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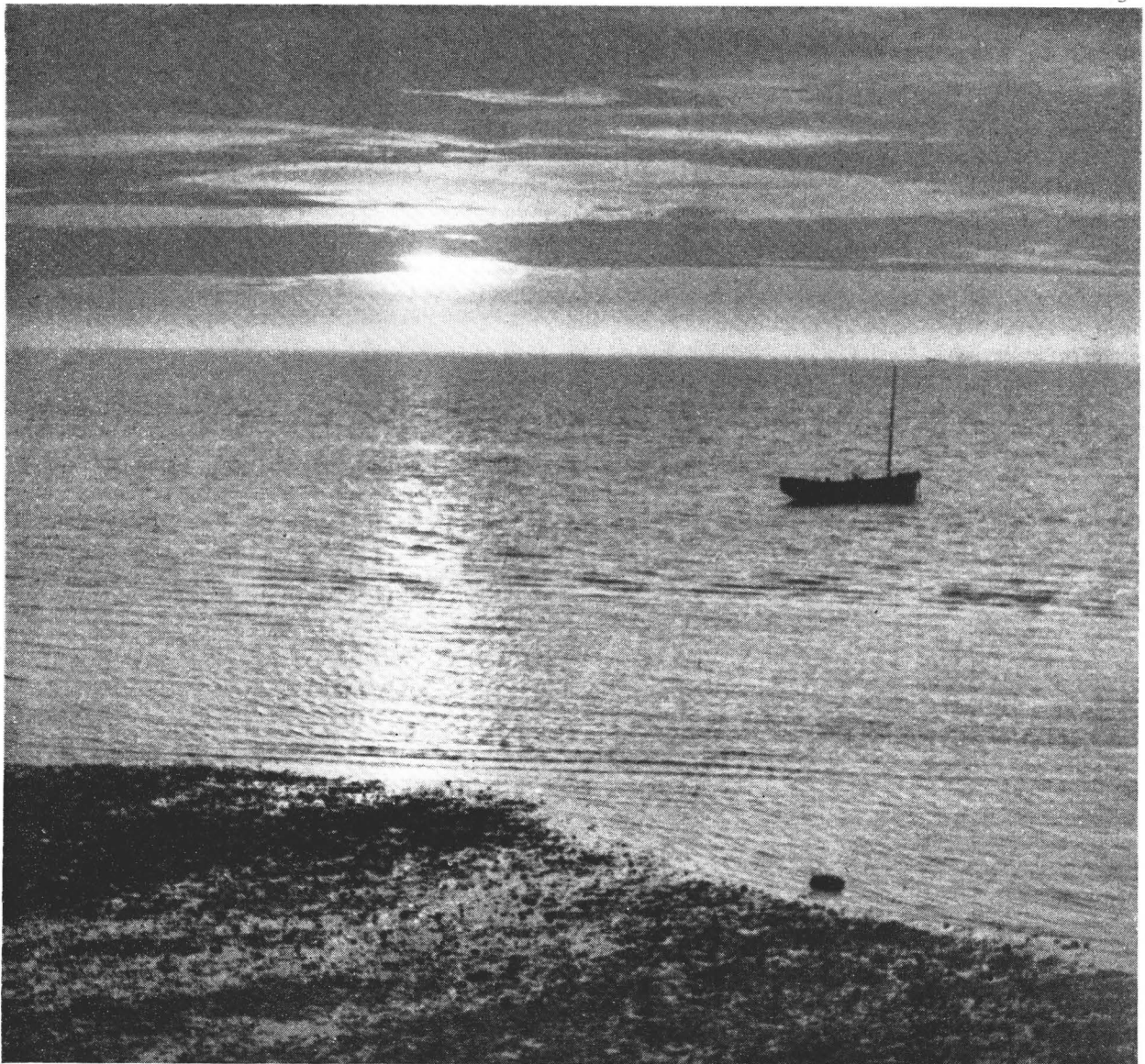


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February Dawn at Southend-on-Sea

[D. V. Davenport.

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

Converted while working on New Church Site

The work at the Elim Central Church, Clapham, is still continuing to receive the blessing of the Lord. Each month new members are being received into fellowship and souls are still receiving the blessings of new life in Christ.

Recently a service of thanksgiving was held for the completion of the purchase of the new organ, which eleven months before was installed at a cost of over £1,000. It was a big step of faith on behalf of the congregation, but in wonderful ways and as a result of faithful and sacrificial giving the cost was met and the fine extra large Hammond organ was paid for. Geoffrey Cooper, the brilliant organist, is blessed of God in his ministry of music.

The fine modern Elim headquarters church here is in process of building. The building, which will not be completed until 1956, will be one of the finest pieces of modern architecture in South London. The minor hall will, however, be ready for occupation in April of this year.

One of the joys which the Clapham people have had recently was to welcome a young man who was saved on the building site of the new church, and is now a keen worker in the church.

Recently, on the coldest day of this winter, we held a baptismal service at our Camberwell church, kindly lent. Among the candidates were a father and son, of recent conversion, the young man who was saved on the building site, and an elderly lady, almost eighty years old.

