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Primary and Junior Departments of the Elim Sunday School at STAFFORD. It was not possible to include Seniors, Bible Classes, and Teachers in the picture.

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[Peter Rogers.

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

INSPIRING DAYS IN BELFAST

By PASTOR T. W. THOMSON

THE CHRISTMAS CONVENTION in the Ulster Temple, Belfast, was one that makes us feel that lasting benefit must surely be the result of such meetings.

What a splendid team our brethren, Pastor W. Urch and Pastor L. Green made. We were stirred and uplifted by the inspirational ministry of Pastor Green—one moment provoked to laughter, the next moment almost to tears—whilst under the teaching ministry of Pastor Urch we were instructed, guided and confirmed in our Pentecostal faith and practice.

To those who see power only in noisy confusion it must have been a revelation that sound doctrinal ministry can promote a glorious manifestation of the power of God.

To summarise the convention we would say—with regard to ministry, it was of the soundest: with regard to liberty, it was the most free for many a year; with regard to numbers, they were the highest, every meeting seeing an exceptional number present.

We shall not forget this convention. It will be one of which we will say, "Do you remember?"

P.S. by Pastor Joseph Smith, Irish Supt.: At the baptismal service, on Monday afternoon, twenty believers followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. No doubt there would have been many more but for the fact that a few weeks previous fifty believers had also borne testimony to their faith in the same manner in the same place, and in two other Elim churches in Belfast there had been baptismal services during December.

34 New Members at Caerphilly

Towards the end of the old year, writes Pastor Leslie Reeves of Caerphilly, it was our privilege to witness no less than thirty candidates go through the waters of baptism. At the beginning of this year we have entered thirty-four into membership. There would have been forty new members welcomed into fellowship, but through sickness and various reasons the other six were not able to attend the meeting. It is a delight too, to know that others are awaiting water baptism and membership.

We were greatly blessed by the visit of our President, Pastor John Dyke, and during his stay quite a number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A group of teen-age boys here are making quite an impact in the Caerphilly Elim Church under the capable leadership of Mr. Harry Quarman. They all know Christ as their Saviour, and great talent is being discovered among them.

Our newly-formed Elim Choir, some thirty-five strong, and our warmly appreciated Male Voice Party, contribute great blessing to our services.

A new feature is a small orchestra on the platform, and a good song leader, leading choruses some fifteen minutes before the services start on Sunday evenings.

Progress at Mountain Ash

God continues to pour out His blessing upon the work here. After decorations to the building, a new Scripture text, beautifully inscribed on a board behind the pulpit, was unveiled by two of the oldest members of the assembly. A new communion table (given by two members of the church) was recently dedicated.

A recent visit of the President, Pastor J. Dyke, was blessed to all privileged to hear his ministry. In a waiting meeting at the close a number of Crusaders were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Following much prayer, another effort was made in a local cinema, when over twenty decided for Christ. Pastor Ken Matthew (Pontypridd) was the special preacher.

An opportunity was given to us at Christmas to sing in two local hospitals. The choir, under the leadership of Pastor Maybin, sang carols, which were really appreciated by all the patients.

On New Year's Eve a congregational supper was enjoyed, followed by a late-night service. This was a wonderful service in which the Pastor gave everyone present a promise from his promise-box. The theme of the new Year meditation was "The All-Sufficient Christ."

At six o'clock on Sunday evening, January 2nd, the church began its eighteen hours of prayer. Much blessing was experienced during this period, and many Crusaders participated with much blessing. Thank God for another year of prayer.

An Inspiring Beginning

Pastor H. Haith writes from East Ham:

To me the first weekend in the New Year was a real joy and inspiration and cause to praise God.

On the Saturday we had a Crusader party with over forty present, and nearly all under twenty-five years old. I remarked to one of the older members, "What a thrill to see such a fine crowd of consecrated young people." "Yes," she remarked, "and it is not long since we commenced with only three." I replied, "The last Pastor did a good job, and the Lord has continued to bless."

Sunday morning came with an eager crowd to praise the Lord. I had closed the service when a six-foot young man came to the front and said, "Pastor I want to get saved; after that message in tongues I felt I had to come." He knelt and trembled under the convicting power of God. Soon he was shouting "hallelujah!" and praising the Lord.

All look forward to our happy Gospel services, and I try to use as many members as possible. This evening a convert from the previous week read the Bible lesson. Now, I said, we are to have a surprise item, and without any warning I asked all the saved men to come out and sing hymn 279. So out streamed thirty-four men, and one shouted "Better than the Radio." Of course it was. They sang for souls.

Then a young man wanted to give his testimony, He said, "I heard that two boys from the Methodist recently received their baptism, so I wanted mine. Every night I hurried home to pray and praise God and read His word, and last Thursday I received this wonderful experience, praise the Lord!"

To end a day of blessing and joy, the treasurer asked me to announce that someone had given fifty pound notes towards redecoration of the church.

Choir Visits Gravesend

From Pastor G. H. Boffey comes this appreciation of the Clapham Elim Choir's visit to Gravesend:

A new link of friendship and fellowship was forged when Pastor F. Hodge brought his choir to Springfield Assembly to celebrate the New Year.

Mr. F. Birkenshaw led the choir in a splendid programme. It was a thrill to hear new converts testifying and to sense the glow and glory of the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives.

