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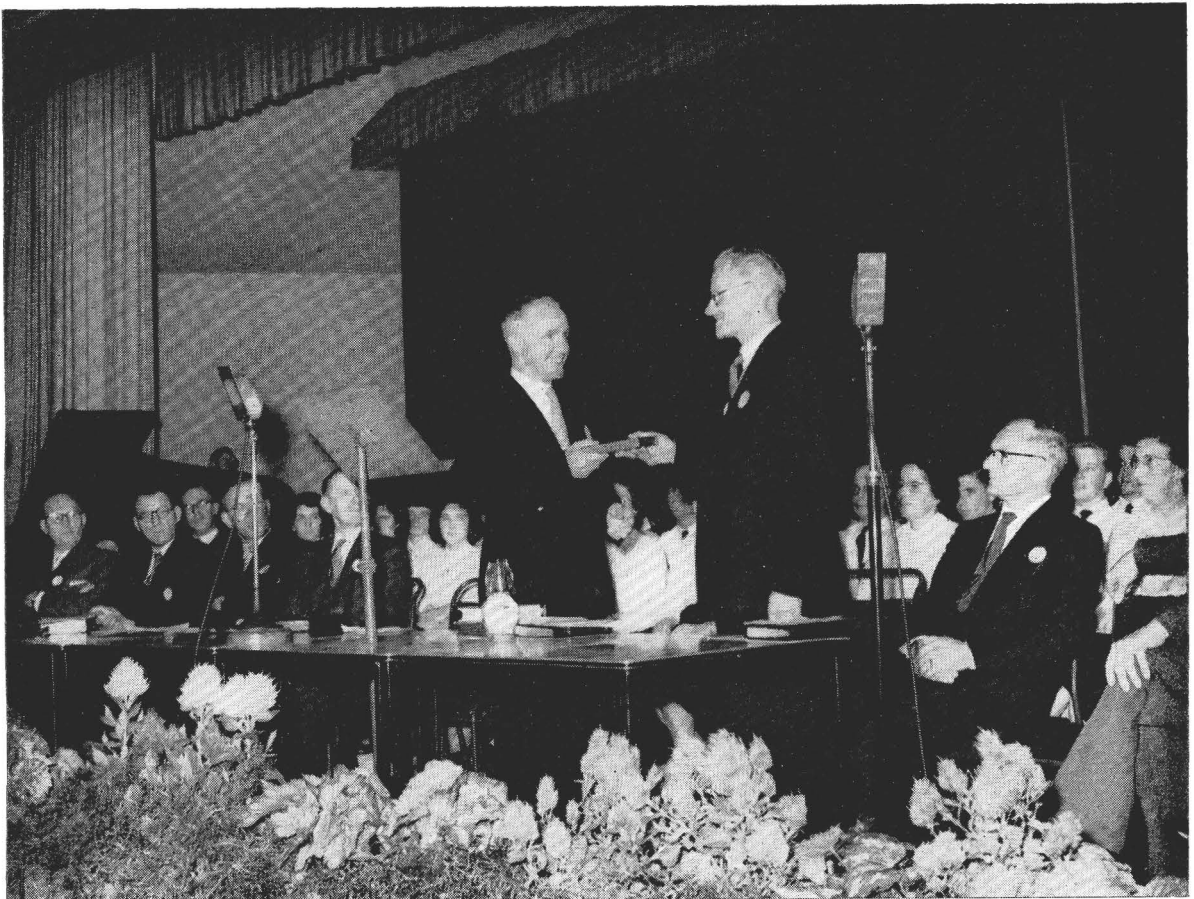
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The retiring President (J. C. Kennedy) presents Bible to the President (E. J. Phillips) at Induction Service.

THE INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE ORDINATION SERVICE

By Gordon Wright, A.N.E.A.
(Minister of Elim Church, Reading)

THE induction of the President, Pastor E. J. Phillips, took place on the opening day of the conference, Monday, October 6th. After the singing of the first hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," the outgoing President, Pastor J. Craig Kennedy, expressed the desire that the Lord might visit us with an anointing of His Spirit. Prayerfully, the great congregation of about 1,000 people sang "Oh for a new anointing." After this, Pastor G. Stormont, the Superintendent of the Elim Pentecostal Churches, led in prayer.

The Bournemouth United Choir looked most attractive in their uniform dress. Under the able leadership of Mr. D. House, they rendered two items not only with feeling and expression, but with the evident blessing of God.

Pastor J. Craig Kennedy thanked the ministers and churches for the welcome they had given him during his year of office. He said that he had enjoyed his

ministry in the various centres, and that it had been a wonderful time.

He continued: "It falls to me tonight to have the honour and privilege of inducting Pastor E. J. Phillips as President of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance. It is known to all who are in any way acquainted with the work that Mr. Phillips is a man consecrated to God, and is first and foremost a man of God. For the past thirty-nine years he has given himself to the work so unreservedly and without thought for himself that his health has suffered. We say tonight that Elim owes a great debt of gratitude to him. There is no other man in Elim today to whom we owe more. His contributions to the building and sustaining of this Movement in its early years and in the difficult periods since is outstanding.