100 Children at Party

From **BERMONDSEY**, a church that seldom gets into the news these days, comes a report of their children's party, which seems to have been quite an affair. One hundred children tucked into the food; then came an evening of fun, during which one of the scholars produced some conjuring tricks. Two films were shown, each with a moral and spiritual application, which held the children's attention. Then came Father Christmas with his load of gifts for all to crown an evening which brought happiness to many a young heart.

NEW YEAR BLESSINGS

GLASGOW has had much blessing from the New Year convention, one of the best yet. The speakers were Pastors R. J. Morrison, of Birmingham, and H. Palliser, Edinburgh.

Quite a number attended the watch-night service, despite transport difficulties. Pastor Morrison gave a message to strengthen and encourage the believer.

New Year's Day brought two meetings, tea being served in between. The call went out for the separated life of the believer and the salvation of the lost. It was a time of deep spiritual instruction.

Services at the Elim Church are being well attended. On a recent Sunday they were taken by Mr. Gerald Stewart, of Edinburgh, whose ministry is always a real blessing. He and his wife and family are leaving shortly for Australia with the prayers and good wishes of the Glasgow folk.

Correspondent Helen Hilliard writes: We are looking forward and praying for a great movement in this city through the coming visit of Billy Graham. We as a church are hoping to share in the blessing and be used to extend His kingdom in this great and needy area.

Forward Move in Wales

Things are moving at **NEATH**, to judge from the reports given at the annual fellowship meeting. Crusaders, Sunday School, Sisterhood and the church as a whole are flourishing, and our correspondent writes: "Our hearts are singing under the ministry of Pastor A. Brooks." The Sunday School demonstrated their talents at a meeting in December attended by over 200 people.

Since Pastor Brooks came to Neath, twelve months ago, great progress has been made. During his ministry in Wales eighty people have professed conversion—forty-two during the Holyhead campaigns, twenty during the Llanelly Youth for Christ Campaign, fifteen in Neath and three at a Cardiff Saturday night meeting.

The Neath winter rallies have been taken by brethren of the church. One Saturday night meeting was taken by six brethren who are miners. The handbills announced "Pitmen Take the Pulpit," and in one of the testimonies it was said that one of the pit cages was called the "Old Rugged Cross" cage because of the singing of the Elim brethren.

This meeting was followed by one taken by all the Christians in a local factory. It was talked about throughout the town—another example of go-ahead witness.



Group of Sunday School Scholars at Neath.

Treat for Members

Before **HULL CITY TEMPLE** held its annual fellowship meeting there was a special treat for members and friends—a 21st anniversary tea, given to 100 adults and five children. At the fellowship meeting encouraging reports were given by the various departments of the church. On Sunday, Jan. 9th, the special visitor was Pastor Len Chappell. After his challenging Gospel message about fifteen hands were raised and five people came to the front to shake hands and to sign decision cards after prayer.

THINGS TEMPORAL

and THINGS ETERNAL

New Testaments for Africa

The Pocket Testament League, which has distributed fifteen million copies of the Scriptures in Japan and other countries, is launching an effort to distribute five million copies of the New Testament among Africans in the next five years. Sound trucks are being equipped and, at the same time, translators and printers are hard at work producing the first editions of these P.T.L. booklets in six of the African trade languages. This is an effort towards turning the current of Nationalism into channels which will bring glory to God and blessing, instead of bloodshed, to men.

Soul winning

When Wilfred Pickles asked an 85-year-old Pensioner what special thing he would like to do before he died he replied, "I would like to win a soul for Jesus Christ."

Sudan May Oust Missionaries

It is reported that the Sudan is planning to oust all Christian missionaries from its schools and replace them with Moslem instructors as soon as the British quit control over the million-square-mile territory.

A dispatch from Khartoum to "New Commonwealth," said that the tropical colony's school system is scheduled to be "Arabized." Sudanese officials are in Cairo, it declared, recruiting teachers for service after the plebiscite two years hence. The Sudanese then will choose between national independence, union with Egypt, or association with Britain.

Jet Age

Cows give less milk, and butterfat content is lowered because of the roaring of jet planes overhead, say dairy farmers at Glendale, Ariz., who have sued the U.S. Government for £120,000 damages.

Sunday Trade

The application of three Devon towns—Lynton, Lynmouth and Brixham—for permission to trade on Sundays has been dismissed.

Strange New Weapon

It is reported that the Russians have developed a new kind of weapon which destroys life by freezing. Planes flying over an area at a height of 2,000 feet eject a light spray which produces an intense, killing cold for a period of about half an hour. All vegetation is killed; trees become so brittle that they burst; the soil freezes hard. Animals used in actual tests of the new weapon were frozen to death.

In Sir Winston Churchill's book, "Thoughts and Adventures, is an interesting study of Moses in which he writes:

"We reject with scorn all those learned

and laboured myths that Moses was but a legendary figure. We believe that the most scientific view, the most up-to-date and rationalistic conception, will find its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible literally. We may be sure that all these things happened as they are set out in Holy Writ. In the words of a forgotten work of Mr. Gladstone, we rest with assurance upon 'the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture'."

