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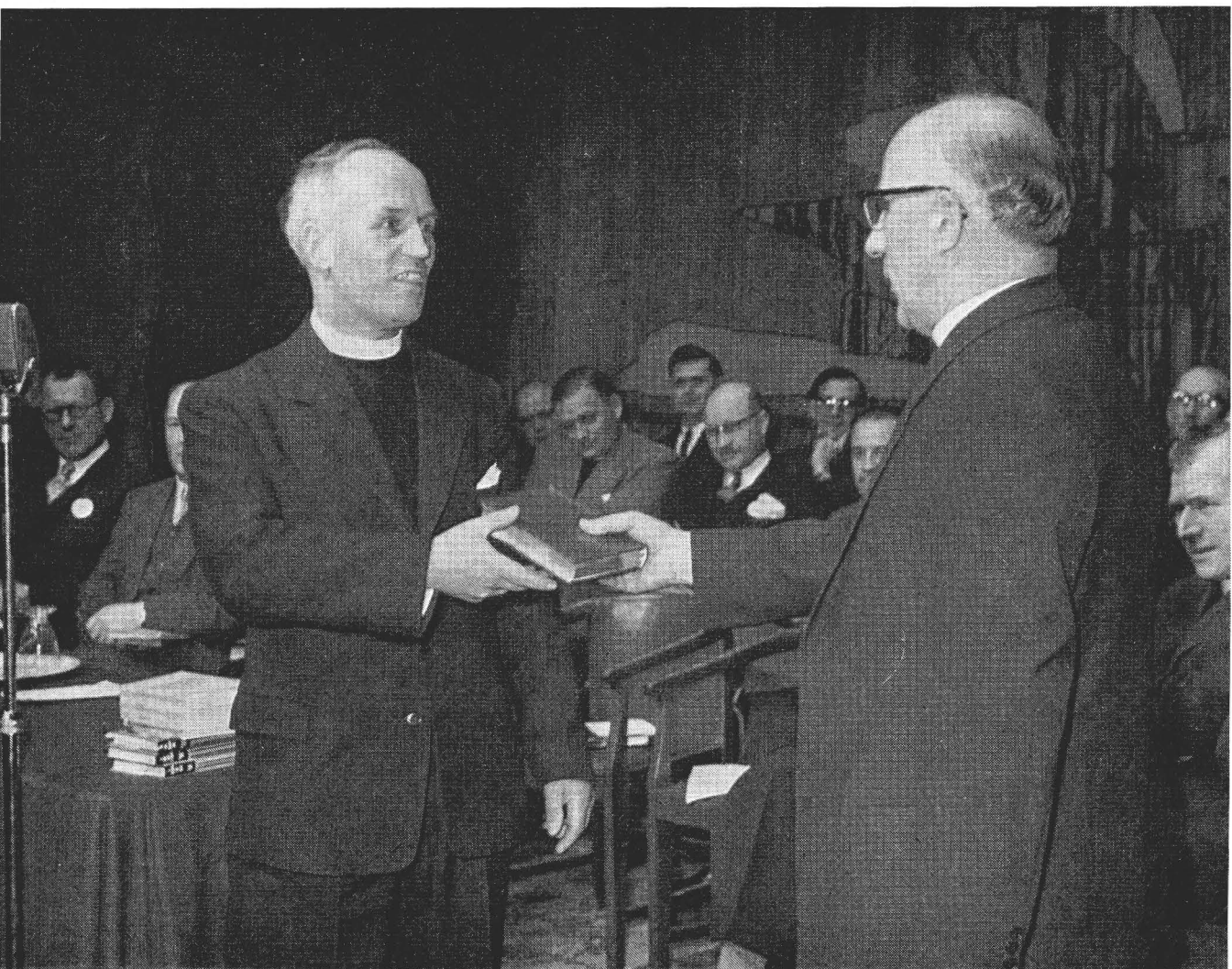
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The Bible, symbol of his high office, is presented to the new President, Pastor T. H. Stevenson, by Pastor John Woodhead (retiring President).

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editorial . . .

CONFERENCE 1961 is but a memory, but a very blessed memory, as the succeeding pages will reveal. We trust that even if you were unable to be present with us at Llandudno you may recapture something of the blessing we received as you peruse these reports.

The evening rallies are always highlights in the conference, nor was this year an exception. Perhaps most of all we will remember the solemn, yet stirring words of Mr. Womersley, of the C.E.M., as he related the tragic happenings in the Congo in recent months, culminating in the martyrdom of "Teddy" Hodgson and Elton Knauf; yet also revealed the wonderful results which have come through the brief period of the shining of the Gospel light in that dark land. Then there was the note of challenge sounded by our new President, Pastor Stevenson, as he reminded us of the need to keep the fire ever burning on the altar. This seemed to provide the keynote for the whole conference. The morning devotional sessions provided rich ministry of the Word, as did also the contributions of our brethren who spoke in the wider Elim Church Incorporated conference on Thursday.

Throughout the conference one was conscious of a great unity of purpose, and a real sense of our need to get down before God for a



The editor is caught (s)napping!

fresh outpouring of His Spirit to meet the dire need of the hour. This was fittingly brought to a climax by the resolution, readily acclaimed by all the delegates, to call all ministers together for three days of waiting upon God. It is our sincere prayer that this may be the beginning of a new epoch in our history as a movement.

Mere words seem such poor things to represent the blessing we received, but we trust that these will be more than cold print, and will stir each reader to seek the Lord afresh for a mighty anointing of His Spirit to meet the challenge of the hour.

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A great occasion

By **Kenneth J. Hathaway** (Minister of Elim Church, Brecon)

TAKE a goodly company of Pentecostal believers and add a feeling of expectancy. Stir in the pleasure occasioned by the joy of meeting old friends and the sense of delight aroused by magnificent scenery. Season with the stimulus of salty sea breezes and the soul-refreshing warmth of brilliant sunshine. Next take a brace of outstanding Elim preachers and the inspiring singing of dedicated male voices, throw in for good measure a platform full of mature, glowing, faithful experience. Pour over this a great sense of the presence of Jesus and an awareness of the moving of the Holy Spirit, and you will have a meeting that will live long in the memory.

