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Group of children who took part in the Sunday School anniversary services at the Elim Church, Langley Green. Pastor David Dean can be seen in centre of picture with Mr. Les. Waterhouse (Superintendent).

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

“Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it” (John ii. 5).

NOISE!

By Madaline Coull (Dundee)

SUCH a lot of noise in our world! Many wonderful works can be attributed to the mind and hand of man, but with the creation of each new wonder the racket has increased. Ships skim our seas, aeroplanes soar our skies, and as Nahum says, "The chariots rage in the streets, they jostle one against another in the broad ways . . . they run like the lightnings" (ii. 4). Tracks of steel link up our cities and villages, and along these tracks great trains surge with continuous clamour. Almost every home has its radio. And before these things can be—factories, mills, workshops, and shipyards must be astir and alive with activity and **noise!**

If progress means anything at all, it means noise. We get nothing quietly, and we cannot dissociate our modern civilisation from stir and sound. Few there may be whose realm is truly rural, who live away from the beaten track, where the din of world commerce and production can never disturb. But most of us are not even adapted to silence.

So I continue my little reverie and turn to the grand Book, the Bible. What can it say about "noise"? "And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand; the tables were written on both their sides: on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the noise of them that sing do I hear" (Exod. xxxii. 15-18). Moses had been "in the mount forty days and forty nights" to receive Divine oracles. His ears had become attuned to holy utterances, the only sound in that mountain sanctuary; he had been listening to the voice of God. Returning now to the world below, his first reaction is to hear again its clamour. How it grated upon those sensitive, God-touched ears; how its harshness vexed his spirit. To Joshua, accompanying Moses, it was the "noise of war", not a pleasant sound, but shall we study the matter further!

THE NOISE OF WAR.

(a) The voice of them that shout for mastery. They knew it all too well. So recently that Israelitish people had heard little else the live-long day. Their Egyptian taskmasters had driven them on in cruel slavery by tongue as well as by whip. Then God had sent His leader and their deliverer, and Moses led them forth from the land

of bondage. But soon they are pursued by Pharaoh and his military host, and the "shout for mastery" is once more heard.

(b) The voice of them that cry for being overcome. Overcome in Egypt?—it had appeared that they would be, but God was watching over His chosen people. Overcome by the Red Sea? The God who prevented such a calamity in Egypt is the same God at the Red Sea. "They were sore afraid: and the Children of Israel cried out unto the Lord" (Exod. xiv. 10). And that day they saw "the salvation of the Lord!"

THE NOISE OF THEM THAT SING.

These people could sing and indeed, they had something to sing about. God had wrought for them a mighty deliverance: "Then sang Moses and the Children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation . . . I will exalt Him" (Exod. xv. 1, 2). But, alas, Moses is not hearing again that anthem of praise to Jehovah which once rung out with such full-throated resonance from a redeemed company. Israel had short memories and while Moses tarried on the mount, "they turned aside quickly out of the way which God commanded them: they made them a molten calf, and worshipped it." They were singing, yes, and dancing, too, but as soon as Moses reached the camp, he saw the calf. The sight, following the sound, stirred the man of God and his anger waxed hot, causing him to break the tables he brought from the mount. Can you blame him? The laws written thereon were being broken now by this ungrateful and disobedient people.

"The noise of war," and somehow thoughts revert to that year of nineteen thirty-nine. Our island home simply throbbled with activity in one gigantic effort to propagate the battle. **NOISE!**—Britain, Germany, America, Russia, Japan—scarcely any clime was silent as far and wide the din echoed and re-echoed. Production of arms, building of vessels; tramp, tramp of martial throng; shot, shell. On and on for six hectic years—"the voice of them that **shout for mastery.**"

Moses also said, "the voice of them that cry for being overcome!" You think I will go to Germany, to Italy, to Japan now. No! I can hear the noise in Britain: While continental and oriental skies infolded the gasping groans of a million dying, and foreign soil was saturated a crimson hue, a like cry was heard within these shores.

Sirens wailed, earth rocked, they fell. Hearts bled, senses snapped. Today our hospitals, institutions, asylums, and a sad-eyed host, spell out that cry—"Overcome!"

"The noise of them that sing." In nineteen forty-five they sang, they made merry! Our leader then shouted a great shout, "Advance Britannia!" I wonder? God gave Israel victory, as I have shown in the foregoing, and so soon they forgot God. God brought this nation through. Today they sing, and as a merry throng seek pleasures galore, but their song is not unto the God who delivered them.

"Noise of war." May I bring this word right to individual hearts. Men and sin—and there we have the battle of all ages. But so often sin wins the day, and from the defeated heart is rung that "cry for being overcome!" Is there no deliverance? "Noise of them that sing." Singing only comes when man through Christ Jesus overcomes sin and its power upon the life. Jesus gives deliverance and puts "a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Psa. xl. 3).

What sound is predominant in your life, dear reader? What may one interpret from your heart's music today? Is it "a noise of war," a continual strife and no measure of peace? Is it a blessed strain of singing from one who has trusted and proved that Jesus saves and gives victory over all the power of evil and the down-pull of sin? Not the empty ditties that the world sings, but "a new song" of the redeemed backed by a life which knows no turmoil, but only the calm and the serenity of the peace of God within.