"In his office as Secretary-General, which he held for so many years, his work has for the most part been away from the glare of publicity, but that is



The President thanks conference delegates for their gift on his semi-retirement.

how he liked it. He is a man of deep humility. I am one of those who believe in giving commendation while a man is here to receive it, and not at a memorial service when he can't hear it. On your behalf, I say, 'Thank you, Mr. Phillips, for your very faithful service. The Elim Movement tonight, in honouring you with the Presidency, is saying that you have more than earned the honour. For the year to come you will grace the Presidential Chair.'

The usual presentation of a suitably inscribed Bible was made by Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Phillips expressed the grateful thanks of the conference and Elim Movement to Mr. Kennedy for his strenuous year of office. After thanking Mr. Kennedy for the kind words spoken about himself, Mr. Phillips said in his own self-effacing style that he could not hope to emulate him.

The Presidential Address, which appeared in the October 18th issue of the *ELIM EVANGEL*, was based on Acts 1:8. The congregation listened with rapt attention as the President in his quiet but thought-provoking style brought to us the challenge of the Christless masses. "May we dedicate our lives," said Mr. Phillips, "to the greatest work of all, the work of individual soul-winning."

The present Secretary-General, Pastor H. W. Greenway, led the singing of "Make me a blessing," which seemed to be a most fitting conclusion to such a powerful plea for earnest endeavour.

Pastor J. T. Bradley, the Dean of the Elim Bible College, was called upon to present the prizes to the probationers who had obtained the highest marks for their theses during the year. The successful brethren were J. M. Currie, J. B. Coleman and A. Birchall.

Brief testimonies were given by A. Birchall, John T. Bradley, D. J. Green, K. Harris, R. Hodge, J. C. Smyth, A. R. T. Whittall, C. R. Younger, J. T. Glass and A. D. Selleck before their ordination. These are men of varied ability, style and temperament, but all called by the same Lord for the work of the ministry. They knelt before a prayerful congregation as hands were laid upon them by the Executive Council and while the President prayed the prayer of dedication.

The service concluded with Charles Wesley's inspiring hymn:

"O Thou who camest from above
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart."

We made our homeward way with the prayer in our hearts that that flame of love might burn brighter every day until our work is done and we see the Lord face to face.



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

TALCUM POWDER

CONFERENCE week is a happy and profitable occasion. Not least among its many attractions is the meeting with old friends and the making of new. The wives enjoy themselves; there is such grand fellowship between us all. It was very evident that the younger ones, fresh to a conference, were enjoying themselves in like manner.

A "powwow" with another pastor's wife over the affairs of the conference was good, but with true femininity one could interrupt with such remarks as "I do like your hat; it does suit you."

It was quite interesting and amusing to hear some of the delegates speculating on what present to take home for their wives—those who were not privileged to be there. As we were leaving after the final lunch in the Pavilion some of the younger men were hurrying away to the shops. "Talcum powder will do," one jokingly said to me. Now I wonder whether he *did* buy talcum powder. Quite refreshing really.

We who are married to ministers do not expect expensive gifts from our men, but the love behind even a tin of talcum powder is worth more than money can ever buy. "We ain't got much money but we do see life"—life at its highest and brightest where love reigns. I distinctly remember a deeply distressed woman—she and her husband are not Christians—telling me that she would much rather have his love than his presents. Practically every week he bought her a costly gift. Money cannot buy love. Love is created and creative. Love in the home is worth more than all the wealth in the world. "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith" (Proverbs 15:17). Riches can corrupt, whereas love always glories in distilling a rare fragrance which banishes clinging fears and suspicion. Destroy love and life loses its zest and sweetness.

At a wedding reception the grandfather of the bridegroom gave a speech. He was a lay preacher and recalled a visit to a certain house. During the meal the lady of the home remarked that they had

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EDITORIAL

THE conference has come and gone, but the memory of it still lingers in the minds of those who were privileged to attend. It is hoped that the glowing reports by so many able writers will convey to our readers something of the rich time of blessing experienced by all in the public meetings, and the consciousness of the overruling guidance of God so manifest in the business sessions.

The conference is of great value in many ways, for it not only legislates for the future policy and progress of Elim, but provides happy and beneficial fellowship, particularly for those who have been labouring in isolated areas whence it is difficult to meet with other ministers or join in united efforts. It gives the opportunity for profitable and personal discussion on doctrine, the exchange of viewpoints on a wide range of subjects and the sharing of problems

and personal difficulties. Such an experience is beneficial, enriching and helpful in every way.

The splendid photographs, apart from the cover picture, were kindly supplied by Pastor George Stormont, Superintendent of the Elim Pentecostal Churches.

We regret that owing to lack of space it has been necessary to omit some of our regular features from this issue.

Women's Column *(continued)*

been married for over fifty years. With that the husband rose from his seat and went round to her and, putting his arms around her, said, "Never a day too long, my dear. You are the best wife a man ever had," and he kissed her. The old grandfather said that it was a lovely sight, something he would never forget, and the next time he preached in the little chapel where these two worshipped he took for his text, "What hast thou in the house?" (2 Kings 4:2).



