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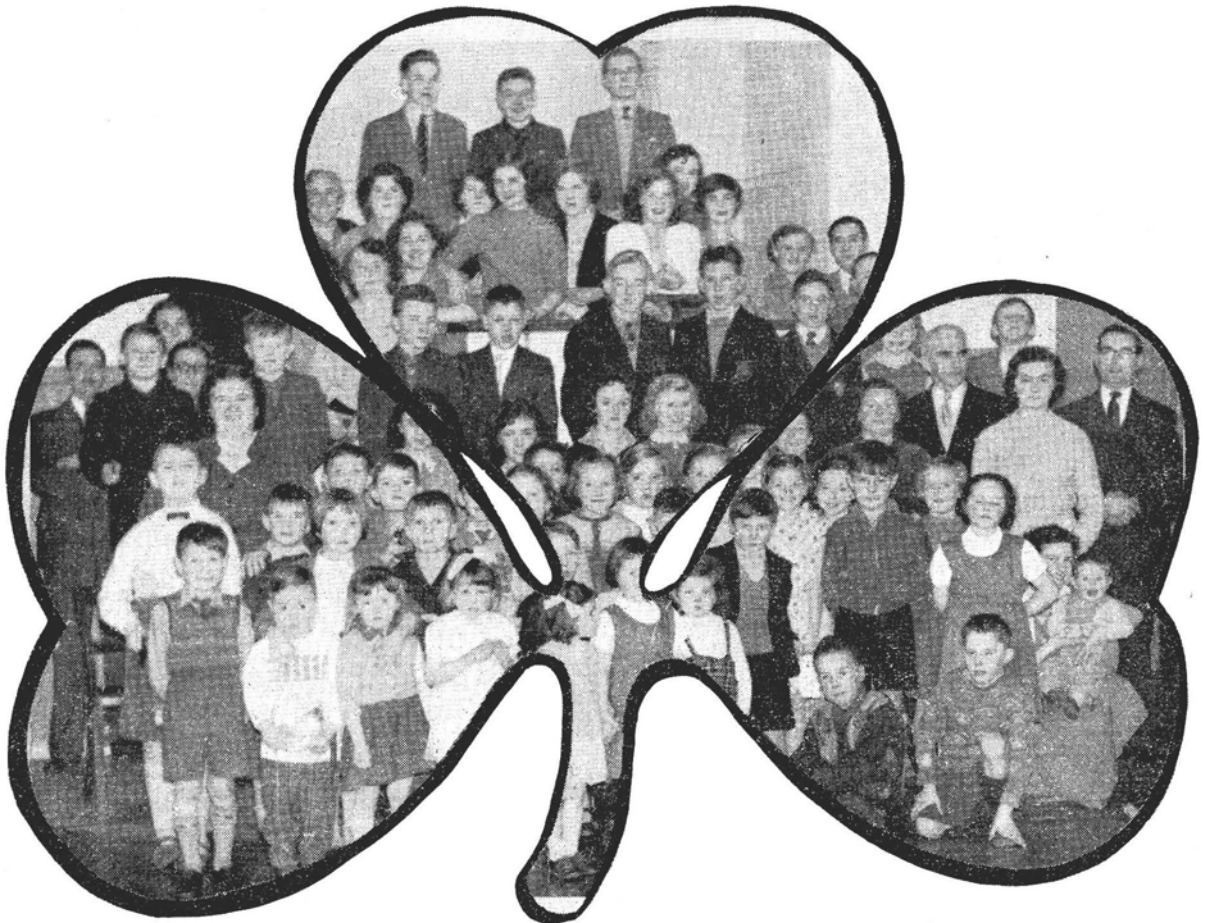
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Alexandra Park Sunday school scholars and teachers with Pastor J. Smith (right-hand leaf of shamrock).

EVANGELISM

THE subject for discussion at our last Annual Conference, held in Bournemouth, was "Evangelism in the Local Church." This was also the subject for discussion when Pastor George Stormont, Superintendent of the Elim Churches in Essex, visited us during the month of February in Belfast, and he ably dealt with this most vital subject.

Look at this subject from whatever angle you please, either as a privilege, an opportunity or a responsibility, and consider for yourself how God regards it in the light of His Word. Let us consider the latter of these—responsibility. Here is what God says: "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul" (Ezekiel 33:8, 9).

In the office, the workshop, the factory, the place of business, the home, or among friends and associates, you are God's watchman and His witness. Hundreds of people whom you meet day by day do not know the Gospel as you are privileged to know it. If you fail to warn them they may be eternally lost, but more than that you may have to face them on the day of judgment. God wants you to warn the wicked of his way, even if he does not repent, and then on the day of judgment you will stand there as a witness that he had been faithfully warned, and that he had seen in you the Gospel of saving grace in action. Then he will be left without excuse, and you will be honoured as God's faithful witness. Our Lord told His apostles that they would sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Therefore we see that the people of God are associated with Him in the judgment of the world.

