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THREEPENCE

NOVEMBER 14TH, 1953.



Sunday School scholars of the Elim Church, Great Barr, gather round the harvest display. Pastor H. Fisher, the special speaker for the harvest festival services, is on the right.

TEXT FOR THE TIMES

“While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis viii. 22).

NEHEMIAH - Man of Character and Action

By Pastor R. R. REID (Elim Church, Portadown)

"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Neh. vi. 3)

THE LIFE OF NEHEMIAH is one that reflects great character, and points the Christian in the right direction for revival.

By way of introduction let me say a brief word about character. We are all in possession of it and it makes itself known in a great variety of ways. Holiness of character is a thing that all God's people must aim for. It cannot be bought nor yet can it be found, it is made. Paul said, "I am, what I am, by the grace of God." Grace makes good characters. Therefore the character of all God's people should show forth continuity of moral force and distinctive qualities rarely found outside the Church of Christ.

The finger of scorn is often pointed at the disciples of Jesus Christ, owing to the lack of a God-like character. In the arduousness of his great task, Nehemiah was a model worker for God, and showed forth characteristics that are examples for all today.

Let me refer to a few:

HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND SORROWED OVER THE STATE OF ZION.

"When I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days and prayed and fasted" (i. 4). The place that should have been filled with the glory of God and that should have been a hive of spiritual activity, was now a place of destruction and desolation. The report of this condition affected Nehemiah. It is one thing to hear, it is entirely another thing to heed. Around us today there are similar sights, continually we hear of desolation in some part of the great vineyard of God. What is our reaction? Does it drive us to our knees in prayer? Do we pray and fast? The last days are upon us! There is a crumbling of walls. The love of many is waxing cold. It is a call to prayer and fasting for another visitation of revival power.

HE WAS A MAN OF PRAYER AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

How much can we learn from this? He prayed at the sound of bad news (i. 11); he prayed to have his needs met (ii. 4); he prayed when his enemies sought to hinder him (iv. 9); he prayed when things went wrong in his own ranks (v. 19); he prayed for strength in his weakness (vi. 9). May we never forget that the quickest way to get on to our feet is to get on to our knees.

HE WAS DETERMINED TO BECOME PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

"Then I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what God had put into my heart to do at Jerusalem" (ii. 12).

Leaving his comfortable circumstances and exalted position of King's cupbearer he was soon among the debris and examining the desolation with a view to doing something in the way of reconstruction. Let us not close our eyes to similar sights of spiritual desolation in our day, but view things as they are and seek to build up the walls again to their proper configuration. If we are willing, then by His power we are more than able.

HE WAS FULL OF SELF-DENYING LABOURS FOR THE CAUSE OF GOD.

A good position, good security and comfort were among the legitimate things that Nehemiah left behind in order to work for God. A successful worker for God must always know the truth and practise self-denial. "If any man will come after Me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it" (Luke ix. 23, 24).

Let us therefore press on, counting all but loss that we might gain Him.

HE INSPIRED OTHERS TO WORK AND ALSO WORKED HIMSELF.

"Come, and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach" (ii. 17); "None of us put off our clothes, saving that every man put them off for washing" (iv. 23).

Let every true leader in the work of God, remember that his place is at the forefront of the battle. We must inspire others to work for God. The greatest inspiration to work is a cheerful, enthusiastic worker on the job. Nehemiah was all that, and it became infectious among his co-labourers.

Faced with grave dangers from subtle enemies, Nehemiah was not easily dismayed by opposition. "Come," said his enemies, "let us meet for discussion in the valley of Ono." The immediate answer came ringing back, "OH NO! I am doing a great work."

In closing let me say that Nehemiah was a man with

A GLORIOUS CONCEPTION OF THE SACREDNESS AND NOBILITY OF GOD'S WORK.

"Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it and come down to you?" (vi. 3).

Every spoke in the wheel of God's work must keep its place, otherwise the progress will be weakened. No compromise! No mixture! be wholly consecrated to the work of God.

The completion of the wall was finally reached. The glory came down! Hearts were blessed! The land was revived!

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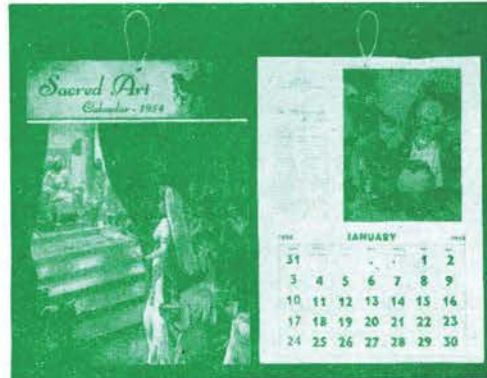
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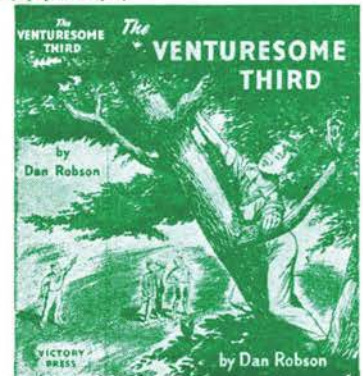
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on the Churches

INCREASES AT ELIM CHURCH, CLAPHAM

By Mr. H. G. Troughton

We joyously report increased blessings at the Clapham Church. Congregations have increased, and each week the Word of God, preached by Pastor F. A. Hodge, is honoured by the salvation of souls. The Sunday our Pastor returned from a campaign in Wales will go down in history. It was the occasion of our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The church was packed, with seats up the aisles, and after a powerful message fourteen souls made a decision for Christ. The following Sunday another six souls made their peace with God.