Despite the elements there was a full hall and we ended the evening with full hearts. May the Lord go on to bless in an even greater way the labours of Pastor Hodge at Clapham.

Wells' Farewell

Many tributes were paid to Pastor and Mrs. A. M. Clarke when they left the Elim Church, Wells, after six years' ministry. At a farewell meeting the church secretary, Mr. W. G. Scott, spoke of Pastor Clarke's faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ and his ministrations to the sick, and of Mrs. Clarke's work in the Women's Meeting.

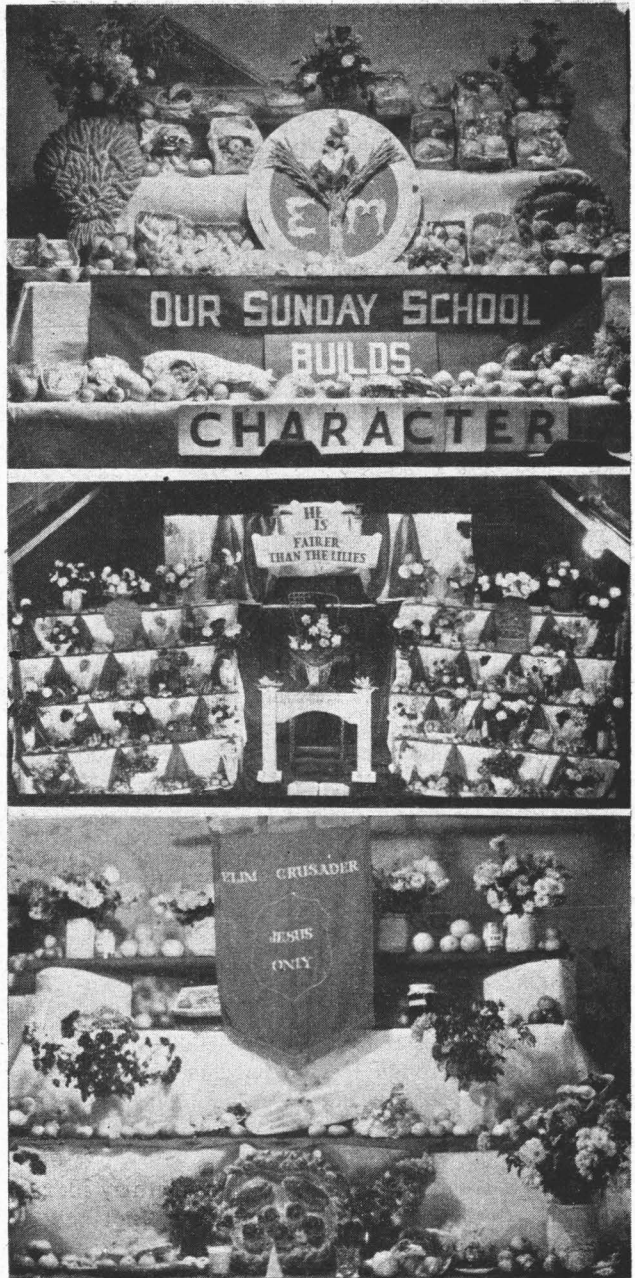
Mr. and Mrs. Clark both expressed their thanks for the support and friendliness they had received—Pastor Clarke said it was like leaving home. They were presented with an envelope containing £9 from members and friends of the church by Mr. E. R. Hodges, church treasurer.

Representatives of sections of the church and of other churches also paid tribute to the work of Pastor and Mrs. Clarke both in Elim and in other denominations in the district. They included the Rev. J. R. Palfreyman (United Church) and the Rev. T. Laurence Smith (Methodist).

Nottingham Progress

Reports presented at the annual business meeting at the City Temple, Nottingham, were very encouraging. Reference was made to the annual convention in September, a time of great spiritual refreshing, at which the guest speakers were Pastors S. Homer and F. A. Hodge. It was also reported that the Sunday School on the new Clifton housing estate was progressing satisfactorily, and now had an average attendance of ninety-five.

Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure. And since thou are not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour.



HARVEST MEMORIES

Harvest Thanksgiving in the Elim Church at Plymouth provided an opportunity for a rare display of talent. The top picture shows the Sunday School section with the Elim Youth Movement badge in the centre. The word "Character" was built up by the children in the presentation of an acrostic during the evening service. All three pictures side by side made the display across the front of the church.

A MORNING RESOLVE

I will try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; I will cultivate cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; I will exercise economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike trust in God.

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EDITORIAL

Billy Graham All-Scotland Crusade

Intense activity is taking place behind the scenes in preparation for Billy Graham's Crusade in Scotland due to commence in the spacious new Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on March 21st. Accommodation is being provided for twelve thousand in tiers of seats, while thousands more can share in the proceedings by means of loudspeaker and television extension arrangements.

A huge T.V. Screen is being set up, so that those listening over the extension speakers will also "see" the platform with its speaker, song-leader Cliff Barrows, soloists, and Billy Graham himself preaching.

Jerry Beavan, Executive Secretary to Billy Graham campaigns, is in charge of these arrangements and has already spent some weeks in Scotland on the preliminary arrangements, but is now back in U.S.A. to complete all the plans leading up to the Crusade.

Let all our readers pray that this Crusade may mean a triumphant victory for the cause of Christ, not only in Scotland, but throughout the British Isles.

Formosa and U.S.A.

