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STUDIES IN 1 PETER

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

5. Chapter 1: 10-16

WE closed our previous study with the glorious thought that we are now enjoying, at least in a measure, what is to be the goal of our faith, "receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." Already we begin to enjoy that eternal life which lies before us. Let us see to it that nothing in this world, nor any man by false teaching, takes away from us this present wonderful experience in Christ. Now we pass on to consider:

1. A HOST OF INQUIRERS (v. 10)

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently." The prophets of the Old Testament period looked forward to the time when the promises of God they had received would be fulfilled. They searched the Scriptures which they had and were led to look for the coming of the Messiah. They realised that God would send a salvation which would embrace not only the Jew but the Gentile races as well. As they sought to know the mind of God by studying the Scriptures God revealed to them more of His purposes, so that as time went on they were able with greater confidence to speak of the future. They were moved by the Holy Spirit to tell of the sufferings of Christ and of the glory that should follow. The references in the margin of your Bible will repay study as you look into the Old Testament and see some of the prophecies which speak of Christ.

2. A GREAT COMPANY OF PARTICIPANTS (v. 12)

"Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you . . ." The result of the diligent searching of the Scriptures made by the prophets was a remarkable discovery. They learned by a fuller revelation of the purposes of God that the things which they often spoke about were not just for the folk of their own day. They were actually serving and ministering to a future generation, which included the very people to whom Peter first wrote this letter, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to us also. It is worth noticing also that it is

the same Holy Ghost who works in our hearts today who moved mightily in the midst of the people of Peter's day, bringing them to salvation. It was that same Holy Ghost also who moved the prophets of Old Testament days to speak of the coming of Christ. The Church of God is made up of a vast number of people who are participants in the blessings of salvation, made possible to them by the death of Christ on the Cross and His glorious resurrection. In these days we also, as members of His body, should be joyful recipients of the blessings of a great salvation.

3. A VAST ARRAY OF SPECTATORS (v. 12)

"Which things the angels desire to look into." We speak with wonder of angels, often regarding them as beings far superior to ourselves. But it is true to say that the believer is actually a source of wonder to angels. These beings, according to the Hebrew epistle, have a special ministry. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14). Now Peter informs us that angels desire to look into the things of our salvation. The word translated "look," though it can mean simply "to stoop and look" (as in Luke 24:12), can also suggest a stolen glimpse. The meaning here in 1 Peter 1:12 is that angels would fain peep into the blessedness of our salvation. But it must be that they cannot understand the joy of our salvation, for they have never known our fallen state and so cannot fully appreciate our joy in knowing sins forgiven and having peace with God through faith in Christ.

4. A CLARION CALL TO HOLINESS OF LIFE (vv. 13-17)

Verse 13 begins with the word "wherefore," and this is a word which links the teaching of the previous verses with the practice of a holy life as set forth in verses 13-16. I sincerely trust that we realise how much doctrine and practice go hand in hand. They are bound together with an inseparable bond. A careful study of any of Paul's epistles would reveal this to you. Let us notice here, in the passage we are studying, three appeals by the apostle Peter.

(a) *A call to the pilgrim attitude.* "Wherefore

gird up the loins of your mind" (v. 13). The reference is to the binding up of the loose-fitting or flowing robes of the oriental, which hamper freedom of movement. Peter was thinking of the loins of the mind as he wrote. He appealed to them to do some strenuous thinking so as to understand the things he had written to them.

(b) *A call to sobriety*. "Be sober" (v. 13). The pilgrim temper is sobriety. This means far more than a mere avoidance of drunkenness. As the people who first received this letter were to become a holy people, so we also must be serious and alert in thought and conduct.

(c) *A call to obedience*. "As obedient children" (v. 14). Obedience is vital to progress in the Christian life. You will notice that "obedience" was a favourite word with Peter. It occurs several times (1:2, 1:22, 3:1, 3:6, 4:17). In these verses it sets forth the great importance which Peter knew lay in obeying, and also the folly of disobedience. It is evident that obedience and holiness go hand in hand, and the encouragement of God to us is: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (vv. 15, 16).