D. B. Gray (Director of Music) conducts the Ministers' Choral Group.

Below: the Bournemouth Quartet.



Thrilling Conference Convention Service

By F. Lavender

(Minister of Elin Church, Loughborough)

BLESSED is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance," read Pastor Tom Walker from Psalm 89; and this was surely the keynote of the thrilling conference convention service. We were people who had known the joyful sound of the Gospel and to whom the Lord had revealed Himself in saving power; because of this we desired to know the Lord's will, and to walk in the light which He gives. Therefore we were able both to rejoice as we sang of the Lord's wonderful dealings with us and earnestly to consider our ways as the Lord searched our hearts by His word.

Pastor John Dyke was a gracious and Spirit-anointed convener, and one was conscious of the spiritual touch which he brought to the meeting from its commencement. It seemed particularly refreshing when Pastor Dyke left the service open for spontaneous worship and prayer, and the pentecostal manifestations, which were the climax of this time of prayer, brought blessing to the congregation. One item which I particularly enjoyed was the reading of the Scriptures—the inspired Word becomes living and vital to us when the reading is also inspired, as it was on this occasion. The ministers' choral group was also very much appreciated: it gave first a beautiful rendering of a piece in which was described to us "The riches of love in Christ Jesus," and afterwards sang of "The peace of God." Thank God for the riches of love which have been poured lavishly upon us and for the peace which He gives to us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then what a great moment it was when Pastor Samuel Gorman was introduced as the speaker! Two years ago, as he reminded us, the doctors had told him that he would never preach again, but the Lord had so strengthened him that he was once more standing before a great congregation to minister the word of the Lord. Our hearts were deeply stirred as he took the well-known incident of the cleansing of the temple and from it declared the challenge of our generation to the professing Christian Church. The position was presented forcefully to us in one blunt

sentence: "The actual situation is that professing Christians do not seem to care that men are going to destruction." Other great thoughts were: "The Church of today wants a constitutional monarch, who must be absolute Lord." "The Christian Church should be strong with the beauty of God." and "We must make the Gospel so potent that men and women will *want* to be saved." Surely these words are a challenge to the whole body of believers, not simply to those of us who were privileged to listen to the message. Dare we ignore the challenge of Christ's lordship, and His imperative command to us to "preach the Gospel to every creature"?

It seemed a fitting climax to the service when we sang:

"Let us labour for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,

Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care,
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,

And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

This was the first such convention service to be held in connection with the annual conference, but it is to be hoped that it will be a regular feature in the future, for it brought great blessing and strengthened our desire to do God's will.

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Rousing Conference Evangelistic Meeting

By J. H. Sainsbury
(Minister of Elim Church, Ipswich)

ELIM is not in danger of losing her reputation for evangelism—this was my firm and thrilling conviction after the great evangelistic service of the conference. With suitable comment our able convener, Pastor T. H. Stevenson, led us in the singing of the opening hymn, “Who can cheer the heart like Jesus?” As that great pæan of praise ascended to God from the lips of hundreds of His people from all over the British Isles and elsewhere, the thrill of expectation gripped us and we knew that this was to be a memorable occasion—and how right we were!

Songs of exultant praise gave way to the softer notes of well-loved devotional choruses as we approached the throne of grace. The deep sense of the presence of God as we sang the words of the chorus “Blessed are the pure in heart” is beyond my ability to describe. Oh that you had been there!

Our grand veteran evangelist (as full of evangelistic zeal as ever) Pastor John Woodhead led us to God in prayer with anointed fervour for the salvation of souls and national revival. How near to his heart was this request, and how sincere his passionate entreaty for the burden of lost souls to fall on each one of us. With longing hearts we joined in his entreaty that God would move upon us all.

Chorus time came again and with it a sample of Scottish humour. Mr. Stevenson encouraged the brethren to sing the chorus “Rolled away” with tremendous zest to “give the sisters a singing lesson”! In our new-found importance we excelled, only to have our ego sadly deflated as the convener turned to the sisters and, encouraging them, said, “Now we will hear how it should be sung!” However, sisters and brethren united in the next item when the Southampton Choir gave a beautiful rendering of a piece entitled “He leadeth me.”

Perhaps the most moving moments of the meeting followed when Pastor Hill, who is labouring in Eire under the Elim flag, challenged us on the need of this land so steeped in the darkness of Romanism, with the stirring cry of “Ireland for Christ.” His story of persecution made us reflect upon our privileged situation, and awoke us to a greater sense of responsibility for this country. God has placed His man, one of our own evangelists, in this difficult field of service. He will need—and, I am sure, will receive—our wholehearted support in prayer.

Other items followed, and then with more Scottish humour from the convener, who informed us that he likes his tea “as it comes, either weak or strong,” the speaker, Pastor Alex Tee, our youthful

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Section of congregation.



Conference Missionary Panorama

By G. Wesley Gilpin
(Irish Missionary Secretary)

THE value of the great public meetings following the business sessions each day of the conference week is to translate planning and legislation into action, and indeed to bring the day to a close on a note of uplift and blessing. The missionary meeting on Thursday night was indeed one of the highlights of the week.

