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The London Crusader Choir in Kingsway Hall on the occasion of their recent 25th Anniversary.

Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Town Hall Booked For Billy Graham Relay

Two months ago Pastor K. Smith booked the Town Hall at St. Helens and arranged a Billy Graham relay for a recent Monday evening. This presented a challenge to the local Anglican Churches, who accepted it and worked at high speed to arrange two relays in the local parish church. The two separate relay venues were united by an all-night prayer meeting at the Church Army mission hall in the town, and the Elim minister was invited.

The Elim-sponsored effort in the Town Hall was blessed of God, and over five hundred gathered. Loudspeaker equipment had notified the public of the relay on the previous Saturday.

The reception was wonderfully clear, and tribute must be paid to the technical engineers. The message of Dr. Billy Graham was especially directed to all who had professed Christ as Saviour in his Crusade. The gathering was left in no doubt regarding the sponsors of the relay, because of the four foot square banner erected on the platform which "converted" the Town Hall into an Elim Church for yet another evening within two months.

Over twenty decisions were made for Christ, and a special word of thanks must be made to Pastor J. Woodhead who left a campaign at his own church to help in convening the relay. As in the case of the showing of the film "Venture into faith," local expenses were wonderfully met, and a donation sent to the Greater London Crusade to help offset the heavy G.P.O. expenses.

Thousands also gathered at two great relays at the local parish church and outside, and hundreds responded to the appeal of the preaching of Billy Graham, which will have a great impact on the spiritual life of St. Helens. Wm. Carey, the great missionary pioneer, once said "Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

The attempt was made, and God blessed in ways beyond expectation. Every evangelical church in St. Helens has received blessing.

Anniversaries at Nottingham

A rich time of blessing was experienced during Nottingham City Temple week-end anniversary services, which included Sunday School, Crusaders and the Sisterhood.

Pastor F. J. Day and a band of workers worked hard in the large church praying for a good spell of sunshine that it might be warm enough for it to be opened in time for the week-end. Their efforts and prayers were not in vain for throughout all the services the sun streamed through the windows.

Mrs. Channon, of Purley, boldly ministered God's Word at all meetings, speaking of Love, Unity, and Abundant Life. The children were a message in themselves, their simplicity and sincerity revealed the truth of the words of Jesus. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Monday was the Sisters' day and many churches were represented. The fellowship was blessed in singing and preaching, and about 150 sat down to tea provided by the

Sisters before the evening meeting. Many hearts were re-awakened to the joy of the presence of God.

—and at Langley

Great times of blessing were experienced at the Church Anniversary services at Langley, Birmingham. Pastor John Dyke, President-elect, was the guest speaker, and each message was an inspiration.

At the Sunday evening service the climax to the week-end was reached, when the Church's Male Voice Choir sang four pieces, and Pastor Dyke put the Gospel over in clear terms. It was a Spirit-blessed week-end.

Kingstanding Campaign

Kingstanding Elim Church was wonderfully blessed during a recent week's campaign by the International Quartet of the International Bible Training Institute.

From the commencement we were all very conscious of the nearness of God. Each night numbers increased until extra chairs had to be brought in—especially on the Thursday evening when the meeting was supported by friends from Muntz Street and Blackheath. The singing by the Quartet thrilled us and the preaching of God's Word by the four brethren was fearless. The Sunday School, too, enjoyed their ministry in word and song.

The campaign came to an end on the following Sunday, when the church again was filled. A number of souls professed Christ as Saviour during the week's meetings.

Progress at Porth

Porth (Glamorgan) Church had a very blessed time at the fourth anniversary services. Speakers were Pastors P. S. Brewster, Ken Hathaway and Raymond Rees. It was well worth the day of prayer and fasting held on the previous Sunday.

Since just before Christmas Porth has had much blessing, with the joy of seeing about seven new converts and one returning to God.

We do praise God too, for the increase financially, writes Miss G. Owen, and pray that we shall soon be self supporting. We have had some hard times at Porth, and we very deeply appreciate the fact that our Pastor (Pastor W. Evans) has taken up secular work that he might stay where God has called him.

We do feel that the break has come for Porth.

Christchurch Blessing

The Church at Christchurch has experienced blessing as a result of the recent campaign conducted by Pastor William George, Welsh evangelist and Gospel singer. Souls have been saved, sick bodies revived and saints edified under Mr. George's ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. His testimony, "Pithead to Pulpit" will long be remembered.

The campaign has ended, but the work is continuing under the faithful ministry of Pastor F. S. Bristow.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

By F. J. Buckingham

[Notes of an address given to the young people at the Elim Church, Ealing, London]

I SUPPOSE that most religious bodies are based on some "fundamental or leading principal truths" and, if you are thinking of joining or in any way linking yourself to any one of them, you would first of all enquire: "What do they stand for?" You and I belong to a Movement known as The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance; and which has twelve Fundamental Truths. The first three are: The Bible, The Trinity and The Church. I have selected the third one, THE CHURCH.

"We believe that the Church consists of all persons who have been regenerated by the Holy Ghost, and made new creatures in Christ Jesus."

