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STUDIES IN 1 PETER

By C. J. WATKINS (*Minister of Elim Church, Bolton*)

1. Chapter 1: 1-5

PETER is not afraid to declare himself to be an apostle of Jesus Christ. The term apostle combines the ideas of authority, ability and warrant. Neither is Peter's authority his own. He received it from Christ, to whom he owed his appointment and to whom he was unquestionably and ultimately answerable. So indeed we all must give an account of ourselves to Christ, whether apostle or helper in the service of our Lord and His Church.

There are just five points that I wish to put before you from the apostolic greetings of verses 1 and 2.

1. "ELECT ACCORDING TO THE FORE-KNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER"

Christians are declared to be an elect race. These words must have been wonderful to the people to whom Peter wrote. They were in all probability mostly made up of the servant or slave class of those days, who had very little in this world to call their own. They had no social standing in the society of the day. But election is all of God, never on the grounds of any special fitness or personal achievement on the part of those who are the elect. The source of election is said to be "the foreknowledge of God the Father." This embodies the idea of Divine plan and purpose with a view to choice and calling. If we say that election is a privilege, let us remember that it involves both duty and obligation also. This can easily be seen in the experience of Old Testament Israel. Their great privileges meant increased responsibility and obligation to God.

2. "THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT"

Election is always through an agent and with a purpose in view. Sanctification means, basically, a separating or setting apart a vessel or person from common use or common place to the service of God. This is abundantly illustrated in Scripture, especially the setting apart of vessels and men for the service of God in the tabernacle set up in the midst of Israel. From the point of view of our study our sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit. The election of the Father in eternity is made effectual through the working of the Holy Spirit in time. The Holy Spirit works within us and sets us apart to

God. The method used by the Holy Spirit is set forth in a threefold aspect in John 16:8-11. The Holy Spirit convicts men, convinces men and converts men to God. They forsake their sinful life and live unto God.

3. "UNTO OBEDIENCE AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST"

We have now to notice that election involves obedience, and the nature of the obedience is unto the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. This is the place where many fall down. Here man's disobedience comes out into the clear. Man will accept many things of a religious nature, contend with much religious observance, but to accept salvation through faith in Christ's atoning blood meets with his refusal. But there is no other way into God's family. Thanks be to God that we have obeyed the command to repent, we have obeyed the call of Christ, we have believed on Him unto the sprinkling of His precious blood.

4. NOTICE HERE AN IMPORTANT FACT CONCERNING THE TRINITY

In this one verse (verse 2) Peter puts before his readers the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit actively engaged in the great work of redemption, each in His own sphere and equal with each other, with unity of purpose redeeming men from sin unto salvation. Thus again the Scripture asserts the essential unity and equality of the Godhead, and the teaching of those who maintain otherwise is undermined.

5. "GRACE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, BE MULTIPLIED"

This beautiful salutation is a combination of Greek and Hebrew. The ordinary Greek salutation was *chairein*, meaning "greeting," and *charis*, derived from the same root, became a technical term of the Gospel and is translated "grace." This means simply God's free and unmerited favour. The Hebrew salutation both on meeting and parting was *shalom*, and means "peace." I trust that our desire for each other in the Lord is always "grace and peace."

IMPORTANT and IMPERATIVE

By Samuel Gorman (Missionary Secretary)

The situation relative to our missionary finances compels me to write this urgent appeal to every member to make an immediate and supreme effort to bridge the gap between our income and expenditure.

You are already aware that for the first four months of our financial year, November-February, the Missionary Society has made a loss of £1,660. This has created a very difficult and critical situation in our missionary work and enterprise. It not only means having to cease sending out new missionaries to our various fields, but may necessitate the withdrawal of some of our missionaries in order to rectify the position and balance our accounts.

The society has exhausted its resources and is absolutely dependent upon the yearly income to meet the ever-growing needs of its missionaries and an expanding work.

Already the budgets for the various fields have had to be cut, much to the regret of the Missionary Council, and this will make further expansion prac-

tically impossible. It will definitely handicap our missionaries in the great work they are endeavouring to do for the Master. It could lead to the imposition of certain hardships upon them.

As we have no funds to draw from, and are absolutely dependent upon the voluntary giving of our people, it is both important and imperative that something is done now to wipe out this deficit of £1,660. In actual fact, the debt is nearer £3,000, for we had a deficit of £1,338 at the end of the last financial year. Now you can see the reason for this earnest and urgent appeal to you on behalf of our missionaries and their work.

We greatly appreciate the generous giving of our people, but if at this time every Elim member gave a special gift it would clear the debt and contribute to a forward move in the future.