Under the able and unstilted leadership of Pastor J. J. Morgan it got away to a good start with the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" by the Ministerial Choral Party. Miss Buckler, a veteran missionary from India, dressed in native costume, "salaamed" the audience and spoke of the firm endurance of the noble band of missionaries under the heat and difficulties of that country. She had been an honorary missionary, and on this her second retirement was presented with a writing case by the chairman of the Elim Missionary Society, Pastor J. T. Bradley.

Miss Olive Garbutt, who hails from Leeds and for a number of years has been a missionary nurse in the Belgian Congo, spoke of how she had often witnessed two births on occasions when expectant mothers, coming under the sound of the Gospel in hospital, were "born again" by the Spirit of God. In imagination the assembled company was translated to an African hut and heard the confession and resolve of a native at the funeral of his wife, who, in spite of threats and persecution, took his stand for Jesus Christ. Miss Garbutt believes in her mission and rejoices in the transformation of hundreds of African natives.

The excellent colour slides shown by Pastor H. W. Greenway, adding a lifelike confirmation to much that was said, took us to an operating theatre in Inyanga, where Dr. and Mrs. Brien are at work; we walked around an African location and paused with Tom Johnson to talk to some Kenyan picninnies; we were accosted by a warlike band in Tanganyika, where we forded a stream (crossed for the first time) in a Land-Rover; and finally joined an African congregation in Johannesburg and sang with them "The love of my Jesus is wonderful."

It was really fitting at this point to present Mr.



Pastor J. T. Bradley presenting Miss A. Buckler with writing case.

and Mrs. Norton, outward bound to Nelspruit to work with Pastor and Mrs. H. C. Phillips, and Miss Picken, a school-teacher who has been called to teach in Belgian Congo. We pray that God will mightily bless them.

India was once again represented by Miss Coralie Paint, who, after a five-and-a-half-year term, gave thanks to God for strength supplied and victories won in the conflict against heathenism. The need and extent of the work at Dehri-on-Sone was understood when we heard that 11,000 had attended the dispensary in one year; and while but four missionaries gathered for a Christmas convention at the commencement of the work, last Christmas 1,000 Christians met for the rally. God had surely set his seal to the efforts of dedicated missionaries in that when faced with defeat and failure He had stretched out His arm and delivered.

The chairman, in announcing the offering, in-
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The Exploits of Elim

Journal of 1958 Conference

By H. A. Court

(Minister of Elim Church, Preston Park, Brighton)

BOURNEMOUTH had a peculiar gravitational pull for Elim people during the first week in October, and I have been asked to tell you something about it. It was, of course, the Annual Elim Conference, and it was with eager step that delegates left their homes in all parts of the British Isles to participate in an event vital to the interests of our great God-blessed Elim Movement. A warm welcome was given to the delegates by the Mayor of Bournemouth at a civic reception, to which our worthy brother Mr. D. House suitably replied.

May I first say that there was the

EXHILARATION OF FELLOWSHIP

And that says a lot. The conference affords an opportunity for men to meet who have not seen each other for twelve months; in some cases it may be much longer. There are handshakes in all directions as men of like faith and purpose greet each other and make friendly inquiry. "How is the church?" "Wife and family well?" One senses that warmth of amicability that can be found only in Christian circles, and this goes on in the intervals between sessions as well as at the first gathering. This lively interest in one another lays a splendid foundation for all that will happen as the conference proceeds.

The bell rings insistently and the groups break up as we take our seats for discussion and debate. The singing with which each session commences is hearty and full-throated (not surprising when so many song leaders have congregated), and prayer devotional and sincere. Could an outsider, unfamiliar with Elim, have eavesdropped he would have become happily aware of the

EXISTENCE OF A MOVEMENT

There was something so stimulating and gratifying about the reports. Because these had been previously

circulated to delegates there was no lengthy discussion. It gave us great joy to adopt them one by one, each giving abundant evidence of activity and life. There was one from the Elim Missionary Society that told of achievements in the outposts of the empire, and another showing how in the last twelve months evangelistic campaigns had brought in the spoil of war. We gave thanks to God for our evangelists who are so active in this particular field. The Elim Bible College report, too, gave us encouragement as we heard of an increase in the number of students trained, but it was not so good to learn that apart from this progress that has been made there are financial difficulties in this department. Our prayers are that the Lord out of His bounty will speedily turn the unhappy deficit into a good marginal profit. In spite of the startling increase in juvenile delinquency (this is very serious and tremendously important and should drive us to our knees) the Elim Youth Movement is able to report advances in all fields. These advances are admittedly not excessive, but at a time when most other movements are deploring losses (often heavy) these small gains are a cause for thanksgiving. The report from the music and radio evangelism section tells among other things that there have been over 170 radio programmes in the year. The London Crusader Choir has travelled many thousands of miles to bring the Gospel in music and song before the unconverted, and we all know what a blessed and pleasing ministry it has. Films have been brought within the scope of this department, and constant research is going on in the realms of sound and vision so as to use every avenue for the glory of God. The Elim Publishing Company, no longer a printing house, is devoting all its energies to publishing, and we learn that this small firm (its own admission!) has in the last year produced twenty-eight books. Nearly 250,000 were sold in the same period, and they all contain the germ of Gospel truth.