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD"

WALKING through a beautiful public garden on her way to a sisterhood meeting, Mrs. — noticed a dejected, lonely old lady. She stopped and spoke to her, inviting her to come along with her. The little soul's sad, wan face lit up with pleasure. "Thank you, I'll come, though when I went to — church nobody ever spoke to me or gave me a welcome." "You'll get a real welcome at our place," responded Mrs. — heartily, so off they went. The little old lady enjoyed it so much that she came again and again, and then to the church meetings, until she saw her need to accept Jesus Christ to be her Saviour. Later she was baptised in water and received into church membership.

The night the films were shown depicting Elim's missionary work and activity in Africa she was deeply moved. What could *she* do to help the missionaries? She had only ten shillings a week pocket money, given to her by the matron of the old age pensioners' hostel where she was domiciled. Determined to give two shillings out of the ten, she took a missionary box. The desire to give £5 became so strong in her heart that she soon saw opportunities for earning money. How proud and happy she was when she handed in her box knowing that it contained the £5.

"How did you do it?" she was asked. She made out a little list and here it is: shopping for those unable to get out; jobs for the disabled, such as cutting up dinner, doing up clothing and washing feet. To earn a sixpence here and a shilling there she must have worked very hard.

Methinks I hear the Master say as He did to the woman who broke the alabaster box of precious spikenard ointment and poured it over His head, "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8). Oh that He will say it to me, to you. What she *could!* Let the words burn into our being until we are compelled to do what we *must* for Him. Discover where your alabaster box of ointment is and *pour* it out in love and worship to Him. Opportunities are limited. The days are shortening. Haste, arise, and do what you *can*, before it is too late, for Jesus who gave Himself for our redemption.

"Oh, waste them not! the powers that God has given

To work on earth, to press on up to heaven.
It may be that thou dost in trembling stand,
With failing health, and fears on either hand:
Yet hast thou something left of life and power,
Oh, fail not to employ it, 'tis God's dower:
Use it until He takes it all away.

Let naught be lost of gifts so costly—stay
Not in regrets back-glancing o'er thy lot:
Fragments of health and power! Oh, waste
them not.

SPECIAL NOTE

We are advised that Mrs. Urch will be broadcasting in the B.B.C. Home Service programme "Silver Lining" on Tuesday, June 16th, at 4.45 p.m. Don't forget to tune in.

THE REGIONS BEYOND

THIS week's issue of the ELIM EVANGEL is devoted largely to the subject of foreign missions, especially the work of our own Elim missionaries. This coincides with the special emphasis which will be made this weekend in many of our churches on this vital part of our ministry. We can be justly proud of the fact that so many from our ranks have obeyed the call to the "regions beyond," and are now serving in countries as far apart as British Guiana and Hong Kong, as well as in India and Formosa and many parts of the great continent of Africa. What an expansion there has been in our missionary enterprise during the fourteen years since the ending of the war! From a few missionaries, bravely struggling on with few to assist them and mostly working with other groups, the work has expanded until we have our own fields, with churches, dispensaries and even a small hospital, and a fine consecrated band of missionaries, ably assisted by many national workers, evangelists, teachers and Bible women.

Many of the fields in which our missionaries are working are developing rapidly. The ever-increasing demand for education means that there must be a policy of continual expansion. It is impossible to stand still. Either we expand, and provide for these growing demands, or others, with their false teachings, will come in to take our place, and instil their pernicious doctrines into the eager minds of the rising generation. In many parts of the world it is being revealed that one generation may live as savages in the jungle while the next is able not only to read and write, but also to advance to higher educational levels, and appropriate the scientific and technological benefits which we have taken long centuries to reach. The children growing up in our mission schools may well be leaders in the coming days, and how important therefore that they should be Christian leaders, and that such should take their place in the new nations that are coming into being.