A recent short campaign, conducted by Miss E. Bailey (U.S.A.), was mightily owned of God. Large congregations gathered to hear her, seats having to be placed in the aisles to accommodate the crowds.

NEWQUAY CAMPAIGN

By Miss Vera Giles

In the Newquay Theatre, on a recent Saturday morning, a band of people assembled with their Pastor for prayer. A campaign was commencing that night in the Theatre under the leadership of Pastor Ken Matthew and Party.

The first week-end a terrible hardness prevailed, yet one felt that the Party worked under a definite anointing of the Spirit. Pastor Ken Matthew delivered messages which were stirring and forceful.

On the fifth night the break came, great conviction was

felt during the preaching of God's Word and twenty responded to the appeal.

The campaign lasted only twelve days, yet in that time the congregations trebled, revival fervour increased, and fifty were won for Christ. A number of people received healing; one sister delivered from arthritis; another able to walk after five years in bed; another healed after a stroke.

Pastor Eldin Corsie has just contacted us to say that in the first Sunday meetings following the campaign the church was full, a great increase in number and the converts testifying and taking part as though they had been in Elim for years. To God be the glory!

BEESTON CAMPAIGN

By Mrs. Margaret Wilcox

Words can hardly express the atmosphere in our little church at Beeston during the "Pentecostal Revival" Meetings conducted by Pastor Charles Kingston.

From the first meeting on Saturday the presence of God was felt by all. Even the hymns sounded different—there was such a ring of triumph and joy in every note. Some of those seeking God came through speaking with other tongues.

On Monday evening we reached a climax with God. Pastor Banks asked if some would give a short testimony of how God had blessed them over the week-end. I praise God that I received the Baptism on the Wednesday following and spoke with other tongues—what a wonderful experience! Two young people also gave their hearts to Christ. God has steadily blessed and revived us here in Beeston.

FURTHER PROGRESS IN COLNE

By Mr. D. Jones

Pastor Gwilym Jones who has been in charge since April 9th, had the joy of taking a coachload of his members to Accrington, and of baptising ten of them along with a number of members of Accrington Church.

Since that service there have been other applications for baptism, and we are hoping that very soon we shall install a baptistery in our own beautiful church in Colne.

Later, we had the joy of holding a convention, conducted by Pastor A. H. C. Newman. Seven of our members claim to have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and we were inspired and blessed by the sermons of Pastors Tetchner, Beresford, and H. J. Davies.

To help to meet a heavy builder's bill our members have most generously come forward with gifts of money, instead of fruit, etc., at our recent Harvest Thanksgiving Services. At the Sunday night service members came forward and laid their thank offerings on an open Bible, and nearly £14 was received.



Pastor Ken Matthew with members of his Party on the platform at the Newquay campaign. Pastor E. Corsie at piano and Pastor R. Lighton (Song-leader).

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SQUANDER OR INVEST

In these days of international tension and competition the scientists of most countries are feverishly searching for new sources of power, while at the same time their contemporaries are developing more effective methods of using our known resources to their fullest capacity. Atom plants go up to explore the possibilities of nuclear fission in the realm of industry, and a recent request from a leading British atomic expert to the Americans that they should build a reactor in some open space and drive it to its limit in order to discover what might happen in practice, is evidence of this anxiety to use our new power to its fullest use. We also find it necessary to use what we have to the best advantage, and it is to this latter aspect in the scramble for power that we turn our thoughts.

Now that coal is becoming more and more costly to produce and more valuable as a bargaining commodity, we are waking up to the fact that we have been recklessly burning what could have been one of our greatest assets. We have, in fact, been squandering our vital resources with insane indifference to the consequences, and choking ourselves with smog into the bargain.

The problem facing us today is how to use our power resources to the fullest advantage to the community. We cannot afford to disregard what may become a matter of life and death in days to come : the waste must stop. And so our scientists tell us that the "coal is not for burning," it must be turned into essential trading goods. We have got to invest, not squander. It is a simple lesson that it has taken the pressure of economic adversity to teach us. We have lived lavishly in this matter on the blood and sweat of our toiling fellows, but now that they are no longer willing to sell their muscles and skill at bargain counter wages, we must assess at their true value the things we have considered cheap. Efforts are therefore being made to use the country's coal more efficiently, both in the heating it affords and the by-products it provides.

There is a parallel to all this in the spiritual realm. What is true in the physical is also true in the spiritual. Greater demands are being made on the Church of Jesus Christ as the end of our age draws nearer : an immoral age and apostate religion have made us realise the need for more power. Increased attacks are being made upon us : heresies spring up like mushrooms, and areas of the world once promising to open as fertile fields for Gospel preaching have become hostile to the messengers of the Gospel. We must learn to utilise the powers God has given us to the very best advantage : we cannot afford to waste our valuable possessions. Is this not the force of God's message through the prophet Obadiah, when he said, "The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions"?

Attempts are being made to find new sources of power, and the chief direction in which many have turned is to organisation. Vast evangelistic campaigns are coming into being which have as their driving force the slick advertising stunts which have pushed big business along. We would not decry the advertising medium, but if we are going to organise the Holy Spirit out of our evangelical enterprise then we are on the road to ruin. We must be careful to assess our successes for what they really are, material or spiritual. It would be fatal to forget that we have to hand a source of unlimited power. When Moses was baffled at the command to go before Pharaoh God said to him, "What is that in thine hand?" He already held the symbol of his authority in the rod he carried.