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EDITORIAL

TURMOIL IN AFRICA

THIS turbulent twentieth century has already witnessed many dramatic developments which have changed the face of Europe and Asia. The tide of Communism has engulfed half of these great continents, snuffing out the lamps of liberty, while on the other hand great nationalistic movements have created vast new nations in the former colonial territories. Now, it seems, it is Africa's turn. The dark continent is seething with unrest. Kenya—Ghana—Congo—Nyasaland—we see the spread of the flames, fanned and fomented by the inflammatory speeches of newly risen leaders. The aim: apparently a United States of Africa, Africa for the Africans.

Whatever our opinion may be as to the onward march of nationalism, the ultimate outcome is obvious. The old Africa of mud-hut and squalor is rapidly going, as is the legend of universal and everlasting white supremacy. The world must acclimatise itself to the change, and trust that the new nations now coming into being—and others undoubtedly to follow—will be able to maintain an independent stand and not be swallowed by the rapacious maw of the Communist monster.

From the Christian viewpoint, what is the implication of these changes? Undoubtedly missionary leadership must give place to missionary partnership. It may be that nationalism will force upon the churches a process which is both logical and scriptural. The indigenous principle of missionary enterprise is well and surely Bible based—yet what reluctance there has been to adopt it. Societies and individuals alike have been gripped by dread of the chaos which would result. Now, reluctantly, many are forced to admit that if Asiatics and Africans can administer their political machinery, presumably they are capable of taking charge of the church administration.

Even now the pace of progress to fully indigenous work is far too slow. Must the Church always lag behind? Must it wait for the compelling hand of events? Too often this has been so in the past. Let us trust the mistake will not be repeated in Africa. As in the political realm, so in the spiritual there are leaders arising whose influence and power are on the upgrade. The future lies with them.

The pattern of missionary work in the future may well be revealed in the present trend in the secular realm. Many of the new nations are teeming today

with Europeans, not in government employ of course, but technicians, engineers, men of outstanding skill and ability, engaged in great schemes of development. With our centuries of Christian tradition, may not missionaries have some similar contribution to make—in the development of Bible schools, in spearheading new advances into remote territories and the like? It may be that the opportunities will be even greater for missionary work in the coming days, though the emphasis and control may shift.

Above all we need to be much in prayer for Africa today. The temporary resurgence of heathenism in the Mau Mau movement opened our eyes to the very real dangers inherent in the situation. The situation is explosive, and politicians and demagogues are playing with dynamite when they arouse the masses. Let us pray that in the new Africa that is coming the Christian Church will have a large and growing place. Let us pray for our missionaries who are labouring today in a very different situation from that of their predecessors, that great wisdom may be given to them in their service for the Master. Above all let us pray for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit, so that Africa may be no longer the dark continent, but the enlightened continent—enlightened by the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



A LESSON IN ARITHMETIC

Anyone who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard should be moved by the foot.



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STORIES OF OUR GREAT HYMNS AND THEIR TUNES

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

WE continue our review of those outstanding people who, although without sight, have contributed so much to life, and who, courageously and cheerfully facing such a challenge, discovered they were endowed with compensating gifts for which mankind will ever be grateful.

Like Fanny Crosby's *Blessed assurance*, which of recent years has again girdled the earth, Mrs. Clara H. Morris's *Nearer, still nearer* has re-echoed from the great auditoriums of Harringay, Kelvin Hall, Massey Hall (Toronto), Madison Gardens (New York) and through the plains and prairies the world over, ever thrilling and satisfying millions of souls with its simple stanzas and story. Clara H. Morris was stricken with blindness in the prime of life. There is an almost poignant pathos in the couplet

"I saw how the man who was blind from birth
In a moment was made to see,"

when we remember the blind eyes of the author. Mrs. Morris was an American, born in Ohio in 1862, and when just ten years of age was truly converted and became a lifelong Methodist. Despite her daily duties as a housewife she is said to have composed more than 1,000 gospel songs, most of the best known being composed after she had become totally blind. Her saintliness and charm were treasured by those who knew her best, and the secret of such attributes is doubtless revealed in the words of the beautiful hymn so much loved by us

"Sweet will of God still fold me closer
Till I am wholly lost in Thee."

On the contrary note many will remember some of her free-style choruses which Elim congregations have enjoyed throughout many years.

"Sweeter as the days go by,
Richer, fuller, deeper,
Jesus' love is sweeter,
Sweeter as the days go by."