There is a growing feeling that the days of missionary work may be limited. However, one thing is sure—this is no time for retreat, but rather a time to grasp every opportunity for accomplishing our mission of reaching lost souls for whom Christ died. Meanwhile, on the horizon we see the rising tide of nationalism, not always too friendly to missionary work; then we have the creeping peril of Com-

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munism, ever seeking new lands for its conquests; the revived missionary activity of Mohammedanism, which is a growing force in many parts of Africa; and the ever-present power of Rome.

With these facts before it, the Elim Missionary Council has sought to implement this policy of expansion, and for many years has been encouraged by a steadily growing missionary income. However, so much depends on the faithful, regular and continued support of *every* member. One of our beautiful Elim World Missions boxes, representing a mission church and designed by one of our own missionaries, on your mantelpiece or sideboard will be a constant reminder of the needs of our missionaries. They depend on *you*. And when you come to make your will, remember that here is one way of ensuring that even after you have gone to be with the Lord your financial support for this greatest of causes will not be lost. In the past our missionary cause has been greatly helped by one or two legacies which were received.

Many years ago, when our ancestors were but savages, offering up their heathen sacrifices at megalithic temples, missionaries came from over the seas with the glorious message of the Gospel, and in the dawning light of that Christian revelation was born a new era for the inhabitants of these islands.

"Can we, whose souls are lighted

With wisdom from on high,

Can we to men benighted

The lamp of life deny?

Salvation! O Salvation!

The joyful sound proclaim,

Till each remotest nation

Has learnt Messiah's name."

Dare we fail them?

. . . *Ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.*—Philippians 4:14.

WHAT remarkable changes have taken place since the middle 1930s. My own memories of that period are vivid, but the sufferings coupled with isolation do not diminish the volume of praise which comes from a thankful heart.

In 1936-7 those who were preaching the Gospel in distant lands found themselves in a rather desperate situation. There were days when some even queried the existence of a home base. They felt that forgetfulness or procrastination had caused all thought of support for those they had sent forth to be obliterated from their minds. That was a gross mistake of course, because the faithful few continued to pray and to give, and the Lord gave grace in time of need. However, for the lonely missionary it is sometimes a good thing to realise materially that he is being remembered.

Six native carriers coughed outside my house—a delicate sign of their presence! “We have returned, Bwana.” My heart bounded with eagerness and I rushed outside. Several weeks previously I had saved up to send these carriers to the trading post, 130 miles distant. They were to bring me potatoes, flour, sugar, butter, peas, beans and the mail. So I was excusably excited! I had been without proper food for weeks and had lived on native produce only. The privations were beginning to be acute. There was no other fellow missionary to share the burden, and the return of my carriers brought keen anticipation. But how short-lived was my joy. The carriers were dejected. At the post they had found no flour, sugar or butter. A basket of potatoes had rotted on the long journey and a few pounds of beans made up the consignment! My precious pennies had been apparently wasted on a fruitless journey! “The trader says you are to send again in two weeks time, Bwana,” said a carrier. Who is there to see this dilemma, Lord? Who is concerned about this isolated spot? Those were questions uppermost in my mind. The carriers knew my heart-searching, and they also knew that their journey had been dearly paid for. Despite continued privation a deep settled peace came as I sought the Lord.

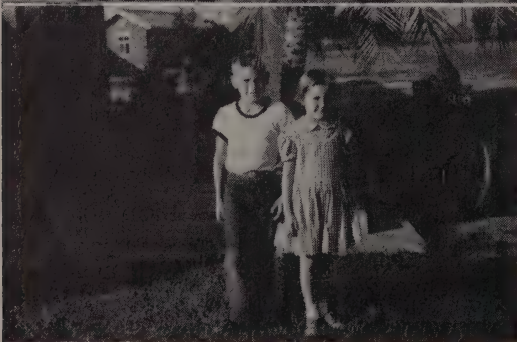
At this time I saw a cartoon in a Christian periodical. A huge pipe-line was shown connected at one end to the resources in the home land. The other end was shown to be delivering a few drops of much-needed succour to the mission field, and an overseas worker was regarding the supply with serious bewilderment. My own dilemma made me realise that someone “in the know” had portrayed the truth in caricature, but the “pipe” was still delivering only a few precious drops of sustenance here and there.