Can it be that God is saying to us in the Pentecostal Movement, "What is this experience you have been talking and writing about so long?" Are we utilising the power of the Holy Spirit to the best advantage? or are we squandering our most valuable asset? Too many Christians are merely warming themselves by pentecostal fires when they should be getting steam up! We do not deny that there is comfort in the Holy Spirit. Thank God He is the Paraclete—the Comforter. But too much emphasis on comfort can be weakening.

The pentecostal testimony is not too popular among religious bodies, and is also held in contempt by the secular press. It may require courage to use the God-given energy as we should, but, be it noted, the promise was "Ye shall receive power." This baptism toughens the fibres of our emotional and spiritual make-up, makes us stronger in the fight against evil and for the souls of men. The power was not only in the hands of that first apostolic band, it was also in their moral nature. Cringing Peter became brave. The Holy Spirit made **them** strong, and having made them strong sent them forth as effective witnesses.

Prayer sessions are valuable—there we meet with God face to face : but they must be the prelude to preaching sessions, whether that preaching consist of platform work or personal testimony. The emotional delights of the spiritual experience must never become and end in themselves, otherwise they may tend to a shallow concept of God's work through us, and may loosen the ties on the moral character. Paul himself wrote, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection : lest by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I. Cor. ix. 27). It is obvious from the context of this

verse that Paul is referring to his commission to declare the Gospel. All personal feelings were made subservient to the great task of bringing the message of salvation to men. We are complex beings, and if we do not turn the dynamic forces of our natures into channels of service, they will either be wasted in frivolous personal delights or cause an emotional explosion.

Put into the right spiritual setting the power of the pentecostal experience is the answer to this modern age of infidelity and indifference. The Pentecostal Movement has been raised of God "For Such a Time as This." We must keep our eyes open for every opportunity to reach men with the Gospel, we must use all our resources to this noble end, we must challenge the encroachments of evil both within and outside the Church.

If we do not use this power and invest it in the soul-saving business, we shall be charged at the great **bema** seat of Christ with having seen the light, but having seen it, closed our eyes to the most important truth it brought.

GLEANINGS FROM OTHER FIELDS



Billy Graham's London Campaign.

Many friends will have heard and are already praying for the Greater London Crusade planned for next year. The Harringay Arena, well known as a centre for sporting events, has been booked for the opening weeks of the campaign. Dr. Dawson Trotman recently spoke at a meeting in the Church House, Westminster on the plans for the follow-up work.

Hugh Redwood Retiring.

One of the most influential and well-loved Christian journalists, Mr. Hugh Redwood, is now retiring from Fleet Street, having reached the age of seventy. He joined the *News Chronicle* thirty-five years ago, and after holding various executive appointments became Religious Editor in 1934. As such he has made contact with thousands of readers. All sorts of men and women have sought his advice.

In a message to his friends, Mr. Redwood says:

"The time has come for me to bid farewell to Fleet Street and retire from active journalism. No man who has spent over 55 years in the calling of his boyhood's choice can take such a step without feeling the wrench, but the reasons which dictate it are imperative."

Mr. Redwood had happy fellowship with the Elim Churches some years ago, and we would wish our friend a happy and fruitful retirement.

The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of the landing of four of its officers in Bombay, which marked the beginning of its operations in mis-

sionary lands. Today it has in India and Pakistan nearly 3,000 officers who are responsible for the work carried on at over 5,600 centres.

5,000th Issue.

The first issue of the *Methodist Recorder* appeared on April 4th, 1861. Recently this paper has been celebrating the publication of its 5,000th issue, a splendid achievement.

N.S.S.U. Birthday.

In the historic setting of the Guildhall, London, recently, celebrations of the 150th birthday of the National Sunday School Union began at a reception given by the national chairman, Mr. Arnold S. Clark, attended by over 400 delegates from Britain and overseas. Host and guests were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor, Sir Rupert de la Bere, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. He warmly commended Sunday School work, which he regarded as of first importance as a means of preserving family life.

Chief guest of honour was the Minister of Education, Miss Florence Horsbrugh, who after recalling the beginnings of the movement, emphasised the continued need for it, which was in no way lessened by the provision of the 1944 Education Act for religious instruction to be given in State schools.

Rev. Stephen Olford.

Owing to the resignation of the Rev. Alan Redpath, Duke Street Baptist Church, Richmond, have now called the Rev. Stephen Olford to the pastorate. Mr. A. Lindsay Glegg presided at the induction service, held recently.

New "Fact and Faith" Film.

The latest of the Fact and Faith films prepared by the Moody Institute of Science has been shown in the Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House, Westminster. Entitled "The Prior Claim," its main theme is that man has no prior claim to originality in invention, and this is illustrated by beautiful coloured pictures of the wonders of creation.

Leprosy Conference.

In Lucknow, India, the first International Conference of Missions engaged in work among lepers is being held under the chairmanship of Sir. K. M. Munshi, State Governor. India's Christian Minister of Health in the Central Government is principal speaker at the opening session.

Anniversary in Geneva.

Special celebrations are now in progress at the National Protestant Church in Geneva to mark the 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible and the 150th birthday of the Bible Society.



Thought for the Week

Beware of the rubber conscience and the concrete heart.

THIS MESSAGE is primarily to the Church. The Lord sent seven letters to seven Churches. These Churches were universal ; what is true of them is true of any Church because the principles of God are the same. Some say that the seven Churches represent the seven different periods of Church history. These conditions are prevalent in every age. They have been true of every Church down through history. The picture we are painting is given by the Lord, and it applies directly to us today. For if the seven Churches are pictures of periods of Church history this certainly applies to us, for this is the last Church mentioned ; an apostate Church, picturing the Church in the day in which we are now living.