The Elim Business Men's Fellowship tells us in its report that it has come up against difficulties, such as the bus strike, but is actively fulfilling its aims and objects.

This is not a chronological report, so I would like to pause to remember the

EXULTANCY OF WORSHIP

that so enriched us on the Wednesday morning. The meeting, a Communion service, was open to others besides delegates, and the hall was filled with worshippers—and what worship it was. What a drawing near to the throne of God, what utterances of thanksgiving for the wondrous sacrifice of Christ. Small wonder that soon from all parts rose a song not set to music, sweet and precious, inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that without human leadership there was perfect blending and harmony. We touched heaven—and that is an unforgettable experience.

Pastors J. Dyke and W. G. Hathaway brought to us messages on the

EXPECTANCY OF HIS COMING

Pastor Dyke roved the Near East and reminded us that events that are disturbing the whole world in

that hotbed of political intrigue are not taking Bible students by surprise. Indeed, much of what has happened in the last few years had been pre-announced by men who have a spiritual awareness. The newspapers are but recording events that were outlined in the Scriptures many centuries ago. Next May, said Mr. Dyke, a new temple is to be opened in Jerusalem, and its cost has been three million pounds. His coming is near. The geographical changes of recent years are the final positioning terrestrially prior to the great celestial upcall. Pastor Hathaway had quite a different angle and confined his remarks to supernatural signs. He spoke of Devil-inspired false christs and systems, of satanic subtleties in falling away of believers and forms of godliness. Finally he spoke of fires of revival blazing throughout the world, for God is working too in this closing hour of the age. In this connection he made references that bring us to our

EXPANSION PROGRAMME

He told us that at the recent Pentecostal World Conference in Toronto the Rev. J. Oswald Smith said that three-quarters of the evangelistic efforts in the world today are being made by the Pentecostal Movement. The Secretary of the Christian Literature Crusade, continued Mr. Hathaway, said recently that



This picture shows a section of the delegates listening to the President.

four-fifths of evangelism in the world today is being done by the Pentecostal Movement. I quote from him again: "Two Italian Youth for Christ evangelists from U.S.A., on the way to Italy to establish a strong Youth for Christ work, speaking in Eastbourne said that in Italy the Baptists are winning more people to Christ than all the other denominations together, and then added: "and the Pentecostals are winning twice as many to Christ as the Baptists." It was thrilling to hear that and to feel that Elim forms part of the great world-wide evangelistic drive for souls. Expansion is seen within the Elim Movement in the acceptance of six new churches and eleven new ministers. As we witnessed the ordination of these men (reported elsewhere) we realised that new forces had been added to evangelism in Elim. To help the work a new department has been formed—the Elim Building Development Fund—and as our Elim members take this up enthusiastically we shall make great strides ahead. Details of this are being made available to all our churches, and I anticipate exceptionally good results from all our evangelistically minded friends. No avenue of effective evangelism will remain unexplored, and we may expect to see a wonderful surge forward as the Lord anoints our heart-passion for souls.

Business is business and must be carried on in a business-like way. In a conference there are diversities of views. You will be gratified to know that in all this there was shown

EXEMPLARY GRACE

One can think of secular conferences where such diverse views would have led to distressing scenes, but not so with us, for we have learnt at His feet to have understanding and tolerance. Naturally there were matters of a controversial nature, and men of each side held strong views. Under such circumstances clashes are inevitable, but how good when at such times grace abounds. And it did! Throughout it was a conference of Christian gentlemen.

There was a very pleasing ceremony which I will call an

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The Elim Movement owes much to the behind-the-scenes labours of our beloved Pastor E. J. Phillips. For thirty-five years he has been a backroom boy (I hope he will pardon the description!), but what a backroom boy! His unseen efforts have been of untold benefit to the Movement, and at cost to his own health. Every member of the conference regrets that it is now time for semi-retirement. We were thinking

along these lines when the curtains on the platform parted to reveal an electric lawn-mower and a set of modern bookcases. Our Secretary-General, Pastor H. W. Greenway, then explained that these gifts had been purchased with the donations of the delegates. They were then presented to our beloved brother. Mr. Phillips said he would think of us all when applying the gifts to their specific uses, and Mrs. Phillips was heard to remark that her husband, though semi-retired, would not allow the grass to grow under his feet. (The suggestion that Mr. Phillips should take his lawn-mower when visiting churches to mow ministers' lawns was treated as a facetious remark and was not put on official record!) It is fitting to mention here that Mr. Phillips has consistently refused the office of President. At last, because of a reduction in his office labours, he has accepted, to the joy of us all, and in this capacity as chairman ably piloted the conference.

And now last, but by no means least, some

EXTRACTS OF BUSINESS

not covered by the foregoing. Our new Vice-President is Pastor H. Burton-Haynes, and his election to office caused no surprise, for there has been a growing confidence in him year by year. Other new offices are as follows. Because of the impending retirement of our worthy brother Pastor George Thomas, a new Missionary Secretary was needed, and by a large majority our good brother Pastor S. Gorman was elected. Tribute was paid to the excellent service rendered by Mr. Thomas for a number of years. The office of Editor of the ELIM EVANGEL thus becoming vacant, the choice fell on our brother Pastor Aubrey Hathaway. Another vacancy was caused by the resignation of our brother Pastor J. T. Bradley from the office of Dean of the Elim Bible College. Mr. Bradley's resignation was regretted, and an appreciation of his past services, also of Mrs. Bradley's as matron, was placed on record. Pastor Wesley Gilpin, who has laboured for a number of years in Northern Ireland, was given the confidence of the conference, and elected as Dean.