The hymns of Fanny Crosby have brought blessing, inspiration and comfort to all classes of people and still do. One of her songs only today (when writing this article) brought such pleasure to me when producing a radio programme in which we

included the united male voice choirs singing her hymn *Pass me not, O loving Saviour!* The circumstances which inspired the song are as follows. The author visited one of the state prisons in the U.S.A. during the great revival of the early seventies. In the midst of her address to the criminals she was interrupted by one of the inmates crying out in an agonised tone of voice, "God, Lord, don't pass me by!" The startling cry of the penitent man rang in Miss Crosby's heart for days, and under its wailing influence she wrote the verses of the song, concluding with the refrain: "Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry!" And here we must leave Fanny Crosby and her invaluable contributions to our hymn book and other musical publications. We thank God for her gift of holy song and for the countless blessings that this gift has brought to the people of God everywhere. Frances Ridley Havergal's words are worthy of mention when she wrote of the "sweet blind singer over the sea" and asked:

"How can she sing in the dark like this?
What is her fountain of light and bliss?"

and then went on to answer her own question:

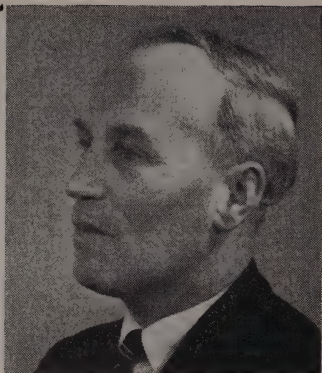
"Her heart can see, her heart can see!
Well may she sing so joyously!
For the King Himself, in His tender grace,
Hath shown her the brightness of His face."

Our list of blind singers and composers is a short one, but how wonderfully have their gifts and ministry been blessed. I am reminded of the greatest English religious poet, John Milton, who wrote No. 109 in our *Redemption Hymnal*. When blindness had overtaken him before he had even commenced his literary and religious masterpiece *Paradise Lost* he wrote these lines:

"Thousands at His bidding speed,
And post o'er land and ocean without rest;
They also serve who only stand and wait."

How nobly Milton "served" is well known, for his writings have brought enrichment to mankind. And so in their blindness, with all the limitations that their affliction brought to them, these wonderful people have served their Lord and enriched His Church in its worship and praise.

From my Diary



By T. H. Stevenson

AN elderly lady, of whom I know well, was recounting to her friend how, after years of investigation and assessing, at last she was informed just what her financial position was. The old family firm had greatly grown and prospered, and her share of great wealth with it. Just as a matter of pure fact the old lady said: "If we live 100 years there will always be plenty." The same evening she quietly passed from this life after returning from visiting her friend. Such happenings raise thoughts—all sobering thoughts.

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As I write, Canon Hewlett Johnson, the "red" Dean of Canterbury, is ill in hospital. Now aged eighty-three, many must think he should be retired as Dean; though most Anglicans may have thought this for many years, apart from the question of age. Not that people tire of his preaching, he being too busily engaged in other activities to be heard often preaching. Here in London the Dean recently graced the platform of the Royal Albert Hall in the company of the British Communist Party secretary and the editor of the *Daily Worker*. That Sunday night these were the speakers in celebration of the *Daily Worker* anniversary.

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London Transport Authority comes in for much criticism these days, and seems to find few friends, though I have a feeling that many ministers could sympathise a bit. An arresting poster dealing with the rush-hours problem, and that of the slack periods, begins with the words "The empty seats." Many churches have one peak day and six weak days, but on those days the cleaning, heating and lighting and the pastor's preparations are equally necessary, but often for "the empty seats."

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William Barclay has related an incident worth re-

counting. A friend of his had returned from Africa on a long leave. With his family he settled again in Glasgow in a respectable district. One day, on his return from school, his son was molested by three bigger lads from another school. While two held him, the third one butted him in the face with his head, leaving a large bruise and lump on the boy's forehead. Seeing his condition, the father, who had reared his son "to defend himself," asked why he had not done so, and the boy seriously replied: "I didn't know that people fought with their heads" (he would expect that they thought with their heads). So this little lad had to leave Africa and come to the homeland to get a first taste of savagery. But have not missionaries said that the Congo is safer to live in than our modern great cities?

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The editorial on radio evangelism a few weeks ago was interesting reading, on a means offering tremendous opportunity of witness. At one of our East London Crusader rallies, Rev. Hedley Palmer gave examples and details of the Revivaltime programme, including the statement that Radio Luxembourg estimated that for every penny spent on this programme there were twenty listeners to the broadcast. Assuming that this assessment is at least nearly accurate it proves that though the outlay is heavy the outreach is very great. Incidentally, a canon, describing his train journey, mentions that his fellow passengers were a group of all-in wrestlers who were interested in religion, but more inspired by the Radio Luxembourg programmes after 11 p.m. than by anything else.

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The story of U.S.S. *Nautilus* has been published; the epic of the nuclear-powered submarine that made the great North Pole voyage. Describing a miraculous escape from disaster, when the recording pen showed a monstrous ice barrier immediately before them, Commander Anderson writes: "Slowly—very slowly—we moved forward. My eyes were glued to the recording pen. I waited for, and honestly expected, the shudder and jar of steel against solid ice. I—and others in the attack centre I am certain—turned for assistance to the only Person who could help us. The gap between the ice and *Nautilus* was widening. We had made it—by an incredible five feet."

Like Shackleton at the South Pole, so towards the North Pole Anderson discovered that even there, and deep under the frozen ice, there was One to hear and deliver. As the psalmist knew, there is no place where God cannot find us; and as we all know, there is no place where we cannot find God.