Such a situation raises a query. How often do servants of God suffer because other servants of His fail in their responsibility? Many missionaries and home workers have marvelled at a prolonged period of testing, and often the cause has been due to the dilatoriness, or even disobedience, of God's children. Conversely, the miracle of provision has been blessedly experienced because someone has heard and obeyed the voice of the Lord. I am sure that many more miracles would be wrought if the Church was more diligent in obeying God's commands.

With these memories to urge my plea I write to beseech all who can to answer the desperate call of need which comes even now from the mission fields. My heart grieves today because privations and sufferings are beginning to overtake our faithful band of workers overseas. The cry is coming to God's ears, and to ours, “Help us or we fail!” I do not want any brother or sister in the Lord's work to pass through a similar severe trial. Because I had this experience I dare to ask you all to alleviate the bewilderment of the present time.

Some are already sacrificing, but the burden is on the few and others could help. Anything we do cannot compare with the sacrifices being made out there. Our generosity will restore to them the joy of realising God's provision. I plead boldly that we allow no worker to suffer or lack because of our failures. Let the work of the Lord go forward. In fact, let us give it the impetus that will carry it through any racial or nationalistic emergency which may be imminent. But let us *do it now*.

OVERSEAS



1 Winter vacation Bible school (Formosa). 2 and 3 Young people's winter camp. 4 Ian and Jennifer McGillivray at school.

“PLACE a believer in a barren wilderness, he will eat the bread of heaven; drive him away from friendship, he will meet the friend that sticketh closer than a brother; blast all his gourds, and he will find shadow beneath the Rock of Ages; but sap the foundations of his earthly hopes, and his heart will still be fixed trusting in the Lord” (C. H. Spurgeon).

Our dear brother Pastor Archie Nicholson, who is working for the Master in Southern Rhodesia, commenced his last news letter home with the above words. Our missionary colleagues have certainly chosen a barren wilderness for their field of service; they certainly have forsaken friendships; often their hearts must cry out for Christian fellowship and often they must feel bowed down with disappointment and frustration; but it is because their hearts are fixed, their vision for the lost is undimmed and their calling is sure that they so bravely labour on, willing to spend and be spent. Our brother writes, “The quotation at the top of the page brought home to me again the glorious provision we have in our Saviour.” How wonderful it is to know that the testimony of all our missionaries, in spite of all the sacrifice they have made, is “He is sufficient.”

Mr. Nicholson's letter contained news of God's great blessing on his “Bible and preaching studies” with the men who are leaders in the churches. They meet once a month and there are two sessions. In the afternoon he deals with “The Bible outlined” and in the evening “How to prepare a sermon.” How very necessary is this part of missionary service, and how our missionaries need our prayers that they will be enabled by the Holy Spirit to teach these men how rightly to divide the word of truth.

It was with sad hearts that we bade farewell to our dear sister Miss Coralie Paint on April 3rd, when she commenced her long journey back to India, the land to which she has dedicated her life. We are now thankful to hear that she arrived safely at her destination in Dehri-on-Sone. On board ship she enjoyed happy fellowship with other missionaries and they were able to conduct services among the children and hold informal meetings for adults on the Sunday evenings. Let us pray that the seed sown so faithfully on that journey may bring forth fruit. Miss Paint was given a wonderful welcome back by fellow missionaries, Indian workers and, last but not

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"... INTO ALL THE WORLD"



By
SAMUEL GORMAN
(Missionary Secretary)

least, the children. Our sister has plunged straight into work again, and on her first morning back in the dispensary sixty women and children were treated. At the Sunday morning service over twenty young men were present. Pray that God will do a real work of grace in the lives of these young inquirers. Also please pray that our dear sister will be strengthened and sustained in the great task to which she has set her hand.

