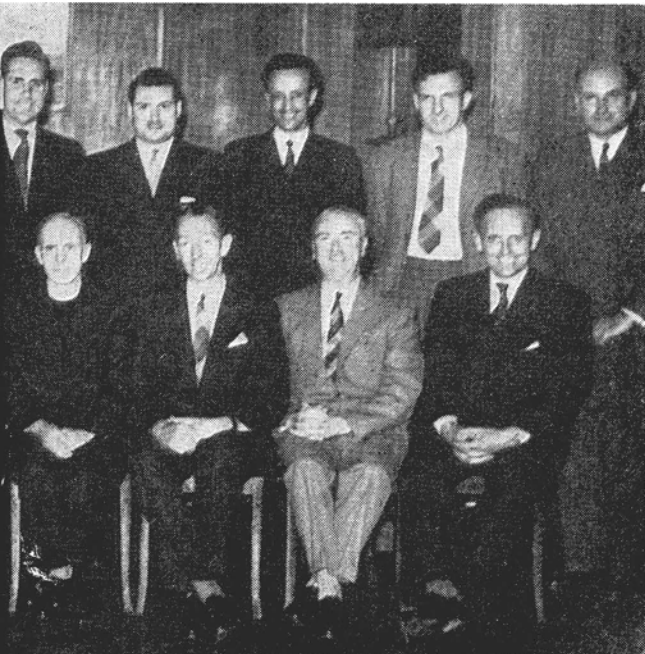
vocabulary of modern knowledge in all probability we would say: 'Thy word have I hid in the depths of the subconscious mind that I might not sin against Thee'. That is a profound statement for consideration. No wonder David prayed: "Search me, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me . . ." Then, too, in this matter of holiness not everything is either black or white to our weak eyesight. There are, as Dr. J. H. Jowett once said, "the accommodating shades of grey in between." There are not only the sins which beset us which we may or may not realise are sins, but there are also the "weights," the things which are not in themselves sinful, but are hindrances to spiritual progress. And it is in matters like these that the tangles for the believer arise.

And it is here that we call in Rutherford. He was a man of tremendous experience in spiritual matters. His Christlikeness and holiness were remarkable, and it was commonly reported that in his sleep he both dreamed and spoke of Christ, and in his "Letters" he often raises the question of sanctification. To young John Meine, a divinity student, he wrote: "If you would be a deep divine, I recommend you to sanctification." But it is in his letter to William Gordon, of Earlston, that he especially treats of this matter in his own illuminating way:

The Scottish District Presbytery of the Elim movement includes in its fellowship the two churches in Cumberland, Carlisle and Whitehaven. Carlisle is the first established Elim church in the presbytery and through the years it has maintained a virile witness for Christ in the city. It is noted for its youth and Sunday school activities. Several have entered the ministry from the Carlisle church and are serving Christ at home and overseas. This number includes a former President of the Elim movement. Pastor T. H. Stevenson, the President of Elim, is a former minister of the Carlisle church. This address is by its present minister.

"He who saves to the uttermost, and leadeth many sons to glory, is still righting my salvation; and twenty times a day I ravel my heaven, and then I must come with my ill-ravelled work to Christ to trouble Him to right it, and to seek again the right end of the thread, and to fold up again my eternal glory with His own hand, and to give a right cast of His holy and gracious hand to my marred and spilled salvation. Certainly it is a cumbersome thing to keep a troublesome child from falls and bruises, and weeping for this and that toy, and rash running and bairns' diseases. Ere he win through them all he costeth muckle [much] trouble and worry to his parents. And so is a believer a troublesome piece of work and an ill-ravelled hesp to Christ. But God be thanked, for many spilled salvations, and many ill-ravelled hesps hath Christ mended since He first entered Tutor to lost mankind. Oh! what could we bairns do without him? But the less of weight be upon our feeble legs, and the more that we be on Christ the strong rock, the better. It is good for us that Christ ever took care of us: it is our heaven to lay many weights and burdens upon Christ, and to make Him all we have, root and top, beginning and end of our salvation. Lord, hold us there."