President speaks against Protestant minority

Lieutenant-General Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, who seized control of the Colombian Government last year in a military coup, was elected by the Constitutional Assembly recently to a four-year term as President of the Republic. In his inaugural address, he denounced his country's Protestant religious minority and repeated accusations long used by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in its "hate Protestantism" campaign.

Bread on the Waters

A total of 7,084 Gospel messages were sent afloat in bottles during the past year by the members of the Christian Endeavour Union of Northern Ireland. Replies to the messages have come from behind the Iron Curtain and from Mexico.

Anti-Semitism

Some 10,000 Jews living in former Rumanian territory have recently been deported by the Soviet authorities to Siberia.

Koreans Believe

Koreans are worshipping the God of Christianity to a greater extent than any other Oriental people. This statement was made by Dr. You Chan Yang, Korean Ambassador to the U.S.A. when addressing the annual missionary rally of 900 ministers and laymen of the Virginia Methodist Conference at Richmond, Va. Said Dr. Yang, "Koreans believe in Him and believe in His guidance of the destinies of our country. Forces of evil and darkness occupy one-half of my country today, but our belief in God is such that we know the sunlight of decency and goodness will bring about our unification and enable us to be what we have been for more than forty centuries—one land and one people."

Donn Moomaw

All-American football star Donn Moomaw, who turned down high bids to enter professional football ranks in order to devote his life to evangelism, has registered at Princeton Theological Seminary. Moomaw took part in the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign in London last year. He then continued a world tour, addressing evangelistic meetings in Formosa, Japan, and elsewhere.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army operated 19,491 social institutions, day schools, and religious centres in eighty-five countries and colonies, according to the organization's 1954 Yearbook. Full-time Salvation Army officers number 26,626, who are assisted by 19,520 lay employees.

Harringay

An American reporter has stated that the most heart-moving experience for him at the Harringay Campaign was the fact of husbands and wives, with their children, going forward hand in hand to surrender their lives to Christ.

About 12,000,000 people in the world are still held in slavery, insists the British Anti-Slavery Society. Six million of these are African women, says the Society. Apparently the millions held in concentration camps are not included in the 12,000,000 figure.

President Eisenhower's Pastor

President Eisenhower's pastor, Rev. E. Elson, says:

"We are living in a period of spiritual renaissance which the future may call the greatest spiritual awakening of all times." He cited:

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Unknown African Tribe

The Transvaal's Museum's Vernay expedition which has returned after three months in South-West Africa and Angola, visited hitherto unexplored deserts and mountains, and discovered about 500 new species and genera of insects. Also, the expedition made the first survey of the fresh-water insects of South-West Africa and Angola, finding about 200 new species. They also came upon hitherto unknown native tribes related to the Damara, the "click-language," people previously believed extinct.

Church Leaders Vote to Merge

Top executive groups of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in U.S.A. recently approved merging the two denominations into the United Church of Christ. The joint session set 1957 as the date for forming the new body and expect to have a membership of more than two million. No further legislative action is required, a spokesman for the two groups said.

Russia's Morality Patrol

The Associated Press reports that there is a young people's order in Russia called the Morality Patrol. Its function is to help the police keep youth from going astray and becoming alcoholics, and to prevent children from becoming delinquents, which (to the Red officials) includes going to church and praying to God. Moscow is continuing—without let-up—its relentless new propaganda drive to stamp out religion throughout the Soviet Union.

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EDITORIAL

Mushroom Growth of Pentecostal Missions

Geoffrey Murray, reporting recently in one of the National Dailies, informs us that the Bishop of Barking, the Rt. Rev. Hugh Gough, a staunch supporter of Billy Graham, told a conference of 400 Anglican evangelists in London that a gulf had opened between Church and people because of the ritualism, legalism, and modernism of the last fifty years.

Many people had gone to church and come away hungry. Some had sought salvation elsewhere.

"A remarkable feature of the evangelical movement has been a mushroom growth since the war of Pentecostal missions, Gospel halls, and the like, which can be seen in their hundreds today. I feel the fault lies with us clergy. If the Church of England and the Free Churches had really been preaching the Gospel, these conventicles would not have arisen. People have not heard the word of God and the doctrine of salvation."

Billy Graham, the bishop said, had brought a different approach.

"His secret was to preach the word of God with authority and conviction.

"The people of London were astonished by Graham's doctrine, for he taught them as one having divine authority, not as their own clergy and radio preachers do by half-apologetically suggesting that the way of life might possibly be found in a certain direction."

The Bishop of Barking admitted that some leaders regarded Billy Graham's campaign as a disaster. He thought they took this view because they did not believe in the inherent sinfulness of human nature and the need for atonement.

"Modernists have said in their pulpits," he said, "that the Bible was largely myth and fable.

"I accept the critics' statement that Billy Graham has put the clock back fifty years. I thank God that Graham has."

Here the Bishop, consciously or unconsciously admits that the rapid growth of the Pentecostal Movement has come largely because people have felt the need of the direct message of Salvation which they often fail to find in the orthodox churches.