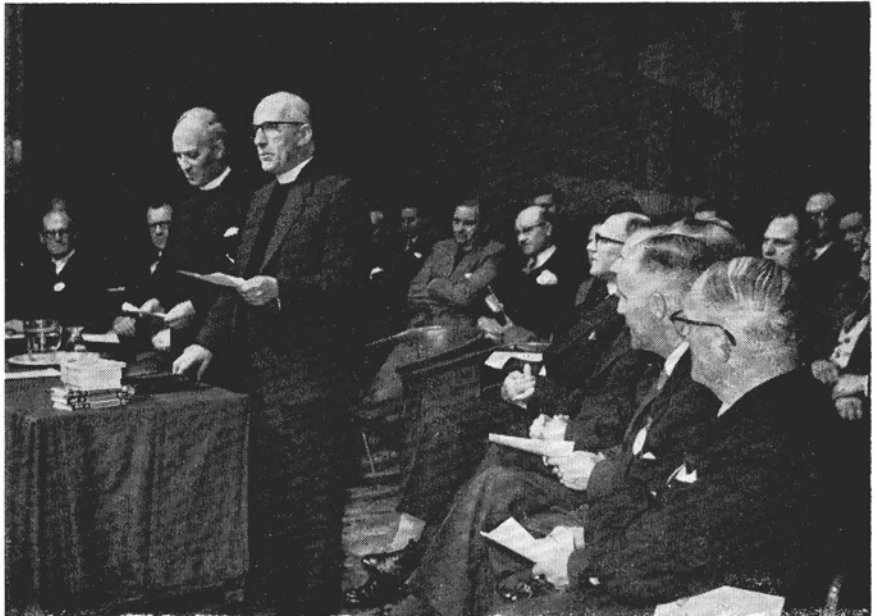
When you add to all this the fact that this is the first night of our Elim Annual Conference, that many among us had travelled hundreds of miles to be present, and realise that the speakers are the emeritus President and the President-elect — then you have a really inflammable mixture which could not fail to produce a soul-stirring display of Pentecostal pyrotechnics, and it did.

Pastor Wynne Lewis led the chorus singing as the people took their seats, then all was set for the retiring President to take over, and the meeting commenced with the lovely hymn "We have heard a joyful sound, Jesus saves." The chorus "Oh for a new anointing" expressed the hunger of our hearts for a deeper experience of God's blessing, and Pastor P. S. Brewster, one of our veteran evangelists, put it into words as he prayed mightily for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Conference, and upon the town of Llandudno. Right from the very beginning this was the theme of the whole Conference, one of the most blessed we have had.

The congregation rose to sing "Come Jesus Lord

with holy fire, come and my quickened heart inspire," then Pastor J. H. Davies, our National Youth Director, read the wonderful words of Romans chapter eight.

For some time now the Ministers' Male Voice Party has been looked upon as part of the great blessing of the evening rallies. They sang "I want my life to tell for Jesus" with such deep feeling that we felt it was a cry from our own hearts finding expression in harmony. Pastor Douglas Gray had once



The retiring President introduces the President-elect, Pastor T. H. Stevenson.

again worked wonders, in such a short time, to weld their many voices into glorious harmony.

Our Secretary-General, Pastor H. W. Greenway, was to leave for the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem before our own assembly would break up, but as he outlined the programme for the week we felt that we too were in for a time of blessing, as indeed events proved. The congregation echoed the promise "There shall be showers of blessing," and then the great moment had arrived. The retiring President, our beloved brother Pastor J. Woodhead, began by reviving the blessings and memories of his presidential year. He spoke of the warmth of fel-

lowship and the inspiration of spiritual blessing he had received from his visits to the various churches. Speaking of the future, he gave us a vision of great things before us as we move on in the blessing of God and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

He made us laugh when he said that the first time he met the new President was as he clung tight on the back of a motor-cycle, holding on for dear life as he negotiated the narrow hilly lanes of Cornwall. That was nearly thirty years ago, and during those years his love and respect for Pastor T. H. Stevenson had grown. He found him a man of experience and understanding and a man of God. Taking from the table a beautifully bound copy of the Word of God, Pastor Woodhead reminded his successor that this is the revelation of God, the basis of our faith and the power of our witness, and wished him every blessing, that God would make the ensuing year one of great blessing for His glory.

A very homely touch followed, and one which



The ministers' male voice party renders an item.

showed the deep respect with which our new President has established himself in our hearts. Pastor Woodhead read a telegram of greetings from Greenock, the President's home church, where he is still remembered, though he left twenty-nine years ago.

Replying to Pastor Woodhead, the President expressed his deep appreciation to all those who had been such a great help to him throughout his ministry, and to his brother ministers and the laymen who had honoured him so highly in electing him as their President. He promised by God's help to serve Him and the movement faithfully during his year of office.

We sang again that lovely hymn "I want, dear Lord, a heart like Thine," and then Pastor Stevenson spoke with great blessing from his text, Leviticus 6:13: "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar." The substance of this message we will all have either heard or read in the EVANGEL, so it must

suffice to say that it came as a challenge to absolute surrender, awakening within us a sense of our own responsibility and a consciousness of the tremendous power of God. May God grant that the fire shall burn with ever-increasing intensity until Jesus comes.

One of the members of the President's own church, Miss Muriel Pine, of Ilford, brought this part of the service to a conclusion as she sang so beautifully "Yielded, Lord, to Thee."

Pastor Wesley Gilpin, Principal of the Elim Bible College, then stepped forward to present prizes to the two students who had submitted the best theses in their respective years. Pastors J. Coleman and A. Davies came forward to receive the prizes and the congratulations of the Principal.

Rather reluctant that the meeting should have to end at all, we sang with fervour

"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."

Pastor W. J. Hilliard, of Greenock, commended us to God in prayer, and then we went back out into the evening air of lovely Llandudno with a wonderful sense of the presence and the blessing of God, determined that this should be a wonderful conference, and it was.

Good news from

HASTINGS

Special services recently have given cause for much thankfulness to God. During the visit of the President, Pastor J. Woodhead, the power of the Holy Ghost was manifest. The messages were deep and searching and the saints were comforted and challenged. But the ministry of healing was perhaps the outstanding feature. Many came forward seeking a touch from the Lord. A sister who was suffering excruciating pain, in spite of several operations, was immediately delivered.

A day or so later Pastor Frame received a letter of gratitude and a practical token of thanksgiving in the form of a cheque for £10 for the work. At the annual sisterhood weekend, Mrs. Joseph Smith was the guest speaker, and her words in these services were full of hope and encouragement. These two servants of the Lord have left a blessing behind.

NORWICH

Our third annual convention was held May 13th to 16th. We were privileged to have as guest speakers our President, Rev. T. H. Stevenson, and Pastor Richard Bolt (A.O.G., Colchester). Every meeting was well attended, while heart-stirring messages, songs and testimonies all contributed to a memorable weekend. Five decisions were made for Christ; we witnessed a number of remarkable healings and nineteen received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Truly God poured out His blessing upon us. To Him be the glory!

R. G. DRAKE,
Church Secretary.

George Canty talks about the evangelistic meeting of the Elim Annual Conference, 1961, and is happy that it was

THE MIXTURE AS BEFORE

ONE of those magazines whose contributors write as if their opinions were the final standard and test of truth recently gave its pontifical word on a certain English evangelist. His presentation of Christianity was loftily noticed and tossed aside, labelled merely "the way beloved of all revivalists."

I myself, as an evangelist, am happy to concede there is such a way, that the pattern is fixed, and that we do not want to depart from it. We want it like that.

And—we had it like that, the mixture as before, on the Wednesday evening of conference week. The good old hymns, the good old truths directly put without novelty, and the good old results, when some forty people indicated they would take Jesus as Saviour.