There are a lot of people who have but a vague idea of what the Church is. When speaking of the Church they might say it refers to the Church of England, the State Church, or to the Church of Scotland, or some religious body or organisation used for the promotion of Gospel truths and other religious teaching. The Roman Catholics would try and tell you that their church is the true Church. But when we say "The Church," we know whereof we affirm. IT IS THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS. IT IS CHRIST'S BLOOD-WASHED FAMILY. It is not anything outside of or apart from us, it IS us. It includes you and me. It consists of ALL WHO HAVE BEEN REGENERATED BY THE HOLY GHOST, AND MADE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST JESUS.

The Church is and are the "Called of God" by Redemption; by Separation; by Sanctification. In the early books of the Bible, we have pictured for us God dealing with His ancient people, Israel, who had, because of sin and disobedience, got themselves into bondage. In these books we see God graciously leading His people OUT and INTO. Out of bondage and sin Into freedom and Himself, and ever since then He has been calling men and women unto Himself, He is still calling—to make up His Church.

The Bible appears to exhaust all available figures in describing the intimate relationship which exists between the Lord and His own; all the most subtle and vital associations are laid hold of to shadow forth the wonderful fellowship which unites God and the children of God. The exquisite fitness of the one to the other is suggested by such relationships as HUNGER and BREAD; THIRST and WATER; and the intimacy of their united lives is unveiled in the figures of the VINE and its BRANCHES: the HEAD and its MEMBERS: the BRIDEGROOM and the BRIDE.

Jesus Christ, when He was here on earth, spent all His time building up His Church and for its life He died.

How very anxious He was that they, His own, should be kept unspotted from the evil around them. In His prayer, that lovely prayer in John xvii., He says: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them

through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be truly sanctified."

God is calling to His people still, to live clear-cut lives, so that we who were once the servants of Satan are transformed into a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people; that we may be preserved blameless unto His coming. In Ephesians v. 27, we read that we shall be made a holy Church, without spot and blameless, a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that this company should be holy and without blemish.

I would like to mention one word used by the Apostle Paul in this Epistle: "Without blemish." Two words in our language but one in the Greek, AMOMOS. In II. Peter ii. 12 and 13 we get the opposite to this. Verse 12: "But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption." Verse 13: "And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. SPOTS they are and BLEMISHES, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you." The word translated "blemishes" here is not AMOMOS but MOMOS. The heathen god of laughter was called Momos and it was supposed of him in heathen mythology, that the slightest thing, which the common eye could not see, his acute eye saw, turned into ridicule, and laughed at.

Now Christ's Church, the company of believers, the Bride, shall be so holy, so spotless, so perfect in mind, in body, in spirit, that even the god of the heathen who turned into ridicule specks that were invisible to others, shall see nothing in that holy Church that he can seize, or turn into a source of laughter. We see, therefore, something of the magnificence and glory of that Church we have been talking about, and to which you and I belong.

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the reply. In the week that I stayed in that area I had eight dental patients and extracted ten teeth.

In the afternoon and evenings there were more meetings with big crowds of attentive listeners. These meetings were the first in three years. Can you wonder that the people drank in the message! I visited the other villages, some of which had not heard the Gospel before. In one day I had meetings in four villages. Everywhere I went there was the need for soul and body. I spent an hour or so in the smaller villages and a night in some of the larger ones, then on again. They said, "How can we grasp your talk in so short a time?" What can we do when labourers are so few out here? Pray that God will bless the message as it goes forth. I am now in a new area where I will stay for a week, then I go back to Kounkanne.

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EDITORIAL

AFTERMATH OF THE GREAT CRUSADE

It is to be expected that now the Billy Graham Crusade in London is over, people will be taking stock of the position and assessing the value of the campaign as a whole, and its effect on the religious life of the country.

Already much correspondence is being published in local newspapers and periodicals for and against the Crusade. The Editorial desk, too, has had some documentary assessments of this effort; some challenging our editorial comments—from which we withdraw absolutely nothing—and others deploring the fact that we have not said enough. So we stand between the Devil and the deep blue sea, with no hesitation in deciding which is which.

John Woodhead has taken up the cudgels with a local vicar in the Manchester area, who wrote in a local paper: "What is the point of this sort of evangelism." While saying he respected Billy Graham, he prefers the faithful few who come to his early morning Ash Wednesday service to the thousands who went by comfortable coaches to Harringay to be "titillated." Mr. Woodhead tells him that Billy Graham is, under God, producing what most ministers can never produce—changed lives, changed homes, and quickened faith in the Lord Jesus. His outspoken letter to the Press has stirred up the nest, and he has been invited to meet representatives of the various denominations to speak on "Billy Graham and his message"

The vicar describes Beverley Shea as a "tough guy who crooned sentimental religious ballads over a vase of syringa." If an angel from heaven came down to sing or to preach the Gospel, some dead and dry-as-dust religious sceptics would find fault with his stance, or the way he folded his wings.

Mr. Woodhead is to be commended on his championing the cause of revival and of such modern Crusaders as Billy Graham and his team who have set Britain thinking again, not about her politics, but about her standing with God.

If the dear vicar finds it "rather a tedious, hum-drum business, the job of 'keeping on keeping on' at your prayers," well, there are thousands of Christians to whom

the business is poles apart from this humdrum affair. To tens of thousands of believers the Christian life is a thrilling, throbbing, vitalising power of the Spirit of God in human hearts that makes it a joy to serve Jesus Christ whether the weather is drab, dull and dreary, or bright, breezy and beautiful. The truth is, that faith in Christ is heavenly love and light in human hearts and homes.

Come again soon, Billy Graham!