EVANGEL notices of increasing deficits against our missionary needs must fill many minds with disquiet. I would be happy to be proved wrong in feeling that it is more lack of interest than lack of money that is the real weakness. In our Irish Elim churches, where missionary interest is keen, I have noticed on visits that each assembly displays a list of the annual

missionary income of each church. As the Irish churches are apt to be the most conservative towards changes or innovations, yet have put this practice into effect, is there not a case for a similar procedure in the whole of Elim? There might be a few red faces, but what about the millions of coloured faces; is not that more important?



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

FOR WOMEN ONLY

NATURALLY this title will capture the eye of the male reader of the EVANGEL, but honestly no man fully understands a woman. ("That's quite right," I hear him murmur.) Many a woman has said to her husband, "I don't think you understand me—I don't think you understand women at all." They don't because they cannot. Eve herself could have said something similar to Adam. A Christian doctor told me once that in all his experience with women's complaints no two women were alike.

John Wesley, so we read, never understood women; that was a reason for his unfortunate marriage. He excelled in dealing with men, but with women he had no idea. Women are different from men. Physically and emotionally they are more sensitively built than their opposite sex. A woman depends upon her intuition and a man on his reason. To understand a woman a man must be able to enter into the deeper and more intense side of a woman's temperament and disposition. Pain and discomfort are borne by the majority of women about which a man knows nothing. It is hard to live a Christian life with a man who is unconverted and difficult, *and* to be misunderstood in the bargain because of feminine frailties.

A man who was head of one of the greatest newspaper syndicates in the world, and who was himself the editor of a woman's periodical, said when interviewed, "Once and for all let me make it clear that I do not understand women. It is no more given to man to understand woman than it is given to woman to understand man. The sexes will always be a mystery to each other; it was so ordained."

"We are fearfully and wonderfully made," and at times are even an enigma to ourselves. There are phases which are exclusive to women into which men cannot enter. I have a little booklet which is particularly helpful, but it would not be advisable to print the title here. If you write to me I will tell you where you can get one.

There *is* Someone who fully understands, because He knows all there is to know about us. God, who created woman, became her emancipator. Jesus Christ has lifted womanhood to a higher status. That He perfectly understood women is evident in the New Testament. His attitude toward women is full of compassion and concern. He understood Martha as well as Mary. He knew the need of the little woman who pressed through the crowd to touch the hem of His garment. He had compassion on the widow of Nain. He noticed the woman casting her two mites into the temple treasury. No man ever honoured Jesus in a public manner—perhaps He would not have allowed it, for when they wanted to take Him by force and make Him king He departed into a mountain alone—but it was a woman who anointed His feet with ointment and who wiped them with her hair. Christian women since have responded to His love and by their selfless, devoted lives have witnessed to the world that He is a *wonderful* Saviour.

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Each one . . .

Reach one

“SEE that man over there? I won him for Christ this year!” My beloved reader, be honest. If I were to come to your church next Sunday could you show me someone whom you have actually been the means of talking to, praying for and winning to the Lord and who, as a result, can now be seen in *your* Elim church?

The Elim conference of ministers spent a long time in discussing this wonderful idea and we could see that if this were adopted in our Elim work many of our greatest worries would be solved. Think of all the empty seats which would have new converts sitting on them; think of all the glorious praise and prayer meetings your church would enjoy as new converts stammeringly offered their first prayer; think of the thrill it would be to every member of your church if your new convert suddenly burst out magnifying God, having received a mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit. Then think of the work that that new convert would be doing for the Lord. Why, he might be a handyman in the church and be able to do lots of jobs around the building, or he might be a grand singer or youth worker by this time. Here in Motherwell one who was reached for Christ last year was a bricklayer, and already this brother has saved us an endless amount of money. When he got baptised in the baptismal font which he himself had built for us the whole church set the atmosphere alight with joy and praise. Dear reader, don't you see the immeasurable value of this work?

YOU MUST REACH ONE

Now let me tell you more about our bricklayer convert. He got his wife coming more and more to the church until just a few weeks ago she came into the vestry and knelt down, making a fresh surrender of her life to the Lord. But that is not the end. These two friends set to work for our building fund, and by making toffee apples in their home and selling them to the children in their street they have given to our building fund almost *seventy pounds!* Nor is that all; they have five lovely children, and to see that whole family in the church and the