A warm, sympathetic understanding of human needs was first expressed through the concerted talents of Alan Caple and Neville West in the song "I must tell Jesus," the singer touching our deepest sentiments, his satisfying voice coming to us surrounded with a fountain of sparkling notes from

the piano. The atmosphere of this lovely number was for me the background to the rest of the service.

The glorious thought of the Christians' future was added to the mixture by the singing of the robust Male Voice Conference Group. This choir is composed of musicians and soloists of the Elim movement drawn together for a few moments in a united effort. Though some of them were reading the music at sight, the singing was an outstanding means of blessing in the service. And what revivalist ever failed to make his congregation sing and sing and sing again? Certainly Mr. Jones did not fail.

Coming to this north-western tip of quiet Wales, I wondered where congregations would come from—and I still do not know. But they were there all right,



Pastor W. R. Jones conducts the evangelistic rally.

our Churches

CLYDEBANK

Our youngest Scottish church at Clydebank has just completed its first year with a series of special meetings. On Friday, April 21st, we had a birthday cake service. Pastor Jacobs spoke of the great blessing received during the year and of the prospects of a new building.

Pastor Chapman was guest speaker and he ably ministered to record congregations. On Sunday night Pastor Brewster addressed a full hall. An after-church service was held for parents of Sunday school scholars. The same afternoon the school exceeded 100 for the first time since its beginning last September. On the following Friday a special service was held to aid the building fund. This fund increased by £120 during the month of April. God is working in our midst.

TERRY JACOBS.

FIRST LADIES' FELLOWSHIP RALLY AT WEYMOUTH

On April 18th our ladies' fellowship held its first rally. Mrs. Gorton was our special speaker and she brought us a message entitled "Things." A coach-load of ladies from the Springbourne and Winton churches came with Mrs. Gorton. Representatives of at least eight women's meetings answered to a roll call. In all there were about 100 ladies present, seventy of whom stayed to a buffet tea.

It greatly encouraged us to welcome so many to our rally and we are confident that God will bless our future efforts.

MRS. I. THOMAS.

every evening; and this evening special advertising drew in a wonderful crowd of Llandudno residents also. The long rows were filled far back in the main body of the building.

It was not a handsome or inspiring place, and the upper gallery displays girders and wheels more than reminiscent of a factory. Anyway, this became a Gospel factory—and it worked overtime this night, for it was 9.45 before we had done the job we were there to do; but the appeal of this typical evangelistic service held all but a few to the last moment, even until pastors and evangelists had prayed for more than a score of sick people.

The preacher's message was simplicity itself, telling us plainly and joyfully what the Cross meant. The best summary was given us the next day—one of Elim's leaders said that "anybody coming to see what an Elim evangelistic service was like could only go away with one impression—it was wonderful."

THE CHALLENGE OF DARKNESS

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY RALLY

by **Gerald L. W. Ladlow** (Minister of the Ulster Temple, Belfast)

FOR God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts." So read Miss Mary Cooper, one of our young teacher missionaries from Southern Rhodesia, in a very appropriately chosen portion of scripture from 2 Corinthians 4 at our annual missionary rally.

It was almost inevitable that the emphasis this year should be upon the great continent of Africa, where such momentous events are now taking place. Once again our hearts were stirred to their depths as God moved among us and spoke to us through His servants. Pastor Archie Nicolson, from Southern Rhodesia, was in the chair and was truly led of the Spirit in his able convening of the service. As Pastor David Lewis, of India, led us to the throne of grace we felt a deep sense of the presence of God.

It seemed very appropriate to us that following the prayer our President, Pastor T. H. Stevenson, should be called upon to introduce the newly elected Vice-President, our good brother Pastor D. B. Gray, who has been engaged in true missionary work for thirty years in H.M. prisons in the British Isles. After a few brief remarks the Vice-President led the Conference Singing Group in a beautiful rendering of the Gospel piece entitled "No night there."

The chairman brought a smile to the congregation when he announced that he had pleasure in calling on his wife to speak and the privilege of telling her when to stop! He gave her two minutes—and what a lot she packed into that short time, telling in a clear and concise fashion of the conversion of a man and his wife in the dispensary in Southern Rhodesia, illustrating the value of this work.

Before the main speaker addressed the meeting Mrs. David Lewis, of India, sang very movingly "He giveth more grace." In introducing Mr. Harold

Womersley, the Field Superintendent of the Congo Evangelistic Mission, the chairman took our minds back to the turbulent days following the declaration of Congo independence, and told of his welcoming our Elim missionaries in Rhodesia after their hurried evacuation from the Congo.

The address of Mr. Womersley made an impression on the congregation that is beyond my power to describe. For almost an hour he held the congregation in rapt attention. Prefacing his address with a reference to the scripture reading concerning the light shining into darkness and the glorious hope expressed in the choral piece "No night there," he took us away to the "dark continent." He described the darkness of the Congo some forty-five years ago when the pioneer missionaries of the C.E.M. arrived there. The first messengers of the Cross to this part of the Katanga, they found heathenism, witchcraft, cannibalism and all forms of sin and vice reigning. Telling of the sacrifices of those early pioneers, he paid tribute to Elim missionaries who shared in bringing the light to this dark land.

When at last independence day arrived the light had so spread that there were over 1,000 churches in the C.E.M., where over 40,000 members broke bread on Sunday mornings and over 70,000 gathered to hear the Gospel on Sunday nights. In the mission day schools were over 20,000 scholars, in the Samaritan centres over 1,800 persons were helped daily and in the maternity centres last year over 3,000 babies were delivered. Our hearts were deeply moved as he told of the great changes the Gospel had wrought.

Turning from the work of the Lord, he described how in latter years the Devil had attempted to extinguish the light. Preparing the way for godless communism, young men had been taken to Prague

Some of the missionaries present at conference.



Mr. Womersley (C.E.M.) addresses the missionary rally.



and Moscow and given a four-year training prior to returning to the Congo to stir up political strife. With saddened hearts we listened to the story of the outbreak of violence and bloodshed and the return to cannibalism that had followed the declaration of independence. We heard of the pillaging of the mission stations, the cutting off of 800 churches behind the "bow and arrow curtain" and the sufferings and heroism of the native Christians.

In a living stillness, Mr. Womersley told the story of the martyrdom of missionaries "Teddy" Hodgson and Elton Knauf, who were hacked to death with panga knives as they prayed for their persecutors. Truly darkness is once again settling over the Congo. In spite of all the evil, news is being received telling of the heroism of the Christians and their determination to continue to worship and serve the Lord. As he brought his address to a close and outlined his plans for the future I feel certain that a new determination to work and pray for the spread of the light was born in every heart.



The newly elected Vice-President, Pastor D. B. Gray.

Following a brief appeal by Pastor H. W. Greenway, the offering was taken up and £220 was received. As our dear brother Mr. James Salter, co-founder of the C.E.M., closed in prayer there was scarcely a dry eye in the building.