So speaks one of the deepest of deep divines out of the depths of his own heart and experience, and his words find an echo of assent in the heart. Surely David did not exclude this when he said "He restoreth my soul . . ." And why else did John write to tell *believers* of the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus; and why else did the writer to the Hebrews exhort his readers to "come boldly unto the throne of grace for mercy and help" (and the word "come" means to keep on coming again and again) if not to encourage us all to keep coming to Him for help in the matter of our sanctification? "The sanctification of the saints is made up of new beginnings."



Presbytery at a recent meeting in Glasgow.

II. THIS PROMISE IN RELATION TO THE BACKSLIDER

Then, secondly, think of this promise in its relationship to the backslider. What a tangle the backslider gets into ! How ravelled his hesp becomes ! Pulled this way and that by opposing forces he finds himself in a position becoming all the time more and more wretched. How often in the season of his wildest sinning he hears the old familiar voice saying, "Son, remember . . ."; and how often after such seasons come the haunting words:

*"Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is that soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and His Word?"*

Perhaps the story of Peter will be fitting here. There was that afternoon in his life when everything seemed perfectly straightforward and unravelled, when he had protested vigorously that even if the others turned out to be fair-weather followers he at least knew where his loyalties lay. It may be that the unusually solemn reply of Jesus made him wonder for a moment—but only for a moment. A prayerless evening followed, and then disaster struck, and struck hard. Denial followed denial, and lie succeeded lie, and the tangle became worse with each fresh word.

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave,
Since first we started to deceive!"*

And then what happened? Just this, that the Lord who promised to "make the crooked straight" and who said "Behold, I make all things new" turned and looked on Peter. It was a look that brought Peter back to his senses, and within four days the tangled, ravelled hesp of his life had been handed over to the risen Lord; and how completely was the crooked made straight, for it was Peter who preached the sermon on the day of Pentecost!

Now that is all a backslider can do if he wants a restoration of the joy of his salvation—"come with his ill-ravelled work to Christ to trouble Him to right it, and to seek again the right end of the thread . . ." That is what the Lord asked of His backslidden people of Israel when He spoke to them through Hosea:

*"Come, let us to the Lord our God
With contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
The desolate to mourn.*

*Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
Shall know Him and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
Like morning songs His voice."*

Said the godly Murray McCheyne: "I feel, when I have sinned, an immediate reluctance to go to Christ. I am ashamed to go. . . . John argues the opposite way: 'If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father.' I am sure there is neither peace nor safety from deeper sin, but in going directly to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's way of peace and holiness. It is folly to the world and the beclouded heart, but it is the way." No wonder a preacher of a past generation often said "Keep short accounts with God."

III. THIS PROMISE IN RELATION TO THE UNCONVERTED

To the man without Christ the Lord says: "The crooked shall be made straight." What tangles there are

around us! Our overcrowded prisons and Borstals and approved schools are full of such tangles. The broken homes from which love has been banished even though husband and wife live under the same roof; the couples who are separated; the couples who are divorced—all tell the sad tale of tangles. And what is behind that telling expression used by the younger generation: "I guess I'm all mixed up inside"? No wonder the Bible says, "The wicked are like a troubled sea . . ." for that is a perfect picture of restlessness, confusion, tangle.

Better, of course, if the hesp never became ravelled. Which is another way of saying that young people should be careful how they start off in life. Begin life with a tangle, and it will mean worse and worse weaving for the rest of your days. And therein lies one of the tremendous blessings in the early surrender of the life to Christ, for such a life may be spared many a tragic tangle. Better, too, to learn from the painful experience of others, better to notice how others have sown their wild oats and reaped accordingly than to have your own painful way of learning. For, be sure of this, lives lived without Christ do become tangled. I met one such tragedy, a lassie under thirty, brought up in a Christian home, but who went her own way, and on the day when I talked with her told me of her broken marriage and her broken life, and then said with tear-filled eyes: "Please tell young people that the spiritual things are the things which matter!" And Dr. Alexander Whyte told of a man he knew "who had fatally ravelled both his own hesp and that of other people, till we had to get the grave-diggers to take a cord and help us to bury him."