Pastor Ken McGillivray writes from Formosa of the great joy they experienced on Easter Sunday when thirty new believers were baptised by immersion. Our readers will remember we asked prayer that our dear brother might be able to acquire the premises next door to the church which he is now renting. They have received some encouragement in buying so far, but not enough to enable them to proceed with this purchase. Please pray that in a miraculous way God will undertake and open the way, supplying every need, and also that a suitable worker will be found to place in charge of the Bible bookroom in these premises, which is now ready to be opened. When our brother wrote, a three-day campaign was in progress. The church has been packed out. One other very interesting item of news in our brother's letter was of the very happy fellow-

ship they had recently enjoyed with two sisters: that famous little lady Gladys Aylward, who spent a week-end with them in their home, and another lady who is at least growing famous in Elim circles, Miss Jean Ayling. Miss Ayling enjoys the privilege of working for the B.O.A.C., and because of this is able to travel at much reduced rates to all parts of the world. Our dear sister devotes her vacation periods to journeying thousands of miles to visit our missionaries, and has visited mission fields as far apart as British Guiana and Rhodesia. Her last trip was to Formosa and Hong Kong. One can imagine how our missionaries appreciate these homely visits from one of themselves. It is almost as good as having a member of their own family paying them a visit. Miss Ayling takes wonderful pictures and is very willing to show them at Elim churches. Her address is Miss Jean Ayling, 55 Munster Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex. She will be delighted, if it is possible, to visit your church.

MISSIONARY FINANCES

Following is the statement for the first half of the present financial year, showing the needs of the Elim missionary work and the amount of money received.

November 1958

to	Estimated Expenditure	Received
April 1959	£11,140	£8,247
Deficit		£2,893

We gratefully acknowledge the recent effort by our members and friends who have given special gifts which enabled us to clear the deficit of £1,338 for the year ended October 31st, 1958. Please pray that the deficit on the first half of the present financial year will be met.

WHAT CHRIST IS

Julia E. Martin

Thou art my *Guide*, Lord,
Day after day.

Ever Thy true Word
Shows me the way.

Thou art my *Shepherd*,
Who quiets all fears;
Leading me gently
Down through the years.

Thou art my *Teacher*,
Patient and kind;
Giving wise counsel,
Enriching the mind.

Thou art my *All*, Lord,
So loving, so kind.
All that is needful
In Thee I find.

THE apostle Paul had grasped the very important truth that human channels are called upon to play a part in the salvation of men and women. It is true that the Lord dealt with Saul of Tarsus in a remarkable way as he journeyed to Damascus to search out the Christians and take them to Jerusalem for trial and punishment, for suddenly he was halted by a light from heaven and fell to the earth and heard a voice saying to him "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" Saul recognised that this was an act of God and said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" But to complete the work of enlightening Saul a human instrument was called in to play a part in his conversion, and he was commanded to go to the city, where he would be told what to do.

There was in Damascus a disciple named Ananias, who undoubtedly would have been included with the Christians whom Saul would have arrested had he been allowed to carry out his plan, but Saul the persecutor was himself arrested and Ananias the Christian was told in a vision to go and seek out Saul and pray with him, that his sight should be restored and that he might be filled with the Holy Spirit. Here we see Ananias working together with the Lord in the call of Saul and his conversion to Paul, the great missionary traveller, teacher, preacher and writer.

One rarely hears of a person being converted without God using some human instrument in some way. God could convert men without our help, but He has chosen to use men and women in this work of bringing people to Christ.