This message was written for this age by the Spirit of the Lord. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." It is the message of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I am the faithful and true witness." This message is not necessarily to tickle your ears or to please your fancy, but it is faithful and true. It is for your good. "He that hath an ear, let him hear."

We make a startling discovery about this Church. The door was shut ! The Church that had been established by Paul and had experienced the manifestation of God and was established on the Word of God and had known the warmth of the presence of Christ—every hand raised and every voice worshipful—now we find the door shut. What a startling discovery !

Christianity cannot be caged. The moment we try to keep it behind closed doors it will die. We dry up and shrivel. The salt loses its savour and is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. The Church in order to prosper, must keep its doors wide open.

As a young boy, I dug a lot of angle worms. I took them to the house and put them in a jar and screwed the lid on because I didn't want them to get away. A few days later I went to get them. They were not only dead, they were putrid. My friend, there will be jealousy, bickering, unrest and many other things in a Church that keeps its Christianity cooped up. The only way to keep the Church of Christ alive is to keep its doors open. Some say, "Why do we have to take so many missionary offerings?" The Lord help us when we stop taking missionary offerings ! Some say, "How can the Church go on with so many to give to? How can we meet expenses?" I have never seen the time when any Church has given one dollar to missions when two dollars has not been given back. One morning in our regular service, we took up a special missionary offering. When it was counted there were one thousand dollars. I wondered what it would do to the Church. The following Sunday our regular offering almost doubled what it usually was. You cannot explain it? Neither can I, except that it is God's way of doing things. When we keep our hearts open to Christ, the blessing comes back.

"Give and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men given into your bosom."

On one occasion I was called to go to a sick room. I had so many things to do that I hated to go, but I went. It was a dark shack in the south-east side of town. An old man and his wife lived there. Both were nearly blind. There was no one to help them. The wife was sick in bed and the old man, nearly blind and not used to taking care of a house, tried to nurse her. That poor woman was lying on a pillow-case so dirty that most women would cringe to look at it. I opened the Word of God and read



THE CHURCH -

By Rev. F



John xiv. 1-6, and as I read, "Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God believe also in Me," her face began to shine. She sat up in bed with hands raised and praised the Lord. Any amount of gold or silver or precious stones could not be given in exchange for her experience when the light of another world came over that lady's face. If you want to be happy, throw the doors wide open and keep the Gospel going out. The second we stop we are corrupt.

With the doors shut the Gospel cannot go out, but that is not all. With the doors shut, no one can come in. Pentecost opened the doors of the Church. You will remember, the disciples were behind closed doors. They were not only closed but locked, bolted, because of fear. Pentecost came and burst the doors wide open, and there were added daily to the Church such as should be saved. Unless we see souls being born again and Spirit filled, our Church is not performing its mission for Christ. Not only is it necessary to see them kneeling at our altars, we must travail in prayer together until Christ be formed in them. We must keep our doors open.

The tragedy in our text is that the door was closed to Jesus Christ. I once visited a man, and upon entering the home I noticed something was gone—the ring that was once in his voice, the shine on his face ; they were gone ! When we lose the warmth of the love of Jesus Christ, be careful. Our door is closed. You see, when Jesus comes in there is warmth and melting, and when the name of Jesus is mentioned, it does something for your heart. I would rather preach on a text that has "Jesus" in it, or "Christ," than on any other text.

The name of Jesus is so sweet
I love its music to repeat ;
It makes my joys full and complete,
The precious Name of Jesus.

It is not uncommon for sinners to close their hearts'

doors to the Lord, but oh, how tragic when the Church of Jesus Christ is shut, and when Christians close their hearts.

These people did not recognise their own condition. They were self-complacent. They said, "We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." Many times we measure our blessings by prosperity, but there was a time when the Church was stripped of its property. Then it had to hide away in caves under the earth, when

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." Christ loves His Church.

At the very beginning of the Church He chastened them. He had told them to go into all the world, but they were all gathered at Jerusalem, content to stay there and enjoy the blessing of God. Then came a tragedy. Stephen was stoned—an untimely death; but it threw the doors of the Church wide open. They spread to Samaria, Damascus, Asia Minor. A great tragedy had come to awaken them. Do not think for a moment that everything that has happened recently has not happened for a purpose. With God there are no accidents. God is speaking to us to open our doors and live. He wants our hearts to burn as the burning bush—so that men can feel the warmth.

The marvel of amazing grace is that He stands at the door of His own Church. That He does not leave. He stands at the door and knocks. His own Church does not answer, so He says, All right then, "If **any man** will hear my voice, I will come in and sup with him and he with Me." My friend, when we give altar calls, it is impossible to get every man to come. Every man will not hear His voice. But today He says, "If any man will open the door, I will come in to Him." Will you be one, to open your heart to Him now? Will you allow Him to make your life a flame of fire to be used of Him, or will He find you with your door shut?

—*Message of the Open Bible.*

— behind closed doors

FRAW. SMITH

it existed in the darkness of the catacombs of Rome; but Christ said, "I have seen your poverty but thou art rich." Jesus does not measure our riches by our property or our social standing. These people said, "we have need of nothing."