The situation here looks as ugly as it is possible for any situation to look, short of actual war. President Eisenhower clearly indicates his country intends to stand by their undertaking to defend Formosa and the covering Islands. On the other hand Chinese Premier Chou En-lai says "We are determined to liberate Formosa."

So many major incidents have occurred in the crazy situation obtaining since 1944 and '45 that we might see an actual clash between China and the U.S.A. forces without a major war being fired off. On the other hand, tempers now frayed may flare up and lead to such drastic steps as would clearly lead to a major conflict. Such a situation might easily lead to a full-scale war between East and West. The old bogey of the "Yellow Peril" often

spoken about before 1914, has now become a present-day reality. May the mercy of God intervene and bring the threatening belligerents to a saner and more peaceful frame of mind.

Kidderminster Next

This preliminary announcement is to ask for your immediate prayers for our next big scale pioneer effort which God willing will take place in Kidderminster. After great difficulties accommodation has now been procured and the campaign is due to commence on April 30th. Pastor E. Corsie and Pastor R. Lighton will be accompanying me and we ask that your prayers shall be for a great outpouring of God's Spirit,

If you know friends or have relatives in Kidderminster please contact them nearer the date and send them an invitation to attend the meetings. Your gifts for Kidderminster Campaign should be sent addressed Kidderminster Campaign, c/o 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

Oral Roberts Wins 25,000 in South Africa

Huge crowds jammed Wembley Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, for the revival meetings held by Oral Roberts from Tulsa, Oklahoma. One night, in spite of rain, an estimated 20,000 persons, including many stretcher cases, came to the open-air stadium, and outstanding results of salvation and healing were reported. A total of 150,000 persons attended the entire series, January 1-9, and 25,000 persons came forward to make a decision for Christ. More than 10,000 converts were registered at the final two services.

The Johannesburg meeting was the first in a new programme of world outreach being initiated by Oral Roberts with the announced intention of taking his ministry of deliverance for soul, mind and body to the people of the entire world. The evangelist organised in South Africa a committee to work on his programme of winning 100,000 souls in Africa in 1955. In the future, other campaigns of salvation-healing evangelism will be held in foreign countries as well as in America.

Prior to the South Africa meetings Oral Roberts and his party were in the Holy Land for Christmas. While there they prepared three television films relating to the life of Christ with authentic Holy Land background. These films will be part of the new Oral Roberts television ministry which will be released on fifty-eight American TV stations beginning February 6th of this year. Special assistance was rendered by the Jordan Government in the filming of these television films.

"I will uphold thee."

God never means harm to our lives when He sends afflictions to us. Our disappointments are God's appointments, and bring rich compensation. Our losses are designed to become gains to us as God plans for us. There is nothing really evil in the experience of a Christian, if only God be allowed to work out the issue. Our Father sends us nothing but good. No matter about the drapery; be it sombre or grey, it enfolds a gift of love. —Sel.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

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

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

Taking the Gospel to the Kikuyu

Mr. and Mrs. T. Johnston (Kenya).

We look back on the past year in Kenya with thanksgiving to God for His wonderful protecting hand over us, keeping us from dangers seen and unseen, but above all we rejoice in our blessed Saviour allowing us to be co-workers with Him in the salvation of many precious souls.

Just before Christmas I was invited on two consecutive Thursday evenings to speak to the service men in the R.A.F. camp. What an opportunity this gave to bring the Gospel to our own boys so far from home.

On Christmas morning we visited Thika, which is thirty miles from Nairobi. About 200 Africans gathered and rejoiced in the remembrance of the Saviour's birth. Some of them had travelled many miles in a truck borrowed from a Sisal Estate. We were made aware of their coming by their singing while they were still a good way off. We do have some amusing incidents when meeting with the Africans, and on this occasion I could hear the noise of the truck's engine running, even after all the Africans had got seated. The noise was so distracting to the meeting that I asked the driver if he could switch off the engine, but he replied that he couldn't, because once it stopped it would be very difficult to get it going again, so it continued to run for about four hours while we were in the meeting. I don't know how they got home for I am sure the petrol was very low in the tank when they set off again. But we praise God that we had a lovely time of fellowship around the Word of God.

Just before the Kabate Trade School broke up for the holidays we took our film-strip projector and spoke to about 300 students. The journey to the school took us through a very dangerous area in the Kikuyu Reserve (many of the students belong to this tribe) but praise God, His protecting hand was upon us and as we made the journey we rejoiced that we were privileged to be His witnesses.

We were very pleased to receive, just before Christmas, two parcels of used clothes; one from the Junior Crusaders of the Bolton Church, and the other from Long Eaton. There was much rejoicing among the dear African children as Mrs. Johnston fitted them out with these garments, and they have asked us to thank the donors for their great kindness in thinking of them at this Christmastime. We

also thank our friends for their prayers on our behalf and for remembering our dear African Christians in this their hour of great trouble.

SUNNY BLUNDELL VISITS ELIM MISSIONARIES

We are happy to pass on to our readers the interesting account of Sunny Blundell's visit to our missionaries in South Africa: Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Christie and Miss Grossen. Miss Blundell writes: "I am actually writing this on the Mission Station at Tzaneen in Mrs. Hawley's home. I arrived on Thursday last, after a day and night in the train, and was met at the station by Mrs. Hawley and her colleague "Jenny." Mrs. Hawley and her dear husband were great friends of mine when I was in the "Forces," so we had much to talk about.