In the parable of the talents as recorded by Jesus Christ in Matthew 25:14-30, we have three servants mentioned. One received five talents, another two talents, and the third one talent. On the day of reckoning the one who had received five talents reported that he had doubled what he received. The answer of his lord was "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few

things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." The second likewise reported that he also had doubled what he received, and the answer to him was exactly the same as to the first one. The third came and woefully confessed: "I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine." The answer, given to us by Jesus Christ, almost makes us tremble: "Thou wicked and slothful servant . . . take therefore the talent from him . . . and cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

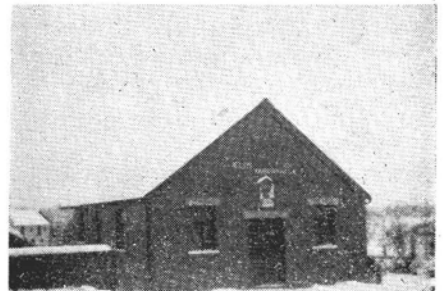
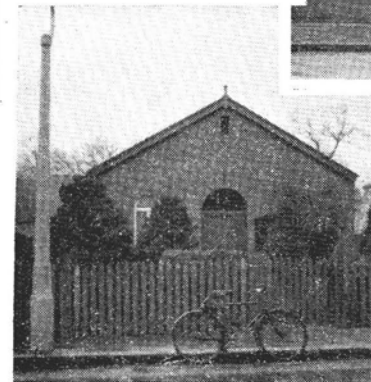
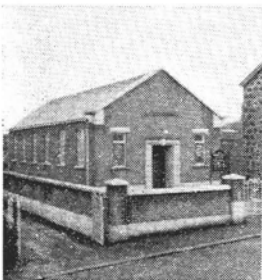
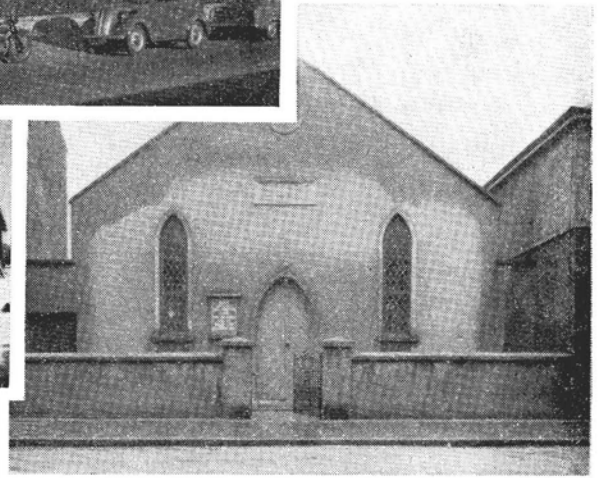
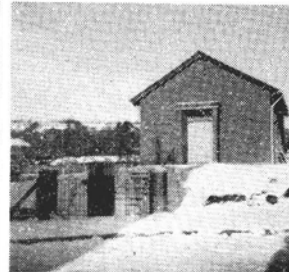
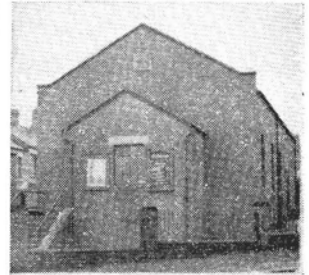
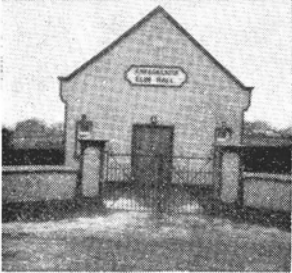
Now let us look at this subject as an opportunity given to every man and woman to receive a great reward. Let us again consider this parable from another angle. To be made a ruler over many things, and that for eternity, is no mean reward. There is honour and power and authority attached to being appointed a ruler. Such a one is no ordinary citizen of the new order in God's great kingdom—he is a ruler.

Let us now consider the parable of the ten pounds in Luke 19:12-27. Here we have ten servants, each of whom received one pound and was sent out to use it for his master. This reveals another phase of stewardship, and differs from the parable of the talents, where each started out with a different amount. Here they are equal, and may well repre-

By Joseph Smith (Irish Superintendent)

sent ten people having the same gifts and opportunities. When the day of reckoning came, we read: "Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities." Let us remember that these are the words of Jesus Christ, and He never exaggerated. To be given authority over ten cities, and that for eternity, is no mean reward. If you received authority over London, and that for your natural lifetime, you would consider it a very great reward. But to be given authority over ten celestial cities, and that for ever and ever, with all the honour and glory attendant upon such a position, is enough to take your breath away. The next in order received authority over five cities, because he had only gained five pounds. This proves beyond the shadow of doubt that your reward includes your

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***A few of the
Irish churches***

*Top : Portadown ; Beersbridge Road. Second row : Annaghanoon ; Ulster
Temple ; Ballysillon. Third row : Lurgan ; Larne ; Newtownards. Bottom
row : Cullybackey ; Lisburn ; Ballymoney.*



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

MOTHERS' DAY, MARCH 16th

"**B**IG business" has commercialised Mothers' Day, yet mothers of many nations will be made happy by a gift, whether it be small or large, given by loving hands and hearts.

Here is an extract from a daughter's letter to her parents which was shown me the other day. "I feel the Lord is soon coming. Aren't I glad that I'm a Christian! I wouldn't be anything else now. Thank you, Mum, for bringing me up the Christian way, and for keeping me from worldly pleasures. Thank you too, Dad, for encouraging me to go to Sunday school and say my prayers and grace, which you knew Mum wanted me to do. I realise now that I am married and have a family of my own how important these things are, and how fortunate I was to have the upbringing I had. Thank you both." Isn't that lovely?

"How glad I was that I wrote to my mother when I did, and told her all that she was to me," someone told me, "because the next news I had from home was that mother had passed away."

The Great Ormonde Street Hospital for Sick Children, in London, has discovered that there is no substitute for the love and devotion of a mother. Mother-love is the best medicine. Mother-love is God's love in miniature: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Instead of confining mother to definite and infrequent visiting hours, the hospital directors allow mother in every night to tell her child a story, to tuck him in bed and kiss him goodnight.