FINALS AT WEMBLEY

"We are arranging a coach for Wembley. Coming to the Final, Jack?" "Yes, please," I replied. I had taken sides, and my enthusiasm for my team let me go to Wembley to support.

Alas, my team lost; it really spoiled the day. "However, let's go into the City and have a good time." We did—it was a "full" time, but a fool's time. The "Final" effects were not to our benefit I can assure you. That was some years ago. History repeats itself in settings, but with different effects and "results."

In 1954 I hear similar words, "Let's arrange for a coach to Wembley." "Yes, I'm all for it." You see I had taken sides once again and I wanted to support an American "Team." This "final" was so different, not only were all the enclosures filled, but thousands covered the pitch.

The leader of the "Team," Cliff Barrows, "kicked off" with a rousing hymn, and another member, Beverley Shea, came into the "attack" with some grand "solo" efforts. "Well played! Paul Michelson."

Then the "captain," Billy Graham, showed his "colours" as he took "sides." He made his "partisanship" quite clear. "Who is on the Lord's side?"

The "final" was in full swing, but the "Lord's side" were very powerful. It is a fact that they are always on the "winning side."

With direct and decisive thrusts Billy Graham "scored" repeatedly. "The Lord's side" had great "support" from the thousands, but they acquitted themselves so well that at the end of the "match" thousands came over to their "side." As for me I looked towards the spot where once I stood years ago. I was then on the "World's side," the side which suffers "defeat" and "relegation." It can be so disappointing and frustrating.

I lifted my eyes to God and thanked Him for the day when I changed sides. "Who is on the Lord's side?" "Praise God I am," answered my ransomed soul. It is the winning side it will never "go down," but is set for "promotion" when Jesus comes again.

So we journeyed back to London, "full" but not foolish any more. We pay tribute to the American "Team." Well played, sirs! you have carried the "Lord's side" "colours" with great credit, you have played a "clean" game, you have kept to the "rules"—the Word of God—and so won the "Final."

Praise God for Wembley Final of May 22nd, 1954.

—Jack Way.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

First Glimpses of the Mission Field

Miss L. W. Loosemore
(Southern Rhodesia)

Greetings from Southern Rhodesia!

It is almost a week since I arrived here at Penhalonga where I am staying for a short time with Pastor and Mrs. Williams before going on to my station at Inyanga North. It is with a heart full of praise to God that I pen these few lines, for since the time I left the shores of England until now, I have experienced His gracious undertaking for me. The voyage was quite a pleasant one with no sea-sickness. Not only on board ship did I meet Christians with whom I was able to have fellowship, but also on the long train journey which I made after spending two days at Capetown. There, on my arrival, I was met by two Christian gentlemen who gladly assisted me through the Customs, etc.

I was pleased to see Pastor Williams and Michael at Umtali Station to meet me. It was rather late in the evening when we reached Penhalonga, but in spite of this many of the native Christians had waited up to greet me. The following morning a great welcome awaited me. Many Africans from the surrounding villages, including one hundred and fifty of the mission school children, had congregated outside the church, and when I walked out in my nurse's uniform, followed by Pastor and Mrs. Williams and Michael, they were singing the chorus in English, "By and by we'll see the King." Then followed a big, "Hip, Hip, Hooray" from the children.

A little native girl rather shyly presented me with a lovely bunch of flowers, after which we all wended our way into the church for a "Welcome Service" which had been arranged for me. It was a great joy to look upon these African people to whom the Lord had called me, many of whom are rejoicing in the knowledge of sins forgiven. The teachers and some of the children gave little speeches of welcome and hymns and choruses that we sing in the homeland were re-echoed here, not only in the native tongue but also in English.

Throughout the day others who had not been present at the service called to greet me, including Mandikanda, an old widowed African woman with not a soul to care for her. She had come from a nearby village to express her joy at my arrival and I was greatly touched when, untying a knot in the corner of her apron, she produced a sixpence, probably all she possessed, and shyly handed it to me. Then there was a woman who has been ill for many months and almost too weak to walk, yet she came from her village, two miles away, to greet me, bringing a little gift of four eggs.

Already I feel a warmth of love for these people and my one desire is that I might be used to bring many of these poor needy souls to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SENEGAL

BIG CROWDS OF ATTENTIVE LISTENERS

Pastor A. Nicolson (Kounkanne)

I left Kounkanne on Monday, Mr. Williamson kindly taking me and my baggage, including my bicycle, to a village called Bonkonton, which is the main village of that area and the residence of the area chief. I was given a warm welcome by the chief himself and a new house built for official visitors was put at my disposal. After unloading the Land Rover, Mr. Williamson returned to Kounkanne. This area had not been touched for three years and on that occasion it was the first time that the people had heard the Gospel.

My plan was to go out each day visiting the various villages, staying overnight where necessary. The first meeting was held in Bonkonton the same evening as I arrived. A good crowd turned out to the meeting which was held in the chief's own Compound, the chief himself being present. I wound up the gramophone and soon the massed choirs were heard singing, "O, Happy Day." Of course, they could not understand the language, but they enjoyed the singing and it brought others along. Then I put on a record in their own language made by the "Evangelical Recordings" of America from a tape recording by Mr. and Mrs. Macindoe. We have four such records and they are very good. After each record I spoke telling them of God's love and His desire to save them from their sin. A record giving the story of the shepherd going out to find the lost sheep gave an opening to point out that we are all as lost sheep, whether our skins be black or white. These records have sound effects and the expressions upon the faces of the natives as they hear the bleating of the sheep, the sound of the wind and rain or the piercing cry of the wolf, are most comical.