"Early next morning we set off in the African Pastor's car, a very ancient relic, and went on our way to get to Phalaborwa to Mrs. Christie and Frieda Grossen. The heat was just simply sweltering, and to make matters worse there were extra passengers in the car, as Pastor Johannes Nuku—who, by the way, is one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have ever had the good fortune to meet—had brought his native teacher and an old African mother along as well. It is 100 miles from Tzaneen to Phalaborwa and was next to impossible to expect the contraction called a car to get us there. If ever anyone needed a car it is Mrs. Hawley, and if I had the money the first thing I would do would be to buy a car for Tzaneen, and I am certainly praying that one will be forthcoming.

"To proceed with the story: Suddenly we discovered that we were lost in the bush—however, after prayer we emerged, only to find that the poor old car had given up and wanted a rest. We pushed it along the road until after a while it went on again. Eventually we arrived at our destination and found that an "open air meeting" had been arranged for us another eight or nine miles further in the bush. I wish you could have been there to see it all! It was pitch dark and we had to use hurricane lamps. It was to me a wonderful sight. There were men and women and lots of children as black as the night around us. As I gave a talk with the aid of the flannelgraph, millions of moths, beetles, and insects of every description came flying, swooping, creeping and crawling, and even pouncing upon me. I don't think one got saved at my meeting for I simply put my foot on every one that came near.

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WHAT WILL 1955 BRING FORTH? Will this be a year of peace, or will the world be plunged into a war that will threaten the very existence of civilisation?

Will this be a year of financial prosperity or will industrial strikes and unemployment increase?

What new dictator will appear upon the world's horizon in 1955? Which rulers are going to be dethroned? What democracies are going to crumble and collapse?

How will Christianity fare in 1955? Will churches be burned as in Russia and Spain? Will Bibles be destroyed? Will Christians be martyred for their testimony? Will they become chattels of the State, shackled by the chains of a godless dictatorship?

What major catastrophe will characterise 1955? Will cities collapse under the destructive force of earthquakes? Will floods make multitudes homeless? Will droughts and dust storms bring famine to many? Will pestilence take its toll? Will meteoric activity terrify multitudes? Will tornadoes roar across the plains and typhoons disturb the seas?

All of these things may be expected during the end of the present age. "Ye shall hear of wars and commotions . . . And great earthquakes shall be in divers places and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven" (Luke xxi. 9-11).

TIME will tell what 1955 will bring forth among the nations. But there is a question of infinitely greater importance and that is "What will you do with your time during the coming year?"

What will you accomplish that is worthwhile? Will you squander your time for selfish purposes or will you invest it in the Lord's service?

Will you aimlessly while away the days, weeks and months?

Civilisation, with its amassed social, industrial, economic, and political structure, faces the crisis of the ages. Will civilisation survive? Are we on the dawn of a new era? Is the crust of make-believe giving way to the true depraved nature of man and shall we find humanity again struggling against the inevitable, mass suicide? Is there hope? What is the man of today thinking? What do statistics show? What is written in the Prophetic Scriptures?

According to II. Timothy iii. 12: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," and past and present history is indicative of this prophetic truth.

THE WORLD, sick unto death, wounded by wars, famines, pestilences, strife on every hand, bound by the chains of darkness, needs to know of Him who was lifted up for us that we might have LIFE ETERNAL for a look.

Is the arm of the Lord still able to save? Is His ear still attune to the cries of His children? Does He who broke the sinner's chains, who healed the sick and filled believers with His mighty power, still live and move and answer prayer? Does He still fill believers with His Holy Spirit's power as on the day of Pentecost?

After peace treaties are gone, after every battleship has been wrecked on the rocks of time, after every army has been dispersed, after every prison has crumbled in the dust of forgetfulness, after all the books of law on all the shelves have moulded and dropped into the cellars, after every sword has become a ploughshare, after every spear has become a pruning hook, and after the world itself has rolled away into the channels of forgetfulness, love will stand and exist unchanged.

"Now abideth love." After every means of arbitrary



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BY R I

[This Evangelist God mightily used in the great million people]



force has failed, then love will come and right the wrongs of the world.

The one sensible thing to do is to learn God's will and follow it. In so doing there is nothing to lose and everything to gain.

How is it with you? Are you prepared for what is coming? If the world should end to-morrow, would you be ready to meet your God?

How can one tell? There are many tests one might apply, but one of the best is to ask ourselves whether or not we want the Lord to come. If we don't, if we would rather continue with our present interests and pursuits, there is probably something lacking in our preparation. Certainly we do not fully understand the awful implications of His imminent return. On the other hand, if we are eagerly anticipating the privilege of soon seeing Jesus face to face, "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (II. Pet. iii. 12), it is a good indication that we are striving to live in harmony with God's require-



ments. For "every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (I. John iii. 3).

When soldiers are returning from foreign battle fronts after years of absence and loneliness, they are filled with a desperate longing to see their homeland again. As the transports bring them nearer and nearer to their loved ones, and the scenes so dear to them, their eagerness to get ashore is beyond description. On the last night out they can scarcely sleep for excitement.

"I shall never forget the night before we were due to arrive," writes one veteran in a personal letter. "I was on deck all night, just in case we should arrive sooner than expected. It was a bitterly cold night, but I did not feel the cold. There were fires alight inside me that kept me warm. I was going home. I wanted to catch the first glimpse of it."

shall break again. "Come, My people," He implores us, "enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity."