Eternity alone will reveal the influence that every mother has had upon her child. "The first book read and the last book laid aside by every child is the conduct of its mother."

"Whatever fame may have in store,
As I life's fitful course shall run;
However much I may explore
The mountain tops, anear the sun—
Let me not, Lord, despite the sky

(Continued in next column)

EDITORIAL

OF necessity this editorial is much shorter than usual because of the amount of material in this Special Irish Number, which coincides with St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th. Women's Column has been included in this issue because it is topical and timely in view of Mothers' Day, Sunday, March 16th. Other regular features are being held over until next week.

We are happy to hear of the blessing of the Lord resting upon the work in Ireland. It is easy for us to become so taken up with our own sphere of service that we overlook what God is doing all over His vineyard. Our friends in Ireland are very busy in the service of the Master, which is evidenced in the reports we receive of their drive for youth, their keen missionary interest, the ministry of their choirs, and not least their great passion for souls which causes them so constantly to sponsor evangelistic campaigns and engage in personal soul winning. We greet our Irish brethren and assure them of our continued love, interest and prayers.

We thank Pastor T. W. Thomson for supplying the material for this issue.

Which lures me upward through the maze
At any moment climb too high
To sing my mother's praise.

Whatever friendly Time may name
To sweeten my declining days,
However gently age may aim
To scatter peace along the ways—
Forbid, O God, though Love untold
Should shower blessings from above,
That I may ever grow too old
To need my mother's love."

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I was

IN PRISON

and ye visited me

(Matthew 25 : 36)

“THE choir were singing about the Lord Jesus Christ, and the melodies were happy catchy tunes ; nothing mournful as hymns sometimes are. The warmth of the voices, the happiness they brought to this grim building, is something I will never forget. There was something about the light shining on their faces, there was something about the joy in their voices, and as I continued looking at them from my place in the gallery I realised that it was the Lord Jesus Christ glowing from their personalities.”

These words were written by a man serving a five-year sentence, who in his own words was a “rotten filthy sinner of the worst type and a heathen” when he first entered Belfast prison to pay for his crime. Today he is a Christian, gloriously saved and doing all he can by prayer and faithful witness to lead his fellow prisoners to the Lord.

The Ulster Crusader Choir had been paying its first visit to the prison. Right from the commencement of the programme one could sense the moving of the Spirit of God. The hard lines on many faces had softened, the hostile or indifferent attitudes shown at the beginning had gone, and one knew that in many a heart a spiritual struggle was in progress. When the chaplain asked a member of the choir to testify, every eye was riveted upon him and all listened with rapt attention. Sitting in the gallery next to the writer of the letter just referred to was a man deeply moved by the Spirit of God. His companion describes him as a “hard” man who as he listened to that testimony was fighting a battle within himself. This type of service was all new to him and did not “tie up” with his own idea of religion. The happiness and joy manifested, the satisfaction expressed, were all so contrary to what he had imagined Christianity to be. He went back to his cell to ponder over all he had heard and to try to find an answer to the many questions arising in his heart.

Next day at exercise in the prison yard he unburdened himself to the Christian next to whom he had been sitting listening to the choir, and returning to his cell he determined to follow the advice given him. Kneeling there, he sought and found peace with

God. Hallelujah! Another new name was written down in glory, the angels of heaven rejoiced, and the members of the choir thanked God for the opening of the prison doors to their ministry.

There are now three saved men having fellowship together and witnessing for their Lord as they serve the remainder of their prison sentences. One writes, “Some folk say that miracles don’t happen nowadays. I look at myself and the other two men and say they do happen, every moment of the day and night. Look what we were when we came in here, look at us now. Is not this a miracle of God? The saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ works as much today as it did nearly 2,000 years ago.”

The scene is changed. The congregation is not dressed in prison uniform, nor is the service in a great building with high walls and locked massive doors. Here is a crowd of teen-age boys lustily singing choruses in a large, airy gymnasium—singing with such obvious enthusiasm that cannot but stir the coldest heart. Alas, they have already started on the slippery slope of crime, and all have appeared before the magistrate in a juvenile court. They have been sent to this approved school for corrective training. We thank God that we have been allowed to conduct these Gospel services for them. How they appreciate the singing of the Ulster Temple Male Voice Quintet, and how well they listen to the Gospel message given by Elim ministers. God grant that these young lads may respond to the call of the Saviour and be delivered from the life of crime which would inevitably lead to this grim prison and ultimately to a lost eternity. Reader, will you remember our prison ministry in your prayers?

G.L.W.L.

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Through the Depths

(Psalm 106 : 9)

By Wm. H. Holohan (Minister of Elim Church, Annaghanoon)



LET us imagine ourselves standing with Ezekiel at the door where waters issued out from under the threshold of the sanctuary, from which position he was led on into ever increasing *depths* until he encountered a river that could not be passed over (Ezekiel 47:1-5). In the vast ocean of Christian experience many linger in the shallows while few launch out into the *depths*. God's way is "through the depths."

We discover four distinctive phases in Ezekiel's passage through the waters, namely ankle depth, knee depth, loin depth and overwhelming depth. To the spiritual mind the significance of each degree of depth is obvious. Before Ezekiel was brought through the depths he was brought to the door. We also must begin there, for it is only through the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the *door* (John 10:9), that we can reach the brink of God's mighty ocean and the

Depths of salvation. This first phase brings us to ankle depth, and this beautifully suggests our standing in grace. I hasten to emphasise that although there may be shallow saints there is nothing shallow about salvation. Remember the parable of the two builders, how one built upon the sand and the other upon the rock. These men had a similar formation, but only one had a solid foundation, and that was because he "dugged deep" (Luke 6:48). Jesus said: "Strive [i.e. agonise, contend] to enter in at the strait gate" (Luke 13:24)—there is no shallowness here. These are Christ's standards and therefore ours.