What a dangerous thing to say! Never has there been a day since I have been saved that I did not have to say, "I need Jesus." I feel my need of Him right now. Jesus said that these people who did not know their need were "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

They were indifferent. Neither hot nor cold. May I ask you a question? Are you on fire for God? Perhaps you can remember when you were—when your mouth was open in testimony. You say, "No, I'm not on fire for God, but I'm not cold either." Do you know what you are? Lukewarm! Jesus said, "I will spue thee out of My mouth."

Are you on fire for God?

If you are cold, your judgment is certain. Out you go! If you are lukewarm He will spue you out of His mouth. Throughout the Bible there are those whom He rejected. Sodom, once a thriving city, is today under the Dead Sea. Bethsaida—we do not even know where it was. Capernaum has been blotted out of history. Rome, the capital of the world, was burned and sacked and old Rome is still in ruins. The Jewish nation refused to hear the warning of God. Jesus cried, "If thou hadst known even thou in this thy day the things which belong to thy peace; but now they are hid from thine eyes." In a few years they were overrun and scattered. God is looking down on the nations and saying, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." God help us to get on our knees.

Why is it that when people hear the warning of God they do not heed it? God loves us and will take every measure to get us to open the door. In our text He said,



Jesus Christ is outside the doors of many churches. He is outside the doors of many hearts. Today He knocks at your heart's door — open and let Him in.

Our Readers Write—

My Dear "1953 Crusader,"

Thanks for your letter which I found tucked away in my *ELIM EVANGEL* this week. It was good to hear from you, but I am afraid that I cannot share your feelings of disgust over Mr. Lillenas's article on Church Music. True, it might have been written forty years ago, but what of that? Many writings of antiquity are priceless. But to come to the point—Church music.

There will always be differences of opinion on the question of what is suitable: one man's concerto will always be another's pain-in-the-ear. But are you **really** serious when you tell me that "there is a place for all types of music in our churches"? Honestly, are you willing to make a place for, say, rumbas, sambas, tangos and mambos? A place for hornpipes and jazz, jigs and reels? Is there a place for foxtrots, quicksteps, "honky-tonk" playing, or bebop music, or "the blues"? What about symphonic variations, laments and love-lilts? If, as you say, "there is a place for all types of music in our churches," then we shall have to think of bringing in divertimentos, tonc-poems, madrigals, caprices, serenades, galops, beguines, and so on. Now if there's to be a place for these, where are we to work them in? I have the feeling that if you make a place for these some earnest souls may decide that there is no place left for **them** in the Church. You may even get some downright Philistine arguing that the place in the Church for most of the above is the dustbin. See what I mean?

This is a serious job. We shall have to put our heads together, you and I, and try to decide where to draw the line. Obviously some of the aforementioned types of music are definitely "worldly." The samba, for instance, is derived from the primitive sensual rhythms of the devil-dances of South America. We can't really make a place for that, now, can we? Again, you may hail from North of the Border, but I just can't make a place in my church for your bagpipes: Cornwall is too far south; they don't like 'em here.

Mr. Lillenas has written to us from America where some very curious things happen from time to time: if, as he suggests, things musical are on the downgrade over there, let him pay us a visit. We'll show him, you and I, that we are "doing fine"; that with characteristically English good sense, we can be lively without being bizarre to the point of dashing the innards out of our instruments.

But we will also thank him for his brotherly warning and assure him that we shall not allow our churches to degenerate into second-rate music halls, nor turn our bright chorus-time into jazz sessions.

I think the apostle Paul hits the nail on the head when he says "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Brothers may stumble if we make a place in our midst for everything labelled "Music." Rather, let us pray about it, and then we shall become . . . "those who through constant practice have their spiritual faculties carefully trained to distinguish good from evil" (Heb. v. 14, Weymouth).

Again, it was good to hear from you. May God bless you, and here's a handshake over the miles from

Yours sincerely,

FRANK R. ASHER

"1953 Pastor."

(We have received further correspondence similar to the above letter, but now the subject has been well ventilated, we feel it should cease.—Editor.)

Home Missions



REVIVAL FIRES BURNING IN GUERNSEY

By Pastor Gerald L. W. Ladlow

After almost twenty years with no major campaign on this little island, the saints rejoiced that at last it had been found possible to arrange a visit of Pastor P. S. Brewster and Party for a brief campaign. Because of opposition to our message from other churches the only two public halls had constantly been refused us, but this year the States of Guernsey decided to enclose the open air auditorium in the Public Park. Immediate application was made and permission granted for two weeks meetings. Truly this was the Lord's doing, for subsequently a licence was granted to a producer for its permanent use as a variety theatre.

The enemy has been busy, the Free Church Council passed a resolution excluding our churches from any form of fellowship. Some of its ministers openly attacked us and warned the members of their churches against us.

The three Elim Churches sought the Lord, and after six weeks united prayer meetings and many months of preparation, the campaign opened. We were warned that the conservative Guernsey temperament did not respond to the usual type of revival meetings, but, praise the Lord! over 800 people attended that first service, and sixty-five publicly accepted Christ and signed decision cards. Every night this week the blessing has continued with crowded audiences, even the mid-week afternoon service had an attendance of over 600. Up to the first Saturday night over 200 decisions were registered and some fifty people testified to physical blessing received in the healing services. Included in this number is a case of external cancer, two cases of functional disorders, two cases of nervous troubles, and one of nasal growth, etc.

Truly this is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes. Please pray on that the revival may be another "Hebrides" and affect every denomination and every department of our island life.

Miss B. Gerard informs us that the picture which appeared on the front cover of the *ELIM EVANGEL* last week was taken during the McColl-Gerard Trio's campaign in Guernsey. Our sisters had successful meetings on the Island and great blessing was reported.