What will 1955 bring forth for the Church? "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?" Never has the world seen or felt such a spiritual move as that which has come to pass in the last few short years. The move is on; God is moving by His Spirit: **SIGNS AND WONDERS ARE INCREASING** as men and women are learning how to release the power within themselves. Oh, Church of the living God, learn this truth from the lips of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. **"THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE."** Not how many gifts do you possess, but **THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE.** Know that Christ is within YOU and that this Divine Power can now be released. To help suffering humanity in your generation—have faith in God—have faith in God—**HAVE FAITH IN GOD.**

Yes, in 1955 we can expect the greatest **SPIRITUAL AWAKENING THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.** To the Church God promises a double portion of His Spirit, and His compassion shall flow through His servants to bring deliverance. His Gifts shall be made manifest **TO ALL WHO YIELD THEMSELVES WHOLLY TO HIM.**

Bring Forth ?

WICKS

*Revival, when it is estimated three and a half
Christ.—Ed.]*

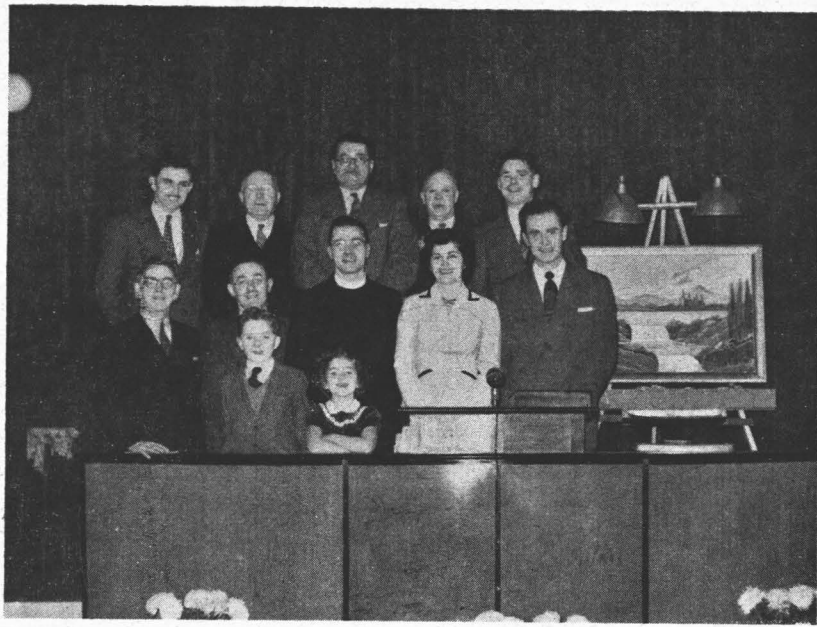
That is the thrill we should all be feeling today. Our long voyage is almost over. Our heavenly home is but a little way off. **"The night is far spent, the day is at hand."** May the fires of expectancy warm our hearts until the morning!

In view of the lateness of the hour we should also be ever alert to act swiftly in harmony with God's leadings. **As the last night before the Flood** drew on, "the Lord said unto Noah. **Come** thou and all thy house into the ark" (Gen. vii. 1). After all the long years of waiting, working and wondering, there was then but one week left before the awful cataclysm in which the world of that day was engulfed (v. 4). It was a time for immediate action if Noah and his family were to be saved. They must move into the ark for safety, and at once. **They followed God's directions and were delivered, while their world went down in ruin.**

With equal urgency God is calling us today to make final preparation before the tempest of Divine retribution

DOUBT

I have a life with Christ to live
But ere I live it, must I wait
Till learning can clear answer give
Of this and that book's date ?
I have a life in Christ to live ;
I have a death in Christ to die ;
And must I wait till science give
All doubts a full reply ?
Nay rather, while the sea of doubt
Is raging wildly round about,
Questioning of life, and death, and sin,
Let me but creep within
Thy fold, O Christ, and at Thy feet
Take but the lowest seat,
And hear thine awful voice repeat
In gentlest accents, heavenly sweet,
Come unto Me and rest
Believe Me and be blessed.



Some of the Deacons of Elim Church, Pontypridd, with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cantelon, who concluded a successful campaign in Pontypridd last September, and are now at Reading.

Picture shows—

Back row: K. Williams, A. W. Matthews, T. Griffiths, S. Parfitt, W. T. Ingram. Front Row: D. J. Ingram, D. Gimblette, Rev. K. Matthew, Mrs. Lucille Cantelon, Rev. Paul Cantelon, Tudor Matthew and Sharon Cantelon.

Picture by Mr. Ted Davies.

The London Crusader Choir

The Silver Jubilee year of the Choir (1954) was crowded with activity. Nearly one hundred appointments were fulfilled, not including the additional recording and broadcasting demands of the year. During the year thirty Elim churches were visited in London and Home Counties and even further afield in the provinces. Prison evangelism continued with undimmed enthusiasm and twenty-eight visits were made to many H.M. Prisons, including Lewes, Chelmsford, Maidstone, Leeds, Canterbury, Dover, Goudhurst and those in the London area.