The next morning I opened up the medical box and soon there was a stream of patients. One man came with toothache so I offered to take the tooth out. He must have been suffering pretty badly for he agreed straight away, much to the consternation of his friends.

I prepared the novocaine and gave him a block injection. A few more minutes and the tooth was out. "Was it painful?" his friends asked. "I did not feel it," was

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TWO MINUTES

A Sermon preached in the Elim Church, Mountain Ash

WHEN THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB was exploded, the official magazine of the atomic scientists carried the picture of a clock on its front cover. The hands were pointing eight minutes to twelve.

Later, when atomic instruments recorded the successful detonation of a similar bomb by the Russians, those hands were moved to three minutes to twelve. Within recent weeks, since the exploding of the latest H-Bomb, the hands of the clock have now been moved to two minutes to twelve. Hence the title of this address.

Atomic scientists feel that with the advent of this frightening weapon, humanity has been hurled dangerously near the hour of destiny.

To me this is extremely significant, because the midnight hour is generally a time of crisis. When a person is critically ill we all know that the midnight hour can prove to be fatalistic.

This old world is critically ill. For the past six millenniums sin has raged unabated and today the moral pulse is weak. World temperature is soaring to an alarming degree; the death throes of civilisation are evident to all who have eyes to discern the times, and man, having had his day, is about to end it all in a crazy war with thermo-nuclear weapons.

President Eisenhower said recently that our only reason for stock-piling these diabolical weapons that atomic research has brought within our grasp, is to deter the warmongers in the Kremlin. Now, we all sincerely hope that this will be the case, but, the same argument has been used before in defence of every death-dealing projectile that science has invented. But usually, that which was intended to deter, destroys, and those things which if rightly used could bless men, finally blast them.

Recently, American scientists experimented with a weapon so devastating that they only knew on the text-books whether it would explode, and if and when it did, what might happen they could not be sure. It was a hydrogen bomb and the consequences for this world of humans, nobody dare conceive. The only comment made when the detonation took place was that the experiment was "catastrophically successful."

With the exploding of this powerful weapon the *Daily Sketch*, on April 1st, carried this statement: "Britain's atom bomb—a dwarf compared with the H-bomb. Already the atom bomb is regarded as near obsolete." A bomb that blasted thousands of Japanese to death, blistered others so

badly that they died weeks later, now a dwarf. The explosive power of the present bomb is equal to 16,000,000 tons of T.N.T., capable of devastating an area of fifty square miles in the centre of London, leaving a large area so radio-active that life would be almost unbearable.

With the advent of this tragic possibility, President Eisenhower seeks to put on the blinkers and says: "There is no intention of building one (a bomb) so big that it would cause a 'blow out' into the upper atmosphere." But surely it is easy for any statesman to speculate about what we have no intention of doing, when the naked truth is that man's mind has captivated something his hands find it almost impossible to control. Such scientific discoveries have shocked a sane-thinking world out of a state of false security; for the end of everything we call life is at hand. Now the Bible and the Press find it comparatively easy to agree on matters of world interest. According to science it is **TWO MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT**.

I am fully persuaded that the Coming of Jesus is near at hand. I am not waiting for a cataclysmic clash with Russia, although that is certain. I'm waiting for a crack in the sky! I am not expecting to be hurled into space on the fringe of an atomic explosion, I'm waiting to ride in rapture on the fringe of a cloud, to meet Jesus. These are not the ravings of a sentimental preacher, but plain, matter-of-fact beliefs. Many are the signs heralding the soon-coming Advent of Jesus.

Look at the Jew! Everywhere he has packed his bags, and on foot, by boat and plane, millions have reached Palestine. At last Israel is a nation and Zion's flag once again flutters in the breeze at the end of hundreds of years. As God's clock, Israel, too, points to the midnight hour.

Look at the Gentle! Gentiledom has almost run its course. We are in the "foot" period of Daniel's image, a day when the "iron and the clay," or the ideologies of Eastern Communism and Western Democracy refuse to mix. Said the *Daily Sketch* on April 3rd: "None can tell what mankind's fate will be if the two great opposing segments of the world cannot find means to live side by side." Gentiledom will reach its long-expected end as the great stone of Christ's Coming Kingdom smites it with devastating power. The coming world ruler will not emanate from Rome, Moscow or London, but from the skies.



TO MIDNIGHT

by PASTOR W. J. MAYBIN

Look at the Church! Without, in the world, apathy: within the Church, apostasy. The man in the street says, "Chuck the Church," and he has. But I would not be too hard on him. The Church has lost its hold on the Cross, the Gospel, and subsequently, the people.

The great anti-Christian Church of Rome, spiritual Babylon, fears before the onward march of world Communism, and, wherever possible, seeks to lure an insipid, apathetic, unsuspecting Protestantism within its fold. Strange as it may seem, the Roman Catholic Church is only flourishing today in Protestant lands. Protestantism must beware! Our only hope is in the fearless declaration of the old-time Gospel: back to the Bible or else to the darkness of the Middle Ages.