ELIM YOUTH PAGE

conducted by

Pastor D. B. GRAY

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

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates and Events to Remember

Commencing with the January-March, 1954 number of the **ELIM SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' HANDBOOK**, a distinctive change will take place with the addition of an attractive pictorial cover. As many will know, the book has recently been enlarged with lessons now prepared in three grades. This improvement will be appreciated we are sure by our readers, and we shall endeavour to improve in every way in future publications.

It is not too soon to be pondering holiday ideas for next year. We would announce preliminary plans for a two-week **House Party for Crusaders** and **Elim Youth** at Eastbourne, from 12th to 26th June, 1954. Complete details will be available in the early part of the New Year.

The date for the annual **Sunday School Scripture Examination** is Saturday, 6th March next year. The questions for all grades will be based on the first six lessons (i.e. The Judges of Israel), of the January-March Handbook. Do not forget to order extra numbers required for the personal use of scholars. These orders should be placed **immediately**.

We are glad to know **Junior Crusader Branches** are being formed. For your guidance and information rules covering this branch of the work have been prepared and are available for all Leaders.

For your **Winter Bible Studies** do not forget the special course planned on the Holy Spirit. The booklet prepared by Pastor H. W. Greenway will be available for all Crusaders in the early part of the New Year. Look out for further details.

YOUTH WEEK AT LETCHWORTH

By **Mrs. A. Stephenson**

A glorious Crusader week has just been concluded at Letchworth, giving full evidence that Christ fully satisfies Youth of today.

Praying Youth. The week commenced with a Prayer Meeting. A special constable took the chair and a lady Crusader spoke on "The Power of Prayer." It was a wonderful meeting. A grand start to what was to be a grand week.

Teenager Night. The teenagers arranged a topical meeting built around six flags. These were named Disease, Danger, Deliverance, Departure, Death and Delight. Radiant happiness shone from the faces of these young Crusaders as they ministered in word and song.

Bible Stories of the Sea. There was a good congregation to hear the senior Crusaders speak about the Bible stories

of the sea. An ex-sailor was the chairman. There were three talks on "The Great Fisherman," "Jonah and the Whale" and "The Stilling of the Tempest."

The Lord's Day. The morning service was convened by the Pastor, whose exhortation to praise brought great blessing. A Crusader spoke with earnestness on "Looking unto Jesus."

The evening service was awaited eagerly. It was to be a fitting climax to so wonderful a week. A great number of strangers, mostly young people, were present in the large congregation which brought encouragement. There were four speakers and each took part of the same text upon which to base their remarks. It was an uplifting, encouraging and appealing service. We went home grateful to God that we were called to be co-workers with the Youth of Letchworth.

MERTHYR "SUNSHINE CORNER" CAMPAIGN

The enthusiasm of the children at the schools as we distributed the Sunshine Corner tickets was terrific! We sensed that we were in for a great time in our campaign, and we were not disappointed.

The Children's Pastor (Peter J. Rammell) conducted the campaign for us, each night illustrating his message with gripping items such as "Fire Writing" and the "Unique X-ray Machine." The "band" played and the children sang, and how they sang. Then all was quiet as the Pastor played his banjo and sang. Each night there was something to excite and impress.

On the very first night of the campaign the church was filled with over 300 children. Attendance as a whole varied little throughout the week. Attention was good, though the children were by no means "angels," one little girl actually had a tooth knocked out. However, she quickly forgot her discomfort in the excitement of the meeting.

During the campaign almost a hundred children made a simple decision for Christ, including a good number of teen-agers.

Since the closing of the campaign a Sunshine Corner has been opened, fifty-two children being present on the first night.



Lurgan Crusaders with Pastor G. Harpin.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Herbert E. Ward, B.D.

SUNDAY, November 22nd. Hebrews vii. 1-17.

“A priest forever” (v. 17).

The Aaronical order of priesthood though Divinely ordained, like all institutions involving human participation, was broken repeatedly by death. The priesthood of Christ, however, by virtue of His Divine status, knows no such catastrophe. His ministrations on behalf of His children are as timeless as His eternal love. Unceasing, ever vigilant, He watches over and intercedes for His own. Humanity's sigh for a daysman or mediator is answered in the person of Jesus Christ.

“He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His own redeeming love, His precious blood to plead:
His blood atones for all our race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.”

MONDAY, November 23rd. Hebrews vii. 18-28.

“He is able to save completely” (v. 25, margin).

There is height as well as length, breadth and depth in this verse. His love reaches us wherever or whatever we are, and can lift us from the lowest hell to highest heaven. Salvation is in the three tenses: in the past we are saved from the penalty of sin; in the present we are delivered from the power of sin; and when He comes again we shall be removed from its very presence. That will be the completion of His redeeming work in us. Then we shall be like Him, sinless and pure. All that now mars and disfigures will have gone where

“The sons of ignorance and night
May dwell in the eternal light
Through the eternal Love.”

TUESDAY, November 24th. Hebrews viii. 1-13.

“A new covenant” (v. 8).

Verses 10-12 give the content of this new covenant. Three of its greatest distinguishing features were to be its spiritual, revelational and merciful nature. It was not to be written on tables of stone, but on the fleshy tables of the heart. No priestly hierarchy would be necessary to teach it to the people, for God would make Himself known to them by direct revelation. Its promises would not be conditional upon man's goodness, but God would be merciful to man's delinquencies. Each time we draw near to the Communion Table and drink the cup representing the blood by which it was ratified, we are reminded of this covenant:

“I hear the words of love, I gaze upon the blood,
I see the mighty sacrifice
And I have peace with God.”