Inspiring Rallies in Ireland

THE Elim Church in Ireland has recently been wonderfully blessed of God in a number of united rallies. Such rallies are always a source of inspiration to our members, for they demonstrate the strength of our united witness and the value of our common fellowship. Pastor W. G. Hathaway, who came as the Executive representative to our Irish conference, preached under a great anointing of the Spirit in the evening rally. Exalting Christ and lifting up our hearts to Him that sitteth upon the throne he brought the congregation into a great outburst of spontaneous praise and audible worship during which the gifts of the Holy Spirit were exercised in power.

The Easter convention saw the Ulster Temple well filled with folk from all parts of the province. The ministry of God's Word by Pastors Hardman and Martin was of the highest order and many were the expressions of appreciation at the close of the day. In the afternoon a great missionary rally was held, when Miss Vera McGillivray thrilled our hearts and challenged us all afresh. Our sister spent the following week visiting some of our country centres and in every place great blessing was reported. The offering at this rally was almost £80.

On Saturday, April 29th, the Ulster Temple was again well filled for another great missionary rally. Messrs. Burton and Womersley, fresh from the turbulent scenes in the Congo, spoke to a very attentive audience. Each of the speakers addressed the meeting for more than an hour, and although it was after ten o'clock when the meeting closed and many had to travel long distances no one seemed to be anxious to leave. The challenge of this meeting has made a tremendous impression upon the Elim folk in Ireland. The martyrdom of brothers Hodgson and Knauf has stirred our people to a deeper prayer interest in the mission field. The offering at this service was £102.

Following this rally our brethren visited several centres in the country where rallies had been arranged and once again there was great enthusiasm and tremendous blessing.



Pastor and Mrs. Lewis in Indian costume.

A FITFUL wind brought gusts of wind clattering against the windscreen as we drove the last few miles of the long journey to Llandudno. Dark clouds swept over the hills, and across the grey waters of the estuary the clustered towers of Conway Castle rose with forbidding strength, as if disapproving of these invaders from the south.

An invasion it was, with men of every size and shape and speech—soft-spoken Irishmen, heavily accented Scots, fervent Welshmen and a mixed multitude of Englishmen who ranged from broad “Yorkshire” to quickfire “Cockney.” Their speech betrayed them, but whatever the difference of their accent their purpose and their hearts were one; and the result was, in the words of a man who is probably the most competent of all to judge, “One of the best conferences we have ever had.” Very few would disagree with Pastor E. J. Phillips in that.

Let me turn the pages of my diary then, and decipher, if that is possible, from the ill-written scrawl what happened from day to day.

MONDAY

The conference began, as is customary, with the meeting of the ministerial session. This deals with the acceptance and ordination of probationary ministers and with any matters of ministerial discipline. Entering the Winter Gardens Ballroom, with its low ceiling, stucco walls and concealed lighting, gave me the feeling of entering a cave, and I found myself tiptoeing because of a squeaking floor. The session was already in progress when I arrived and it was soon evident that if the surroundings were cave-like the inhabitants were anything but prehistoric! To judge from the questions and discussion, they were very much alive.

TUESDAY

There was a welcome return this year to the practice of holding a devotional session at the start



The male voice party at practice.

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By J. Lancaster (Minis

of each day's business, and it was undoubtedly this that played a large part in creating the sense of God's presence which pervaded the conference. As the pianist for the day I found myself at the keyboard of a rather battered Bechstein grand, which was more accustomed to the sharply punctuated rhythm of dance music than the flowing harmonies of “Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise.” But the former associations of this place were soon forgotten in the deep upsurge of men's voices singing this great hymn to the tune “Wiltshire.” With characteristic humour, but moving sincerity, Pastor A. J. K. Magee brought us to Psalm 78:19. “Can God?” was the question. The preacher's answer was: “God can!”

Almost reluctantly we took up our agenda and turned to the first items. One of the first was the acceptance of new churches, Fareham (Portsmouth), Newhaven (Sussex), St. Blazey and Gunnislake (Devon and Cornwall), Shrewsbury (Birmingham) and Sudbury (north London) were the churches and the presbyteries to which they were assigned. It was pointed out that most of these new churches had come into being because Elim ministers had launched out from their own churches or because Elim members having moved to a new district had worked to bring Elim into being in their new surroundings. This was a challenge to ministers and members alike. We all need to be alert to the possibility of extending our Elim witness to new districts.

A highlight of this day's business was the warm tribute paid by Pastor J. C. Kennedy to Pastor W. G. Hathaway on his retirement from the Executive Council. From the very early days of Elim Pastor Hathaway, who has been in the Pentecostal ranks for fifty years, has served the movement. His three sons are Elim ministers and his daughter is married to a minister. The applause which followed marked the esteem in which Mr. Hathaway is held.

The ELIM EVANGEL was a subject for keen discussion. It was decided that the recommendations

Diary Delegate

Elim Church, Eastbourne)

of a committee set up by the 1960 conference be accepted. The cost of publishing this important part of our publicity was again stressed and it was announced that a small increase in price would be inevitable. This, however, would be no greater than the increase in price of most daily newspapers since the war and it would permit improvements to be made in the EVANGEL.

A hearty outbreak of applause greeted the announcement that Pastor Douglas B. Gray had been elected Vice-President. In announcing Mr. Gray's election the President, Pastor T. H. Stevenson, remarked that this was undoubtedly a recognition of the many years grand service Mr. Gray has given to Elim as Musical Director and leader of the London Crusader Choir. He reminded us amid much laughter that we had a "grey Scot" as President this year and a "Scots Gray" next year! The only thing to be added, he said, was "Great Scot!" In a simple but moving reply Pastor Gray expressed his desire to serve the Lord and Elim in the days ahead.

WEDNESDAY

Pastor H. W. Fardell led our morning devotions and disclosed an unusual vein of humour as he gave a refreshing discourse on the pearl of great price. "I have never burned my boats," he said, "without God has given me a ship—even in Wigan, with its 'pier'!"

Again we settled down to business, ministers and laymen in the body of the hall, faced by the Executive Council seated at their long green covered table. Pastor L. Cowdery introduced a proposal which led, by devious twists and turns of constitutional procedure involving not a few "points of order" and other interruptions such as amendments to amendments and the like, to the setting up of a committee to investigate the wisdom or otherwise of compulsory retirement from certain offices and committees at a given age.

Pastor Gorman rose to give the missionary report.

He pointed out that our missionary income for the year was not far short of the record year when £25,000 was received, but he went on to stress the need for an even greater income. The increasing needs of the work would necessitate an income of £30,000 if we were to achieve our missionary aims. The keen interest of the conference in missionary work was revealed by the number of questions arising from this report. All were graciously answered by the Missionary Secretary, who then called upon Pastor R. Chapman, a member of the Missionary Council, to report on the new missionary exhibition. This has been prepared by a band of loyal workers, to whom tribute was paid, and employs many modern techniques to demonstrate the theme "From darkness to light." From the attractive brochure we were given it seems an informative and challenging project.