Most recent visits have been to the great "M & B" Factory, Dagenham; to St. Bernard's Hospital, where nearly two thousand patients received spiritual and musical ministry. The first Sunday in the new year found the Choir at the Elim Church, Barking. In this new and fine building the choir was heard to great advantage. During the afternoon the choir had ministered to the Hill Hall prison-without-bars near Epping. This centre for women prisoners was at one time one of England's great mansions, and historically linked with the great Protestant Chancellor of Queen Elizabeth I, who owned the estate. In the great marble hall the Choir sang some of the great hymns of the past and stirring spiritual songs of the present. The Lady Governor stated that the Choir's visit was the first group ever to visit Hill Hall, and sincerely hoped that they would come again soon.

Broadmoor was the venue of the second Sunday in January. Again, the welcome was enthusiastic, and for two hours messages in word and song captivated hundreds who crowded into the Central Hall of the Institution. The great hymns again echoed through these renowned precincts and spontaneously the patients themselves joined in the Sunday evening act of worship. The evening was brought to a close by three united pieces sung by the Broadmoor Choir with the Crusader Choir and conducted by Pastor Douglas

Gray. Some stirring singing was heard. Following the service the two choirs enjoyed supper together, and as is usual, some fine personal contacts were made. Most encouraging news is to hand resulting from these visits to Broadmoor. Readers pray on for this evangelism and support us in every way.

During the next few weeks the Choir will be visiting Elim Churches at High Wycombe, Canning Town, Watford, Coulsdon, etc.

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"Up to 5 o'clock next morning, and after morning prayers with the African Christians in their wee church we set off again on the 100 miles back to Tzaneen. Miles from anywhere the old car refused to brake and we had to go very slowly where it was safe. Eventually we got to a wee garage and had the brakes fixed and we were away on the road again. Then we found that the petrol was leaking and the tank was dry. For ages we had to push the car, and were absolutely exhausted by the time we did get a drop of petrol from a young man who saw our predicament. How sorry I am for these dear missionaries out here who so need a car or a van!

"I have searched my mind to find out why the Lord sent me to Africa when I had prayed to go to America. I couldn't find the answer, but I know now. I believe I am going to be used to promote the missionary cause and stimulate interest in foreign missions.

"We have had great meetings here at Tzaneen and you would have been delighted on Sunday afternoon if you had seen the crowd that came along for the 3 p.m. meeting. I had already taken the Sunday School, and we could not have squeezed another one in. Incidentally, two European men came who had become interested in a meeting that Mrs. Hawley took somewhere recently. They went away deeply convicted and I am sure God is going to do a work in their hearts."

Elim Youth Page

We are Crusading for Christ

"We Fight the good fight"

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

The Christian's "Mile of the Century"

There was no one to set the pace for Roger Bannister, as the young British medical student lengthened his stride on the cinder track in Oxford, on May 16th, 1954. No one could run ahead of him to help him judge his speed—for Miler Bannister was running faster than man had ever dared dream run—a mile in less than four minutes!

Close to the finish Bannister spurred ahead and, urging from his aching body the last final spark of energy, he broke the tape and then collapsed literally breathless into the arms of his trainer.

The fifteen hundred spectators gathered there for the meet were understandably overwhelmed at having witnessed the "mile of the century" as the Press called it; but track experts immediately predicted that since Bannister had been able to break the four-minute barrier and set the pace, there would be a number of other winners. And so it was.

Soon after, John Landy became world champion. Wes Santee clocked in at a little over four minutes, and others seemed likely to do the same in the near future. Roger Bannister, by taking the lead, had helped to draw out of others abilities and energies they before had not been able to summon.

Even though Bannister saw his own leadership threatened and finally saw the world championship go to another man, his satisfaction must have been great, for by being "first" he had made it possible for others to win.

There is a passage in the Word of God which strikingly parallels, in a spiritual sense, that which was Bannister's experience in the physical realm. In Hebrews xii. 1 and 2 it says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

It is as if the writer of Hebrews saw the principle which Roger Bannister fulfilled in the spring of 1954. As Bannister, in a sense, ran the race for those who would come after him, so the writer urged all Christians to "run the race" because of the "cloud of witnesses" watching them run.

Even if we wanted to, we cannot escape it. It is the

responsibility of every Christian to accept a certain role of moral and spiritual leadership—to "set the pace" in the race of life. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself "ran the race" and won against great odds. It was He in turn who, time after time, urged all men to fulfil their places of responsibility. Miler Bannister broke the four-minute barrier and set the pace for all future runners. It is our responsibility as Christians to run our best for those who would follow us—for our "cloud of witnesses"—those who would pattern their Christian lives after ours. In this Great Race, our opponents are not the thud, thud of other spikes on the track, nor the agonising breathing of a runner behind us. Our opponents are our own selves—our own base natures and selfish desires which will, unless checked, weight us down, as the Bible says. By looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, we will be able to "run with patience the race that is set before us" and can find our lives useful and influential for good.

We owe it to our Creator, to ourselves, and to the "cloud of witnesses" watching us, to put our hearts into our running, to trust completely in Christ, and to set our stride to bring our own race to an exciting victory.

—by Lin Springer of the "C. A. Herald."

and a Challenge from

PASTOR GEORGE STORMONT

(Superintendent of the Essex Elim Pentecostal Churches)

This comes as an earnest personal message to you, and I want you to read every word, and to think over and act on it.