In the second phase "the waters were to the knees," and surely this knee-depth speaks of the

Depths of supplication. "Make thy petition deep" (Isaiah 7:11—margin). Consider the depths of Daniel, that man of prayer who mastered the mysteries which have mystified the masters of theological thought. In the depths of prayer we meet with Him who "revealeth the deep and secret things"

(Daniel 2:22). It is even there that "by His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew" (Proverbs 3:20). Having reached this phase we shall realise more purpose in our moments, more peace in our minds, more power in our movements, more penetration into our mysteries and more perception in "the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

In the third phase "the waters were to the loins," suggesting

Depths of service. Luke 5:1-10 illustrates how dejected servants launched out into directed service and consequently defective service was transformed into effective service. As believers are we deepening or just dipping, talking instead of tackling, visualising instead of venturing, planning when we should be plunging, for ever anticipating yet never participating in God's fathomless, limitless depths? Let us "launch out into the deep."

Our final phase is "waters to swim in." No floating here, for in such overwhelming depths the self-life is completely immersed. Here we have the

Depths of spirituality. The church that launches into such an atmosphere is bound to revive, thrive and survive, for spirituality is the finest restorative for a sick church. Spirituality mortifies carnality and multiplies cordiality. A godly elder once said to me: "Revival will solve all our problems." Let us, like Ezekiel, venture into the course of this healing stream that we may catch the vision of the cure and see a revival of spirituality. God grant to us all "the blessings of the deep that lieth under" (Genesis 49:25).



Pastor S. J. Brown, who has faithfully ministered in the Elim Church, Armagh, for the past five years.



Evangelism (continued)

position, place, power, authority, glory and honour, all of which are conditioned upon your faithfulness in the use of that which God has entrusted to you.

As a people we have received more than the average believer. We have been brought into greater light than many others. We glory in knowing the Lord as a Saviour from sin, as the great Physician for our bodies, as the Baptiser with the Holy Spirit for power for service, and we are looking forward to meeting Christ as our heavenly Bridegroom at His coming. We lay claim to many wonderful experiences, but can we honestly look forward with glad anticipation to the day of reckoning when we will be called upon to give an account of our stewardship, and of what we have done with God's talents? Reader, you can pray, you can witness both by your life and by your lips, and you can give of your means to help extend the kingdom of God. You can help in various ways in the church where you are a member: by putting your best into the meetings, by bringing others to the meetings, by encouraging younger or weaker Christians, or by teaching a Sunday school class. You can give a helpful smile, a hearty greeting, a loving handshake or a warm word of appreciation to those who merit it. You can let your light shine before men, you can radiate Christ in your home and in your place of business as well as in the meetings. Do this, and your reward will be exceeding great.

TESTIMONIES FROM MILLISLE

AFTER undergoing an operation I was informed by the doctor that when I had regained sufficient strength another operation would be necessary. The members of the church prayed for me, and when last at the hospital I was informed that there was no trace of the old disease in my body. I praise God for His healing touch.—E.C.

For many years I turned my back upon God. I was ill and unable to work. My body shook and I had no control over it. I attended a campaign held by Sister Blundell, and my daughter and I were saved. Pastor Duncan prayed for me and I was healed immediately. Now I am able to work. My wife, a Roman Catholic, and two other daughters have since been saved, for which I praise God.—

MR. GORDON.

For many years I have believed that Jesus could heal. I suddenly developed terrific pains in my breast, which started to bleed. When the truth dawned upon me that I had cancer I fell on my knees and asked God to heal me. From that time my cancer dis-

appeared. To God be all the glory.—MRS. WESLEY.

I praise God that I have a testimony. While in a meeting conducted by Pastor Duncan I was saved. My husband also signified his desire to serve Christ, after which my son said, "I want to be saved." Not only was my household saved, but I was healed of stomach trouble. Two weeks later I was baptised in the Holy Spirit.—MRS. BELL.

To God be the glory; great things He hath done. Although I had been saved thirteen years many members of my family were still unsaved. However, my husband, two daughters, son-in-law and three grandchildren are now converted. Recently my husband, daughters and I were baptised in the Holy Ghost.—MRS. BATES.

I have suffered from many complaints, the most serious being a bleeding ulcer which necessitated an operation. I sought help from an Elim pastor, Mr. Duncan, whom I had not previously known. He anointed me with oil and prayed for me. I was immediately healed. My husband has also been Divinely healed. Since then I have been baptised in the Holy Spirit.—MRS. G. MILLS.

I suffered from a prolapse in a part of my body which caused me much pain. I was very depressed, but while in the prayer meeting asked Pastor Duncan to pray for me. I felt the power of God go through me and was immediately healed. The doctor has confirmed my healing. This testimony is given to the glory of Jesus.—MRS. NEWELL.

Before my husband and I were married we saw the film "Seconds to midnight." We were under deep conviction. Afterwards Pastor Duncan led us to Christ. Some months later we were married by Pastor Duncan and one of our wedding guests was led to the Lord. Recently I was baptised in the Holy Ghost and my husband is seeking the baptism. We know he will receive, for God is faithful that promised.—MR. AND MRS. GUNNING.

Special Request for Urgent Prayer

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

In view of the One who has asked us all to pray this special request, we trust there will be none who will treat it lightly. This is the greatest need of the world as a whole, of the Church of Christ in general, and of our own Elim Movement in particular: men sent out by the Spirit of God and who feel the Divine urge; men with a burning heart for God and souls, with a passion for the lost and the perishing; men who feel with Paul: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" J.S.