The Elim youth report followed, given by Pastor J. Hywel Davies in his usual crisp manner. There were many questions, especially regarding the Sunday School Teachers' Handbook. The conference agreed that no other handbook provided the definite emphasis on Pentecostal teaching we required and that we would therefore continue to publish our own. Increased costs would involve an increased price, but improvements would be made. Perhaps some teachers will be tempted to think that 2/6 per quarter is a lot to pay, but some quick arithmetic—at a level at which even I can cope—will show that the handbook will cost slightly less than 2½d. per week. A daily paper costs 1/6 per week. The comparison is worth making!

Part of this day was spent in tidying up the constitution—"here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept"—all very necessary, if somewhat tedious. Voting for the various committees which play such an important part in the life of the movement was followed by the evangelistic cam-



One of the house party groups.

paigns report. This was presented by the Field Superintendent, Pastor J. J. Morgan. It recorded the endeavours, successes and difficulties of the Elim evangelists and looked to the future with the promise of further campaigns already under preparation.

During this afternoon we paused a moment to bid farewell to Pastors Coleman, Gorman, Greenway and Woodhead, who were leaving for the World Pentecostal Conference in Jerusalem. Greetings were sent through them to that conference and our brethren were committed to the Lord's care, special prayer being made for Pastor Greenway, who was to address the opening meeting of the conference in Jerusalem.

THURSDAY

Once again we gathered around the Word of God, ably led by Pastor Gerald Ladlow, who brought encouragement and challenge as he expounded the words, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." We felt the Master's presence in the midst.

Evangelism claimed our attention again. The recommendations of a meeting between the Evangelistic Committee and District Superintendents were discussed and approved. These were realistic proposals for a five-year extension programme, calling for churches, ministers and members everywhere to launch out in a drive to open new churches and extend the Elim testimony. It was pointed out that if our members would each give a penny per day to evangelistic funds this would bring in over £12,000 per year. What an opportunity! What a challenge!

It was my privilege to present the next proposal, a call for a special gathering of our ministers to wait on God. The enthusiastic response was a heartening indication of the desire throughout the movement for a fresh anointing of the Spirit of God. Out of this was born a plan for three days of prayer in Graham Street, Birmingham, in October. May God visit us again as we seek His face.

Pastor Gilpin presented the Elim Bible College report and pointed out amid applause that our college is now the largest full Gospel training institute in the British Isles. Tribute was paid to the vigorous work done by Pastor and Mrs. Gilpin in making many improvements to the college. Pastor D. B. Gray brought the music and radio evangelism report and informed us of opportunities for Elim broadcasts in Australia. The importance of good Christian literature was emphasised by Pastor F. B. Phillips in presenting the Elim Publishing House report.

The rest of this day was devoted to spiritual topics.

Pastor F. J. Slemming, in his sprightly and often humorous way, presented a nevertheless challenging address on the minister's responsibility in making a greater impact for Elim on our day and age. He placed great stress on the need for ministers to concentrate above all on prayer and the ministry of the Word. The pulpit, he declared, was not the place for play-boys but for men of integrity. One of Elim's veteran campaigners, Pastor P. S. Brewster, spoke on the place the evangelist has in making this greater impact. Referring to the days of the apostles and the early days of our own movement, he called for a re-emphasis on some of the old teaching about Pentecost, holiness and Divine healing. In the evening we were joined by members of the house parties and a large congregation heard Pastor A. Wright speak of expansion through the individual members of our churches. Our impact lessened, he said, in ratio to the degree in which attendance at the weekly prayer meeting and Bible study dwindled. The day ended around the Lord's table as this great reunion of the Elim family gathered to remember the central fact of its faith. Led by the President we gathered in fervent worship and profound thankfulness to remember the Lamb that was slain—and lives again!

FRIDAY

Into the "cave" for the last time! Pastor J. McBurney led our devotions and brought us the final challenge from the Word: "We must work the works of Him that sent us, while it is day; the night cometh . . ." In that "we," he said, both ministers and members were involved.

After some discussion, in which laymen played a prominent part, it was decided that ministers' salaries should be raised. Then came the appointment of a committee consisting of Pastors J. T. Bradley, W. Gilpin, A. D. Hathaway, G. L. W. Ladlow and T. H. Stevenson to examine the New English Bible New Testament. And so came the end. Votes of thanks were given to all who had helped, especially to Pastor T. H. Stevenson for his genial but firm handling of the conference in all its varied moods. We stood to pray for sick brethren and then took our farewells.

In the brilliant sunshine even Conway Castle looked friendlier and the wooded hills were bathed in light. We sped southward again with the afterglow of spiritual blessing in our hearts and the sense of fellowship deepened by what was indeed a happy conference, in which the grace of God was manifested and the name of His dear Son uplifted.

The Master had come to Llandudno.



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

NOW IS THE HOUR

THE annual Elim Conference, with the usual fine "conference weather," is over and only memories remain. Fellowship is a wonderfully expressive word, but preciously so when it is interpreted by humour, laughter, sympathy and understanding which were ours in general, and above all a longing for more of God and the mighty moving of the Holy Ghost in revival.

I love a company of men singing. Never shall I forget the great number of men booming out the tenor and bass as the fine congregation sang: "All hail the power of Jesu's name . . . and crown Him Lord of all." A blessed and enjoyable feature was the group of ministers singing every evening and again in our house-party last thing at night. The final night I had retired. It was unique to lie in bed listening to a company of pastors melodiously, inspiringly singing: "Guide me O Thou great Jehovah," "That beautiful land," and "There's no night there." Little did we know that about that time the Lord was calling to Himself a beloved friend and deacon of our church. His death was sudden and this news awaited us on our return on Friday night. He was in the prime of life. He was a man who burned himself out for God. Christians like him are scarce today, but *now is the hour* when Christian calibre such as his is urgently needed.

I shall always want to remember the challenging, charming but unassuming manner and message of brother Womersley, of the Congo Evangelistic Mission. It must have cost him something to recount those tragic happenings in Congo, but it was right for us to know.

There were sister Womersley's grannies, as he called them: women who years before had been saved from witchcraft; who were outcasts, diseased, unwanted and unloved. Since knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour their lives had been transformed and down the years they had graciously matured in him. *They knew how to pray.* They possessed no alarm clock, but at the crowing of the cock they would arise and come to pray. Even if a cockerel made a mistake and crowed at midnight, they still came, bless them!

"If the rebels come, we cannot run into the bush to hide," they would say. "We will stay here and die for Jesus." And they did! The day of Congo's blood-bath came suddenly, sooner than anticipated, and those dear old grannies were mercilessly butchered on the spot, martyred for their Lord. It was their finest hour. In these days of enveloping darkness *now is the hour* for earnest, travailing, intercessory prayer.

And I must remember the tense figure of brother Salter and his words before he prayed: "But prayer (Acts 12:5). James was killed, Peter was delivered"; and his prayer: "God, I'm not clear about accepting your sovereignty in all things" (martyrdom of brothers Hodgson and Knauf besides others) "and wonder whether the fault lies at our own door."