Christian Church, what may be heard within thy portals? "The noise of war"?—"debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults" (II. Cor. xii. 20)? a continual cry as to "who should be the greatest"? a Church with a deepened sense of being overcome; impotent and fearful and assembled behind "shut doors" (John xx. 19)? a Church whose witness is "noised abroad" and mighty through God the Holy Ghost? saints who sing and many hearing the gladsome sound? Up Church, let thy voice be heard amid the earth's babel shout, for only your message can meet the need of men. In Ezra's day "the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping" (iii. 13). Shall it be recorded again that the noise of weeping is unheard? There are hearts that bleed and lives whose only music is that of sorrow.

"Sing above the battle's strife,
Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves!
. . . Sing in triumph . . .
Jesus saves!"

"The noise of them that sing," and it shall be so forever and always. "a new song, saying, Thou art worthy . . . Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. v. 9).



Signs of Revival in Germany

By Pastor P. S. BREWSTER

GERMANY, land of Reformation and home of many Reformers, is now in a state of spiritual desperation. Within a very short time I have witnessed vast numbers of men and women flocking to attend religious revival services and making sincere decisions.

Racial hatred in Western Germany has subsided, and in its place there has been born an intense hunger for God.

Whilst speaking to those who are attending revival meetings, I found that a large proportion of them had never attended any place of worship for many years, and some not at all. Now, however, driven by desperation, they are turning to the God of their fathers.

Berlin, city of chaos and racial hatred, still fostered and fermented by Eastern Communists, is now having a miniature spiritual revival. By no means on the scale of the Welsh Revival, but certainly following the same pattern.

1,200 men and women from all walks of life, including many young people, have made decisions in the last few weeks. This can certainly be described as an awakening. Because of the raids, Christians are meeting in ruined buildings, schools, and halls for fellowship. Attendances are high and enthusiasm contagious.

I was guest speaker to some of these meetings where congregations reached over the thousand mark night after night.

Some of the congregational singing was easily up to the standard of the Welsh meetings. Time seemed to be of no consequence to these people. They listened intently to the Gospel, and although the services lasted for over two hours, the people still lingered on to pray.

Our soloist was a former high-ranking American officer who took an important part in the D-Day invasion of Europe. Yet how those Germans clapped as he sang the songs of Zion, and listened with rapt attention, as he gave personal testimony.

The feature that captured the interest of old and young alike, was the prayers for the sick. Hundreds of sick and afflicted people came out for prayer at each service, and at the sight of people being healed, one was forced to acclaim, "Bible days are here again."

Israel were taught through their prophets to look for the coming Messiah who would appear with signs and wonders, and miracles of healing. The sign of His authority was to be His power—the blind would see, the deaf would hear, the lame would walk, and the dead would be raised. Rabbinical leaders rejected and hated Him, but the common people recognised His authority and accepted Him.

History is repeating itself, and the general public, free from prejudice, are seeing in the ministry of Divine healing, the sign of the Cross and a visitation from on high.

In the days of His flesh, the Lord Jesus showed His authority to forgive sin by healing the sick.

The question will be asked by many, "Is there an atmo-

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EDITORIAL

BRETHREN PRAY FOR US

Within a few days ministers and laymen from Elim Churches throughout the British Isles will be engaged in the discussions of another Elim Conference, and we would take this opportunity to appeal to our readers to pray for all who take part this year. Conferences can be productive of much good: they can waste much valuable time. If we can so co-ordinate the work that greater stimulus will be given to the Movement and a wider influence exercised on the spiritual life of our country, then our coming together will not have been in vain. Every year brings us nearer to the consummation of our age, and should thus bring to us a growing sense of urgency in matters relating to the proclamation of the full Gospel message. Pentecost can be nothing more than a high-sounding ethic if it fails to drive us out among the needy masses with enflamed hearts and an indomitable zeal. God has raised our Movement as an evangelical force, and if we are to fulfil the role destined for us in the plan of God, we cannot afford to slack: by prayer, preaching and print we must press forward in the task we love so well.

We welcome to the Presidential office a well-trusted and loyal minister—Pastor J. J. Morgan has had wide experience in the ministry, and we are grateful to God that he has made such wonderful recovery from the irritating nerve trouble which caused him so much inconvenience a few weeks ago. May God's hand of blessing be upon him as he ministers in various places, and as he directs the Conference as its Chairman.

Pastor P. S. Brewster, the retiring President, has worked valiantly during his term of office, and has earned the gratitude of all Elim members. His personality and evangelical drive are gifts from God to our Movement, and there are churches in various parts of the land which testify to the success of his efforts.

The Conference commences with the Induction Service in the Bloomsbury Central Church, London. It is fitting

that all Elim friends should have opportunity to join in this opening session, dedicated as it is to the glory of God. There is also a further meeting of interest on the Wednesday evening when Elim missionaries on furlough will take part. This year we will have something like twelve missionaries in the team, and the meeting promises to be helpful to us in our understanding of the work overseas.

ELIM CONFERENCE, 1953

PUBLIC MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 7th and 9th at 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY

Induction of the President and Ordination of Ministers at Bloomsbury Central Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2

Conducted by

Pastor P. S. Brewster (Retiring President)

Pastor J. J. Morgan (President-Elect)

Service of Song from 7 to 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

GREAT MISSIONARY RALLY

at Elim Church, Benhill Road, off Church St., Camberwell, when a team of about 12 Elim Missionaries on furlough will take part.

DO NOT MISS THESE NATIONAL GATHERINGS

BOOK REVIEW

SCARLET PLUME, By Constance Savery. (Victory Press, 7/6, by post 8/-).