WEDNESDAY, November 25th. Hebrews ix. 1-14.

“How much more” (v. 14).

The key thought of this epistle is here implied. The key word of the epistle is “better”. “Hebrews is a series of contrasts between the good things of Judaism and the better things of Christ” (Scofield). There is no doubt the Hebrews of old were a privileged people. To them were committed

the oracles of God; through them the revelation of God was given to the world. Their privilege, however, was as nothing compared with ours, who live in this favoured dispensation. To us God has revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ; in us God dwells by His Spirit and for us are all the riches of His grace in Christ. Sin robbed mankind of much, but all that was lost—and more—was restored to us in Christ for

“In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.”

THURSDAY, November 26th. Hebrews ix. 15-28.

“Without the shedding of blood there is no remission” (v. 22).

These words sound the death knell of humanism. Man, from the days of Cain until now, has often sought to placate God with a bloodless offering, but all to no avail. The penalty for sin is death, and by no other means can the demands of a perfect righteousness be met. God, in His infinite mercy, has ordained that the sacrifice of another will suffice. In the old economy this gave rise to the sacrificial system: in the eternal purposes of God these pointed to, and could only be made efficacious by, the offering of “The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” Even so it could only be by death—His death—that sin could be expiated.

“Believing we rejoice to see the curse remove,
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing His bleeding love.”

FRIDAY, November 27th. Hebrews x. 1-14.

“I come to do Thy will, O God” (v. 9).

There is a view of the Atonement that lays all its stress upon the exemplary value of Christ's life and death. Whilst this errs from the truth in that it overlooks the thought stressed in yesterday's portion, it certainly has some value. No one can examine the Gospel record without being impressed by Christ's utter devotion to the Father's will. “My meat,” He said, “is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work.” Such obedience we do well to emulate. Herein lies the secret of blessing and fruitfulness. The life that evidences the words, “Not my will but Thine be done,” bears the stamp of the Divine favour.

“Thy wonderful grand will, my God,
With triumph now I make it mine:
And faith shall cry a joyous, Yes!
To every dear command of Thine.”

SATURDAY, November 28th. Hebrews x. 15-25.

(For He is faithful that promised) (v. 23).

What a grand parenthesis is this! It carries us back to the immutable work of Him who is incapable of lying. No human frailty or changeability ever weakens the assurance of His promises. In Him is the Yea and the Amen, and our poor souls can, with all confidence, cast themselves upon Him. In our verse the reminder of His faithfulness is linked to a plea for our steadfastness in the faith. His faithfulness is at one and the same time a spur to, and the assurance of, our faithfulness. His example urges us on, and the promise of His enabling ensures the ultimate success of our effort to emulate His steadfastness. To alter the chorus slightly:

“He cannot fail, for He is God,
He cannot fail, He's pledged His word:
He cannot fail, He'll answer you,
He cannot fail, He'll see you through.”

◀ BOOK REVIEWS ▶

THROUGH THE SHINING DOORWAY. By Theodora Horton. (Victory Press. 3/6, by post 3/9).

The Bible, in its magnificence, sits as the Monarch amongst all literature, unsurpassed and unequalled, but there are times when its language and style are a little in advance of the child-mind. In spite of this, however, it is imperative that the message of the "World's Best Seller" reaches, in an understandable manner, even the very young in order to lay a goodly foundation for life. Theodora Horton has, through her vivid and fertile imagination and extreme simplicity of style, made this possible in this, her latest book. She visualises two little twentieth-century children stepping "Through the Shining Doorway" and becoming enraptured eye-witnesses of lots of the miracles, movements and ministry of the Lord Jesus, and causes those ancient incidents to live in the present. The Book should prove invaluable in conveying comprehensibly the stories of Jesus even to the pre-school child, and will also be most helpful to teach adults how to adapt themselves to a line of ministry able to be appreciated by the young. An ideal book for both the teacher and the taught.

—R. B. Chapman.

JOHN THE JUNIOR REPORTER. By E. O. England. (Victory Press. 3/6, by post 3/9).

This contribution to the Bracken Book series will certainly find its way into many a Sunday School prize parcel. It is just the thing for our boys and girls. It contains everything they hope to find in a reward book, with the Gospel beautifully portrayed throughout a very exciting story.

The peculiar temptations that most young people meet at the beginning of their business career are met and overcome by young John Richshaw. His faithfulness to his Saviour is rewarded in the realisation of his great longing to be a reporter on a Daily Newspaper.

Thank you, Mr. England, may we have some more of these books, please?

—F. E. Cole.

NEHEMIAH—Man of Character and Action—Continued.

Those who wrought with Nehemiah were men of all professions: singers, priests, merchants, goldsmiths, etc. There is a place for all today in the work of God. Find your place brother, sister, and labour together with Him, and when the day is done and He gathers us home we shall thrill at the sound of His voice as in commendation we hear that word. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

PLEASE PRAY :

For a miner who is suffering from angina and arthritis (Madeley): for Brian Wigglesworth who has pneumonia.

COMING EVENTS

BARKING. Nov. 22. Salvation Army Youth Hall, Morley Road. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: Pastor E. Cole. 11 and 6.30. Also on Sat. and Mon. in Elim Church, Central Park Road, East Ham. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30.

BRITON FERRY. Nov. 9-15. Elim Church. Old Road. Sunshine Corner Campaign conducted by Pastor P. J. Rammell. Week-nights (except Fri.). 6. Adult meetings, Tues., Wed. and Sat., 7.15. Sun., 11 and 6.15.