Thought. "Prayer is the hand that moves the world, but the fingers of that hand are consecrated men and women."

London Symphony of Praise

METROPOLITAN Tabernacle, London, becomes more and more a venue of Christian witness by Pentecostal and evangelical bodies. Elim is well to the fore in such activities. The Symphony of Praise recently presented by the London Crusader Choir proved another night of festive fare.

Owing to the choir's planned tour for Canada and the United States of America next October, this annual event had to be brought forward. Despite many other big Christian events in the metropolis the same day, a fine company of people were present. Pastor J. Hywel Davies, National Youth Director, ably presided over the event and concluded the festival with a forthright challenge from the Word of God.

Typical of the ministry by the Crusader Choir, much variety was crowded into the programme. From full choral highlights to smaller groups, including the Male Voice Quartet and the Ladies' Trio and the soloists Marie Hamilton and Grace Sapsford, Gospel song presentation was rich and soul-stirring.

The return visit of Keith Griffin and Kelvin Thomas, B.B.C. boy duettists, accompanied by Winnie Thomas, was a great attraction. These boy singers, with their clear and beautiful diction and tone, moved hearts by the simple Gospel stories in song, as well as the inclusion of melodies from the masters. Ronald Cooper at the organ and Janet Penney, piano accompanist, made up a team of talent and musical ability worthy of the Christian message and witness. The programme was devised and directed by Pastor Douglas B. Gray.



Pastors J. Osman and L. Quest discuss a point.

"SOMETHING FOR NOTHING"

If you have not seen the above leaflet explaining how income tax payers can increase their giving to the work of the Lord in Elim without cost to themselves, write to the Secretary, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4, for a copy.

"I've got a song"

By Alan Caple

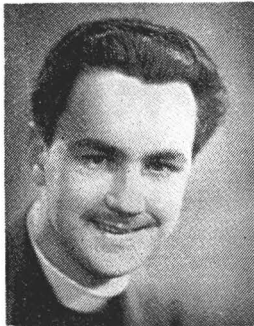
(Mr. Caple is Elim minister at Shrewsbury and song leader soloist with Elim evangelist W. Ronald Jones)

Conducted by the
National Youth Director

I AM convinced that we have in our ranks a remarkable number of Crusaders with outstanding potential in the realm of music. Wherever we go we hear new voices enthusiastically singing the "old story." We have been blessed with your ministry, Crusaders. I am glad to see so many using instruments such as guitars, clarinets and even the double bass! How about you, Crusader? Why not have a try?

Christian music must essentially convey a message. It must be a vehicle for the Gospel story, and this, of course, brings me to the singer. There are at least three requirements for the Christian who wishes to sing. Possibly the first of these will be obvious:

Introducing E.Y.M.'s Holiday Hosts



A NEW VENTURE WHICH YOU SHOULD SUPPORT

Rev. Derek J. Green tells us he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour when only four years of age. As son of Rev. Leslie W. Green he was raised in a Christian atmosphere from his birth. He has attended Elim youth camps since he was nine years old, and since entering the Elim ministry in September 1953 has taken an active part as commandant and padre. This year he will be host at the first ever junior camp for the nine- to thirteen-year-olds from August 11th to 18th at Weymouth. Parents can be assured that Mr. Green and his school-teacher assistants will care well for their children. Write to Rev. D. J. Green, 11a Great George Street, Weymouth, for full details.

you need a voice. It may be that the last person to realise that you have a voice will be yourself! Of course, most of us imagine ourselves to be far superior to Mr. Shea when we sing in our bath, but out of it—well, we just are not that special. But others can recognise it (for instance your Crusader secretary or pastor); and if they do, be quietly determined to dedicate what you have to God's service and remember that you are responsible to God for the talent He has graciously given you. So don't hide your light, don't bury your talent!

I am glad that we have reached the place in Pentecost where we realise that the more training and education any individual has the better. I am certain that training is the "key" word in singing the Gospel. For a start, what about voice training? There are few singers who know naturally how to breathe correctly. It will be well worth your effort to learn. We must be our best for Jesus. Then again, it is not enough to go to a service and sing without preparation. Even if you are unable to receive voice training you must, let me emphasise it, *you must* practise. Some soloists remind me of Sunday school teachers who prepare their lessons five minutes before Sunday school begins.

By the way, most solos are far too long. I remember once (never again I hope) hearing a man sing five verses and five choruses (with half a dozen bars of music from the pianist between the chorus and verse) of that great hymn "How great Thou art." What a relief it was when he sat down, for although "love suffereth long and is kind" we have not all got the "patience of Job." Concerning spiritual gifts Paul wrote: "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three"; this can profitably be applied to our subject. Two verses please, and if you really must reach the limits then at the most no more than three. Try to be imaginative in your arrangements; far too many fall into this pattern—verse, chorus, verse, chorus, with "something" in between. Very dull!

One more point; why are you looking so sad?

We sing about the joy Christ can give in a manner which would convey nothing but constant misery. Next time you sing, try smiling; not smirking, smiling.

Our greatest need if we really are going to fulfil the highest purpose of Gospel singing is the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Crave the anointing of God. Earnestly desire this above all else. We are not entertainers, we are ambassadors. We are not there merely to please but to plead with those outside of Christ. There is no other substitute, we must be "filled with the Spirit." It is important to sing the correct tune, but far more important to be in tune with God. If you are in a trio or quartet you will know that harmony is important, yet it is vital that our closest harmony is with God.

In this article we have noted three things—the voice, the training and the anointing, but the greatest of these is the anointing.

SUNSHINE CORNER



"AMANDA JANE"

Hello Sunbeams.

Let me tell you a story this week about a little girl who loved to help mummy in the house, especially at exciting times such as when cakes were being made or when it was time for spring cleaning.

Her name was Anne and one day mummy told her she could turn out the toy cupboard and throw away all the rubbish that was mixed up among the toys. What a wonderful time she had, finding all the books and toys she had forgotten about and collecting together all the crayons and pencils. Right at the bottom of the cupboard was a horrid dirty dolly with its clothes all ragged and torn. It had very little hair and its face was nearly black, "Ugh!" thought Anne to herself. "Who would want to play with a horrid dolly like that?"

Grandma was coming to tea that day and when she arrived Anne showed her the dolly. "Look what I've found, grandma," she said "isn't she horrid? I'm just going to put her in the dustbin."

"Why," said grandma in surprise, "that's Amanda Jane! Your mummy used to play with her when she was your age. Amanda Jane was a beautiful dolly then, she was brand new." Grandma took the dirty doll and turned it over for a while as though she were thinking. Then she turned to Anne and said "Can I have her, Anne?" Anne laughed.

"Yes, of course you can grandma, I don't want her. She's much too dirty—but what you're going to do with her I don't know. I expect you want to keep her just because she belonged to mummy." Grandma smiled but said nothing.