younger ones in the Sunday school and Junior Crusaders is a thrill I would just love your pastor to enjoy. Now then, what about it? New converts become workers. They are fresh to it all; they are full of their new-found joy in the Lord, and *it all depends on you!* I ask you, beloved; does not this testimony make you feel that you want to double your efforts to reach one? I could tell you of others. I think of a terrible drunkard who for many years would drink only whisky for his breakfast. He came into our church drunk on a Sunday evening. To cut a long story short, he was utterly transformed by the mighty power of God, and indeed became the labourer to the bricklayer I have been telling you about. Together they built the baptistry, and these were the first two people to be baptised in it. I tell you there was joy and praise in the church that night. It was glorious. Now if you were to see the wife of this older brother you would see her face beaming with a heaven-born joy. Her life was but a miserable existence before her husband was saved, and, by the way, she was another who was reached by one of our members only a short time ago. Oftentimes tears and little or no wages was her lot. Now her home is a paradise where song and joy fill the atmosphere. However, what I want to come to in particular is this: our brother has had such a wonderful conversion that he in turn is anxious to see everyone else go on with the Lord. If he should notice you were absent from the meetings for a couple of nights he would be after you as soon as ever he saw you, and here is what you would be told: “I have been missing you from the meetings; I hope you are not backsliding!” You see, new converts inspire others to go on. Dear reader, *you* must reach one!

I do believe that if you were to go alone with God and offer yourself to Him as a personal evangelist, *you* could reach one during this year, even if you did not do so last year. What about doing that just as soon as you have read the remainder of my message to you? Are you willing to be one who will reach one? Let me then discuss with you one or

two reasons why so many of our people failed last year.

Many of our Elim members failed to reach one because they lost the sense of privilege of being

AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

the King of glory! What an honour it is to be allowed to do such a noble task, Why, you are winning men from a life of iniquity, changing homes from being places of misery, changing destinies from hell to heaven, gladdening the lives of many children who are now going to enjoy the thrill of a Christian father (or mother); instead of hearing lying and swearing, they are going to hear the Bible read and prayers offered. Christian, can't you see the mightiness of the work with which God is honouring you? Why, heaven will be two heavens to you if you reach one; the very one you reach may reach a dozen, yea a hundred (who knows?); but if you slacken and just fail, how many souls will be lost for ever in hell? Come now, reader, what about it? Did you reach one this year? Is it true that you failed to bring one soul in a whole year to the Lord? Can you not point to even one who is now in your church after a whole year of your Christian living? And do you claim to be a pentecostal believer, filled

. (let the Holy Spirit fill in the blank) than you do in direct effort to reach one soul for Christ? I am speaking about a wrong sense of values.

DO YOU FEEL CONVICTED ?

Again, many have failed to reach one simply because they have lost their first love. They have no zeal, no burning enthusiasm, no passionate interest for the souls of the lost; if they have some it is not enough to send them out to get on with the job. "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Was there ever a time in your life when you were more keen for God than you are now? If so, then, dear friend, in a measure at least, you are a backslider! That is a strong thing to say, but I mean it. Not backslidden into the world and sin maybe, but definitely backslidden from your old-time zealous enthusiasm for soul-winning. Hear the word of God to those who are in this state: "Repent, and do the first works; or else . . ." (Revelation 2:5). You see, friend, God takes a serious view of this slackening of yours. It is no advertisement for Christianity, nor for Christ, nor for your church, nor for your own testimony. I know that that is hitting hard, but, beloved, Jesus wants us to have our first love all over again, and I appeal to you to do something about



HAVE YOU FAILED YOUR MASTER?

By Alexander Tee (Motherwell) (*Member of the Elim Evangelistic Committee*)



with power to witness? Come, come, there must be something far wrong, surely. Have you grasped the honour and far-reaching effect of this all-important work?

Many others have failed because of a wrong sense of values. They attend the church all right and they give in the offering, but beyond that, well, they have their various recreations and pastimes, committees and associations in which they show an interest. I am going to throw out a frank challenge to which I want you to give an answer to God. There is no pastime, association, club, recreation, committee, etc., in all the world which should have a more prominent place in the life of any Christian than the work of witnessing to and winning never-dying souls to Jesus Christ. Now then, dearly beloved, do you spend more time each week over there at your

it in your prayer of consecration after you have finished reading my message.

Others have failed because they did not use enough wisdom, others because they got discouraged in that the person they tried hard to win simply refused, even though in a nice way. May I advise you to leave them in the hands of God and go out after someone else?

Last of all, I want to have a word with you all. My heart goes out to you with sincere love, for I do not want you to feel my article is a scathing lash to beat you. No, far from it, I only desire you to come to a fresh consecration and say to the Lord: "Oh God, baptise me all over again with the Holy Ghost, fill me, yea, soak my soul with waves of passionate love for Thee. Help me in these coming days to be a live wire, burning with an overwhelming zeal to reach *one* soul for Thee."

CHURCH NEWS FLASH



TEENAGE RENDEZVOUS AT LEIGH

The first teenage rendezvous from Southend area Elim churches was held on Saturday at the Elim Church, Glendale Gardens, Leigh. Over 100 teenagers went from Laindon, Pitsea, Rayleigh, Ashington, Hadleigh, Southend, Westcliff, Leigh and Shoebury.