This book is an interesting and well-written Christian novel set in the times of the persecutions of the Huguenots. It centres around Rose Fragonard who for thirty-five years was imprisoned because of her faith in Christ. Beneath the surface ripples of a love-interest flows the steady current of moral teaching. In graphic style the writer demonstrates not merely the futility of vengeance but the foolishness of it. We see the weapon that was sharpened for an enemy returning like a boomerang. But the heroine of the story shows us not only how to avoid vengeance, but how to manifest the love of Christ, which gloriously triumphs over injustice and showers its fragrance even on an enemy. The sorrows of Rose Fragonard, her disregard for personal comfort and gain, her devotion to what appeared at the time a humble duty, her lack of resentment when she discovered the truth concerning her charge, will win for her the affection of the reader.

—Gordon Wright.

LATE NEWS

Large Marquee crowded to capacity on opening night of Revival Campaign at Hove. Many surrendering to Christ under the anointed ministry of Rev. Paul Cantelon. Crowds continuing each night. Healings reported. Great blessing attending the meetings.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

A Page of News conducted by Pastor G. H. THOMAS (Missionary Secretary)

. . . PRAY YE . . . GIVE YE . . . GO YE . . .



AFRICA

Witch-doctor Burns Charms

Miss R. Maplesden (Transvaal).

It is encouraging to know that in spite of the troubled conditions in South Africa many Africans are turning to the Lord for salvation. Miss R. Maplesden, Elim missionary in the Transvaal, writes: "When we came back after the very hot spell we went camping and visited the villages where we were two years ago. Some who accepted the Lord Jesus on that occasion are still faithful. By the end of this visit another thirty-four had repented and taken Christ as their Saviour. Many of these are from the Chief's village.

"I have received a number of records in two African languages—Shangaan and Sepedi. The natives just love to listen to the messages from the Word of God on these records. The last meeting proved to be a wonderful time, when even small boys who smoke came forward for salvation and to be prayed for that they might be delivered from this vice. A week ago a powerful witch-doctor came to the Lord and publicly burnt all his witchcraft paraphernalia and charms. We stood in a circle singing hymns of victory while those things went up in flames.

"For three months I have been working mainly in Sofiatown which has a population of 50,000 people in one square mile. The people are just crying out for Bibles and tracts in their own languages. There are streets upon streets of Indians, Coloreds and Africans without any missionary work amongst them. They are so crowded that the children have nowhere to play, they just throng the streets. I distributed Gospels of John among the Indian people and feel the urge to get more literature to give to these needy people."

Natives Warned Through Dreams

Miss F. Christie (Munnik, Transvaal).

"I have been greatly encouraged lately as we have seen God answering prayer for individuals. One Sunday a backslider for whom we had prayed nearly every day for weeks came back to the Lord. Others who had ceased coming to church came back again. Two children who were very ill indeed, have been raised up in answer to prayer, and this has been a real testimony to their heathen relations.

Several individuals have had dreams which have caused

them to think seriously on the things of God. One man from Legalies told me he saw in his dream a beautiful train standing outside on the railway line at the back of this house. He saw me urging people to get into it, and when at length it was full of Christians, he saw me get in too. He stood watching as it glided away, and he heard us singing praises to God in the train. He was left behind and to his horror as soon as it had gone, robbers and cut-throats came from all sides with knives to kill and to destroy. He awoke from his dream as he was trying desperately to escape from them. I told him how this was a warning from God to him that the Christians are going to be taken up to be with the Lord, but if he does not repent he will be left behind to go through the times of great tribulation such as have never been in the world before. He said he believed and repented of his sins, but we have not yet seen signs of his being really saved for he does not trouble to come to the meetings. We do pray that he may be saved for his condemnation will be greater than most peoples after the Lord having spoken to him in such a remarkable way.

Several of the Christians from this district were able to attend Mr. Chawner's Three-Weeks Bible School which was held at Tzaneen. One of them was a lad saved here at Munnik about a year ago, his name is Albert. He is now working for me in the house in the mornings, and goes about eight miles on a bicycle to teach a night school and hold prayers for the children in the evenings. He was baptised in the Holy Spirit before Christmas, but since he has come back from the Tzaneen Bible School he has begun to give good little Bible messages in the meetings and at our morning prayers. It is a joy to see these young Christians growing up in the Lord! The children who attend his night school all profess to have given their hearts to the Lord, but we are not sure of all of them. They need our prayers as the village in which they live is very heathen. A few women in that village profess to have come to the Lord too, and I hope our friend, the native nurse, will go and stay with them for a week or so in order to instruct them in the way of truth. They need this help badly as they cannot read for themselves and have never been accustomed to anything besides heathen darkness. I hold an open air meeting for them about once a month, but this is not sufficient. There are a few here
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Family Affairs



With the approach of autumn and cooler weather, and the excitement of the holidays receding into the distance, our thoughts turn to the activities in which we shall be engaged during the months to come. We feel sure that our members will follow with keen interest the evangelistic efforts in the various departments of our Movement. Thanking God for the blessing and successes of the past, we scan the horizon for fresh fields of witness. If any friends have managed to get good photos during the vacation period, the Editor is always on the look-out for something to put on the cover page and would welcome any pictures sent in for perusal.

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The new President, Pastor J. J. Morgan, has had a wonderful recovery from the nerve complaint which troubled him. In a conversation in the office he told us of the busy time he had in the hospital ward. There was no hanging about and brooding over his irritations; Mr. Morgan spent his time doing jobs for others, helping the nurses and patients, and conducting services in the ward. As he had no pianist to play for him, the Matron kindly came along and undertook this service. When the specialist came through the ward and saw our brother, he said, "Here's the man who has done everything but scrub the floor!"