Having said all this, let me say with feeling that the most potent sign of the return of Christ is the advent of atomic warfare. The power that controls the universe has at last been tampered with and God alone knows the end. Mr. Anthony Eden said: "A future conflict may seal the doom of the human race." The entire world is atom conscious, for this bomb has smitten the world with fear. Some crazy fool, messing around in a scientific laboratory, could blow himself and others into "kingdom come." I am not suggesting that this will happen, but I want to point out that the Bible description of the end-time is suggestive of atomic warfare on a gigantic scale. Says one writer: "The end of the world is as inevitable in the purpose of God as was the Cross. But the Cross was not brought about apart from man. God did not compel Pilate and the Jews to crucify the Lord of Glory. Man made a wrong choice." From this reasoning, and to me it is sound logic, man could have a part in the destruction of this old world.

Look at the following Scriptures: "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless we, according to this promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II. Pet. iii. 12, 13). What scientists today call atomic energy, Peter calls "fervent heat."

Writing in *The Times* a number of years ago, Lord Vansittart wrote: "I have read many condemnations of the atomic bomb. . . . May I draw attention—since none better qualified has done so—to II. Peter iii. 12, 13? We

have reached the conclusion of the twelfth verse, and after 2,000 years the thirteenth is still the only answer."

Let us look briefly at some Scriptures relevant to the final struggle at Armageddon. In (Ezek. xxxviii. 22) writing of what shall happen to the opposing hosts of Gog it reads: ". . . I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." In this connection read Rev. xvi. 16, 21 and it sounds like atomic warfare. Again in Zech. xiv. 12 we have a description of plague which shall befall the enemy at Armageddon: "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." It is a fact that the paralyzing hand of death struck the inhabitants of those two ill-fated Japanese towns when smitten with atomic bombs. The Bible is an up-to-date book.

Just one more Scripture, in Ezek. xxxix. 12. Here we are reminded that after the final onslaught on the plains of Mediggo, the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be seven months burying the dead. May this not be because of atomic warfare the bodies would be radio-active to such an extent that weeks would pass before they could be touched?

Friends, I am convinced that the end is near—Jesus is coming soon! Are you ready for this great event?

There is only one hope and it is centred in the Man Christ Jesus. A minister gave his young son a puzzle, the piecing together of small portions of a map of the world. Thinking it would take him some considerable time to do this, the father settled down in his study to read. In a short time the silence was disturbed as the lad rushed in to say he had been successful in getting the world together. On making enquiries as to how he had managed so quickly, he said he found the picture of a man on the other side, and on getting the man right he found he had the world right.

There is only one who can set the world right, and His Name is Jesus. Will you trust Him now and He will shelter you in His riven side until His wrath is passed.

"My living brother, when the world is on fire,
You'll need my Jesus to be your Saviour,
He'll ever hide you, in the Rock of Ages,
In the Rock of Ages, that was cleft for you."



FRED SQUIRE IN THE VELODROME D'HIVER, PARIS

Section of the 12,000 crowd who gathered on May 1st for the biggest Evangelistic Meeting ever held in France. When the invitation was given, over 4,000 responded to the appeal.

Missionaries assured by President ***No objection to preaching of Christianity in India***

The following is an extract from *The Statesman*, February 22nd, 1954, and was sent to us by Pastor C. D. Stockdale, Elim missionary in India.

Tura (Garo Hills), Feb. 18—The President, Dr. Prasad, today assured Christian missionaries in the country that they would be given full freedom to preach Christianity and do social service work among the people in India but none of these activities should be inspired by a desire for conversions.

Dr. Prasad, who was touching on the reference to missionary work in Assam in an address presented to him at a public reception at the parade ground, said that the Constitution guaranteed freedom to practise any faith or religion an individual liked and the Government was determined to implement this provision fully.

He was glad to bear testimony to the good work which Christian missions had done in various parts of the country, but he would suggest one consideration to them in this connexion. "We all, whether Christians or not, appreciate their services. Gandhiji used to say that their services would still be more appreciated if they were not conditioned by one thing. That was that these services should be rendered purely out of love for the people but not with the motive of conversion. Missionaries should consider this point.

"The Gita tells us to serve and leave results in the hands of God. It teaches us not to hanker after results but only to serve. If service is rendered in that spirit it will be very welcome."

"Dear to India"

"Christians are as dear to India as Hindus or Muslims, or any other people. We know, too, that Christians regard themselves as Indians as much as Hindus or others. That has been one of our strongest points not only now but since

time immemorial. To you who live in these hills it is not necessary to point out that to reach the peak you can go by several routes.

"We want everyone to feel that he can reach the peak by any route he likes or chooses. Therefore there can be no objection to any Christian preaching Christianity to Indian Christians or even to non-Christians.

"I know that for some time now some kind of agitation with regard to missionaries has been going on. There is no objection to any Christian preaching his religion. If objection is taken in any place, it is not to the preaching of Christianity but to other kinds of activities some people might have indulged in. There is even less objection to any kind of social service which anyone wishes to render to the people.

"But at the same time we expect that those who come for this purpose will confine their activities to that alone. If this condition is observed there can, and will, be no difficulty whatsoever."

Council's Demands

Captain Williamson Sangma, Chief Executive of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, today presented an address to the President.

It referred to the need for social, economic and educational development of the Garos, and said: "The standard that our people has attained at present is due to the work of the missionaries, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude, and we would earnestly pray that restrictions should not be imposed on their work as our progress in all spheres of life will thereby be retarded. We would also request that the good work done by these selfless people in the fields of education, social welfare, medical and other nation-building activities, should be encouraged as heretofore."