Tea was followed by a musical quiz and question time. Prizes were awarded to the winners, Marilyn Lyndon, of Southend, and Bernard Clarke, of Leigh. The runners-up, also rewarded, were Colin Thomas, of Leigh, and Ted Abbott, of Pitsea.

The question-masters were Mr. Malcolm Spurling and evangelist Vic Ramsay. Chorus time was the occasion for a sing-song, accompanied by Graham Stripp on the accordion.

The final item on the programme was the latest Fact and Faith film, "The Prior Claim." Projection equipment was provided and operated by Mr. A. M. Rushton, of Leigh. Mr. Rushton also provided gospel music on tape.

The rendezvous was sponsored and organised by Pastor R. Stripp, assisted by Elim youth workers.

HADLEY ELIM CHURCH

The Hadley Elim Church is the only Elim work in the county of Shropshire. It is only during the last six months that Elim has taken over this church. Despite the many difficulties, God has honoured this venture, with the result that in every department of the church there has been a marked improvement. For instance, in September there were a mere handful of children attending the young people's services, but one glance at the photographs



Hadley Sunday school in 1958



Photo by courtesy of

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**NOW SEE
HOW
THEY HAVE
GROWN**

*Hadley
Sunday school
in 1959*



of the annual parties for 1958 and 1959 will show what is meant by a marked improvement. Almost every week it is a great joy to lead some man or woman or some young person to Christ. We would be encouraged if you would remember us in prayer.

GILTBROOK

The above church has recently been the scene of evidence of the power of God, and much blessing has been enjoyed as the result of an evangelistic and Divine healing campaign conducted by Pastor A. J. Chuter.

There was a great range in the ages of those who decided for Christ—from early teens to late sixties.

Healing power was seen as the sick were prayed for. Among others was a bus driver whose knee was instantly freed from pain. A sister who had been unable to kneel for six years knelt to glorify God and a friend from Mansfield, whose lungs on a previous X-ray had been two-thirds shadow, went for examination the day after prayer; the X-ray from that examination showed only a quarter of an inch of shadow on one lung.

We thank and praise God for His many blessings.

RUGBY NEWS

The presence of the Lord has been felt in our midst during the winter months. At times we have only been few in number, but He has given us an extra share of His blessings. At the annual prize distribution for the Sunday school, Pastor Beresford, from Blackburn, distributed the prizes and officiated at the Sunday morning and evening services and at a final meeting on Monday night.

It was gratifying to see so many of the scholars' parents at the presentation, a stimulus to the Sunday school teachers in their efforts. A word of appreciation must be given to the Sunday school superintendent (Mrs. White) and her staff for all the hard work entailed in the Sunday school week by week.

VISIT OF THE LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR TO ENGLEFIELD GREEN

Sunday, March 1st, was a day long looked forward to by the members of the Elim Church, Englefield Green. Previously the whole village had been "invaded" with invitations to a special "service of song" given by the London Crusader Choir.

The choir led us into worship with that beautiful hymn "We love the place, O God, wherein Thine honour dwells." Among the other beautiful and well-loved hymns we sang were "And can it be," "My hope is built on nothing less," and "Ivory

Palaces," the solo part of the last-named being taken by Marie Hamilton.

Testimonies by choir members were bright and lively, while good measure was given by vocal and trumpet solos. It was indeed a time of rejoicing and the blessing of God was evident.

P. SMITH.



EVERLASTING CONSOLATION

(2 Thessalonians 2:16)

In the time of trial and sorrow,
When assailed by doubt and fear,
I've a faithful Friend and Helper,
Jesus, who is always near.

Comfort, hope, and strength, and courage
Come to me through grace divine,
Everlasting consolation
From the Saviour's heart to mine.

And whatever may befall me—
Though I may not understand
All the meaning of life's trials—
I will trust His loving hand.

F. D. WALKER.



Testimony ~~~~~ ~~~~~ Corner

It is with a heart full of gratitude to God that we can pen these words.

On February 15th our little son, aged four years, was taken suddenly very ill and rushed to hospital. The doctors said he had severe bronchitis and appendicitis. They operated on him and found a burst appendix; the poison had already entered his bloodstream. He was very ill and had to have tubes inside him to drain out the poison. The church here in Letchworth took him to the Throne of Grace in prayer and the text on the Elim calendar when he was so ill was Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." My wife and I claimed this promise, and from that day he made a miraculous recovery, so that in nine days he was home from hospital. To God be all the glory.

JIM AND OLIVE BRAMSTON.

Conducted by
National Youth
Secretary

youth page



GET OFF THE WORRY-GO-ROUND

By Fred Greve

ARE you worried about a job? Are you riding some whirling "worry-go-round," wondering what you should do with your life? Most people your age are. On the other hand, it is a fact that a lot of people want to hire *you*, and a lot of people are *worried about you*.