Read your papers, and the tangles make daily news for the press. Suicides, imprisonments, court-martials and the like, with people saying, "Things became so involved, became so messed up, and I didn't know—or care—what I was doing." No, far, far better to let Christ have the life while it is young, and before the tangles begin, or at least before they get too involved.

But what of people whose lives are tangled and ravelled? To them is the Gospel word given: "The crooked shall be made straight." Don't ask me how—all I can say is that Christ can do it, and will do it whenever and wherever He is given the opportunity. I have seen Him do it, not once or twice, but over and over again. All He asks is the surrender of the life to Him—*just as it is*. All He asks is that you will come, not despairingly, but trustingly, believing that He is able to cope with and deal with the situation as He finds it.

*"No, not despairingly come I to Thee;
No, not distrustingly bend I the knee;
Sin hath gone over me, yet is this still my plea:
Jesus hath died.*

*Lord, I confess to Thee sadly my sin;
All I am tell I Thee, all I have been;
Purge Thou my sin away, wash Thou my soul this day;
Lord, make me clean.*

*Faithful and just art Thou, forgiving all;
Loving and kind art Thou when poor ones call;
Lord, let the cleansing blood, blood of the Lamb of God,
Pass o'er my soul.*

*Then all is peace and light this soul within;
Thus shall I walk with Thee, the loved Unseen;
Leaning on Thee, my God, guided along the road,
Nothing between . . ."*

for "the crooked will have been made straight"!

DOGGED DETERMINATION

*The substance of a sermon preached in the
Elim Church, Aberdeen, by its minister,
F. R. Lomas*

*"I will go in the strength of the Lord God"
(Psalm 71: 16).*

THERE is no doubt that we live in difficult and trying times, and even the most sincere child of God is disturbed by the seeming hardness of the way as the great adversary of our souls seems to assume increasing powers day by day in this world that is truly his domain. Many are indeed sore perplexed and not a little disturbed by the increasing pressure of the spirit of the age even upon their own souls, but let us at this time be encouraged from the words of Psalm 71 and especially those that head this page.

Even if there was no suggestion of it in verse 9, on but a casual reading of the whole psalm one would immediately conclude that this was a psalm of David's old age, for there is a mellowness and serenity in both language and thought that speaks not only of a long life lived to the full but of a long life spent in utter dependence upon God. Here is the language of one who has proved, and who is still proving, that his Helper is more than sufficient for all his needs. The psalmist's hair has now turned grey, years have passed by, but he finds that the enemies that have encompassed him about continually are just as real and still as fierce as in his younger days. The struggle goes on, he is perplexed, his heart disturbed, but those long years have been years of experience and they have taught him to rely no longer upon the counsel and wisdom of men, but in his anxiety to get alone with God, and seek Him alone for help, strength and guidance. This he now does.

Do we know anything of the joy and blessing of getting alone with God, with eyes fixed only upon Him, hearts lost in wonder at His goodness, greatness and constant faithfulness? If so, then we know something of the spirit of joyful confidence that burned within the heart of David as afterwards he looked out again upon those same enemies, for now there was within his breast a fiery determination to do battle: "I will go in the strength of the Lord God" (v. 16). Here is David the fighter. In spite of

difficulties, in spite of the strength of the enemy, in spite of old age, he is a man of forward vision. "I will go . . ." What a

RESOLUTION—"I WILL GO"

There is no suggestion of slipping back or even of standing still; David has no love of ease, unlike so many of the Lord's children today. He has come a long way already, and now, aged, tired and weary, his old body is ready to give up the fight, but in his heart is a dogged determination. The flesh can well cry of past battles fought and won, of the strength of the enemy, of the increasing intensity of the opposition, and plead with David to give in, but the old man cries: "Never . . . *I will go on.*" The words imply not only a holding on but a continuous forward movement, and to God he cries: "Cast me not off in mine old age; forsake me not when *my strength faileth.*" No wonder his enemies found in him a man they could not subdue.