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

Conducted by Pastor J. HYWEL DAVIES (National Youth Secretary)

From Here and There

London. At this year's National Youth Rally much amusement was caused when young Sylvia Wills of Merriott recited this poem on the occasion of Merriott Sunday School winning the National Shield. Pastor John Nicholson wrote the words:

On the Judges like Gideon, and deeds that they wrought.

"Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?
I've been to London to see the Queen."
This nursery rhyme is many years old,
I'm sure as children we have all heard it told.

Been to London, what a grand place,
The centre of glory of our British Race.
Today, we from the country have come up to town,
To take back with us, what we claim as our own.

You may be aware, it's a pretty long story,
And here right away we'll give God the glory,
For the help He has given us in days that are past,
And for teachers and children who stuck to their task.

We had at our Sunday School, one Sat'day in March,
A Scripture Exam, in which we took part,
With questions to answer on what we'd been taught,
On Judges like Gideon, and deeds that they wrought.

Each one did their best, as called on to do,
Then waited with patience, for results coming through.
A telegram came, all signed and sealed,

"CONGRATULATIONS MERRIOTT ON WINNING THE SHIELD."

Such news of course, we could hardly believe,
But we had to make plans the Shield to receive
At a Rally in London on the Fifteenth of May,
And so that's the reason we're in town today.

Winton. Getting better every year. "We are all very well here," writes Mr. Reg. Ballard, Sunday School Superintendent (also D.Y.C. for Bournemouth and District Presbytery), "and had a lovely S.S. Anniversary last Sunday. The total, with the children, was 232 in the evening, and six scholars made decisions; two in Mrs. Ballard's class. She had a talk to them and was very thrilled. In case any other Sunday School might like to borrow the music and words for the service I am enclosing a copy." (This may be borrowed from the National Youth Secretary on application).

Coulsdon. Another Youth work getting better every year. "Last August our average Crusader attendance was ten, then following a Tent Campaign conducted by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston on a nearby housing estate, the attendance increased to, and still averages, thirty. Many

of these newly-converted young people are now training to be counsellors during our next campaign for July 4th to 25th. After the Crusader meetings weekly Waiting meetings are now held. Soon we expect to see all of these young people filled with the Holy Ghost."—Pastor C. J. Kingham.

Photos of the baptismal service of Brenda Young and Janet Lindus, both Campaign converts, are being published.

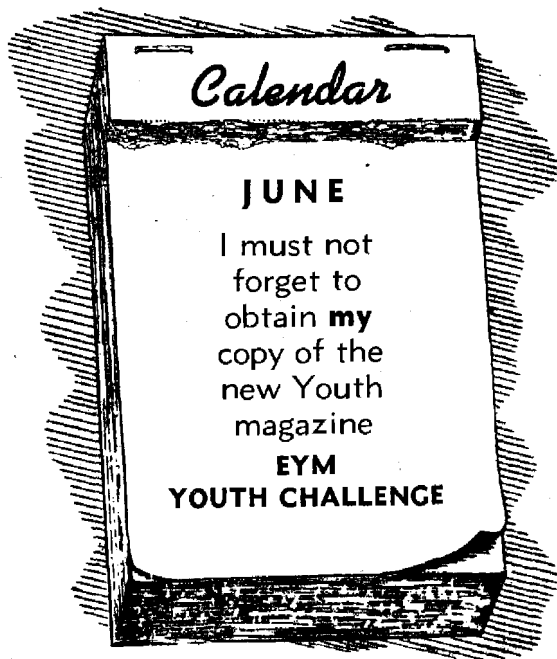


Yeovil. Pastor Ian Moore is well known for his work in winning boys for Christ. We print these pictures showing some of the boys in his Boys' Guild at Yeovil.



Bath. Good news comes from Bath Crusader Secretary, Alan Hewitt, who writes, "It is with pleasure that I send this request for a further supply of a dozen Crusader badges. Our numbers have increased, as our enthusiasm, with reinforcements from the Young People's Bible Classes. They are mainly young folk who have passed through the Sunday School."

OLD HILL (Birmingham).—The presence of God rested



upon special week-end services held by Pastor K. G. Britton (Rye Park). One soul found the Saviour. This Church is praying for great things in store under the ministry of Pastor W. G. Britton.

Footnote. We are always pleased to receive requests for badges—not merely a sale, but an indication of increase in numbers.

Words of Wisdom from a Desk Diary for contrary Youth
He feels the bridle less who yields himself to harness.

The Elim Youth Movement's quarterly "Youth Challenge" is now on sale. This quarter's features include: "Chat with the Editors (Pastors H. W. Greenway and J. Hywel Davies), Photonews (a page of news photos), "In the Jungle"—an exciting article for Elim Junior Crusaders, "Dear Teacher"—a letter to help Sunday School teachers, Boys' Guilds, Problem Page, Two Minute Testimony by an Elim Crusader, an amusing and challenging article by Pastor F. Jas. Slemming, and . . . well you had better see for yourself. Sixpence a copy.



The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor H. A. Court.

SUNDAY, June 20th. Acts ix. 32-43.