We find that our Lord suggested in various ways that He regarded His work as incomplete. His work was perfect, but it was not complete in the sense that He chose His disciples to continue the work where He left off; thus Paul could say: "We then as workers together with Him," and Luke in the opening words of the Acts of the Apostles, wrote of "all that Jesus *began* both to do and teach." We also have the words of our Lord in John 14:12: "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." Jesus began

HIS GLORIOUS WORK

and it is still going on through the medium of His followers. There is no greater or nobler work than that of working with Jesus to bring souls out of spiritual darkness into the glorious light of His salvation. Men may dedicate their lives to the study of science or philosophy, or to caring for the sick and suffering, or to making money, but to be a worker with Jesus is the greatest of all callings; it is a work

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"We then as workers together with Him, let us seech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (2 Corinthians 6:1)

that will endure and bring joy to the workers throughout the eternal ages.

Jesus chose His workers from among people of different standings in life. If we were to choose them we would probably go to the colleges and pick out those who were gifted, brilliant and eloquent, but our Lord drew to Himself the rough fishermen, the despised tax-collector, the coal miner, the scholarly and gifted Saul of Tarsus, the monk in the monastery, the gipsy boy in the caravan or the Harley Street specialist. He chooses them and makes them His workers to carry on the work He began. The workers are many and they differ in character and temperament, but their message is one; it is the message of the Master, and with Francis Ridley Havergal they would say: "Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone."

Even when He was here in the flesh He called upon His disciples to help in the work of healing or working miracles. In John 11:39 it is recorded that Jesus stood by the grave of Lazarus. He was about to call his friend back to life, but before doing so the disciples were called to do their part and He told them "Take ye away the stone." He who flung the planets into space could have commanded the stone to roll away and it would have obeyed Him, even as the winds obeyed Him when He commanded them to be calm. But the Lord would have them learn the lesson that they have their part to do towards the raising of those who are spiritually dead. The disciples had not only to take away the stone, but after Christ had raised Lazarus they had to "loose him and let him go." They were workers together with Jesus.

The story of the raising of Lazarus may be compared to our day. All around us and in lands overseas are people who are dead in sin and are bound in their grave clothes, and it needs the all-powerful voice of the Saviour to awaken them out of their sleep of death. The

GREAT AND URGENT NEED

of our country today is a spiritual revival, and we

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By G. H. Thomas
(Elim Church, Rye Park)

can do no greater or better service than to pray and work to that end. We are workers together with Him.

The book of Judges is a record of declension and revival covering about 300 years. Israel would forget God and turn to the ways of the heathen nations; then God would raise up a Gideon or a Samson or some other leader who would be used to bring about a revival, and in every instance revival meant deliverance from their enemies.

In the days of Elijah Israel had again turned their backs on God, and Elijah the prophet thought he was the only one in the whole nation who had remained faithful, so difficult was it to find a believer in Jehovah; but again it was the human instrument that God used to bring revival to the nation. As the multitude looked on at Mount Carmel and the fire fell in answer to Elijah's prayer, the people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, He is God." It was a glorious revival; the idols were thrown down, the priests of the false gods were slain and the people returned to the old paths. Elijah was a worker together with God in bringing the revival.

The same results are repeated in the New Testament. Before the appearance of John the Baptist there had been a long silence of 400 years when Israel had been without a prophet; 400 years during which the foreigner held sway in the land. God was not unmindful of His promises. The Messiah was due to appear, but John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way of the Lord. The long night of darkness was past, a prophet from God appeared on the scene. He was not dressed in the flowing robes of the priest; he had no mitre on his head; he did not preach in the temple, but resorted to the desert and the bank of the river Jordan. People flocked from city and village from miles around to hear the preaching of John, and his fame spread far and wide as the people confessed their sin and were baptised in the river Jordan. John was another worker together with God in bringing people back to Him. These examples could be multiplied right down to the present day.

Working together with God is of course not

confined to ministers of the Gospel, and John, writing to the seven churches in Asia, declares that believers are made kings and priests unto God. There is a place for each one in the service of the Lord, and this service is not confined to the Church at home, but includes the Church overseas where our missionaries labour day after day, oftentimes under great difficulties. As

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we can share in this work by real earnest prayer on their behalf. We do know that prayer moves the hand of God, and many are the instances where we can trace His response to our petitions. The Elim Missionary Prayer Card contains a list of the names of our missionaries and their respective fields of service; we can pray for these day by day knowing they will feel the impact of those prayers. We may pray that the missionaries be kept in health, especially those working in the very hot and trying climates; pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the missionaries as they minister to the people; pray that their needs shall be met; pray that many of the national Christians shall become leaders of their people in the Christian life.