May something of the psalmist's fiery spirit be in you and me today. May the world see something of this dogged determination not just to hold on to the end of the fight but to march forward, victorious in the conflict, with a determination to make spiritual progress continually, crying in the face of all opposition and difficulty "*I will go—and prove still more the power of prayer . . . I will go—and subdue these besetting sins and secret habits.*" Oh, that the children of God would cease to rest contented just as they are! If only *we* had this forward vision for our lives, this fighting spirit to climb to even greater heights of blessing and service, instead of so many of us being satisfied with a poor, miserable form of spiritual experience that we feel is our all!

How content many of us are with our present spiritual attainments. We sing of a joy but know little of it; we talk of power but never experience it in our own lives; yet in His presence there is *fulness* of joy, His power is *unfailing*, His promise to us as individuals is ever true: *God is still on the throne.* Let us cry to Him and seek Him continually, not being satisfied until we are baptised in the Holy Ghost and power, that the fire may ever burn brightly in our hearts and lives. May we resolve "*I will go,*" and conquer the flesh, the world and the Devil that we may be to the praise of His glory and enjoy the fulness of blessing. Of course the flesh rebels; immediately this determination is ours, within our hearts are sown the seeds of doubt. Our strength is small, man is frail and incapable, the flesh is so weak that such a resolution is impossible are the excuses. Listen again to the old man of the psalm and be encouraged. "*I will go,*" he said; "*I will go*

in the strength of the Lord God." Here is David's secret; here is the

RELiance ON THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD

—a strength he had proved for himself through the years, even from the time when he was a slip of a boy facing the mighty Goliath with but a sling in his hand and a few smooth pebbles in his pouch. He came up against the giant not with armour and weapons of man's invention but *in the name of the Lord his God*; girt only with a knowledge of the former deeds of power of the living and unchanging God he came against the enemy and victory was his. This is the strength upon which you and I can draw, it is the strength upon which we *must* depend, and we can, for David's God is

AN UNALTERABLE SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE

David found the well of strength just as full in his old age as he did when he drew upon it in the days of his youth. Man's strength decreases with the years as David knew well, but the strength of God is as unchanging as He is. Do we lack physical strength? He can give it. Do we lack physical power? He can give it. Do we lack clear sight and knowledge? He can give it. Do we lack courage? He can give it. And so we could go on. We have a great God with a special strength for every need.

Have we reached a hard, difficult, stony bit of road in our spiritual experience? Does the way seem heavy and the opposition great? Are you a little discouraged because the enemy seems to come at you again and again with ever-increasing might? Do not give up; do not turn back; draw upon the mighty strength of God, and cry: "*I will go in the strength of the Lord God.*" With such a reliance, such indeed can be our resolve.

ANNUAL SCOTTISH YOUTH RALLY

to be held in the
TOWN HALL, HAMILTON

Saturday, October 28th

Speakers:

Rev. T. H. Stevenson
President of Elim

Rev. Alexander Tee
Member of Elim Youth Committee and
Scottish pioneer evangelist.

Convener:

Rev. Richard Lighton
Scottish Youth Commissioner

"SIX O'CLOCK CHRISTIANITY"

By F. J. Taylor

(Minister of Elim Church, Whitehaven)

"A plumb-line in the midst" (Amos 7:8).

CHARLIE Johnson, a man now in his middle fifties, bore all the marks of one who had spent a lifetime in close proximity to the "local." But recently he had found new hope and a zest for living that would have produced much amusement among his old associates.

A young stripling of a girl had been singing at a street corner on that memorable Saturday night and the words had stung deeply into his memory. Had not his aged mother sung that very hymn? How did it go now? "So I'll cling to that old rugged Cross." The only things he had left to cling to were the bar counter and the handrail that led him to his fourth-floor room. And then the man—he had asked if there was anyone around that open-air meeting who needed fresh hope, who needed a Friend. So with tears streaming down his sin-stained face he had stepped into the middle of that company of people and there and then found Jesus Christ as His Saviour and Friend.