**G.
Wesley
Gilpin**

IRELAND—the land of saints and scholars! From earliest time the history of the Emerald Isle has been bound up with great spiritual and cultural movements, and it is a happy thought that centres mentioned in the earliest records of spiritual awakening are still citadels of truth and Full Gospel witness.

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is reputed to have been one of the first to bring the Gospel to the island. It was while serving as a captive swineherd, at the age of sixteen, on the slopes of Slemish Mountain (adjacent to the town of Ballymena) that he became conscious of the need of the land of his captivity, and planned to escape so that he might prepare to return as a missionary. It is significant that this district is a real stronghold of Protestantism today. The "Braid Valley," as the district is known, is one of the most progressive agricultural areas of the north, and also has produced a sturdy race of business men, soldiers and preachers who are known the world over. It is right that the stream of pentecostal blessing that began to flow at the beginning of the present century should have reached the town of Ballymena as early as 1916. Earlier, during the great revival of 1859, this countryside, which is thirty miles north of Ulster's capital, was the scene of phenomenal demonstrations of the power of God, followed by deep conviction and genuine conversions. Indeed, the local Christians will take you to an old schoolhouse a few miles outside the town, and point to where

a few dedicated young men prayed continually until the revival fire began to burn. So again, under the leadership of George Jeffreys, services were held in the Town Hall, and unprecedented scenes of revival fire and fervour were witnessed, reminiscent of '59 days. In the building, later acquired for the spiritual home of the new Pentecostal Church, the work has gone on throughout the years under the ministry of Robert Mercer, John Kelly, Walter Kelly, E. F. Cole, Walter Urch, Wesley Gilpin, and now W. J. Martin, who continues to lead a live and spiritual church, augmented by regular evangelistic campaigns throughout the district. It is worthy of mention that James Craig Kennedy and his sister, who have given many years of faithful service to the Elim Movement, hail from this church.

When St. Patrick had finished a course of preparation he returned to Ireland, landing at



By G. Wesley Gilpin (A)

Bray, south of Dublin. An Irish historian records: "St. Patrick, bent on speaking to King Layary at Tara, sailed in his *currach* [leather boat] to the Boyne, and ascended the river to Slane Hill, where he lighted his Easter fire. The king and his Druids saw defiance of the then sacred law, and summoned the intruder to the Court of Tara, where, in spite of the magic and the maledictions of the pagan priests, St. Patrick preached 'Christ and Him crucified' before King Layary." The king's two daughters were converted, and it is recorded that, traversing the island, the missionary planted 365 churches and schools. On moving north, the

Irish chief Dichu, though alarmed at first, soon yielded to the sweet persuasion of the Christian missionary and gave him a barn to preach in. This was the first Christian church in Ireland; and it still—two miles north-east of Downpatrick—retains the name of Saul (in Irish, *Sabhal*—a barn). "A barn"—what memories this revives for some! Even now the writer can recall the odour of cattle as he preached the Gospel in a barn adjoining a byre on a farm right in the heart of the country. Indeed, if it were not for the barns, schoolrooms and Orange halls, the cause of evangelism would be considerably handicapped in Irish country districts. Recalling the early days of Elim, one records: "The work was carried on in many country districts, where results were most encouraging. Meetings were being held in old schoolrooms and Orange halls, where the people would gather night after night, sitting on backless forms,

Apostle of Ireland was the foundation of a church at Armagh. Daire the Red gave him a site on the "Hill of the Willow," and from this centre the light of Christianity still shines with light beneficent. We have in the *Confessio*, a Latin treatise contained in the *Book of Armagh*, and regarded as undoubtedly his own work, a remarkable glimpse into this great apostle's life and thoughts. Armagh—another early centre for pentecostal witness in Ireland, where the church moved from the homes and barns of its members into a lovely little Congregational Church which continues to be its home until the present. In a centre of ecclesiasticism, with Protestant and Roman Catholic cathedrals and the archbishop's home, the Armagh Pentecostal Church has maintained a dignified and faithful witness since 1920. It was this church that gave to the Elim Movement two of its finest ministers—James Morgan and Albert Magee. Its first minister was the late secretary-general, E. J. Phillips, and following in his worthy footsteps came Charles Kingston, Samuel Gorman, Tom Stevenson, Len Knipe, W. J. Maybin, R. R. Taylor and others. Stanley Brown continues to lead the witness with great success.

The advent of St. Patrick laid the foundation for a period in Irish history rich in saintly names. Under the name of Scotia, Christianised Ireland was for two centuries (A.D. 600-800) the splendid centre and source of whatever learning and civilisation existed in Europe during the *dark ages*. Great schools were founded, foremost among them being Bangor in Co. Down, housing 3,000 students and potential missionaries. Bangor, the delightful little seaside town clustering on the shore of the outer reaches of Belfast Lough, at present celebrating the 1,400th anniversary of its founding, is another centre for active Christian witness, and during the summer season is the rendezvous of large numbers of Christian people, who regard its open air witness as one of the inspirational elements in their holiday. For a quarter of a century Pentecostal friends during



The D Pentecostals

er of Elim Church, Bangor)

drinking in the message of life, often resulting in a real ingathering of souls. Sometimes the meetings were held in a large farm kitchen—in one such, over forty were saved, mostly young farmers, whose lives had been most wicked. At night, when the meetings had closed and the people had gone, the kitchen would gradually refill with young men who had returned to talk over the things of the kingdom. There they would sit, talking and praying till far into the night. The whole countryside was affected by this movement of the Holy Spirit."