Several weeks later when Anne went to grandma's house for tea, grandma asked her to go with her into the lounge. "I have something to show you Anne," she said. There on the table was the most beautiful dolly Anne had ever seen. It was dressed as a bride with a beautiful white gown, a white veil and a coronet of pink flowers. "Ooh, isn't she lovely!" was all that she could say.

"Would you like her for your own?" asked grandma. "Ooh, yes please!" said Anne, holding out her hands straight away. "Do you know who she is, Anne?" asked grandma. "No grandma," said Anne, "but I expect she's got a name. If she hasn't we'll have to give her one." "But she *has* got a name," said grandma, "she's Amanda Jane!"

"Oh, I see," said Anne, "you've called her Amanda Jane after mummy's dolly." "No dear, she *is* Amanda Jane," laughed grandma, "the very same. You see Anne, when I knew you were going to throw her in the dustbin I felt sorry because she had been such a lovely dolly. I thought perhaps I could make her beautiful again. Wouldn't it be awful if we had to be thrown away when we weren't good and clean and smart? What I've done to Amanda Jane is what Jesus does for us. He makes us clean and new again inside."

Anne gave grandma a big hug and a kiss and after tea she took Amanda Jane home. When she went to bed she didn't forget to thank the Lord Jesus for sending Amanda Jane back and she thanked Him too for being so good and kind to her and to everyone.

Goodbye for now and God bless you all.

Lots of love, AUNTY DOROTHY.



Re-fuelling in mid-air. Even gulls benefit from the Elim Conference!



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by William J. Patterson
(Minister of Elim Church, Halifax)

Monday, June 19th. Amos 7 : 1-17.

"The Lord stood . . . with a plumbline in His hand."
The three visions that follow the eight graphic prophecies continue the message of rebuke and chastisement. In the third vision God opens our eyes and shows us Himself—"The Lord with the plumbline"—judging His people and framing the ultimate deserts for their sins. "The wall" stands for all Israel and the "plumbline" is descriptive of God's righteous judgments. It shows the wall to be out of true (2 : 6-8). The first two Assyrian invasions stopped short of ending Israel's national status because Amos prayed. But this is final. They are weighed in the balances and found wanting. Even Amos does not intercede. The wall must fall.

Tuesday, June 20th. Amos 8 : 1-14.

"A basket of summer fruit" (v. 2).
The cycle of husbandry reaches its climax at the final harvest of summer fruit gathering. The third vision emphasised the certainty of judgment. The fourth vision's symbol of "summer fruit," and the Palestinian term "cutting" used in relation to summer fruit harvesting, and Jehovah's pronouncement—"The end is come"—coincide to herald the imminence of invasion by Assyria. The chapter is to be closed. The whole course of warnings and prophetic pleadings has reached the extreme limit. The "sowing of wild oats" has ripened into an alarming harvest of wickedness (v. 5). Sin ripens to maturity, but it is maturity for destruction. There is a point in the dealings of God with men where justice takes over from mercy.

Wednesday, June 21st. Amos 9 : 1-15.

"I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord" (v. 8).
Though Israel will be "sifted among the nations" and the whole world be a sieve in which they will be thrown about in a ceaseless tossing to and fro "yet shall I bring again the captivity of My people." And that is to be expected—Amos's fifth vision is of the Lord Himself: the good God who "has not left Himself without a witness" in any age. Amos is a well-taught prophet of God, for in his conclusion he weaves one bright ray of sunshine into his predictions of woe. He introduces one rich, full promise of overflowing goodness. God "in wrath remembers mercy."

Thursday, June 22nd. 1 Timothy 1 : 1-11.

"The glorious Gospel of the blessed God" (v. 11).
The commission of a pastor—Timothy's task—according to the "glorious Gospel of the happy God" was twofold. For himself godly edifying was enjoined. Every effort must be made to enhance the glory of the Gospel, and to spread the infection of its divinely happy Author. Charity out of a pure heart, unfeigned faith and a good conscience were to be prized; the highest, noblest and soundest aspects of the Gospel were committed to his trust. For others—"Charge some that they teach no other doctrine." Fables, endless genealogies and vain janglings were to be taboo. Take joy home with you, for happiness is a good thing.

Friday, June 23rd. 1 Timothy 1 : 12-20.

"A faithful saying" (v. 15).
Probably a favourite quotation, current among the early Christian preachers; possibly based on the outstanding

saying of Jesus—"I am come to call sinners to repentance." Thus it became a true and trusty Christian axiom—the best news we have ever heard, and universally worthy of credit. This was Paul's reflection as chief of sinners. We are evidently strangers to the sins of others, but we dwell with our own sins and feel personally and morally responsible to God for every deviation. Consequently we know them better, being appalled by their immensity and conscious of our guilt. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The incarnation was an advent, not merely a beginning: "He came to save sinners."

Saturday, June 24th. 1 Timothy 2 : 1-15.

"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God" (v. 3).
Paul's ideal of a quiet, peaceable, godly and honest life amid the nosy distraction of Rome's tottering empire may seem an idle dream. Nero's persecution of the Church had left a grim aftermath of unquietness. The governors of the outposts of Rome were corrupt, living on the edge of anarchy; the influential women were carnal and indecent. But however difficult the situation, confident faith can add its believing "Amen" to every "Yea" of omnipotence, for the judgments of God are very deep. Paul's call for prayer was an acknowledgment that the throne of grace still superintends all the overruling affairs of Providence for the good of His Church.

Sunday, June 25th. 1 Timothy 3 : 1-16.

"Behave thyself in the house of God" (v. 15).
The house of God is not merely a place of Christian assembly; it is a school of testimony. When the Church, as a body of believers, united in doctrine, work and worship, is blessed with the heritage of character, and the dynamic influence of well-regulated conduct in its ministers (v. 2), deacons (v. 8) and members, it makes almost every noble achievement possible. This is an ideal union; it lifts us to a dignified and holy level the preaching of the great mystery: "God manifest in the flesh." It graduates into a deep and spiritual influence on the minds of those who do not belong to the household of faith.



PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman.

Some years ago I heard a great sermon on prayer. Among the many fine things the preacher said, this point was fixed in my mind. Some Christians who do not find much time for prayer, except perhaps for a few minutes each day, are sometimes quite suddenly confronted with a major problem. It may be an accident, sickness or bereavement and then they start running around asking people to pray for them. Somehow they feel that their prayers will not avail at such a time of crisis. How true this is, for if we do not know how to pray when things are running smoothly, how can we plead with God in the day of trouble?

Daniel was known as a great man of prayer, and it was said concerning him and many others also: "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Daniel showed himself strong. What faith and courage he revealed in the den of lions. God has given this shining character of Daniel in His Word as an example to us that if we know Him through prayer we too may be strong in the day of our trouble.

Prayer is requested for

Revival in our time.

Elim missionaries overseas.

The youth of our churches, that God may bless and use them for the extension of His kingdom.

Those who have been recently bereaved, that they may be comforted by the Lord.

Those who are sick and suffering much pain.

Thought for the week

Be strong in prayer.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

ACCRINGTON. Commencing June 26 in the Town Hall. Special campaign. Evangelists: A. Brooks, S. Beresford, H. L. Dawson. Please pray for this campaign.