CATERHAM. Nov. 15. Elim Church. London Road. Visit of Pastor C. J. E. Kingston. 6.30.

CHRISTCHURCH. Nov. 14-22. Elim Church, Jumpers Road. Evangelistic Campaign conducted by Pastor W. George. Suns., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Thurs.), 7.30.

COULSDON. Nov. 21. Elim Church. Chipstead Valley Road. Monthly United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: Pastor R. W. Brown (A.o.G.). Convener: Pastor C. J. E. Kingston. Students from Kenley Bible School. 7.

ENGLEFIELD GREEN. Nov. 15. Elim Church, Bond Street. Visit of Pastor D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. 6.30.

HULL. Nov. 14-19. Elim Church, Mason Street. Visit of Mrs. A. Parham (U.S.A.). Sun., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights, 7.30.

QUEENSWAY. Nov. 28. West London Christian Fellowship. North London Presbytery Rally. Speaker: Pastor W. Plowright. 7.

RUGBY. Nov. 21-29. Elim Church, Windsor Street. Visit of Mrs. A. Parham (U.S.A.). Sun., 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.), 7.30.

SMETHWICK. Nov. 14. Elim Church, Oldbury Road. Camp Re-union. Campers taking part. Tea provided. 3 and 7.

SOWERBY BRIDGE. Nov. 14-19. Grand Opening of New Elim Church by Pastor J. J. Morgan (President), followed by Convention. Convener: Pastor L. Lambert. Sat., 3 and 6.30. Sun., (Baptismal Service). Mon. to Thurs.. Visits from Area Elim Churches.

SWINDON. Nov. 15. Coronation Temple, Osborne Street. H.M. Forces Team. 11. 2.30 and 6.30.

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Pastor L. Wigglesworth, Elim missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo, will visit the following churches:

Nov. 19-21.—Yeovil. 22.—Merriott. 23, 24.—Christchurch. 25, 26.—Springbourne. 28, 29.—Wimborne. 29, 30.—Winton. Dec. 1, 2.—Salisbury. 3, 4.—Wells.

Miss F. Grossen, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following Elim Pentecostal Churches:

Nov. 14, 15.—Westcliff. 17.—Leigh-on-Sea. 18.—Rayleigh.

Miss R. Simms, Elim missionary on furlough from the Transvaal, will visit the following churches:

Nov. 22.—Englefield Green. 24.—Thornton Heath. 25.—Camberwell. 26.—Rye Park. 27.—Brixton. 28.—Hornsey. 29.—Islington. Dec. 1.—Woolwich. 6.—Hayes.

ITINERARY OF THE McCOLL-GERARD TRIO

These talented Sisters from Canada will minister in the following centres. There will also be a showing of the Oral Roberts Film, "Venture into Faith," as indicated.

Nov. 14-17.—City Temple, Cardiff (16th. Film). 21-23.—Pontypridd (21st. Film at 7.15). Dec. 5.—Loughborough (Film). 6.—Lincoln. 7.—Beeston (Film). 8.—Sheffield (Film). 9.—Mansfield (Film). 10.—Rotherham (Film).

LATE NEWS

Number of those professing conversion at the Guernsey Campaign is now over 260. A doctor and his wife have surrendered to Christ. Remarkable healings have taken place.

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BIRTHS

Mulvagh.—On October 31st to Pastor and Mrs. J. C. Mulvagh. God's gift of a son, Daniel James.

Ibbotson.—On October 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ibbotson, of Walton-on-the Hill (deacon and members of Elim Church, Caterham), the gift of a son, Paul Thomas.

MARRIAGES

Cowe : Smith.—On October 24th, at Elim Church, Lowestoft, by Pastor George Backhouse; James Cowe (Scottish Fisherman, Peterhead) to Margaret Elsie Smith (Elim Crusader, Lowestoft).

Whitehead : Dawson.—On October 31st, in the Elim Church, Reading, by Pastors L. N. Knipe, H. Ward, B.D., assisted by H. Owen (Baptist), A. Smailes (Congregationalist) and T. Jones (A.O.G.); William Thomas Theodore Whitehead to Winifred Irene Dawson.

WITH CHRIST

Broomfield.—On October 30th, Samuel Allan Broomfield, of Camel Green. Funeral conducted by Pastors W. Shearing, W. George, F. S. Bristow, and Mr. H. J. Burden. "To be with the Lord, which is far better."

Browett.—On September 29th, Frederick Thomas Browett, aged 64, friend of Elim Church, Caterham, passed away suddenly. Funeral at Streatham Crematorium, conducted by Pastor R. A. Gordon.

Clifton.—On October 30th, Sister Hilda Alma Clifton, S.R.N., aged 53; beloved friend of Elim Church, Caterham, and sister of Mrs. Ada Brown (late of Elim Woodlands), passed to be with her new-found Saviour and Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor R. A. Gordon.

Leaper.—On October 17th, Flora Bella Leaper, aged 72, of Lowestoft. Funeral conducted by Pastor George Backhouse.

Ramsay.—On October 23rd, Arthur William Hamilton Ramsay, aged 81, beloved member of Elim Church, Caterham, passed peacefully away. Funeral conducted by Pastor R. A. Gordon. Interment at Durrington Cemetery, Worthing.

Wood.—On October 24th, Nellie Annie Wood, aged 71, of Lowestoft. Funeral conducted by Pastor George Backhouse.

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