And now, but a few days later, he was standing with them as they told of the love of Jesus. All of a sudden and without warning he heard his name: "And now Charlie Johnson, whom you all know, will give his testimony." He had heard others tell about Jesus, but never thought that one day he would be slightly pushed into an open-air service with everyone around waiting to hear *him*. A few moments of awkward silence that seemed like years and then he blurted out "You all know how crooked Charlie Johnson was: well, *Jesus Christ has made me six o'clock,*" and with that he hurriedly resumed his place.

But what a testimony! Six o'clock! Straight up and straight down! What a transformation!

How important is honest-to-goodness Christianity; a faith that issues forth into every aspect of daily living; a redemption that untwists the corkscrew. God, through the prophet Amos, has said: "I will set a plumb-line in the midst of the people"; a standard by which man's actions must be judged. Would you agree that prophetically the word plumb-line should have a capital "P"? For He is the Divine Standard. His holiness reveals our imperfection. His righteousness our "dirty rags," His compassion our selfishness. May we join voice with the poet who says:

"Oh, take Thy plummet and Thy line,
Apply them to this heart of mine,
And thus reveal each crooked place
By contrast with true righteousness.
Let Holy Truth condemn each sham:
Show what Thou art, and what I am."

God make us all "Charlie Johnsons"—six o'clock Christians!



Conducted by the National
Youth Director

I OWED IT TO HIM!

By **Richard Lighton**

(*Scottish Youth Commissioner*)

IT was one Friday night last month while I was walking down the High Street in Glasgow that I saw a man lying partly on the ground, propped up against a wall. He was suffering from head injuries and a badly cut eye. A man was bending over him in a drunken condition trying, but hopelessly unable, to render assistance. I found a policeman within a few yards and told him of the incident and it was not long before the Scottish Ambulance Service were on the scene, ready to take the injured man to hospital for the expert medical attention which it was so obvious he needed. But he refused to go! There was now nothing more we could do, and as I turned to go the police officer and ambulance men thanked me for my readiness to assist. As I went, I wondered if I had wasted their time, I wondered had I wasted my own time, and then my mind went back to how I found the man and I realised that I owed to him the opportunity and the chance of help despite his ultimate refusal.

Every day of our lives we are meeting people on life's road who are in need of the message of the Gospel. We who have experienced the power of Christ to cleanse and save us from sin must surely acknowledge that we owe it to them to tell them of the love of God.

The apostle Paul put it this way when he wrote to the Roman Christians: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." Converted on the Damascus road, wonderfully saved by the grace of God, and having received the revelation of God's plan of redemption for every man, Paul counts himself to be in debt to those who have never known the truth about the riches of redeeming grace. He de-

clares, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome . . ." He was willing to become all things to all men if he might win some to Christ. Paul had been so enriched by the blessings of the Gospel that he felt himself to be in debt to those who had never heard of Divine grace.

We too have a treasure in earthen vessels and are debtors to all men everywhere: debtors to the rich and the poor, the educated and the unlearned, and to those with whom we come in contact every day. May we determine to discharge our debt by a readiness to speak of this great salvation in Christ and by a consistent Christlike life for all to see.

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GREAT MISSIONARY RALLY

North London Presbytery

Saturday, October 7th, at 6.30 p.m.

Elim Church, Central Park Avenue, East Ham

Theme: "*Christ died for all nations*"

Stirring film entitled "*My brother*"

Guest speaker: **Leslie Wigglesworth**

Demonstration: "*The Gospel Pie*"

Talk and question time conducted by
Mr. G. H. Thomas

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by I. R. Moore
(Minister of Hull City Temple)

Monday, September 25th. Isaiah 50 : 1-11.