The drift away from the churches has been attributable more to the modernism and formalism they have introduced as substitutes for the simplicity of the Gospel than to the inherent desire for sin and its pleasures. Deep down in the hearts of men and women is a hunger that can only be satisfied by the Bread of Life and the Water of Life. Every evangelist knows this and bases his appeal to the hearts on it. Jesus based His appeal to the woman of Samaria on this inherent need of the human heart. "If thou knewest . . . thou wouldst have asked of Him."

The Pentecostal churches and evangelists know that the direct, forceful presentation of the word of God and the way of Salvation is most calculated to reach the desired results, and to lead folks out of the bewildering muddle of modernism and the fanciful formalism which seeks to present God through signs and symbols. God's word in its clarity and simplicity is the only thing which can reach men's hearts and lead them into the Light.

"Turn you Northward"—ERRATUM.

In the article under this title, published in our issue of February 12th, we regret the reference to the two periods of forty years in the wilderness. Obviously the context should have shown that it took 1½ years to arrive at Kadesh-barnea. A further 38½ years wanderings brought the total period in the wilderness to 40 years.

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- "You know, Easter always remind me of Christmas."
 - "How do you mean?"
 - "Well, at Christmas all the families get together, and on Easter Monday the Elim family gets together in the Royal Albert Hall. Are you coming this year?"
 - "Well, I can't say that I bother as a rule."
 - "What a shame! Why, I wouldn't miss it any year. You see all your old friends there, people you met on your holiday and at churches you've visited, as well as Elim's evangelists and most of the ministers. Besides all that there's the great choir of Crusaders and the thrill of being in a meeting of thousands of people, and then seeing the converts come right to the front of the building."
 - "I hadn't thought of it like that. I think I'll come. But how can I be sure of getting in?"
 - "Well, there'll be plenty of room as long as you're early, but if you like you can book seats, through Headquarters."
 - "Right, I'll drop a line to H.Q. tonight. See you at the Albert Hall then in seven weeks' time."
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THE RETURN

By EVELYN E. GREEN (Southend-on-Sea)

"I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty."—Ruth i. 21.

TEN YEARS or so before Naomi said these words and voiced thus the bitter anguish of her heart, she and her husband, Elimelech, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, had departed from their home in Bethlehem-Judea, and, leaving the land of Israel which the Lord God had marvellously given unto their fathers, and which was now famine-stricken, they had gone into the country of Moab, and there had settled down. In the course of time, Naomi's husband died. Some years later, her two sons, who had married two of the women of Moab, also died. It was after this later catastrophe that news came to Naomi that her people in Israel were now enjoying prosperity and plenty. She resolved to return to her own land, and eventually she did so, accompanied by Ruth, her daughter-in-law.

The people of Bethlehem were filled with curiosity as the two women entered the city and as Naomi made her way to the old home where she and her family had lived until the famine came. "Is this Naomi?" friends and neighbours asked. Naomi! Pleasant! What a hollow mockery her name now seemed. All that had made life pleasant for her, all that had made for happiness and contentment, had been torn from her. Bereft and broken-hearted she looked down at her empty arms, and thought how wildly inappropriate and ironical it was that she should be called—"Pleasant."

In the Book of Proverbs, that which is spoken of Wisdom may be taken as a representation of the Christ and Son of God; and we may legitimately paraphrase a certain passage thus—"All HIS ways are ways of **pleasantness**, and all HIS paths are peace." But so often our ways are not His, and, consequently, they are not pleasant, nor peaceful.

"I went out . . ." We may justifiably omit for the moment three words of our text, and read it thus—"I went out . . . and the Lord hath brought me home again." True, it is only half the story, yet they are the basic facts beside which the past "fulness" of which Naomi spoke, and her present "emptiness," are only details, however painful.

"I went out—" yes, that was where the mischief lie. The land of Canaan was the nation's God-given abode, their appointed heritage; and, unless so instructed of God, they had no business to desert it for other realms. Moreover, in going into Moab, Naomi and her family had gone to live amidst a people whose ancestors, long ago and when Israel was on her way to Canaan, had not only failed to observe the traditional custom of offering hospitality to the traveller, but also had sought to curse Israel. For which offences the Lord subsequently debarred any Moabite from entering the congregation of the Lord. Besides all this, the Moabites were idolaters. And there, in Moab, the very fate which had seemed to stare them in the face in Israel, and which they had fled to Moab to avoid, overtook three of them.

To our infinite cost do we forsake any part of our God-

given inheritance as believers in Christ; to our own loss do we step down from any position in grace into which the good hand of God has brought us.

"I went out!" That was **her mistake**: but "the Lord hath brought me home again"—that was **His mercy**.

Now to fill in the aforementioned details, the other half of the story. She went out **full**, and had been brought home again **empty**. You notice that it was these details which occupied the attention of Naomi. Not the fact that she, mistakenly, went out, but that she went out full: not the fact that the Lord, mercifully, had brought her home again, but that He had brought her home again empty. How prone we are to miss the essentials and to fasten upon incidentals! Of far more significance was it that she once had left the land of Israel and that she had been brought back again; far more important was it than that in departing she had been full and in returning was empty. Albeit, it was a very human error, and it is with the human element that we are at this moment concerned: with Naomi's sense of destitution and loneliness.