The great event of the active useful life of the

the month of July have converged on Bangor for holidays, and the annual *twelfth* convention services are occasions of great blessing and fellowship. The writer of this article has ministered here for almost seven years, and in previous years has been pleased to share occasions of great open air witness with W. H. Greenway, P. S. Brewster, J. H. Davies, and the Canadian evangelists Paul and Don Cantelon.

And so the stream of Gospel witness that began 1,500 years ago continues to flow deeper and wider as the years go by, and in these days of Full Gospel progress the stream of Irish *pentecostal* witness is happily flowing on, in and from thirty centres, to join the great flood-tide of world-wide revival.



**FIRST
IMPRESSIONS
OF IRELAND**

By E. J. Thomas

(Minister of Elim Church, Lurgan)

IRELAND! How far was it from dear old South Wales? This was the thought of my wife and myself as we were travelling from the Rhondda Valley to the Emerald Isle.

Having travelled over the Middle East, the continent of Europe, Canada and America, I wondered what the people would be like. Were they as hospitable as the folk I've met in other lands, and—the burning question—would they like me? I was soon to find out.

We arrived at Heysham just after 11 p.m., boarded the ship, put the children in their bunks, also Mrs. Thomas (she's a terrible traveller). Then the Irish Sea; needless to say, it lived up to its reputation, for we had a very rough passage. We were met at the Belfast docks by Pastor J. Smith at 8 o'clock the following morning. He gave us a very warm welcome and took us to his home, where Mrs. Smith had a lovely meal waiting. After this Brother Smith drove us to Lurgan, where we were to begin our Irish ministry.

Having been asked to give my first impression of Ireland, I must say that nowhere in all my travels have I met better hospitality, and we felt at home immediately—the fellowship was wonderful. Ireland is a very lovely country with great contrasts in

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Irish Church News

Beersbridge Road, Belfast

Paul may plant, Apollos water, but God gives the increase. We in Beersbridge Road thank God for the increase, spiritually as well as numerically. It does one good to stop and take stock now and then, in order to see if there is increase or decrease in the local church. It may not be crowds flocking into the inquiry room that will mean increase, but that soul that has decided for Christ after many nights of faithful preaching by the pastor, who perhaps was the first to notice the new convert in the meeting. Such was the case at Beersbridge Road. A bright, intelligent-looking young man took his seat at the very back of the hall and after a while asked the pastor if he could have a missionary box, and in a very practical way contributed to the missionary cause. God showed him that this was not enough and said, "My son, give Me thine *heart*," which in a short time he did. It meant sacrifice, for he was the "star" of the local football team. His directors were soon "on the ball" when they learnt he had found a new way of life, so in acknowledging his past service with them they presented him, at his own request, with a beautiful Bible, and wished him the best in his new calling. He is now an active member in the church and a Sunday school teacher.

God is blessing in the Sunday school, especially in the senior Bible class. Eight to ten have confessed Christ as Saviour and been received into church membership. Some are bringing their unsaved mothers and fathers on Sunday evenings to hear the pure Word of God. Some of our fellowship meet every fortnight for an all-night prayer meeting, and some have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost with signs following. The witness in the open air resulted in a teenager confessing Christ and becoming an active member of the church.

J. FARR.

Gilford

The Sunday school. We are glad to report an increase, and for the past year have had to have an open school, as we have no room for classes.

It has also become a testimony for us, in the way



Miss M. J. Linton, who is in charge of Gilford.

God has answered prayer for our Sunday school outing over the past three years. Each year under the most unpromising circumstances, with rain everywhere else and continuously falling, our outing day, in answer to prayer, has been fine.

The church. Steady progress is reported here; souls have been saved, bodies healed,

and saints baptised in the Holy Ghost. A brother was immediately healed of quinsy. A little baby given up by the doctors was gloriously healed in answer to prayer, and the mother saved. A woman with a bad nervous complaint was also healed in answer to prayer.

Alexandra Park Avenue, Belfast

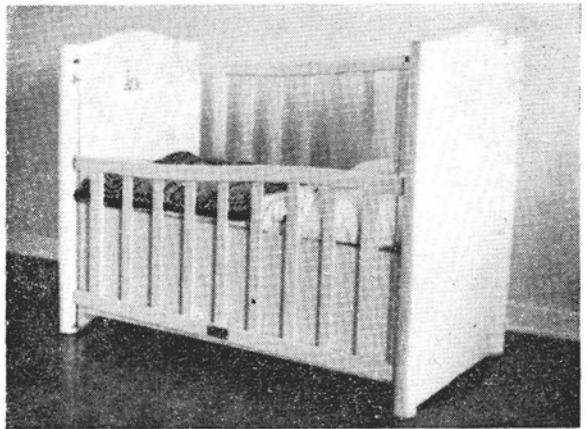
The above church reports times of rich blessing in all of its meetings. Quite a few have recently found Christ as their Saviour. A spirit of happy Christian fellowship prevails. The teenagers of the church, without any coaxing or pushing, are going out regularly on Monday nights with tracts to the homes of all those who live in the district where the church is located. During the past year the Sunday morning meeting has increased by about fifty per cent both in attendance and in offerings. We are hoping that the coming year will see a greater increase. To our gracious God be all the glory.



Mr. R. Robinson reports another activity of this church

When Pastor W. McKeown, who was the first minister of this lovely church in North Belfast, left for the mission field of Inyanga North, Southern Rhodesia, he left behind a very missionary minded Sunday school, and it was decided by the teachers and scholars that they would contribute towards purchasing a bed or something useful for the hospital established by Dr. Brien at Inyanga North.