We feel sure that Mr. Morgan's witness has not gone unheeded, and that even this time of retirement from his usual busy round of duties will bring glory to God. It is



Pastor G. Dunk (New Zealand) with Pastor and Mrs. F. Smith (Australia).

our prayer that the new President's health will prosper during the year of exacting duties.

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The following item and picture were received recently from Pastor G. Dunk, who is at present establishing the Elim work in New Zealand.

An interesting reunion took place recently, when Pastor Gilbert S. Dunk flew from New Zealand to Queensland at the invitation of the young people's group (known as the "Christ's Ambassadors") of the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Brisbane, where Pastor Felix Lloyd Smith is ministering. Mr. Dunk and Mr. Smith were students together at the Elim Bible College, and as Mrs. Smith was at that time a member of the Elim Headquarters Staff, many happy hours were spent at the Manse poring over photograph albums and recounting memories of the past.

During the three weeks of the Bible Lovers' Convention in Brisbane, good congregations gathered for each meeting and enjoyed the inspiring teaching ministry of Pastor Dunk.

He also conducted services at two other Queensland churches, Toowoomba and Woombye, and lectured twice at the Assemblies of God Bible College in Brisbane, where 35 students are in residence under the principalship of Pastor James Wallace, formerly of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain.

We hope to have a report of the work on the other side of the world shortly.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. Mott, who were married at Camberwell on July 25th. Mr. Mott has been a resident at Elim Woodlands for some years, and Mrs. Mott was better known as Miss Rosemary Hindry, a member of the London Crusader Choir and one of the shorthand typists at Headquarters.

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Congratulations also to Pauline Gorman on passing in all subjects at advanced level for her Oxford General School Certificate.

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Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. T. W. Walker on the birth of a daughter, Kathleen June, on June 8th. The dedication was conducted by Pastor W. G. Hathaway, Kathleen's grandfather; to Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Francis, Elim missionaries in Transvaal, on the gift of a son, Graham Allan, on June 19th; to Pastor and Mrs. T. Broomhall of Silverdale, on the gift of a daughter, Judith Mary, on April 11th; to Pastor and Mrs. G. M. Porter of Guildford, on the gift of a son, John Miller, on August 12th. We would also congratulate Miss Ruby Simms, Elim mis-

sionary on furlough from the Transvaal, on passing her Midwifery Training Course Examination with honours.

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A telegram from Her Majesty the Queen congratulating Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burroughs on their diamond wedding anniversary was read from the pulpit of Elim Church, Lowestoft, by Pastor G. Backhouse. Mr. Burroughs was in the congregation. We would also add our best wishes.

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Recent changes of appointment include the following : Pastors J. Davies to Bolton ; J. Sheldon to assist at Cardiff City Temple ; D. Cartwright to Aberdare ; and K. Faulkner to Aldershot.

Pastor F. Packer will farewell from Dundee in October to take a church in America. Pastor C. H. E. Duncombe has also left England for ministry across the Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson, who served some years ago in the London Crusader Choir, have left with their family to set up home in Canada.

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We are sorry to report that Pastor J. Francis, who was doing such a splendid job in the Elim Church at Sunderland, has been admitted to hospital for lung trouble. Our readers will remember this young minister in their prayers.

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Losses in the Elim ranks recently include Miss Patterson of Armagh and Mr. H. Greenway of Clapham. Pastor J. Smith sends us the following tribute :—

"The memory of the just is blessed."

On Wednesday, 8th July, one of the first members of the large Elim family, passed into the presence of the Lord.

Since 1919 Miss Patterson and her twin sister have served the Lord faithfully in the ranks of the Elim Movement by their faithful service, graciousness, unchanging devotion to the cause of Christ, and loyalty to every pastor sent to Armagh—from Pastor E. J. Phillips to the present one—Pastor S. J. Brown. In fact, I regard the two Miss Pattersons to be the finest example of consistent Christian living I have ever met. Born on the same day, and looking so much alike that few could tell them apart, dressing alike, having the same congenial smile, serving God with the same devotion, working together in the same shop (their own), sitting together in the same pew in church, going out together, coming in together, they have now both gone Home to spend eternity together. In this latter step there was a space of fourteen months which separated them ; but the one who was left seemed to live in spirit beyond the river from that time onward. It was their custom to get up at 6.30 in the morning and spend an hour together in meditation on the Word of God and in prayer before breakfast. On the morning when the Lord called the first of these twins to Himself the other one awoke to find her sister dead by her side. She did not panic, but got up and quietly dressed, had her usual quiet time with the Lord, and then sent for the Pastor to come around, and together with his aid they made the necessary arrangements for the funeral. Although she must have felt that parting keenly, there was no outward show, but quiet peaceful submission to the will of God, realising that their loving heavenly Father was very present.

The sister who passed away on Wednesday was in her 84th year. Together the two sisters were instrumental in the commencement of the Elim work in Armagh, and they never once slacked in their loyalty and devotion to the Movement, in so far as I am aware, and I have known them for almost thirty years.

The funeral service, which took place on Friday, 10th July, was conducted by Pastor Brown, assisted by Pastor Maybin, and the Irish Superintendent.

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Mr. Greenway was one of the first members of the Clapham Church, having left a Baptist Church when the Elim work first started in a disused Methodist Church in Park Crescent. During the ministry of Pastor J. Smith he was asked to undertake the office of Secretary, and reluctantly agreed. He served the interests of the Church faithfully until he was suddenly taken with unsuspected heart trouble.

The Editor would take this opportunity to thank those who have so kindly sent messages of sympathy.