We will pause for a moment to go back a little and consider her recent past. Besides her burden of grief over the loss of both husband and sons, Naomi's position in Moab as a childless widow was almost certainly painful and precarious. These people were idol-worshippers with no Divine law which, as in the case of Israel, imposed upon the people a definite responsibility towards the widow and the needy. The heathen peoples had the low evaluation of women and manifested the callousness towards them that was so characteristic of the Oriental races of that day. In this present era of female emancipation it is a little difficult to realise just how distressing could be the plight of a woman in Naomi's circumstances. A stranger in an alien community, a mere more-or-less helpless woman with no male protector, no champion, no satisfactory means of subsistence, no security. All this in addition to her very natural grief and sense of loss.

By returning to Bethlehem her situation was in some respects improved. She was once again among her own people; they, literally and figuratively, spoke the same language as she, a people which had been given the Law of God which ordained that such as she should be cared for. But on the other hand, the very sight of her old home and possessions, the familiar sounds and faces remembered from by-gone years, all served as a poignant reminder that when she had lived here she had occupied an honourable position as a wife and the mother of two sons whose very birth had removed from her that stigma which was the burden of the Oriental woman's life—childlessness. But now she was both widowed and childless. Small wonder that she felt bitter!

"The Lord hath brought me home again empty." Empty, yes, and painfully so, but (and what a wonderful picture

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IS YOUTH WORK WORTH WHILE? You can answer that by answering this: Where did you first hear about the Lord Jesus Christ? Shall I guess? If I said "Sunday School," I would be correct for ninety-five times out of every hundred. History proves that the Sunday School is the basis of good society. The saying, "If you don't want your child brought up in court, he should be brought up in Sunday School," is not a platform platitude. The Rev. W. E. McAlister of Canada, who is soon to visit our churches, writes regarding Juvenile Delinquency, "Christ is the answer. . . . We must bring a great number of boys and girls into our Sunday Schools." But how? The Elim Youth Committee is responsible for the furtherance of our youth work, to consider schemes, suggestions, and ideas, but very little can be done without financial support. Sunday School work, and almost all youth work, is not the most inspiring work in which to be engaged, and this

pals? The services of the Elim Youth Movement whilst limited, are energetically enthusiastic. The Sunday School with over 15,000 scholars, Elim Senior Crusaders, Elim Junior Crusaders, the Boys' Guilds, Cadets, Sunshine Corner Groups, all busily engaged in winning and sustaining youth for Christ. To assist them, enrolment forms are printed, printed rules and regulations prepared, lists of suggestions provided, National Scripture examination facilities made available, evangelistic rallies organized, youth conferences sponsored, and no charge is made, apart from a small fee of 5/- per Sunday School entering the National examination, although expenses are colossal.

In State schools ungodly teachers are spreading their poisonous ideas which undermine faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Children are being damaged in their impressionable years. We must combat these evil forces, and your help is vitally needed. Through the

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means that those at the helm must give all the encouragement and support that time and resources will permit. This work demands patience, hours of preparation which have to be squeezed into a busy life, and well planned supporting material.

How much we need your help!

Can I hear someone protesting that youth are already well looked after, and many expect everything to be done for them? If you mean that non-Christian provisions for youth are plentiful I would heartily agree with you. I would go further, and say that they are financed to a point of luxury and even extravagance in some instances. Have you ever tried to obtain a grant from the local government for youth work? I have, and what was I asked? What did I provide in the way of physical culture, drama, elaborate handicrafts, dancing, and a variety of entertainment. Nothing? Sorry, we can't help you. For purely Christian work these benefits are banned. Surely this is a challenge to Christians to support our youth work; for the widow's mite sacrificially given, a storehouse of God's riches becomes available.

What are we doing for the boy pictured here, and his

protests of the Elim Youth Movement the foolish but popular theory of Evolution has been checked in one evangelical and well accepted youth organization. We must be watchmen to safeguard the interests of young people.

The Elim Youth Movement has also taken up the needs of our young people away from home, in the Forces and other occupations. The list of names held in our office grows every week, and financial help is needed to provide services in the form of printed letter contacts, and purchase of leaflets designed to help those off-duty and spiritually off-guard.

Young people in offices and factories are tongue-tied but keen to bring their workmates to the Crusader meeting. "What a help if I had an attractive description of our Crusader Movement," the young girl thinks; so do we, but we must have the means to start the system moving to provide leaflets at a reduced cost.

There is a burning hunger in the hearts of the young men and women roaming Britain's streets tonight. Let us rally around and help those who seek to win them.

For October the 7th and 8th this year, we are planning a large Sunday School Workers' Conference in London,

a Massed Elim Youth Demonstration in Trafalgar Square, and a Great Public National Youth Rally where our young folk can bring their unsaved friends to hear the Gospel. But what about the money for this venture?

Recently I was speaking at a Sunday School Anniversary on the subject of Faith. When I asked, "What is Faith?" one perky youngster shot up his hand and said, "Taking a risk, mister!" Well, what about taking a risk today. Push your hand a little further into your treasure chest and make a contribution to the national work of the Elim Youth Movement . . . for the likes of the young fellow on this page.