"Is My hand shortened . . . that it cannot redeem?" (v. 2).
Israel's dereliction was not through any Divine impotence, but through their disobedience, slackness and rebellion. Their servitude, however, is not irrevocable; Jehovah has not formally repudiated Zion; nor can any creditor claim His people as slaves. Iniquity will always bring in its train sadness and sorrow, and will leave its mark on the life and conscience. Yet God ever yearns to demonstrate His redemptive power. There is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner who repents. God indicates not only that the whole creation is at His disposal, but that He is prepared to make it bow to His will for the sake of His own.

Tuesday, September 26th. Isaiah 51 : 1-16.

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion" (v. 3).
Having created and called a nation for Himself, God will not give them up; although He Himself will discipline them. His purposes are eternal and will not be thwarted by any. He who brought the nation into being from a single ancestor is able so to restore a remnant as to make them mighty according to His will. He will also bless the earth, the very soil, for their sakes. The Christian today needs to remind himself that God is still on the throne and that the mightiest of men are ultimately not only subject to Him, but answerable to Him. Prayer still brings a reply from the throne.

Wednesday, September 27th. Isaiah 52 : 1-15.

"My people shall know My name" (v. 6).
Israel's captors paid no price for her, therefore have no claim upon her. She will be redeemed without money. The enemy blasphemed the name of God continually, but in due course He will manifest the power of His name, and the back of the enemy will be broken. How few there are who really know the power of the name of Jesus. All power is given to Him and the believer is at liberty to use His name and stand in the power of Christ. Those two words in Revelation 12 : 11, "They overcame," are significant. After Satan had done all in his power to destroy and hinder, because of a Divine intervention "they overcame"!

Thursday, September 28th. Isaiah 53 : 1-12.

"Who hath believed?" (v. 1).
The tenses are past (prophetic perfect), the future being viewed as already accomplished. There was nothing in the servant's appearance to attract them; not like a stately tree, but like a lowly plant in an arid soil. The human life of the Messiah was one of obscurity and humility. This was so opposite to Israel's expectation that He was and still is consistently refused. What a day it will be when His true identity is finally revealed to Israel. What sorrow for them to realise that for 2,000 years they have rejected their own Messiah! Blessed are they who have believed and have accepted Him, and look for His appearing; for He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Friday, September 20th. Luke 22 : 1-13

"He promised, and sought opportunity to betray Him" (v. 6).
It is disappointing when a follower of Jesus unintentionally betrays his Lord in some small way, but Judas sought opportunity to betray Him. This was the outcome of giving place to Satan. No wonder the writer to the Ephesians says

(4 : 27): "Neither give place to the devil." Under his sway man is capable of acts that are horrible indeed. How careful believers should be not to allow Satan to encroach upon them, even in the smallest way. On the other hand, the others were intent upon serving Jesus, and said, "Where wilt Thou that we prepare?" Where does your allegiance lie? Are you betraying Him or preparing for Him?

Saturday, September 30th. Luke 22 : 14-23.

"When the hour was come" (v. 14).
God keeps His timetable. This hour had been planned in eternity. Jesus was where God intended Him to be, at the intended time. How many Christians are at this moment out of place? He was there not for His own sake but for the disciples' and for ours. He took the cup and then the bread and gave thanks. Was He giving thanks that He was allowed to give His life for those He loved? That first breaking of bread service was marred by one whose heart was not right. God grant that when we come to His table we may do so with hearts that are true, lives that are cleansed and spirits in tune with heaven.

Sunday, October 1st. Luke 22 : 24-38.

Three and a half years with the Master Himself, yet the disciples had not really grasped the fulness of His teaching. Humility was sadly lacking. There was strife among them. They, like the Pharisees, wanted the chief place. Human nature is prone to seek self-exaltation. Every Christian should pause here and examine his motives. Why do we sing? Why do we preach? Why do we pray? No wonder Paul said: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat." The Master's maxim is "He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve." This is the acid test of true discipleship. How do we measure up to this standard?

PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman

Encouraging letters

God is still answering prayer. All the promises in His Word are yea and amen in Christ Jesus. It is a great joy to receive letters from time to time telling of answered prayer. I want to tell you of two letters recently received. The first letter is from a sister who had been praying for her husband's salvation. He was a good husband; they were happy together and yet there was one thing missing. He was not a child of God. So the sister began to pray for him, and although years passed away he did not seem any nearer to being saved. Then suddenly God moved upon the heart of the husband, he requested prayer and in a few moments was gloriously saved.

The next letter was from a widow, lonely, with few friends in this world; but there was one Friend who never left her nor forsook her. She felt she would like to do something for her Friend. She could not speak, she was not a gifted writer, but she could pray. Each day hours were set aside for prayer. Her body grew weaker with age, but the desire for prayer still burned brightly within. She read this column and felt she should take the requests for which prayer is asked each week and bring them to the Lord in prayer.

These letters and others make our hearts rejoice, for we know that there are in the Elim fellowship men and women who love the secret place of the Most High.

God bless you, dear prayer warriors. Press the battle to the gates, for God is still answering prayer.

Prayer is requested for:

- Revival throughout Britain.
- Elim missionaries.
- A man seriously ill with cancer.

Thought for the week

"Prayer—real, earnest, believing prayer—can make the Church a mighty, victorious, irresistible Church."

Dr. J. D. Jones.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

ALL ELIM CHURCHES ARE ARRANGING SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK OCTOBER 1-8. YOUR LOCAL MINISTER WILL ADVISE OF THE MEETINGS IN YOUR CHURCH.

BELFAST. September 24-30. Elim Tabernacle, Beersbridge Road. Visit of J. Smith and Mrs. J. Smith.

BIRMINGHAM. October 2-5. Elim Church, Graham Street. Four Great Public Prayer Sessions, 7.30 p.m. Sessions for Elim ministers during the day. Tuesday to Thursday.

BOGNOR REGIS (Picturedrome). September 24. Special visit of Pastor Eldred.

BRADFORD. October 7-9. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Annual Autumn Convention. Speaker: Kenneth J. Hathaway. Conveners: A. D. Hathaway and D. C. Rees-Thomas. Sat. 7 p.m. Sun. 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mon. 7.30 p.m.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. October 7. Elim Church, Moor Street. Rally. "New Life" Gospel Singing Group and Instrumentalists, Birmingham. Speaker: J. J. Morgan, Field Superintendent. October 8. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Speaker: J. J. Morgan. Convener: K. Smith.

CLAPHAM. September 28, 29. Elim Central Church, Clapham Crescent, S.W.4. Special services conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Felix Lloyd Smith. October 1. Revival Services in Lambeth Town Hall. 6.30 and 8 p.m. Speaker: Felix Lloyd Smith. Soloist: Miss Edna Negus (Westcliff). Song Leader: J. C. Kennedy.

CLACON-ON-SEA. October 7-9. Elim Church, Hayes Road. 25th Anniversary Services. Guest speaker: G. N. Backhouse. Convener: H. Burton-Haynes. Sat. 3 and 6.30 p.m. (tea provided). Sun. 11 a.m., 6.30 p.m. Mon. 7.30 p.m.

COULSDON. September 24, 25. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Mon. 7.30 p.m. Harvest Home. Plan to come. An invitation is extended to you.

COVENTRY. October 7, 8. Elim Church, David Road. Cornish Camp Reunion with Pastors W. Blackler, F. A. Hodge, G. Taylor and W. J. Newman. Sat. 3 and 7 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Will campers contact Mr. W. Green, c/o Elim Church, Coventry, for accommodation?

FAREHAM. September 30—October 2. Elim Church, Red Cross Hall, Quay Street. Harvest Festival. Sat. 7.30 p.m. Sun. 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mon. 7.30 p.m. Supported by the Portsmouth Evangelical Male Voice Choir.

HALIFAX. September 30. Elim Church, Hopwood Lane. Elim's New Missionary Exhibition. Missionary speakers include Archie and Mrs. Nicolson. Come and view this modern exhibition with its electronic displays, curios and pictures. Opening ceremony, 3.30 p.m. Grand Missionary Rally, 7 p.m.