An outstanding example of the possibilities in national workers is Nicholas Bhengu, the South African evangelist who was a Communist before his conversion. As the result of his meetings in East London, South Africa, converts in his meetings voluntarily surrendered more than two large vanloads of merchandise stolen from the whites, which was turned over to the police for return to the rightful owners. In 1957 the new church building seating 4,000 people was officially opened.

Missionaries on the various mission fields are aware of the urgent need to train national workers to be the leaders of their fellow Christians. Every Christian can be a worker together with Christ by praying for these mission fields.

We have recently been informed of the rising costs in the maintenance of our growing overseas missions. It is our privilege and obligation to spread the Gospel in these needy fields overseas. The missionaries are asking for additional workers to take on the work as it extends. The Missionary Council would gladly appoint new workers, but this is not possible with our present missionary income. Here again we can all be workers together with our Lord in reaching those other sheep of which He said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:16).



Calling Boys and Girls

By Bernard Norris

Hello again!

How did you get on with the quiz last week? Here are the answers.

1, Romans 10:13; 2, Galatians 3:13; 3, Hebrews 11:6; 4, Revelation 4:11; 5, Acts 1:8; 6, John 2:5 and 3:3; 7, Luke 17:19 and 18:16; 8, Mark 1:40 and 2:10; 9, Isaiah 53:6 and 55:6; 10, Proverbs 28:1 and 29:18.

Did you enjoy hunting through the Bible? I guess you did, so here is another quiz, just the same. The words of the texts have all been jumbled up, and I want you to sort them out.

1. For is man no not sinneth there which.
2. Appearance but for heart looketh looketh Lord man on on outward the the the.
3. As at against and because day evil happened have have his his his in in in is law Lord Lord nor nor nor not obeyed of sinned statutes the the the therefore this this testimonies voice unto walked you ye.
4. And and moon sun stayed still stood the the.
5. Believeth him in of remission receive shall sins whosoever.
6. By faith just live shall the
7. Any can hide him himself I in Lord not places saith secret see shall that the.
8. Despise let man no thy youth.
9. All evil for is love of of money root the the.
10. Do do good him my not that to uprightly walketh words.

Now some of these are easy and some are hard. Here once again then are the books in which the texts are found, though I have not given them in the same order as the questions. As you work out the texts and get the answers, you will be able to link up the books with the questions, then when just the harder ones are left you will know they must come from the books that are left. To help you a little more, I have given the chapters for the harder ones. Here we are: Acts, 2 Chronicles 6, Jeremiah 44, Jeremiah 23, Joshua, Micah, Romans, 1 Samuel, 1 Timothy, and 1 Timothy again.

Don't send your answers in, as it is not a competition, just a quiz.

Answers next week. Cheerio till then and God bless you.

BERNARD.

PS.—I am coming to Southend church this Sunday. Do tell me what you like best in your column.

CHURCH NEWS FLASH

SALFORD

Pastor Arnold Brooks has been at Salford just over two years, and the recent second anniversary week-end was a time of happy retrospect.

The visiting speaker was, appropriately enough, Ronald Clarke, from Whitehaven, a former assistant pastor of Salford and Chorlton Elim Churches in their early days, and the renewed fellowship was an added blessing to the anointed ministry of the Word.

A few weeks previously we were privileged to have a week-end visit from the former pastor, John Woodhead.

Friends from neighbouring churches joined us for the Saturday evening service, convened by Pastor J. Glass, supported by various items of song and testimony by the Chorlton friends, some of whom are recent converts.

It was a time for reminiscences as Pastor Woodhead delivered a message of exhortation in his own energetic style.