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Pastor J. Woodhead returned from his visit to the United States and Canada and is settling down to work at Salford. The following report was received recently :

In celebration of the return of Pastor Woodhead from America, the Crusaders arranged a special informal meeting, followed by plentiful refreshments. The highlight of the evening was when Pastor Woodhead was asked to cut a special iced-cake (with his wife's assistance). A number of spontaneous testimonies and words of appreciation were then given.



Pastor J. Woodhead with Canadian ministers, taken during his tour of Canada. Pastor R. Reid of Portadown can also be seen standing second from right.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS—Continued.

and there where we hold meetings who want to be baptised, but we want them to be more grounded in their faith before taking this step.

WELCOME HOME

Miss Ruby Simms, Elim missionary in the Transvaal, South Africa, arrived in this country on furlough on 10th August. She has taken the Midwifery Training Course in South Africa and has just been informed that she has passed the exam. with honours. Congratulations !

GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT

By Mrs. B. M. Paterson (*S. India*)



JUST BEFORE HE RETURNED to the Father the Lord Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, and He that believeth not shall be condemned, and these signs shall follow them that believe : In my name they shall cast out devils ; they shall speak with new tongues ; they shall take up serpents ; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them ; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark xvi. 15-18).

Are we so familiar with this passage of Scripture that we fail to grasp the mightiness and greatness of this command? Surely no such colossal task was ever committed to mortal man. Can it be possible that the Lord of glory was committing into the hands of a few insignificant men the work of reconciling the world unto Himself?

Wait a moment, in another passage He tells them to tarry until they receive power or dynamite from on high (Luke xxiv. 49).

They saw His feet leave the Mount of Olives and the cloud that hid Him from their view. How natural it would have been for them to be sad and depressed, for He had really left them this time. But no, they obeyed His command, and waited for His promise to be fulfilled. What joyful lips were theirs as the blessed Holy Spirit came upon them and the praise and adoration without stint or limit flowed to their glorious Lord in other tongues. Psalm cxxvi. was indeed fulfilled on that day, for the waiting disciples ; even those who heard were amazed, and said, "What meaneth this?"

Peter who had been afraid of a maid, became bold, and immediately began to explain and said, "You people of Judea and Jerusalem listen to my words, This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel ; I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh," and he ended his discourse with these words : "For the promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts ii. 39).

So great was the power they had received, that three thousand souls were saved that day.

Hallelujah! No one is excluded: the judge on the bench ; the prisoner in the dock ; the king on the throne ; the beggar in the gutter ; lords, noblemen, kitchen maids, cooks, manual labourers, or members of Parliament. All may have this most wonderful gift, His blessed Holy Spirit ; provided they are born again.

In following this great subject through the Acts of the Apostles, we find Philip the Evangelist preaching Christ in Samaria, the demon-possessed were delivered, the palsied

and the lame were healed, and there was great joy in that city ; Simon the sorcerer remained with Philip beholding the miracles that were done.

The news came to Jerusalem that the Samaritans had received the Word of God and they sent Peter and John, probably thinking Philip needed help. The apostles realised that the power of God was missing, and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. "When Simon saw that through laying on of the Apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given," he, too, wanted that same power. He saw something different, it was not miracles of healings, he had seen those before, it could be nothing else but the speaking in other tongues.

"In the house of Cornelius the Jews present, knew that the Gentiles had received the same gift as the disciples on the day of Pentecost, For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" (Acts x. 46). That little preposition "for" makes it very clear that there is only one baptism, and it is that which the apostles received on the day of Pentecost.

In Acts xix. we read once more that the Holy Spirit witnesses to His coming by speaking in tongues and prophesying.

It may be said that this is unduly magnifying tongues. We can never magnify the Spirit too much, for speaking in tongues is God Himself taking possession of the human tongue to speak His own words.

There is another kind of speaking in tongues which comes from demon-possession which one has heard amongst the heathen of India. This, of course, cannot be classed in the same category as that which was experienced by the apostles and many others today.

It has been urged by opponents of the scriptural truth of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, that according to the teaching of the apostle Paul all do not speak in tongues. The speaking in tongues which accompanies the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is simply the overflow of praise and worship liberated by the Spirit Himself. The human tongue is incapable of framing words which can adequately express the joy and praise which are bound up within, but the Holy Spirit taking possession sets free spirit, soul, and body, and overflows in unknown tongues of praise to our adorable Lord.

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ELIM YOUTH PAGE

Conducted by

Pastor DOUGLAS B. GRAY (National Youth Secretary)

“Fight the good fight of faith” (I. Tim. vi. 12).

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

October 17th to 25th

The dates proposed for the annual Elim National Youth Week are from 17th to 25th October next. Already plans and programmes are being prepared in Churches and Presbyteries. Meanwhile, many others, doubtless, will be getting into gear in order to make this special week a worthy occasion.

Rallies will be planned in various districts. A great rally is already announced for the City of Bristol on Saturday, 17th October, and will be conducted by members of the Elim Youth Committee in the Zion Chapel. West of England, Welsh and nearby Midlands Churches will be linking up in this great rally. There will be two meetings at 3 and 6.30 p.m.

The following week-end of the special week, the London Crusader Choir will visit Portsmouth for meetings on the Saturday and Sunday. Other events will be announced as information is received.

Let “Operation Evangelism—Youth” be our purpose and programme for this year’s National Youth Week.