Almost every speaker that we hear these days is emphasising that "the time is short" for Christian service. At the World Conference some of the delegates said that in their opinion in some countries not more than five years remained for the preaching of the Word in liberty. Throughout the world there is a sense of urgency, and I believe that the Lord wants us, especially us young people, to awake to the situation. Below are some questions I have put to myself. Will you do the same? Get alone if possible, and pause over each question.

I call myself a Crusader. Am I living up to the name? (A "Crusader" is "one engaged in an aggressive movement against evil.")

Which means most to me, crusading for Christ; or home, family, comfort, rest, hobbies, health, ambition or something else?

Does the eternal welfare of other young people mean anything to me?

Have I received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit? If so am I filled NOW? If not, am I earnestly seeking, and determined to seek till I do receive?

If I'm not regular in attendance at the Crusader meetings, how will my excuses (or reasons) sound at the Judgment Seat?

When did I last bring someone else to Crusaders? When did I last try?

How do I stand in regard to prayer, witnessing, THE CROSS?

These questions are not altogether comfortable, but they are worth facing seriously. Communists, inspired by hate,

are showing irrepressible zeal for evil. We, inspired by Calvary love, ought to be showing greater zeal in the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS! Have you entered for this year's very important subject? "In the beginning." Study help leaflets are available on application to the National Youth Secretary, 20, Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4.

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SUNDAY, February 6th. Luke iv. 31-44.

"His word was with authority" (verse 32).

The worshippers in the synagogue were accustomed to hear a recitation of long lists of those on whom their Rabbis drew for the authority of their teaching. But this new Teacher from Nazareth was different. He did not base His tenets on the dicta of Rabbis of days gone by. Neither did He deal in philosophical abstractions appealing merely to the intellects of His hearers. No; He spoke with an authority of His own, "in challenging and disturbing sentences, He awakened faith and obedience, not curiosity." He preached for a verdict. He assaulted the citadel of the wills of men for God. He sought to bring them into a saving relationship with His Father.

MONDAY, February 7th. Luke v. 1-16.

"He entered into one of the ships" (verse 3).

Jesus Christ is no man's debtor. He used one of the fishing boats as a pulpit from which to preach His message to the multitude on the seashore. His message concluded, He turns His attention to the fishermen who had so willingly placed their boat at His disposal. "Launch out into the deep" was His command. The result was a catch of fish beyond all their expectations. They were amply rewarded for the service they had rendered Him that day. "Give, and it shall be given unto you" is a Divine principle of blessing.

TUESDAY, February 8th. Luke v. 17-26.

"They sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before Him" (v. 18).

The friends of the paralytic used their initiative in bringing their helpless companion to the feet of Christ. They were determined to bring him into contact with Christ. They thought out ways and means of accomplishing their purpose. Finally they hit on the idea of letting him down through the roof. "Where there is a will, there is a way," is an old saying which can be adopted in the business of soul-saving. If one method fails to bring people under the sound of the Gospel let us prayerfully think of other means to achieve this end. God rewarded their initiative. And He will reward ours too.

WEDNESDAY, February 9th. Luke v. 27-39

"He left all, rose up, and followed Him" (v. 28).

When Christ called Matthew he closed the door of his toll-booth behind him for ever. The only thing he took with him out of his old occupation was his pen and ink. By means of his pen and ink he wrote the glorious Gospel that bears his name. He does not mention himself again after the record of his great feast, but the Gospel he penned still continues to enlighten and comfort mankind. Our names may never appear in any history, but each one of us may become an Epistle of Christ, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. What is the Gospel according to YOU?

THURSDAY, February 10th. Luke vi. 1-19.

"He went out into a mountain to pray" (v. 12).

Prayer was a fixed habit in our Lord's life. He retired at various intervals to some secluded place—the mountain side, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple—for quiet, leisurely waiting upon His heavenly Father. As He counselled His followers, so He closed the door upon all earthly distractions. His prayerfulness resulted in a poised and effective life, it brought Him guidance in every kind of emergency, it refreshed Him in hours of loneliness and misunderstanding, it gave Him strength and courage in the hour of trial and temptation, it imparted fresh power for His exacting ministry. Similarly we should have our fixed times of prayer. Our lives will be all the more gracious and powerful as a consequence of this good habit.

FRIDAY, February 11th. Luke vi. 20-38.

"Blessed are ye" (v. 21).

We are called to live a supernatural life, a life above the ordinary, the life of Jesus Christ. We cannot produce this quality of life by our own unaided efforts, it is the outcome of Christ Himself living in us His own resurrection life. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" is how the apostle Paul puts it. What is impossible to us as human beings is gloriously possible to the new man in Christ. Reckoning ourselves to be dead to sin and alive unto God, and yielding our members to His Holy Spirit each day the traits of the Christ life as delineated in these beatitudes will be seen in us. His blessing resting upon us will bless others too.

SATURDAY, February 12th. Luke vi. 39-49.

"It was founded upon a rock" (v. 48).

In house-building it is vitally important for the foundations to be well laid. Depth and strength are very necessary. A faulty foundation will be revealed sooner or later in the destruction of the house. And so it is in character building, the foundation must be securely laid. Our lives are built up in obedience to the sayings of Christ. To build upon His Word is to build upon a rock. External forces will assault our lives, for every house is exposed to the action of wind and rain and storm, but if we are resting upon His Word we shall never fall.