The decision to establish a Ministers' Disablement Fund was welcomed especially by the lay brethren, who for some time have felt that some such provision should be made. Details of this will be made known to the churches in due course.

In order to help the local Elim Crusader cause it has been decided that the offerings each week will be shared equally between the local Crusader branch and the church. This should help the Crusaders to establish a working fund, thus enabling them to make progress in the cause of Christ.

There was much appreciation shown to Pastor A. Gorton and his band of workers for all they did locally to ensure the success of the conference. They will not be called upon to repeat these duties next year, for the venue of the conference is Llandudno.

On Friday afternoon there was the

EXODUS FROM BOURNEMOUTH

It may well be that Bournemouth did not notice the departure of the delegates of the Elim Conference, but it is hoped on the other hand that every delegate will have reached his sphere of labour renewed in blessing and with heaven-touched vision for labours more abundant ahead.

Rousing Evangelistic Meeting *(continued)*

evangelist, was introduced. In this case I am quite sure the convener will agree that there was no weakness here, but that the "Tee" came to us strong indeed! Mr. Tee spoke to us from Acts 24:16 on the subject of conscience. In characteristic style he swept straight into his message, forcefully impressing upon us the truths of scripture. It seemed evident as he spoke to us of conscience quietened, crushed, condemned and quickened that many in the great congregation, both saints and sinners, must have felt the stabs of a conscience awakened by the Word of God. It was, therefore, not surprising that as the evangelist made his appeal three precious souls passed from death unto life and many believers also sought for a closer relationship with their Lord.

We were sorry when the convener rose to announce the last hymn, but what a wonderful consummation to a great meeting it proved to be. The words of the hymn, "For a world-wide revival blessed Master we pray," fittingly expressed our deepest desires, and as a consequence the singing had to be heard to be appreciated—surely only pentecostal folk can sing like this! One could not help but wonder, if saints can sing like this down here, what it will be like in heaven!

The evangelistic service is over, but it has helped to fan the flame of evangelism in Elim which will, I am convinced, continue to burn with increasing brightness, resulting in an unprecedented extension of the work of God in our beloved Movement.

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Scripture Union Portions. Notes by F. F. L. Frost
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Sunday, November 9. 2 Corinthians 4 : 1-18.

"As we have received mercy, we faint not" (v. 1).
The Apostle Paul makes mention of "this ministry"—the ministration of the Spirit, or the ministry of such a spiritual, liberty-giving Gospel. Having such a precious Gospel to preach, and such a grave responsibility to discharge, he says, "We faint not." Paul met with persecution, but God had favoured him with mercy, and for this reason he did not faint. In 1 Corinthians 15 : 10 he says: "By the grace of God I am what I am." That can be your testimony too. He who maintains such a testimony patiently endures without fretting or fainting. Are you subject to spiritual fainting fits? Remember Christ's words to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Monday, November 10th. 2 Corinthians 5 : 1-10.

"We have a building of God . . . eternal in the heavens" (v. 1). "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (v. 10).

What a blessed and glorious hope we are given here of immortal glory, purchased for us by the blood of God's Son, and anticipated by the regenerate. Blessed thought, but let it prepare us for the day when we shall "appear," be made manifest in our true character. We enter heaven on the merits of Christ's redeeming love, but the saved may have a greater or less reward according to the way he lives his Christian life. "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22 : 12).

Tuesday, November 11th. 2 Corinthians 5 : 11-21.

"For the love of Christ constraineth us" (v. 14).

If Paul be beside himself—zealous, enthusiastic (v. 13)—it is because of Christ's love. The love of Jesus towards us (manifested at Calvary) should in turn produce love in us for Him. If Christ died for us, that we may have eternal life, then our living should not be unto ourselves (selfish) but unto Him, and for Him. "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is [margin—let him be] a new creature." If we dwell upon the love of Christ it will work to that end in us.

Wednesday, November 12th. 2 Corinthians 6 : 1-18.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers . . . for what fellowship hath light with darkness?" (v. 14).

Where direct opposites are yoked there is bound to be trouble. This is warned against in Deuteronomy 22 : 10, "Thou shalt not plough with an ox and an ass together." Their walk, their ways, their habits are different, and the yoking of them together presents a difficult situation. Believers are not to be yoked with those who are alien in spirit. The Israelites were forbidden by law to make marriages with the heathen (Deuteronomy 7 : 3). The believer and the unbeliever are utterly opposite in character and quality, therefore it is disastrous for them to enter into wedlock. There is no harmony in either unequal marriages or friend-

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FROM CONFERENCE TO CONFLICT

OUR Annual Conference has just concluded and the Elim Youth Movement moves on to another year of evangelistic activity among the youth of Britain. During the period for discussion allocated for Elim youth work the question was asked why there were Elim churches without Sunday schools. It is almost incredible that a church should exist without a Sunday school, and particularly a Pentecostal church. Yet it is so!