CRUSADER STUDIES

Winter Season, 1953-54

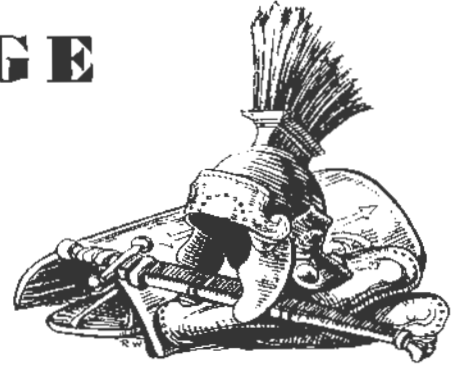
The subject chosen for the special Crusader Bible studies for the winter season, 1953-1954, is on the Holy Spirit. A specially prepared study book will be published, written by Pastor H. W. Greenway. This should be ready for commencing the studies in January next. Further details later.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS’ HANDBOOK

We have appreciated the letters received expressing delight and gratitude with the enlarged Teachers’ Handbook and now incorporating lessons in three grades. New orders have been received, and we express thanks to all for the fine co-operation with us in this important department of our work.

IN SCANDINAVIA

By the time these lines appear in print, the London Crusader Choir will (D.V.) have set sail for Norway, Denmark and Sweden. They go as ambassadors for the Lord in the ministry of musical evangelism, and backed by the prayers and good wishes of members and friends in Elim. The programme is exceptionally strenuous and demanding. The British Consul in Norway has intimated his intention to be present for the welcome service in the great Filadelfia



Pentecostal Church in Oslo. Then during the Choir’s stay in Stockholm, they will record a programme for the Swedish Radio Corporation for a subsequent broadcast.

NEW RECORDINGS

Many friends constantly write us regarding Elim gramophone records. We would point out that Elim records are at present not obtainable. All pre-war stocks have been completely sold out. Many recordings, however, have been made by the London Crusader Choir, also by Pastor H. W. Greenway, for the Evangelical Electric Co., Ltd., 316, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. Orders for these recordings should be made direct to the Recording Company and not to the Elim Publishing Co., or Elim Headquarters. As a point of further interest, however, we would mention for the information of gramophone enthusiasts and others, that just prior to the London Crusader Choir leaving for Scandinavia, they recorded for Christmas releases a number of pieces, including—

“Thine be the Glory,” the well-known and popular hymn by Handel.

“Jesus is the One,” from “Evangelical Songster,” No. 2, and as sung by the Elim Crusader Choir at the Royal Albert Hall last Easter Monday.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” a grand hymn of Coronation to the tune “Diademata.”

GREAT PUBLIC REVIVAL AND DIVINE HEALING CAMPAIGN IN GLASGOW

Opening Night: Sunday, September 13th, at 8 p.m. in

THE NEW CINERAMA,
Victoria Road, near Eglinton Toll
then continued each Week-night at 7.30 in the
Y.M.C.A. LARGE HALL,
Marshall Road, Eglinton Toll

Conducted by
PASTOR P. S. BREWSTER AND PARTY
also
Willard Cantelon (Preacher-Evangelist from America)
Please Pray for this Effort

Thought for the Week

“Some people never let ideas interrupt the easy flow of their conversation.”



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor W. J. Hilliard.

SUNDAY, September 13th. Luke xxii. 14-23.

The Passover commemorated the exodus of God's people from Egypt. At this, the last Passover, the Lord Jesus instituted in its place another and a far greater memorial feast. The Passover lamb was but a type of Jesus "The Lamb of God," and we have therefore the words "My Body" and "My Blood." In comparison with the sacrifices of the Old Testament, His was "A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they." A sacrifice both complete and final. A greater deliverance, too, is in evidence—Egypt and Pharaoh were but types of sin and Satan. "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."

MONDAY, September 14th. Luke xxii. 24-38.

"I have prayed for thee" (v. 32).

Jesus made this statement against the storm background of verse 31. Foreboding of evil is in the words "Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." The "but" beginning verse 32 is like the door of escape "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." Just how gloriously effective was this prayer of Jesus for Peter is seen in the man of God that Peter became and what he was able to accomplish in His Name. But for this intercessory ministry Peter would never have been able to stand, and certainly would not have become the mighty man of Pentecost that he did, or the writer of the epistle that carries his name. This ministry of prayer Jesus is now exercising in heaven. He is praying for you.

TUESDAY, September 15th. Luke xxii. 39-53.

"He . . . prayed. He prayed more earnestly" (vv. 41, 44).

So intense was the agony in the garden that a comparison of verse 41 and Matthew xxvi 39 will show that this prayer of fathomless intensity was made first when on His knees, and later when prostrate on His face. Luke alone mentions His sweat "as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground," a further evidence of this agony of soul. The presence of the angel strengthening Him quickens our hearts to the thought that the time spent in the garden is not only beyond our understanding but beyond all human power to endure. "Lest I forget Gethsemane"—who of the Lord's people, would, or could forget?

WEDNESDAY, September 16th. Luke xxii. 54-71.

"Peter went out, and wept bitterly" (v. 62).

In his self-assertiveness the warning of Jesus was

neither heeded nor understood by Peter. Never would he forget the look in the eyes of the Lord; the pity and tenderness that he saw there filled his soul with anguish and remorse—" (he) went out, and wept bitterly." His was different from the sorrow of Judas. In II. Corinthians vii. 9-11 both are brought together and respectively called, "Godly sorrow" and "the sorrow of the world." Godly sorrow is fully described in verse 11. It is a sorrow that worketh repentance to salvation. Peter, through this deep valley, was able to reach the place of restored fellowship with his Lord and Master. May our fellowship with Him have no cloud of unconfessed sin.