Recently, Pastor McKeown, who is now in Umtali, had the pleasure on behalf of the Alexandra Park Avenue Sunday school of handing to Dr. Brien a



lovely cot for use in the maternity hospital at Inyanga North.

The church has been been greatly blessed to hear of the many conversions in the native township of Sakruba, Southern Rhodesia, where Pastor McKeown has commenced a new work.

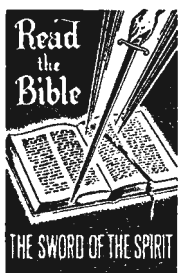
Sakruba is on the borders of Southern Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa, which is forbidden territory for the preaching of the Gospel, as it is under the power of Rome. However, many of the Portuguese East African natives come across the border to work, and Pastor McKeown, realising the need and the great opportunity of bringing the Gospel to these heathen people, commenced this work mostly in the open air or in one of the native cottages.

Please pray that the way may be opened to obtain a building which is urgently needed to establish a church, so that these converts may be kept, built up and grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. ROBINSON.

The picture shown below is of Pastor McKeown leading to the Lord his first Portuguese East African converts.





THE FAMILY ALTAR
 and
ELIM PRAYER CIRCLE

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by R. A. Gordon
 (Minister of Caterham and Coulsdon Elim Churches)

Sunday, March 16th. John 11 : 47-57.

“Expedient for us . . .” (v. 50).
 “What do we?” “What think ye?” More pharisaical questions! Unbelief, jealousy and evil stop at nothing. Death had been conquered by Jesus, yet the council purposed and plotted to destroy Him. “Our place and nation” seemed to be sufficient justification of their scheme in their own estimation. “Self” instead of “the Saviour” is always a menace. The prophecy Caiaphas unwittingly made was the truest ever. God sometimes uses dumb asses to speak as inspired seers! Their “expedient for us” was expedient for us. Though some lawful things are not expedient for us, this unlawful thing became expedient for us.

Monday, March 17th. John 12 : 1-19.

“Let her alone” (v. 7).
 True to type: Lazarus just sits at the table; Martha serves but Mary worships (vv. 2, 3). Mary’s very costly ointment (and the love that prompted the deed) was more acceptable to Jesus than than the giving to the poor of the money that its sale might have realised. The attitude of Judas was one of works; that of Mary one of worship. Both are necessary, but we must know the time for each. Judas gave to but did not love the poor. Mary loved Jesus and gave what represented her all. The whole world would still go after Jesus if the crown were not gained only by the cross (v. 19).

Tuesday, March 18th. John 12 : 20-36.

“Sir, we would see Jesus” (v. 21).
 Many have said the same, but have not seen Him. Why? Because they looked for Him anywhere other than on the cross and in the ground—dead, buried, yet rising again in fruitfulness (vv. 24, 32, 33). Christ’s “except” here is as in John 3 : 3, 5. It means that there is only one way to the kingdom—the new birth way—and only one way to successful Christian living and service—the corn of wheat way (vv. 24-26). Satan is already cast out in the light of Calvary’s triumph (v. 31).

Wednesday, March 19th. John 12 : 37-50.

“They did not confess Him.” (v. 42).
 Heart belief and mouth confession are integral parts of the salvation experience (Romans 10 : 9). The Proverbs say that “the fear of man bringeth a snare.” How true! Some of these chief rulers and the blind man’s parents of chapter eight were afraid of being put out of the synagogue. That could happen today. But none can pluck us out of His hand. Which do we prefer, the praises of men or the praises of God? Sing some time today the hymn “I’m not ashamed to own my Lord.” and then go out and confess Him.

Thursday, March 20th. John 13 : 1-17.

“He . . . laid aside His garments” (v. 4).
 A lesson in humility here. It was not the first time Jesus had laid aside His garments. When He came to earth from heaven He did it. He left His garments of glory there. Now He further humbles Himself. What grace! (Read 2 Corinthians 8 : 9). We know much of what we should do. We are only happy when we do such things (v. 17). Only then can we take our garments again (v. 12). “All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces; whereby they have made thee glad” (Psalm 45 : 8).

Friday, March 21st. John 13 : 18-30.

“And it was night” (v. 30).
 A cryptic portrayal of the work of Satan. He entered in, Judas went out, and it was night. How different things are when Jesus enters in! We sup with Him, and He with us, and it is day. Winter (10 : 22) and night (v. 30), these exist without the presence of Jesus. His presence brings spring and summer and light and love. Satan, sin and betrayal plunge any and all into the blackest night of outer darkness; but “unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings” (Malachi 4 : 2).

Saturday, March 22nd. John 13 : 31-38.

“A new commandment” (v. 34).
 Love for the brethren has first claim on our earthward directed affection. We cannot truly love God or others outside the fellowship unless we also love one another. The acid test of the strength, sincerity and extent of our love for one another is “as I have loved you.” There we often miss the mark. His love forgives and forgets. Does ours? We need also to beware of Peter-like bravado (vv. 37, 38). We, too, might deny Jesus before tomorrow’s cock-crow, with a Lord’s day’s remorse to follow. Denial is denial whether committed once, twice, or thrice. Love is lowly!