We appeal to every Elim member, church worker and minister to explore every avenue for the extension of their youth work during the present autumn and winter seasons, when opportunities to capture Britain's youth for Christ abound. You are confronted with problems? Well, let us help you. Write now to the National Youth Director, Elim Youth Movement, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.

DO YOU KNOW A SOLDIER ?

Last week we published an article by Rev. Eldin Corise (District Youth Commissioner for North London), who is the EYM Forces Fellowship representative. We want to be in constant touch with every Elim Crusader who is in one of the branches of H.M. Forces, and this includes the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, and we invite the gallant band of nurses. Send us the following particulars and we will place the details on our mailing list. A letter is dispatched every month and advice given whenever requested. These are the details we require: name, rank, service number, address (Forces), home church. Send the details to EYM Forces Fellowship Representative, 20 Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.

CATCH THE EYE TO WIN THE SOUL

The mission of the EYM Filmstrip Library. This is filmstrip time and we invite you to send for our comprehensive list of filmstrips now available in the EYM Filmstrip Hire Library.

Are you doubtful as to the value of filmstrips? Then read this letter we received this week:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"We would like to thank you for all your help-

fulness in the ideas and brochures as well as the promptness in the delivery of the filmstrips.

"I am sure you would like to know the result of the Treharris campaign, which was largely due to the holding of the filmstrip shows. Well, here are the results altogether for the six days. We had 837 young people attend the meetings, seventy-six decisions (with age groups from ten years to fifteen years), the formation of a Sunday school and a Crusader branch (with their own choir) . . ." (Signed) Glyn Hopkins.

Now what do you say to that?

Why not hold a filmstrip crusade yourself?

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We can send you full details of what to do. You need only organise the crusade and obtain a filmstrip projector (we can loan a projector to London churches for a small charge), and if you can obtain a tape-recorder it will be of greater value.

And now the official report of the above youth evangelistic drive submitted by the Pontypridd Crusader secretary:

TREHARRIS YOUTH CAMPAIGN

For the last few months the people of the Treharris church have felt a great need for a work among young people and finally felt led to hold a one-week campaign. The results of this campaign were amazing. The Elim Church, in which the campaign was held, was almost full for five of the six

nights of the campaign and packed to capacity on the remaining night. The two young men who led the campaign—Mr. Glyn Hopkins and Mr. Tony Griffiths—found a great blessing in every service, and as a result of this campaign eighty young people from ten years of age gave their hearts to the Lord, truly a proof of God's hand of blessing.

The campaign has resulted in a Sunday school being formed and a Crusader branch being opened. Also the small Sunshinie Corner group has been greatly increased. For all this we thank the Lord for His blessing and pray that this work will prosper for His glory.

E. E. HUTCHINSON.

REFLECTIONS OF A SUMMER CAMP

The following report was received too late to be included in the special youth number, but it is not too late for you to read.

Rhowniar Youth Camp, 1958

I wonder what it will be like—I wonder if the Lord will bless—I wonder if there will only be girls

HERE
and
THERE!

there. I wonder—oh, how many things we thought about as we set off for the Elim camp in North Wales. The rain was just pouring down, but there was happiness in our hearts because we were begin-

ning the holiday we had looked forward to for so long.

After a long journey we at last arrived at Aberdovey station, where Pastor Lewis met us and piled all eight of us with our luggage into his taxi. We drove in state for the last two miles to Rhowniar, along the little street which dropped sheer on one side to the dark water of the harbour, past the little houses and shops and ships of the quaint fishing village, along by the sand dunes and the gently rising hills, to turn in at last up the steep rocky drive to the house, set among the trees of a lovely dingle overlooking the sea.

Having arrived, we looked doubtfully at those with whom we were to spend our two weeks' holiday. It was not until the Sunday afternoon, when we gathered in the lounge for an informal discussion, that we really got to know one another. After hearing where everyone came from and how they got saved, etc., we realised what a grand bunch of young people they were, and from then on there was no holding us. Some had come from bonny Scotland, others from Bristol, Hull, Wigan and Blackpool, a whole crowd from South Wales, and one from Denmark. The fellowship we had together was wonderful. The many friends we made and the blessings shared will be remembered for a long while to come.

There was a keenness to attend the meetings and a readiness to talk of the Lord at any time of day (or night). A Christian could be nothing but immensely happy in this atmosphere, with no thought or worry of the world outside—just shut away with God for a little time.

We took meetings on the two Sunday evenings in the Little Theatre at Aberystwyth. On the second Sunday evening one of the campers gave her heart to the Lord, and I praised God, for it was my younger sister.

The Lord also baptised four of the young people with the Holy Spirit after the evening services, and later we held open air services and gave out tracts.

We were refreshed spiritually by our holiday together, and it gave us a new desire to go on with the Lord. It was in fact like a little bit of heaven down here on earth—just wonderful. If you missed

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it this year, make a point of coming next year—you will be in for a good time.