THURSDAY, September 17th. Luke xxiii. 1-12.

"He answered him nothing" (v. 9).

This silence before Herod must be viewed differently from what is recorded when Jesus stood before Pilate—"He answered him to never a word" (Matt. xxvii. 14). His silence before the Roman procurator was the silence of unresisting submission to the will of God. It was the silence of the Innocent taking the place of the guilty—the fulfilment of Isaiah liii. 7. If ever silence was golden it was here. The silence before Herod was like the pronouncement of a sentence. He had, before this, silenced the voice of God through John and continued in defiance and sin (Matt. xiv. 3-12). Divine silence is the heavy cloud telling of certain doom (Hosca iv. 17). The case of Herod should come as a warning to all who hear the Word of God.

FRIDAY, September 18th. Luke xxiii. 13-26.

Pilate is named in the first verse of the chapter, this is followed by his words, "I find no fault in this Man." This he speaks again of Jesus, with equal emphasis and more fully in verse 14. Why then did He hand Him over to the will of His enemies? Underlying the words, "Thou art not Caesar's friend" was a veiled threat. They were perhaps cognizant of deeds done by Pilate that would not bear investigation. His righteous duty was therefore subordinated for policy and position. The washing of his hands probably comes in just here. His conscience was no easier and his hands no cleaner when he had finished. May we ever do our duty and do what is right.

SATURDAY, September 19th. Luke xxiii. 27-43.

"Save Thyself" (v. 37).

This was the mocking cry of the Roman soldiers. These men were but imitating and using the words of the people and their leaders. It was not the nails that held Jesus to the tree, it was His perfect submission to the will of His Father and His love for fallen mankind. It was to die that He came and by His death to open up the gate to life eternal. The dismissing of His spirit was only after the work of redemption had been completed. "Finished"—we have but to repent and believe.

PLEASE PRAY:

For a demon-possessed man (Croydon); for the members of the Elim Conference; for blessing on the public meetings of the Conference; for a sister suffering from lung infection and arthritis of the spine (Cosham).

Answers to Bible Puzzle Corner (No. 7)

No. 7—"Love your enemies" (Matthew v. 44).

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| 1. L-eah | Genesis xxix. 16. |
| 2. O-g | Numbers xxi. 33. |
| 3. V-ashti | Esther i. 12. |
| 4. E-sther | Esther ii. 7. |
| 5. Y-oke | Matthew xi. 29. |
| 6. O-nesimus | Colossians iv. 9. |
| 7. U-rbane | Romans xvi. 9. |
| 8. R-uth | Ruth i. 16. |
| 9. E-liashib | Nehemiah iii. 1. |
| 10. N-aaman | II. Kings v. 1. |
| 11. E-liab | I. Samuel xvii. 28. |
| 12. M-ercurius | Acts xiv. 12. |
| 13. I-shmael | Gen. xvi. 11-15. |
| 14. E-phraim | Gen. xlvi. 17-19. |
| 15. S-hallum | Nehemiah iii. 12. |

SIGNS OF REVIVAL IN GERMANY—Continued.

sphere of war and tension still existing in Western Berlin? Do the German people still feel that another war is imminent?" No, that is not the case. Whilst there may be strong resentment over the existing division of their country, the Germans are working hard from early morning until late at night to win their way back to prosperity. Prosperity can be seen, and a new German spirit is prevailing.

It seems hard to understand that two of the outstanding Protestant nations of the world should have spent the last thirty years fighting each other when they have so much in common, in Bible principle and acceptance.

The British and the German people could yet lead the world in a Protestant Holy Ghost revival, if they would bow and pay the price required from God's standards. **The Christ of the Cross belongs to the world**, and is not the exclusive possession of any one country or race.

GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT—Continued.

This manifestation must not be confused with the gift of tongues, which is one of the nine gifts mentioned in I. Corinthians xii. This gift is for private worship and for edifying the Church when accompanied with the gift of interpretation.

Dear earnest seeking one, do not be deceived by the arch-enemy of souls when you are told that it is unnecessary to speak in tongues. Do not be cheated out of your inheritance; that which the apostles had on the day of Pentecost is for you, and anything less means that we have not had what the apostles had. Healings, raising from the dead, and other miracles were witnessed before the Spirit was given.

Church of the living God rise up and take all the blessings He is giving. This is the day of the Latter Rain, God is pouring out His Spirit, it is "a day of good tidings and we do not well to hold our peace."

COMING EVENTS

BURNLEY—PIONEER CAMPAIGN

Now proceeding. Full-scale Pioneer Revival and Divine Healing Campaign will be held as follows:
Sundays: 8.0 p.m. in the Empress Ball Room. Then every night at 7.30 in the Co-operative Hall, Hammertone Street. Conducted by Pastor Alexander Tee and his Revival Party.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS PIONEER EFFORT

COULSDSON. Now proceeding. The Mount. Tent Campaign conducted by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston and Party. Suns., 6.45 and 8.15. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30.

DELANCEY. Sept. 12-17. Elim Church. Visit of Pastor A. J. K. Magee. Sun., 11, 2.45 and 6.30. Week-nights, 7.45.

DUDLEY. Sept. 5. Elim Hall, Upper High Street. Visit of Sparkbrook Choir and Pastor W. J. Patterson. 7.

EALING. Sept. 12-17. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue. Campaign conducted by Pastor J. Woodhead. Convener: Pastor T. W. Walker. Soloist: Mrs. J. Woodhead. Sun., 11. Week-nights, 7.30. Sun., 13th, in Ealing Town Hall, 6.30 and 8.