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Chairmen: G. Stormont (Elim), C. Young (A.O.G.)

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HUDDERSFIELD. September 23-28. Annual Convention. Speakers include J. H. Davies and A. P. Johnston. Convener: F. W. Jones. Sat. 7 p.m. Weeknights 7.30.

ILFORD. September 23. Elim Church, Clements Road. Monthly Rally, 7.30 p.m. Speaker: D. K. Pavitt.

LEIGH-ON-SEA. October 1-12. Elim Pentecostal Church, Glendale Gardens. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by T. Wilson. Sun. 6.30 p.m. Weeknights (except Fridays) 7.30 p.m.

LEYTON. September 24. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Harvest Thanksgiving, 3 p.m. (Children's Special Service) and 6.30 p.m. Speaker: Mr. J. Morris (Ledbury). Convener: L. N. Knipe.

PALMERS GREEN. September 24. Elim Church, Russell Road (off Bowes Road), N.13. Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Guest speaker: G. W. Gilpin, 6.30 p.m.

SELLY OAK. From August 27 the Selly Oak congregation will be holding their services in the Selly Oak Institute, Bristol Road, until the completion of their new building in Alton Road.

THORNTON HEATH. October 12. Elim Church, Mersham Road. Second Annual Women's Rally, 3 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. S. Gorman. Singing items by Thornton Heath Home League Singers. Plan to come and bring a friend.

WATFORD. September 23-25. Church Anniversary Services. Sat. 7 p.m. West London Fellowship Rally. Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mon. 7.30 p.m. Special speaker: W. Plowright, supported by Watford Guitarist and Singing Group.

WHITEHAVEN. October 14. Elim Church, George Street. Following opening of new church at 2.30 by W. J. Hilliard, REVIVAL AND DIVINE HEALING CAMPAIGN conducted by G. Canty. October 14-26. Nightly 7.30 p.m. (except Fridays).

WORTHING. October 1. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. Harvest Thanksgiving Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., followed by after-church rally.

WORTHING. October 7, 8. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. Choir Festival of Song. Special speaker: T. H. Stevenson. Sat. 7.30 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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September 23, 24. Kingstanding.

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Canadian and American Itinerary. October 1, Montreal and Ottawa: 2, Toronto: 3, Peterborough: 4, Toronto: 5, Hamilton, Ont.: 6, Niagara Falls: 7, 8, Akron: 9, Cleveland, Ohio: 10, Dayton: 12, Hamilton, Ohio: 13, Cleveland, Tenn.: 14, 15, Washington, D.C.: 16, New York: 17, Return to England.

ITINERARIES

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nicolson. North Midlands Presbytery. September 23, Rotherham Town Hall (exhibition); 24, Barnsley (Mr. Nicolson), Rotherham and Mosborough (Mrs. Nicolson); 25, Sheffield: 26, Derby (Mr. Nicolson), Ashbourne (Mrs. Nicolson); 27, Burton; October 7, Nottingham (exhibition).

Miss Jean Ayling. October 7, Bishop Auckland: 8, Newcastle: 10, Scarborough: 11, Harrogate: 12, York: 13, Stockton-on-Tees: 14, Malton.

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MARRIAGE

MITCHELL—MAHOOD. On August 29th at Elim Church, Banbridge, Co. Down, James Hamilton Mitchell to Agnes Kennedy Mahood; both Elim Crusaders. Officiating minister: A. F. Thomson.

WITH CHRIST

BREWER. On August 20th, Miss Winifred Mary Brewer, aged 59, passed peacefully away. A faithful and beloved member of Elim Church, Springbourne, Bournemouth, for thirty-four years. Officiating minister at funeral: Arthur V. Gorton. C.137

COLDWELL. On August 23rd, suddenly, in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Olive, aged 35, wife of Brian Coldwell (church treasurer), and mother of Andrew and Richard. With deep sadness remembered. A dearly loved Sunshine Corner leader. Officiating minister at funeral on August 28th: F. W. Jones. "Severed only till He come."

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