A man in business weighs up the possibilities of his success in various areas of the country, and if he is a wise

man he will direct his attention where he will get his greatest response. Where do we get our greatest number of conversions, i.e., in what age group? The statistics of the Billy Graham Greater London Crusade encourage the youth worker. Sixty per cent of the converts were under nineteen years of age, and eighty per cent were under thirty years of age.

The American churches have realised the value of youth work, and their churches flourish, testimony to this will be forthcoming with the return of the Elim ministers now touring the U.S.A. The facilities which their National Youth Headquarters can offer are almost multitudinous because their resources permit such activity. We can, and will do more, with your help.



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these next words conjure up!) "home again." Though she did not then know it, there was comfort in that fact. For not only was Canaan the home of the nation of Israel, it also was Jehovah's habitation, and "a Father of the fatherless, and a Judge on the behalf of the widows is God in His holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families" (Psa. lxxviii. 5, 6).

Be comforted, then, if you too have been "brought home again" even though empty: for there is immeasurable love behind that "bringing back." You know, it was as though the Lord looked down upon Naomi there in the land of Moab, and said to Himself—"I really cannot leave her there: I want to bless her. So He brought her home again. Empty, yes, but look what He later placed in that emptiness, in that distressing vacuum: the predecessor of the Messiah, the Prince of the House of David!

"O love that will not let me go!" Hallelujah!

Be glad in such love, such Divine possessiveness that refuses to relinquish the wanderer, and which re-returns his feet and brings him "home again."

Notice Naomi's peculiar choice of phrase here—"The All-Sufficient hath afflicted me." She spoke truer than she knew. For He WAS truly All-Sufficient. He that had torn and smitten was all-sufficient to heal and to bind up, to revive and to restore (Hosea vi. 1-3).

The All-Sufficient hath afflicted me. Despite the affliction

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there is comfort to be derived from the fact of His all-sufficiency.

Hath He afflicted? He is All-Sufficient, and "He will not rest until He has finished" His good work.

We cannot close our study of this enthralling story without a swift glance at its climax. Ruth, the Moabitess, married Boaz the kinsman of Naomi's late husband, and eventually there was born unto them a son.

Now listen to what the women of Bethlehem say unto the once-despairing Naomi—"The Lord . . . hath not left thee this day without a kinsman . . . and he shall be to thee a Restorer of thy life, and a Nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, and which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him." Did you notice that? "Thy daughter-in-law . . . which is better to thee than seven sons"! A tremendous statement, that! In the East, women were reckoned of comparatively little value; so much so, that the birth of a girl-child was an occasion for commiseration; whereas a son was of great worth, and seven of them a priceless heritage. But "better to thee than seven sons," said the women concerning Ruth, and this—despite the fact of her alien birth, culture, and former ideology. Swiftly the mind is carried over to the book of Hebrews. "God having provided some BETTER thing." He has done it in the great Divine scheme of salvation; and He repeats this gracious performance in the lesser realm of human affairs.

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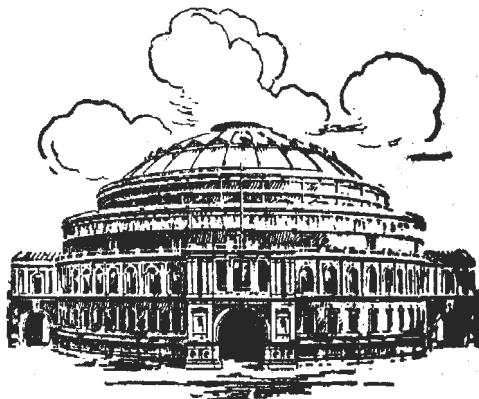
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Elim Youth Page

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

Let me introduce this week's feature writer, Pastor P. W. Millington. He is the District Youth Commissioner for the North Midlands Presbytery and Elim minister at Loughborough. His father was, until recently, Elim minister at Small Heath, Birmingham, but is now the Dean of the International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill, Sussex, where Pastor Millington (Junior) studied for three years prior to entering the ministry.

Living For Jesus

DURING my tour last year of every Crusader Branch in the North Midlands District Presbytery, I have attempted to show how essential it is for us as young Christians to live for Jesus. I feel perhaps through the medium of this page I may be able to help or encourage some Crusader.

Firstly, remember that today young people are in the public eye; the Teddy boys and girls, the thugs and the juvenile delinquents as well as the brainy and intelligent. Young Christians are also in the public eye, so we must do our best to shine brightly for Jesus in our daily living. Jesus said "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. v. 16). Remember people are watching you wherever you are, so live for Jesus all the time and everywhere.

LIVING FOR JESUS IN CHURCH

This is the easiest place to live for the Lord, here are one or two points for your consideration.

1. **We should listen to what is being said.** We are so apt to forget what we are taught in the House of God, but as we listen we grow.

2. **We should take part.** Don't leave all the praying and testifying to a select few, you do it for a change, it will bring untold blessing. There is plenty of work for you to do in the Sunday School and Cadets.