ELSTREE PIONEER CAMPAIGN

Commencing Sept. 7. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by Pastor A. A. Biddle and Revival Party in the Tent, Sports Field, opposite Hill House. Suns., 8. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30.

ERDINGTON. Sept. 27-Oct. 11. Elim Church, South Road. Special Gospel Mission conducted by Evangelist Adam Chambers of the London Evangelisation Society. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30.

HALIFAX. Sept. 26-30. Elim Church, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Annual Convention. Speaker: Pastor J. Dyke. Sat., 7. Sun., 10.30 and 6.30. Mon. to Wed., 7.30.

HAYES. Sept. 5. Elim Church, Keith Road. Speaker: Harry Young, Esq. Duettists: Joan Henson and Nancy Richardson. 7.

HULL. Sept. 19-24. City Temple, Hesse Road. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors H. W. Greenway and E. Harford. Convener: Pastor L. W. Green. Sun., 6.30. Week-nights, 7.30.

LANGLEY. Sept. 6-7. Elim Church, Mount Pleasant. Sisterhood Anniversary. Sun., 6.30. Mon., 7. United Rally. Special Speaker and Soloist, Mrs. A. Woodhead.

LEIGH-ON-SEA. Sept. 26. Elim Pentecostal Church, Glenda's Gardens. Missionary Film shown by Mr. F. B. Phillips. 7.30.

LOWESTOFT. Sept. 19-21. Elim Church, Milton Road. Visit of Pastor D. Lewis (India). Sat. and Mon., 7.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

NEATH. Sept. 12-21. Elim Church, Briton Ferry Road. Coronation Year Convention. Speakers include: Pastors J. McBurney, W. Evans, and Ann Lodwick Lewis, Idris Davies, and E. T. Rees. Soloists: Miss Mair Jones and others. Convener: Pastor V. J. Walker. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.

PLYMOUTH

Commencing on Saturday, September 5th. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign in Large Marquee, Union Street, City Centre, by Paul Cantelon and Party (Artist-Precacher from Canada). Sat., 7. Suns., 6.30 and 8. Week-nights (Fri. excepted), 7.30. The sick will be prayed for.

PORTADOWN. Sept. 20-27. Elim Church, Clonavon Avenue. Revival Campaign conducted by Pastor R. Reid. Reports on recent tour of Canada and U.S.A. Sun., 11.30 and 7. Week-nights (except Fri.), 8.

READING. Sept. 5. Elim Church, Waylen Street. United Christian Youth Rally. Rev. A. Gove and Team (Basingstoke Baptists). 7.15.

ROCHESTER. Sept. 5, 6. Elim Tabernacle, Star Hill. Minister's 21st Anniversary. Special visit Smethwick Choir. Guest speaker: Pastor A. J. K. Magee. Cups of tea provided. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30.

SPARKBROOK. Sept. 12-14. Elim Church, Golden Hillock Road. Choir Week-end. Speaker: Pastor G. Canty and Gloucester Male Voice Choir. Sat., 7. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Mon., 7.30.

SWINDON. Sept. 12-14. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. After-Conference Convention. Speaker: Pastor S. Gorman. Convener: Pastor A. S. F. Horne. Sat. and Mon., 6.30. Sun., 11 and 6.30. Great Open Air Demonstration at the Town Hall, 3 p.m., Sept., 12th.

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Bournemouth. Christian Guest House, near sea. Now booking for Christmas. Homely Christian atmosphere. Hot & cold, all bedrooms, gas fires. Winter residents received. Reduced terms. Brown, Crosbie Hall, Florence Road, Boscombe. C.226

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Westcliff-on-Sea.—Holidays; Christian house; vacancies end of August and all September; full board or bed and breakfast; moderate terms. Write: Miss B. M. Bennett, 16, Ramuz Drive. C.222

MARRIAGES

MacGovern : Westcott.—On March 28th, Swindon Coronation Temple, by Pastor A. S. F. Horne, Arthur William Rodney MacGovern to Audrey Westcott.

Westall : Chappell.—On August 8th, at Swindon Coronation Temple, by Pastors A. S. F. Horne and J. Martin, Donald Westall to Jean Chappell.

IN MEMORIAM

Titchener.—In loving memory of my Dear Wife who fell asleep in Jesus, September 2nd, 1950, an old member of Elim Assembly, Rochester, and who was loved by everyone. C.227

Coming Events

WATFORD. Sept. 5, 6. Opening of New Elim Church and Special Services at Douglas Avenue by Pastor P. S. Brewster. Speaker on Sun.: Pastor H. W. Greenway. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Sun., 6.30.

YEOVIL. Sept. 12-20. Elim Church, Southville. Sunshine Corner Campaign conducted by Pastor P. Rammell. Week-nights (except Fri.), 6.15. Adult Meetings, Suns., 11 and 6.30. Sats., Tues. and Thurs., 7.30.

MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Pastor and Mrs. J. Williams, Elim Missionaries on furlough from Southern Rhodesia (Border of Portuguese East Africa), will visit the following churches:

Sept. 15—Warrington. 16—Oldham. 17—Glossop. 19—Wigan. 20—Salford. 21—Blackpool. 22—Blackburn. 23—Southport. 24—Liverpool. 26—St. Helens. 27—Accrington. 28—Burnley. 29—Colne. 30—Bolton.

USED HIS KNEES

A Chinaman who had been a slave to the opium habit for thirty-nine years was cured, and he remained cured. One day someone asked him how it was he had broken off the terrible habit, and he answered, "I used my two knees."

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