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENTIAL ITINERARY

Pastor John Dyke, the President, will visit the following churches :

February 8, Thornton Heath. 9, East Ham. 10, Camberwell. 15, Maidstone (A.o.G.). 19-20, Park Gate, Sheffield. 21-22, Sheffield. 23, Barnsley. 24, Rotherham. 25, Mansfield. 26-27, Nottingham. 28, Long Eaton.

BELFAST. Commencing Feb. 6. Ulster Temple, Ravenhill Road. Campaign conducted by Evangelist Len Chappell. Week-nights 8 (Fri. excepted). Suns. 7.

BIRMINGHAM. Feb. 5. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street. Presbytery Youth Rally. Guest Speaker: Pastor W. J. Maybin. Leader: Pastor Frank Shadlock, Youth Commissioner. Sat. 7 p.m.

BRADFORD. Feb. 5-10. Elim Church, Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Special Week for Youth, by Youth. Week-nights, except Fri. at 7.30; Sat. 7; Sun. 10.45 and 6.30. Special items each night, including the presentation of the sound film "The Promise," Sat. Feb. 5, at 7.

CAMBERWELL. Feb. 4 and 10. Elim Church, Benhill Road, off Camberwell Church Street. Fri. 4th. Visit of Pastor A. D. Bull (Tanganyika). Thurs. 10th. Visit of the President, Pastor John Dyke.

COLCHESTER. Feb. 6. Elim Pentecostal Church, Lucas Road, off Mersea Road. Special visit of Pastor George Backhouse. Sun. 10.45, 2.45, 6.30. Sunday School Prize-giving.

CROYDON. Feb. 5 & 6. Elim Church, Stanley Road, West Croydon. Sat. 7 p.m. Visit of Kenley Bible Students. Sun. 11 & 6.30. Preacher: Mr. Donald Gee.

EDINBURGH. Feb. 15-17. Elim Tabernacle. Dean Street. Missionary Exhibition. 7.30 each evening. Speakers: Pastors G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary) and L. Wigglesworth (Congo).

GLASGOW. Feb. 11-13. Elim Church, Butterbiggins Road, near Eglinton Toll. Missionary Exhibition. Week-nights 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Missionary meetings. Speakers: Pastors G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary) and L. Wigglesworth (Congo).

GREENOCK. Feb. 7-9. Elim Church, Belville Street. Missionary Exhibition. 7.30 each evening. Speakers: Pastors G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary) and L. Wigglesworth (Congo).

HASTINGS. Feb. 6. Silverhill Club Hall, Silverhill Junction. 11 and 6.30. Pastor's 4th anniversary. Preacher: Rev. A. G. Brambleby.

ILFORD. Feb. 5. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Monthly Rally. Sat. 7.30. Speaker: Pastor J. Karamadzanis. Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

KINGSTANDING. Feb. 6. Elim Church, Warren Road. Special Services for Pastor and Mrs. Morrison's 4th Anniversary. 11, 3 and 6.30. Evening meeting taken by Deacons, with items by the Mixed Choir and Male Voice Party.

SALFORD. Feb. 6-17. Elim Church, Nursery Street, Pendleton. Sun. 6th at 8.15. After-Church Film Rally: "This Gathering Storm." Mon. 7th to 17th, Campaign conducted by Pastor Arnold Brookes. Nightly 7.30 (ex. Fri.). Sun. 6.30.

SALISBURY. Jan. 31-Feb. 6. In the Old School, W. Harnham. Sunshine Corner for children of all ages. Mon., Wed., Fri., Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 4. Sun., Feb. 6, 3 p.m., opening of new Branch Sunday School.

SMETHWICK. Feb. 12-15. Elim Church, Oldbury Road. Pastor's 3rd Anniversary. Guest speaker: Pastor George Newsholme. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. and Tues. 7.30. Convener: Pastor Frank Shadlock.

THORNTON HEATH. Feb. 8. Elim Church, Moffat Road. Special visit of the President, Pastor J. Dyke. 7.30.

WARRINGTON. Commencing Feb. 7. Patten Hall, Winmarleigh Street (opposite Town Hall). Evangelistic Crusade conducted by Pastor John Gardiner. Week-nights at 7.30. Sun. at 10.45, 3, and 6.30. After-Church Rally, Sun. at 8.

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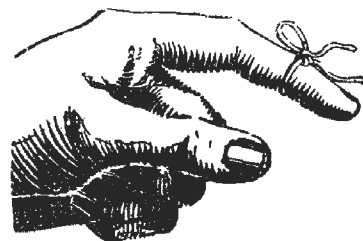
NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S ITINERARY

The National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. Hywel Davies, will visit the following churches in the month of February :

2, Letchworth. 5, Clacton-on-Sea. 6, Ipswich. 8, Canning Town. 9, Ealing. 10, Ilford. 12, London (3.15 and 6.30 p.m., Friends Meeting House). 13, Holland Park. 15, Hayes. 16, Leyton. 17, Finchley. 19, 20, 21, High Wycombe. 23, Islington. 26, 27, Barking.

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Pastor A. D. Bull, Elim missionary on furlough from Tanganyika will visit the following churches :

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WITH CHRIST

Armour.—William Armour, aged 52, faithful member of Ulster Temple, Belfast, was laid to rest on January 18th. Funeral conducted by Pastor J. Smith.

Hill.—On January 10th, William Hill, aged 67, Treasurer of Elim Church, Treharris. Funeral conducted by Pastor Ken Matthew and Mr. F. Tucker (Hon. Pastor).

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