"Coats and garments" (v. 39)

God moved mightily and brought back to life one that had died. It could have been only for a sign, but it may have been that he wanted Dorcas to make more coats and garments. At the time of her death her labours in this direction were abundantly testified to by the widows that mourned her departure. Dorcas has left her name behind as a heritage to parties of women who carry on the good work she has done. We need more of her spirit alive today—folk who act as well as talk. It may well be that God has spared us our years so that we may proceed with the work of making "coats and garments."

MONDAY, June 21st. Acts x. 1-16.

"Send men . . . they went" (vv. 5, 9).

It was an ordinary day in the life of Cornelius. He was engaged in prayer as usual, little knowing that big things portended. As a praying man he was in touch with God, a state always full of promise. Then came the command, and this centurion who expected his commands to be obeyed was alert. He himself obeyed. And in doing so flung wide open the door of blessing. A momentous thing happened in his house. Our lesson is for us to go praying, as Cornelius did, and when God instructs we must obey without question. There can be momentous things, for which any one of us may be the devout man God seeks.

TUESDAY, June 22nd. Acts x. 17-33.

"While Peter thought on the vision" (v. 19).

It was not enough for Peter that he had had a vision. He gave himself up to meditation. He thought about it. God does not speak to us all through visions, but He speaks to us, nevertheless, through many other ways. He speaks through public ministry of His Word, through our own reading of it, through the gifts of the Spirit. But how soon we forget what He has said. The Spirit came and ministered further to Peter when he was in meditative mood. If we would enjoy the cumulative blessing of God's progressive revelation we should think deeply on each part as we receive it.

WEDNESDAY, June 23rd. Acts x. 34-48

"While Peter yet spake" (v. 44).

There is a great power in the Word of God—a greater power than we sometimes realise. When Peter arrived at the house of Cornelius he found a company whose minds were completely blinded as to God's great redemptive work. They were Gentiles, and the prophecies so well known to the people of Israel were a closed book to them. Such was the material he had to work on. And we in our day if we have such material need not despair. For as Peter preached the truth in the power of the Spirit light came into the darkened hearts and they were saved and baptised in the Spirit right away. Let this encourage us.

THURSDAY, June 24th. Acts xi. 1-18.

"What was I that I could withstand God?" (v. 17).

Questions arose. And there was contention too. The old Jewish bigotry was not dead. Had Peter called a conference he may never have gone to the house of Cornelius. But He acted and went. And God acted too. Peter knew that what he had witnessed as he preached the Word was so similar to what he himself had received on the day of Pentecost that there was no resisting it. And since that day many have learned to their cost that it is dangerous to interfere when God is working. For God's plans extend beyond the narrow confines of our finite minds.

FRIDAY, June 25th. Acts xi. 19-30.

"Relief unto the brethren" (v. 29).

The Church of Christ is one body and each of us members in particular. When one part of the body suffers the others suffer with it. We are not surprised, therefore, to find this early evidence that existed in the early Church. Made aware through the Spirit that some of the brethren would suffer hardship they acted, and sent supplies. The Church today should be as much concerned about those in need, both in her midst and those remote. It is to be feared that there are those who have more than ample of this world's goods and fail to use them for the relief of the brethren.

SATURDAY, June 26th. Acts xii. 1-10.

"The iron gate" (v. 10).

The lesser gates had all been opened, but there was yet one, the last one, a formidable one, that barred the way to complete liberty. But God does not open up all the little ways and leave us to battle at the big one. He does the thing perfectly. The iron gate swung back as they approached, and the prison lost its effectiveness as far as Peter was concerned. O child of God, don't let the iron gate awe you. There isn't one yet that is too big for God. If there are testimony meetings in heaven we shall hear some amazing stories of iron gates that have opened of their own accord.

COMING EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

Pastor J. J. Morgan, the President, will visit the following churches:

June 26, Birmingham (Botanical Gdns.). 27, Graham Street 11 a.m. S.S. Anniversary 3 p.m. Coventry 6.30. 28, Selly Oak. 29, Smethwick. 30, Yardley. July 1, Stafford.

ASHBOURNE. June 19. Beulah Methodist Church. North Midlands District Presbytery Rally, at 3.30 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor T. E. Cole.

ASHBOURNE. June 20. Elim Church, South Street. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor T. E. Cole.

BARNSELY. June 12, 13 and 19, 20. Elim Church, Nelson Street. Sunday School Anniversary. Sat. 7. Sun. 3 and 6.30. Speaker: Mr. C. Jagger. 19 and 20, Pastor W. Allen.

BARNSELY. June 26-28. Elim Church, Nelson Street. Sisterhood Anniversary Services. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 3 and 6.30. Special speaker and items by Sisterhood.

BIRMINGHAM. June 26. Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Annual Elim Garden Rally. Speakers include the President, Pastor J. J. Morgan. Meetings in the Garden Hall at 3 and 6.30. United Male Voice Choirs conducted by Pastor David Dean. Admission tickets, 6d. from Birmingham Presbytery ministers.

BRADFORD. June 20. Elim Church, Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Sunday School Anniversary. Sun. 10.45, 2.30 and 6.30. Guest speaker: Pastor W. J. Patterson.

BRIXTON. June 30-31. Elim Church, Milstead Street. Special visit of Pastor J. Dyke. 7.30 p.m.

CROYDON. June 12-July 1. Christian Challenge Campaign conducted by Pastors H. Burton Haynes and Charles J. E. Kingston in the Marquee, Canterbury Road, off London Road, West Croydon. Suns. 8 p.m. Week-nights (except Friday) 7.30.