A fellow about your age was learning to fly. While in flight one day he suddenly froze at the controls. His instructor could not jerk the stick free. The plane plunged to the ground and burst into flames. Both the student and the instructor were killed. The instructor was Charles Radford. His brother is Admiral Arthur Radford, presently Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Since his brother's death, Admiral Radford has been obsessed with a conviction that people *must not* do jobs for which they are not trained and must not train for jobs for which they do not have emotional and mental aptitude. His idea is shared by industry and the professions—everyone who has anything to do with hiring *you*.

You see, some people choose their life's work without knowing either the demands of the various occupations or the rewards that will come if those demands are met. They have a sort of trial-and-error idea: shop around from job to job until you find the one you like. Some people take up certain things because their mother and dad (or some great-uncle) said they should. Others are *spiritually* misguided and feel that God puts them into certain things where they do not fit so that He can teach them discipline. We might as well admit that a great number of people are very unhappy all their lives and cause everybody else trouble because they are in the wrong job, sort of "square pegs in round holes."

Is there any way one can *know*? Well, to start with, he can know his mental capacity—his I.Q. It is evident that some people are smarter than others. If a person is rather slow mentally he will fail in

certain kinds of work no matter how hard he tries. He will find only frustration. On the other hand, if a person has a good mind and takes a job that is below his capabilities, he experiences boredom and failure. (Besides that, he fails to live up to what God equipped him to do.)

Each occupation makes its own peculiar requirements in regard to physique and health. It is pretty foolish for a sickly person to try to be a civil engineer or a construction foreman.

Very important, perhaps most of all, are the factors of "interests, temperament, and personality." There is a very definite finding in industrial research that people are more productive if they are doing *what they like*. The kind of person you are is a factor, too. The so-called "extrovert," who likes people and mixes well, will probably be successful in selling or distribution. The people who are more inclined to be introverted should think of such things as science, engineering, bookkeeping, or accounting.

There is a quality called "social intelligence" which is defined as the ability to get along with people. A recent study of the reasons why people were fired from various jobs indicated that almost all were fired because of inability or unwillingness to get along with others. Do you get along with people?

Where does the Lord's will come into all this? Don't we just pray until we know His will and then do it? Well, the person that you are at this moment is your product of your inheritance (which gave you inborn aptitudes and intelligence) plus all of your life's experiences. Since God directs the Christian through those experiences which tend to mould him into a certain individual, God certainly knows from the beginning what you can do best. It is pretty logical, then, that we can serve God well in a certain vocation *because He equipped us with the very requirements involved*.

We probably should observe here that the Christian is automatically excluded from those occupations which are prohibited by the Scriptures. In that he should "shun the very appearance of evil," he eliminates himself from certain things which are un-Christian or which would make him a stumbling block. On the other hand, God needs in the professions and in industry certain of His choice "disciples" who will there live the life and testify to their fellows. Use this test when investigating a job: Can I serve God here?

Do you want a couple of tested, sure-fire "tricks" for your success once you get the job? Well, first you must be sincere. You can't pretend to like people; you must really sincerely do so. Second, you

must work hard; you must do more than just enough to get by. (Certainly a Christian should give his utmost.)

A young railroad clerk, Charles Markham, was sweeping out the station one morning. He did it with a flourish. Unknown to him, Mr. E. F. Gerald, an auditor for the Illinois Central Railroad, was watching him from a private railroad car parked on a siding. The boss thought that anybody who sweeps like that is going places. Markham did go places—he later became the president of the railroad.

How about it? Why not get off your "worry-ground" about your job? Start out on a straight line; it is the shortest distance between two points!

C.A. Herald.



Calling Boys and Girls

By Bernard Norris

Hello again!

Here are the answers to last week's crossword. ACROSS: 1 died, 3 sus, 5 robe, 6 crown, 8 not, 9 put, 11 smote, 13 Levi, 14 sad, 15 dead. DOWN: 1 disciples, 2 drew, 3 seen, 4 scattered, 7 nis, 10 told, 12 maid.

Now for the winners of last month's competition. Lawson Bant's was the first correct answer received. Lawson goes to the Birmingham Langley church. Peter Sargent of Sheffield was next and Christine Evans of Brecon third. Runners-up were Geoffrey Pike of Salisbury, Joy Frost of Sheffield, Norman and Graeme Wylie of Northern Ireland, and Frank Dean of Bradford. Lawson, Peter and Christine win the three Gospel prizes, but everyone who entered gets something—and this time we had the largest number of entries we have ever had, from Ireland, England, Wales, and even Scotland and the Channel Islands. It was good to hear from you all. There'll be another competition later this month, so watch out for it

STAMPS

Right now let me say a big *thank you* to all those who are sending in stamps. These are sold by Pastor J. Newman, and the proceeds go to help our missionaries. We want any foreign stamps, and any English value 4d. or more, used or not used. I have

just opened a big bag full of stamps. I don't know who has sent it, and I can't read the postmark, but thank you very much. Three more young people have given up their collections, two from my own church, where I am now a member instead of pastor. It is grand to receive so many stamps, and Pastor Newman will soon be receiving a big parcel of them. Keep sending them in, won't you? I have received some from a young person of seventy years! Well, as long as I get them, that's the thing.