BARNSELEY. June 17. North Midlands Presbytery Rallies in Baptist Church, Sheffield Road, 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. Speaker: A. Brooks. Convener: R. B. Chapman. Singing items by Sheffield Male Voice Choir. Cups of tea provided.

BRADFORD. June 18 and 25, July 2 and 9, in the Mechanics Institute, Bridge Street. Youth Crusade conducted by Brian Hopkins. Sundays 8 p.m. June 24-27. Advent Testimony Weekend. Speaker: W. G. Hathaway, D.D. Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Monday 7.30 p.m., Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Sunday at 6.30 p.m. in Mechanics Institute. All other services in Southend Hall, Leeds Road.

COULSDON. June 17. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Monthly United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: J. J. Morgan. Leader: G. Page (A.O.G.). Singing and testimonies by Kenley Bible School Students.

ILFORD. June 24. Elim Church, Clements Road. Monthly Rally, 7.30. Speaker: A. Webb (Dagenham). 25. T. Nosworthy (U.S.A.), 6.30.

LEICESTER. July 1, 2. Elim Church, Narborough Road Junction. Special Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts (Wales). Convener: W. J. Allen. Sat. 7.30 p.m., Sun. 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

LEYTON. June 24, 25. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Supervisors of the International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill. Convener: L. N. Knipe. Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

LINCOLN. June 24, 25, Visit of K. Smith.

NEWCASTLE. June 17 to July 13. Elim Church, Heaton Road. Special Deepening of Spiritual Life Campaign. Speakers: L. Wigglesworth, G. Creighton, R. Hughes and A. Harries.

PORTSMOUTH. June 19th. Elim Church, Arundel Street, 7.30. Ordination of E. Eldred. Officiating ministers: T. H. Stevenson (President), H. W. Greenway, and J. J. Morgan.

SUFFOLK (Wickham Market). June 17. East Suffolk Crusade (Director: F. Lavender) presents an International Occasion in the Village Hall. 7 p.m. Prayer cards available on application to Rev. F. Lavender, 8 Grange Road, Ipswich.

WOOLWICH. June 17-19. Elim Church, Crescent Road. East London Revival Rallies. Saturday 3 and 6.30 p.m. (refreshments), Sunday 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Monday 7.30 p.m. Speaker: Wynne Lewis.

WORTHING. June 18. Elim Church, Grosvenor Road. Special visit of C. Kingdon, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S TOUR

June 17, Gosport; 18, Fareham (a.m.), Portsmouth (p.m.) and 19; 20, Ryde; 21, Petersfield; 22, Romsey; 23, Canada; 24, Andover; 25, Eastleigh (a.m.), Southampton (p.m.).

NORTH-EASTERN PRESBYTERY

July 2. Local Preachers' Sunday. Sunderland: G. Johnson; Grimsby: J. B. Bielby and T. Walker; Scunthorpe: P. W. King and L. L. Pinchbeck; Hull (City Temple): W. R. Picket; Hull (Mason Street): M. Hickson; Driffield: A. T. Crampton; Selby: D. Dickinson; Malton: J. C. Quinn; Scarborough: S. Birch and E. N. Seavers; Bishop Auckland: A. Lawrence and A. Watson; Harrogate: F. Jackson; Stockton-on-Tees: Mrs. L. Martin and R. Watson.

LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

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

June 18, Wormwood Scrubs Prison and St. Matthew's Church, Brixton (Lambeth Festival Week); 23, Oakhill College, London.

ITINERARIES

T. G. Hills. June 17, Carlisle; 18, Whitehaven; 19, Paisley; 20, Greenock; 21, Coatbridge; 22, Motherwell; 25, Alloa; 27, Aberdeen; 28, Dundee; 29, Kirkintilloch; July 1, 2, Leven.

A. Nicolson. June 17, 18, Swansea; 19, 20, Neath; 21, Llanelly; 22, Pontardulais; 24, Merthyr; 25, Abercynon; 26, Treherbert.

J. Smith. June 10-22, Lincoln; 24-29, Small Heath, Birmingham.

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Sunday, June 18th, at 8 p.m.

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Conducted by

REV. DAVID AYLING AND PARTY
in the Assembly Rooms, Boston, Lincs

Pray and plan to attend

WHERE IS HAPPINESS ?

Not in unbelief—

Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Not in pleasure—

Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

Not in money—

Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

Not in position and fame—

Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Not in military glory—

Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because, he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where then is happiness found ?

The answer is simple: In Christ alone. He said, "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

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TODAY !

"Tomorrow," he faithfully promised, "tomorrow for revival I'll pray;

Tomorrow I'll plead as I ought to, I'm busy, too busy, today !

Tomorrow I'll spend in my closet, tomorrow I will humbly bow."

Yet, ever a "voice" kept whispering, "But the Church is languishing now !"

Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow—the delay e'er repeated went on;

Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow—till the years and the "voice" were gone ?

Till the Church its God had forgotten ? Till the land was covered with sin ?

Till millions had hopelessly perished and eternity was ushered in ?

O members of the body of Christ, O ye Church of the living God,

O editors and leaders and pastors, O saints where our fathers trod ;

The "voice" still insistently whispers ; answer not "Tomorrow I'll pray."

The Voice is one of authority ; the Church needs reviving today !—T.E.S.

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"LET THE TEARS FLOW"

Dr. John Timothy Stone tells of a visit he paid to the old church of Robert Murray McCheyne, in Scotland. The old sexton showed him around. Taking him into the study, he pointed to a chair and said to Dr. Stone, "Sit there; that is where the master used to sit." Then said he, "Now put your elbows on the table." When this was done he said, "Now bow your head upon your hands." This done he said, "Now let the tears flow; that is the way the master used to do." Then, taking him up into the pulpit, he said to the doctor, "Stand there behind the pulpit." The visitor obeyed. "Now," said the sexton, "lean your elbows on the pulpit and put your face in your hands." This having been done, he said, "Now let the tears flow; that is the way the master used to do." Then the old man added a testimony which gripped the heart of his hearer. With tearful eyes and trembling voice he said, "He called down the power of God upon Scotland, and it is with us still."

LETTIE B. COWMAN.

UNAWARES

- "If the Lord should come in the morning
As I went about my work;
The little things, and the quiet things
That a servant cannot shirk;
Though nobody ever sees them,
And only the dear Lord cares
That they always are done, in the light of the sun,
Would He take me unawares?"
- "If my Lord should come at noonday,
The time of the dust and heat,
When the gate is white and the air is still
And the hoof-beats sound in the street;
If my dear Lord came at noonday,
And smiled in my tired eyes;
Would it not be sweet His look to meet?
Would He take me by surprise?"
- "If my Lord came hither at evening,
In the fragrant dew and dusk,
When the world drops off its mantle
Of daylight like a hulk,
And flowers in wonderful beauty,
And we fold our hands and rest;
Would His touch on my hand, His low command,
Bring me uphoped-for zest?"