3. **Let us be sensible.** There is no time for pouting boys and giggling girls; let us realise we have a serious job on hand, telling others about eternity. Paul said to Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth," in other words, don't give anyone an opportunity to look down on you because of your youth through some foolish action.

4. **Bringing others in.** Our Young People's work and Church work grows through personal contact. We are always concerned about falling numbers, but are we ready

to do something positive about it? Yes, you are? Well, how about bringing Jimmy or Mary who work next to you in the office or at the workbench.

LIVING FOR JESUS IN SCHOOL

Some of our most ardent and faithful Crusaders are still in school; Grammar, and Secondary Modern. Here are a few words to help them, and perhaps some of the other Crusaders.

1. **Stand for God.** Right from the beginning make your stand, and you will prove that it will be worth it. Amongst the sinners and little atheists of our schools make your stand.

2. **Witness for the Lord.** Invite your school pals to the Crusader meeting, and to the Sunday School and Bible Class. You may say, Well, the service isn't suitable for strangers. Why not ask your Crusader leader and make sure that it will be. Don't be afraid if difficult questions are hurled at you, tell the questioners you want time to consider the question, then just slip around to your local minister, and he will be able to give you the answer.

3. **Don't be a recluse.** Because you are a Christian, don't live with yourself. Get friendly with as many as you can, that you might shed the light of salvation. Play games and be athletic. Use your healthy, strong bodies wisely. But learn to draw the line.

LIVING FOR JESUS IN WORK

Here is the place of testing, especially the first few days at work. But stick it through for it will be worth it all.

1. **Stand for God.** Right from the beginning, or right from tomorrow morning. Tell them what church you go to, and tell them what Jesus has done for you.

2. **Witness.** Here is a word of warning; in your witness be faithful but not fanatical. I see no need of standing on the workbench and singing choruses and shouting texts at the top of one's voice. But I admire one who will in the

lunch hour talk to his mate quietly and sincerely about the need of setting one's heart right before God.

3. **Avoid the things of the world.** Whatever happens we must let nothing hinder our light shining for the Lord. And there is no easier way of losing out than giving in to temptation to keep the peace in the office by buying a raffle ticket, etc. One person has said: "If a thing is doubtful, it's dirty." Let us make the rule that we are only going to do the things that we could imagine Jesus doing.

LIVING FOR JESUS IN THE HOME

The reason why I feel that this is the most difficult place to live for Jesus is because everyone at home knows all about our weaknesses. But that penetrating shaft of light that comes from the lighthouse, and shines over miles of sea, is always shining the brightest at home. And if our light of Christian witness is to be seen a distance off, it must shine brightly at home.

1. **Family Altar.** If it is functioning properly then join in enthusiastically, if not then you can set the ball rolling.

2. **Private devotions.** Don't neglect your reading of the Bible everyday, and your early morning season of prayer. If you have only five minutes in which to pray in the mornings, don't ramble on in prayer for the whole five minutes, but I suggest that you spend four minutes in quietness before God. We are told that in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. Use the remaining one minute to commend your way to God.

3. **Be Pleasant and Practical.** Just like Christ was. You might as well do the washing-up immediately and with a smile, than to argue for half an hour, and then do it with a long face and a grudge.

And finally may I commend to you a little motto seen in one of our churches recently, and I wish it were in every one, KEEP SWEET.

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The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations
and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor H. Burton Haynes.

SUNDAY, February 27th. Luke xi. 1-13.

"Lord teach us to pray" (v. 1).

In prayer we should observe three guiding principles. First: we should pray **intelligently**. Our Lord gave His disciples a pattern prayer and a careful study of this prayer will show that it followed a clearly defined order. A mind steeped in the Word of God will shape our prayers after the pattern of His will. Secondly: we should pray **earnestly**. Importunity is not necessary to overcome a reluctant God, but it does reveal the sincerity of the pray-er. A fervent prayer availeth much. Thirdly: we should set our hearts on the **highest blessings**. The fulness of the Holy Spirit should be our supreme and continuous quest.

MONDAY, February 28th. Luke xi. 14-26.

"He findeth it swept and garnished" (v. 25).

Under the gracious influence of the Spirit of God a person may decide to turn over a new leaf, he decides to put his house in order. For a time he leads a different life, but after awhile he is back in his old ways, and things are worse than ever. Reformation may be the outcome of repentance, the emptying of the house; it may lead to much heart searching and the cherishing of noble ideals, sweeping and garnishing, all good in themselves, but leaving the soul untenanted. We are only safe from Satanic invasion by receiving and enthroning Christ in our hearts.

TUESDAY, March 1st. Luke xi. 29-44.

"A lamp . . . on a lampstand" (v. 33, R.V.).

A lamp is lit for the purpose of illumination and one does not usually go to the trouble of concealing the light; in fact, it is the reverse, one does everything possible to improve the lighting by replenishing the reservoir with oil and trimming the wick. The lamp in Scripture is the symbol of testimony. Our witness to Christ should not be in secret, but open for all to see. We should not hide our light beneath a bushel measure, in our daily business occupation; we should shine there as well as in the church. To shine consistently day by day in every place we need fresh oil, the oil of the Holy Spirit, and anything that dims the light must be removed. Are we burning and shining lights?