EXETER. June 26. Paris Street. Presbytery Rally, 6.30. Speakers include Pastor Digby Matthew. Convener: Pastor J. C. Kennedy. June 27, 11, 6.30. Speaker: Pastor Digby Matthew. Convener: Pastor A. S. F. Horne.

GILFORD. Now proceeding. Stramore Road. Tent Revival Campaign. Suns. and week-nights at 8 (except Sats.). Conducted by Miss M. J. Linton.

HALIFAX. June 19-27. Elim Church, Bond Street, Hopwood Lane. Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastors Ludovic Barry and John Gardiner. Suns. 10.30 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Friday), 7.30.

HEREFORD. June 14-20. Series of meetings to follow Opening of New Church. Week-nights 7.30. Suns 11, 6.30. Pastor W. Plowright.

HOVE. June 6-27. Hove Town Hall (June 6-20, and 27). Evangelistic Campaign by Rev. Paul Cantelon, artist-preacher, U.S.A. Suns. 8.15. Week-nights (except 16th) 7.30. June 21-26 (except 23rd) in Elim Church, Portland Road.

ILFORD. June 19-24. Revival Campaign by Pastor Alex Tee. Sun. Town Hall, 6.30 and 8. Week-nights, Elim Church Scrafton Road, 7.30. Special singing by Chelmsford Choir.

ISLINGTON. June 13-20. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Campaign by Pastor J. Woodhead. Sun. 6.30. Week-nights 7.30.

KINGSTANDING. Warren Road. Sunday School Anniversary. June 20. Pastor Morrison. June 27, Pastor Canty (Gloucester). Special items by scholars and teachers.

LONGTON. June 19-21. Bethel Evangelistic Church, Dunrobin Street. Sunday School Anniversary Celebrations. Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11, 2.30 and 6.30. Mon. 7. Sun. 8.45 a.m. assembling for Great Procession of Witness through streets, with band and banners.

LOWESTOFT. June 19-27. Elim Church, Milton Road. Special services to celebrate Pastor George Backhouse's 21 years in Elim ministry. Speaker: Pastor Samuel Gorman. Suns. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Special rendezvous at Baptist Church, Sat. 26, 7.30.

NUNEATON. June 19-21. Elim Full Gospel Church, Queen's Road. Opening of new School Room. Sat. 3 (Opening) and 7. Sun. 11, 6, and 7.45. Mon. 7.30. Pastors E. J. Phillips, F. H. Squire, John Dyke, and Miss Doreen Peake and others. United Choir on Saturday, conducted by Pastor D. E. Dean.

SMETHWICK. June 13, 14 and 20. Elim Church, Oldbury Road. Sunday School Anniversary. Guest speakers: Pastor L. W. Green, and 20th, Pastor F. Shadlock. Suns. 3 and 6.30. Mon. 7.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S ITINERARY

The National Youth Secretary will visit the following churches: June 12-26, Eastbourne House Party (Youth Campaign at Eastbourne Elim Church and Town Hall). 26, Croydon (Tent Campaign). 27, Ealing (S.S. Anniversary).

MISSIONARY ITINERARIES

Miss V. McGillivray (on furlough from Formosa): June 19, Winson Green. 20, Langley. 21, Leamington (Full Gospel Church). 22, Kingstanding. 23, Weoley Castle. 24, Erdington. 26, Botanical Gardens (3 p.m.). 27, Nuneaton.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Troke (on furlough from India): June 20, Chelmsford. 21, Maldon. 22, Ingatestone (afternoon and evening). 23, Braintree. 24, Dunmow.

Pastor Leslie Wigglesworth (on furlough from Belgian Congo): June 24, Hull (City Temple) 26, Driffeld. 27, Scarborough. 28-29, York. 30, Malton. July 1, Harrogate. 3, Sunderland. 4, Bishop Auckland. 5, Todhills. 6, Grimsby. 7-8, Scunthorpe.

Pastor and Mrs. Law (on furlough from India): June 19, Lurgan. 20, Belfast (Ulster Temple). 21, Guildford. 22, Portadown. 23, Annaghanoon. 24, Armagh. 25, Markethill. 27, Bangor.

GET UP!

Get up, get up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the Cross,
A lazy Sunday morning
Means certain harm and loss;
The church bells call to worship,
In duty be not slack;
You cannot fight the good fight
By lying on your back.

Get up, get up for Jesus,
It was the Saviour's way
To rise up in the morning
Before the break of day,
To seek the lonely mountain,
Where man's foot rarely trod,
And in the dawn's clear brightness
To spend an hour with God.

Get up, get up for Jesus,
It is not much to ask;
He might with every reason
Demand a harder task;
If Christians on a week-day
Get up for work at seven,
They surely could on Sunday
Get up for half-eleven.

Get up, get up for Jesus,
The power of sloth is strong,
And if you want to get up,
You must not lie too long;
Ye may be tired with toiling,
Yet love will stand the test;
To all who come, though weary,
Christ gives a better rest.

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Sheridan.—On May 19th, Mrs. Florence M. Sheridan, a faithful member of Elim Church, Woolwich, was called suddenly to be with her Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. J. B. Hounscome.

Williamson.—On May 23rd, Elizabeth Williamson, after much suffering, cheerfully borne, passed into the presence of her Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastors C. Yates and J. C. Buick. C.81

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