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Irish Youth Page

Crusading for Christ in the Emerald Isle

By Gerald L. W. Ladlow (Irish Youth Commissioner)

Capturing the children. It is difficult for anyone who has not lived in Northern Ireland to understand how deeply matters of religion affect the entire population. The whole political system is based upon the religious question. The troubles of recent days connected with the activities of the I.R.A. have accentuated the problem and have made the outside world realise something of the difficulties with which we are faced. These difficulties, however, are not of recent origin, but date away back into the troubled centuries of Ireland's history. The nominally Protestant section of the community differs from its counterpart in any other district of the British Isles. Whereas in many of the large towns of Great Britain only some ten per cent of the population claim any church connection, in Ireland it is difficult to find anyone without a church connection. This does not mean, of course, that all are Christians or regular churchgoers, but it does mean that a large section of the people are "religious professors," and are not easily moved to attend any other church than the one in which they have had their upbringing. This means that the future of the Eilim Church in Ireland depends largely on our ability to capture the children and young people. Most children here attend Sunday school, and it is therefore not easy to get the children into our schools. The mid-week children's services are therefore extremely important. If we can get the children into these services, thus introducing them to our church and creating within them a love of our type of services, we stand a good chance of getting some of them eventually to join our Sunday school and youth groups, where they can be taught the Full Gospel. It is a long-term policy, but one which is already

bearing fruit. I was thrilled at a recent Crusader rally to hear so many young people testify that they had found Christ in "Sunshine Corner" or in Eilim Sunday schools, and today they are enthusiastic church members. I would like to sound a clarion call to all our churches to make an all-out effort to capture the children for Christ.

A "Sunny" winter. With the foregoing in mind we planned a special four-month drive to reach the children of Northern Ireland. "Sunny" Blundell, fresh from her trip across the Atlantic, came to us immediately following the Bournemouth conference and conducted children's campaigns in fifteen of our churches. Her unique flannelgraphs attracted large crowds of children, and most encouraging results have been received of young lives finding the Saviour and lasting benefit being derived by the Sunday schools. In addition to the children's meetings, "Sunny" brought her sunshine to the adults and in some churches they had capacity crowds. Her unique testimony resulted in several conversions. Praise the Lord!

Sunday school demonstration. The special children's "drive" commenced with a united demonstration in the Ulster Temple given by children from Eilim Sunday schools in Belfast and district. The theme was "The All-sufficient Christ." It was a most impressive programme built around a tableau representing the world, with Christ portrayed as the Light of the world, the Lamb for the world's redemption, the Life of the world as seen in the Bread of Life, and culminating in God's love for the world. The children conducted the programme themselves, with recitations, scripture readings, solos, school choirs and a united choir. Miss Blundell

**The National
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(J. Hywel
Davies)
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Crusaders.**

concluded the programme with an impressive flannel-graph entitled "The Three Trees."

Editor's visit. Pastor T. W. Walker, member of the National Youth Committee and editor of the *Sunday School Teachers' Handbook*, paid us a short visit. He was present at the Sunday school demonstration and at night spoke at an all-Ireland youth rally. He conducted "microphone" interviews with some of the Crusaders, which were greatly enjoyed, and gave a stirring address. He stayed for a few days as the guest of the Ulster Temple Crusaders and spoke each night at their annual youth week, at which young people gave special items.

Instrumental music. At the youth rally, a newly formed group of "Musical Messengers" from Beersbridge Road rendered some enjoyable items. We now hear of similar groups being formed in Lurgan and Melbourne Street, Belfast. How about teaming up for a united orchestra at the Easter Convention?

Crusader choirs. The choirs from Alexandra Park Avenue, Melbourne Street and the Ulster Temple have rendered valuable service at the rallies and the Christmas Convention. Here is another avenue of service we would do well to develop in our other branches.

United quiz rallies. We have planned a series of united quiz rallies in the Belfast area. The first two in the Ulster Temple and the Elim Tabernacle, Saunders Street, have been great successes and the remainder are eagerly awaited. The competition is keen and the fellowship excellent. We also hear of similar rallies planned by Pastor J. Nelson, of our Irish Youth Committee, being successfully held at Armagh and Portadown.

A reminder. All young folk should plan to be at the Easter Convention at Belfast. Let us make it as outstanding as the Royal Albert Hall convention. The speakers expected are Pastor J. Gardner, of Halifax, and Dr. Ashcroft, of Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A.

PASTOR GEORGE STORMONT VISITS IRELAND

MR. STORMONT came to Ireland with a message: "Evangelism in the local church"—every man and woman, every boy and girl a co-worker with the Lord in the extension of His kingdom.

An appeal was sent out to all our churches in Ireland to rally to the two special united meetings which were to be held in the Ulster Temple on Saturday, February 15th. The afternoon meeting was thrown open for suggestions and questions following the message given by Mr. Stormont. God richly

blessed in both of these meetings, and spoke to every heart regarding the importance of the subject being dealt with.

On Sunday morning Mr. Stormont ministered in the Ulster Temple, and in the evening of the same day in Bethesda Elim Church. Following this service I had a telephone call from Pastor Christie, as he felt he could not sleep without telling me what a wonderful meeting they had. On Monday night a rally in our Portadown Elim Church was arranged for the assemblies in that part of the province, and they came in from all the surrounding Elim assemblies, some even from County Monaghan in Eire. Thank God there is no border between our Elim brethren in Eire and those of us who live in Northern Ireland—we are all one in Christ Jesus. On Tuesday night Mr. Stormont gave his final message in Alexandra Park Avenue Elim Church. Here, as in all other places, his message was deeply appreciated.

Following each of these meetings the general impression received was a desire on the part of the people for more along the same lines. To my fellow ministers I say: "Boys, let's give it to them." We need the help and co-operation of every man and woman, of every boy and girl in our churches to help us gather in the great harvest. Mr. Stormont has struck the right note, and although he has gone it is still ringing in our souls, but let us follow it up with a full orchestra for God and souls.

J. SMITH (Irish Superintendent).

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COMING EVENTS

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