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd. Luke xi. 45-54.

"Seeking . . . that they might accuse Him" (v. 54).

Our Lord found Himself in continual conflict with the Scribes

and Pharisees. They narrowly watched His actions and waited on His words to see if they could manoeuvre Him into a false position so that they could expose Him to the people. They resorted to every device but each time they were defeated. What a manifestation this was of the wisdom of God. Divine wisdom preserved our Lord in all His ways and kept Him from falling into the snares of the Devil. How much we need this wisdom in our walk and warfare! Do we come to the Throne of Grace and seek for heavenly equipment? Too often we have tripped up in our speech and actions through our lack of wisdom. Let us seek more earnestly for the wisdom of God.

THURSDAY, March 3rd. Luke xii. 1-12.

"Not one (sparrow) is forgotten before God" (v. 6).

When we consider the heavens, the work of His hands, as expounded by modern science in terms of unimaginable distances, innumerable galaxies, and inconceivable "light years" it induces a mood of awe and leaves the soul bewildered. How can the Creator of all this vastness care for us? we feel so insignificant against the immensity of the universe. But the same God paints the violet blossoming in the dell, imparts the fragrance to the rose and declares He is interested in sparrows and even counts the number of the hairs of the head. He is great, but so great He does not overlook anything in His creation. If God seems far away when we consider the starry heavens. He is very near when we watch the sparrows on our lawn. That tiny sparrow preaches His care for me.

FRIDAY, March 4th. Luke xii. 13-34.

"God said unto him, Thou fool" (v. 20).

The farmer in the parable was condemned, not for his business enterprise and industry, but for drawing up an inadequate programme for life with several unpardonable omissions. The fundamental defect in his programme was that there was no acknowledgement of God. God is the giver of every good and perfect gift, but this man does not recognize the Giver there is no note of gratitude. It is "my" barns, "my" goods, "my" fruits, and even "my" soul. This fundamental omission led, to other omissions. There is no recognition of his spiritual capacity, no place for thoughts of eternity. He was rich in worldly goods, but not rich toward God. Men called him a "success," but God called him a fool. How foolish to leave God out of life.

SATURDAY, March 5th. Luke xii. 35-48.

"Who then is that faithful and wise steward?" (v. 42).

It is one thing to hold the truth of the Lord's Second Coming as part of one's creed, it is quite another thing for that truth to hold you as a dominating force. If we really believe that Christ may come at any hour and that we must stand before Him, it will vitally affect our conduct. We will be conscientious in our Christian service, careful lest any impure motive might grieve the Holy Spirit, we will be gracious in our dealings with each other, kind and tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. The only way to be ready for His appearing is to be ready every day.

COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENTIAL ITINERARY

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

February 26-27, Nottingham. 28, Long Eaton.

March 1, Ashbourne. 2, Burton. 3, Loughborough. 4, Beeston. 5, Leicester. 6, Graham Street. 7, High Wycombe. 8, Wood Green. 9, Canning Town. 10, Hayes. 12, Wolverhampton.

BARKING. Feb. 26-27. Elim Church, Ripple Road. Minister's 4th Anniversary Services. Special Speaker: Pastor J. Hywel Davies. Sat. at 3 and 7 (tea provided). Sun. 11, 3 and 6.30.

BIRMINGHAM. March 6. Elim Tabernacle, Graham Street. 11 a.m.. Visit of Pastor George Stormont.

BRAINTREE. Feb. 26-Mar. 2. Elim Pentecostal Church, Manor Street. Minister's 3rd Anniversary. Five-day Convention. Sat. 3 and 7 (tea provided). Sun. 11, 3, and 6.30. Mon to Wed. 7.30. Speaker: Pastor J. J. Way.

CAMBERWELL. Feb. 26. Elim Church, Benhill Road, off Camberwell Church Street.. 7 p.m. Sixth monthly Revival Hour Rally. Speaker: Pastor J. McBurney (Ealing).

CANNING TOWN. Feb. 27. Elim Church, Bethell Avenue. Sun. at 6.30. Visit of Pastor D. B. Gray and the London Crusader Choir.

CARLISLE. Feb. 26-28. Elim Church, West Walls. Missionary Exhibition. Sat. and Mon. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30, Missionary meetings. Speakers: Pastor G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary) and Pastor L. Wigglesworth (Belgian Congo).

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ILFORD. March 5. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Monthly Rally. Sat. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Elim Bible College Students. Convener: Pastor A. J. K. Magee.

ISLINGTON. March 5th. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. Presbytery Business Meeting, 2.30. Rally at 6.30. Special speaker.

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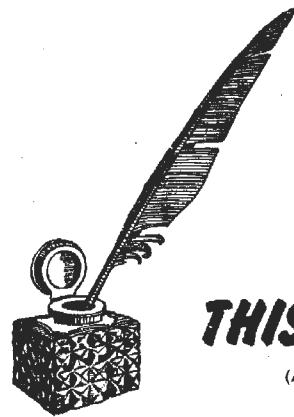
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