This reminds me of a story I read in *News from Afar*, which is a magazine of the London Missionary Society. Here it is:

"The pianist of our children's church was riding in a bus along the front at Brighton. Just as she was about to hand her fare to the conductor she drew it back, saying, 'No, I mustn't give you that one. That's a ship ha'penny.'

"'A ship ha'penny?' asked the conductor. 'What is there special about that?'

"'Why, the boys and girls of our church are collecting them for the missionary ship, *John Williams VI.*'

"The conductor put his hand in his pocket and fished. He counted out twelve ship ha'pennies. 'There you are,' he said, 'for the missionary ship.' The lady took a sixpence out of her bag for him. 'No, I don't want to be paid. I am giving them. You see, when I was younger I wanted to be a missionary myself.'

"'I think your ha'pennies ought to go to our boys' collection,' said the lady.

"'Well,' replied the conductor, 'if you come back next week I'll give you another twelve for the girls.'

"And he did!"

But I'm not asking for money, just stamps.

Cheerio for now, and God bless you.

BERNARD.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

BLACKHEATH. April 12-30. Elim Church, Cardale Street. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by Evangelist Eddie Smith. Suns. 11 and 6.30, week-nights 7.30.

CANNING TOWN. April 4. Elim Hall, Bethell Avenue. Special visit of Gospel Aires evangelistic team and band from Colchester. Speaker: A. Whittall (Woolwich). 7.

COULSDON. April 8. Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Women's meeting anniversary. Speaker and soloist: Mrs. B. Stockbridge. Other items. Refreshments. All sisters invited. 3.

CROYDON. April 4, 5. Elim Church, Stanley Road, West Croydon. Pastor's Anniversary services. Speaker: S. Gorman. Sat. 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

HULL. April 2-9. City Temple, Hessle Road. Evangelistic campaign conducted by Mr. Idris Davies, Welsh evangelist. Sun. 10.45 and 6.30, week-nights 7.30.

HULL. April 18, 19. City Temple, Hessle Road. London Crusader Choir with Douglas B. Gray and H. Burton-Haynes (President-elect). Sat. 7, Sun. 10.45 and 6. After-church service in City Hall, 8.15.

ILFORD. April 2-9. Elim Church, Scafton Road. Revival Campaign conducted by Dr. J. H. Saayman (South Africa). Sunday 11 and 6.30, week-nights 7.30.

ILFORD. April 12-19. Elm Church, Scafton Road. Campaign by J. Whitfield Foster. Sundays 11 and 6.30, week-nights (except Sat.) 7.30.

KINGSTANDING. April 18-20. Elim Church, Warren Road. Church Convention. Special speaker: O. G. Miles (Leeds). Convener: R. J. Morrison. Supported by King-standing Mixed Choir and Male Voice Party. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 7.30.

LEYTON. April 11, 12. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Evangelist Jim Stonelake (Canada). "Saved from the gallows." Sat. 7, Sun. 6.30. April 19, Christian Nurses' team. 6.30.

LONDON. April 25. Weigh House Church, Duke Street, W.1. Public Rally under auspices of British Pentecostal Fellowship. Further particulars later. 3.30 and 6.30.

LONGTON. April 11, 12. Elim Church, Five Ways, Lightwood Road. Sat. 7.30, Eric Hutchings's film "The Heavens are Rending." Sun. 11 and 6.30, visit of Rev. John Crouch (of Eric Hutchings's team).

LOUGHBOROUGH. April 4-9. Elim Church, True Lovers Walk. Visit of R. B. Chapman (Sheffield). Singing items by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gull (Tanganyika). Sat. 7, Mon.-Thurs. 7.30, Sun. 6.30 guest service, 8 after-church rally, both services in Town Hall, Loughborough.

MANSFIELD. April 18. Clarkson Street Co-op Hall. North Midlands Presbytery rallies. Speaker: C. J. E. Kingston. Cups of tea between services. Open-air witness; prayer room for those seeking baptism of Holy Spirit and healing. 3.30 and 6.30.

SMALL HEATH. April 4. Elim Church, Muntz Street, Small Heath, Birmingham. Presbytery rally and commencement of evangelistic campaign. 7.30.

SPARKBROOK. April 11-16. Elim Church, Golden Hillock Road. Annual Spring Convention. Speakers: Donald Gee (Principal, Kenley Bible College) and E. Cole (Swansea). Convener: J. J. Morgan. Sat. 7, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon.—Thurs. 7.30.

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MISSIONARY ITINERARY

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