I cannot end without saying a big “thank you” to Pastor Ken Hathaway and his wife and to Pastor Wynne Lewis for the grand ministry we received and the way everything was arranged for us, including the lovely coach tours.

I am looking forward to next year and I am going to look out for you. Don't forget to come.

MISS GLENYS OWEN.

Crusader Secretary, Porth.

FINALLY . . . CALLING SCOTLAND !

The Elim Youth Committee is to visit Scotland on November 22nd for a stirring rally in Stirling!

Be sure to book the date and come, bringing all your best friends—and if you still have room your second best also!

The programme plans promise a first-class day of stimulating spiritual items with songs, testimonies, massed choir items, brain teasers for the question-panel (comprising members of the Youth Committee), and power-packed straight-from-the-shoulder addresses from Rev. H. W. Greenway (Secretary-General) and Rev. T. W. Walker (Editor of the *Teachers' Handbook* and well-known rally speaker). The rally will be conducted by the National Youth Director and the Scottish Youth Commissioner.

Scotland, you must make this the biggest rally of the year. It is now up to Scotland's Elim youth to show Britain's Elim youth what they can do.

Family Altar (continued)

ships. “Wherefore come out . . . and be ye separate, saith the Lord” (v. 17).

Thursday, November 13th. 2 Corinthians 7 : 1-16.

“Let us cleanse ourselves” (v. 1).

Here we have an exhortation to purity of life, resulting from the foregoing chapter. This verse contains a double exhortation: to progress in holiness, and to perfect holiness in the fear of God. The promises of God are strong inducements to sanctification. There must be a dying to sin; we must “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.” Sin is filthiness, defiling the body and the mind. We must cleanse ourselves from the filthiness of both, for we are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6 : 20). After dying to sin there is the living unto holiness. If God is our Father we must endeavour to be partakers of His holiness. Although unable to reach a state of sinless perfection we must make it our aim in the fear of God.

Friday, November 14th. 2 Corinthians 8 : 1-24.

In this chapter we have an exhortation to be liberal to the church and its work. Giving is the test of love. The apostle holds forth our blessed Lord as the pattern. “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich” (v. 9). The benevolence of God

has enriched us with new life in Christ. Has our liberality helped to bring Christ to others? The outlet for our benevolence is our church and missionary society for the spreading of the Gospel of God's grace. Jesus gave His all; this is not demanded of us in the same way, but if He did so much at so great a cost for our sakes we ought to do an act of love to our brethren at some little cost to ourselves. “As ye abound in every thing . . . see that ye abound in this grace also.”

Saturday, November 15th. 2 Corinthians 9 : 1-15.

“God loveth a cheerful giver” (v. 7).

Continuing the subject of giving, Paul expresses his confidence in the generosity of the church, not because they knew and respected him, but because they were the children of God, whose nature it was now to give. Those who are truly born again and surrendered to Christ should look upon the giving of their substance not as a duty but as a privilege. He who stints in his giving to God will be lean in his experience, but he who sows bountifully shall reap bountifully of God's blessings. Do not give of necessity, for it will be done grudgingly—and however much you give in this way will only have the reward of that you really wanted to give. Your reaping will correspond to the proportions and spirit of your sowing. Let the full consent of your free will go with the gift.

Conference Missionary Panorama (continued)

formed the congregation that they were to be honoured by being waited on by “musical collectors”—they were “good on the notes!” The response was magnificent, amounting to over £142.

Pastor J. T. Bradley, in an enthusiastic and racy manner, summarised the tour of African churches which he and Pastor H. W. Greenway had made at the request of the Missionary Council. He spoke of the kindness, generosity and welcome of all missionaries on the field. “Back to God!” “Back to God!” was the theme, the speaker said, of an African address. The meeting at Tzancen, under the leadership of a great and much-loved missionary, Mrs. Hawley, sang lustily, “The love of my Jesus is wonderful!” Mrs. Christie, at Phalabuwa, gathered a large company in a district where ten elephants were seen on parade, and introduced Mr. Bradley as “the preacher that had baptised her”—the natives had expected a “Methuselah!” We felt that we were right on the spot with a great company of Africans who lingered on into the bitter coldness of the night to listen to the appeal of the evangelist. Dr. Brien, Mr. Bradley said, needed £1,000 immediately to carry on the work in schools in Rhodesia, where 1,500 daily are being taught by dedicated school-teachers. “If we don't send teachers, the Roman Catholics will!” was the challenge.

Further items by the Ministerial Choral Party and the Bournemouth Quartet crowned the meeting and we left hearing the call in our hearts, “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His vineyard.”

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

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MARRIAGE

Hempstead : Horne. On October 11th, at Elim Providence Chapel, Exeter; Peter John Hempstead, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hempstead, of West Mersea, to Marion Yvonne Horne, elder daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. S. F. Horne. Officiating minister: W. G. Hathaway.

Shergold : Brimble. On October 25th, at Elim Church, Camberwell; Vernon David Shergold, of Clapham Park, London, to Barbara Yvonne Brimble, of Bedwas, Mon. (near Caerphilly); both members of Elim Church, Camberwell. Officiating minister: John Lancaster. C.998

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