The Sunday services brought a number of old faces into the midst, and again the anointing of the Holy Spirit was upon the ministry in word and song by the Woodhead family.

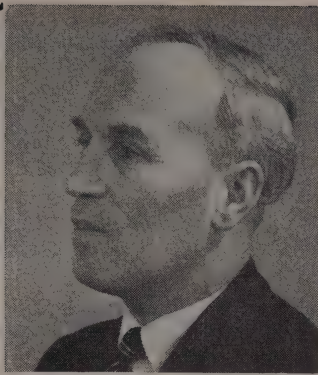
At a final rally at Chorlton on the Monday evening a good number of Salford members reciprocated with their support.

"Progress in all departments" was the encouraging report at the annual meeting following the fellowship tea recently.

A.M.

Boy from France (aged 14) would like farm work to be able to get further knowledge of English language, July to August. Write to the Secretary-General, Elim Headquarters, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

**From
my
Diary**



By T. H. Stevenson

WITH other ministers, I was privileged to spend a day in the fellowship of the Elim Pentecostal Churches at their annual conference held in Chelmsford, and how royally they treated us. Though chiefly centred in the large county of Essex, this splendid group within the Elim family is not confined geographically to one county. Our esteemed brother, Rev. G. Stormont, retains the office of Superintendent, but because of pressure of work and health reasons Rev. D. Anthony now shares in the administration of the work. We wish our brethren and the churches God's richest blessing.

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"How to run a successful church" was the subject of two addresses given by Rev. P. S. Brewster to the conference at Chelmsford. It is no flattery to suggest that we were particularly interested, not only because of the subject, but through the knowledge that the speaker has for many years, under God's blessing, done this very thing in a remarkable way. He spoke not "out of his hat" but out of his heart. Knowing Mr. Brewster well, I would add that he would be the first to agree that success not only varies in degree but also in type, according to the circumstances and the emphasis placed on various aspects of Christian work and service. We are not cast in one mould, nor placed in the same niche.

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I could not miss the point that a slight misprint, or insertion of one vowel, would have made the above title read "How to ruin a successful church." Just put in the "I" and you have ruin. That has ruined many churches, ministers and evangelists. And yet, contradictory as it may seem, it is only as one puts oneself completely into any project that there can be success. Of course, Paul has the answer: "I, yet not I, but Christ." To all this I trust you will say "aye."

In a letter from Mrs. E. Urch I learn that our sister will be giving a talk in the B.B.C. programme "Silver Lining" on Tuesday, June 16th, at 4.45. Mrs. Urch and her children are living in Ireland, adjusting themselves to life's new circumstances. It is true that those who need most comfort and encouragement are often best suited to offer the same, and in this broadcast I am confident that Mrs. Urch's talk will comfort and inspire many needy hearts.

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The Roman Catholics in our country are maybe more aggressive today than at any other time. The Cardinal of Westminster strongly urges Catholics to an active interest in trade unions and politics. In every town one can see on walls and windows advertised talks on "The Roman Catholic faith explained." Press advertisements invite inquiries concerning their church and doctrines. And insidiously Parliament is moved to propose disproportionate aid-grants for the erection of denominational schools, which are almost exclusively R.C. schools. The Free Church Federal Council has protested to Parliament on this last issue, but none among us seems awake to combat the other dangers.

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Rev. Peter Caporn, vicar of St. Mary's, Eastwood, Notts, has written a hymn sung to pop-tune "Oh Boy." Some of the words read: "In all my love, in all my kissin', I now can see what I've been missin', Oh Lord." And a Church of Scotland minister, James Philip, editor of the Prayer Bulletin of the Scottish Evangelistic Council, meanwhile attacks evangelicals who, he says, "love inferior religious songs"; a "waltz-time attitude to the Gospel, with its hill-billies, its feet tapping and its crooners"; "music that is third rate set to deplorable ditties." Perhaps Mr. Philip would be better to turn away his attack from the unnamed evangelicals and direct them to more specific targets such as Mr. Caporn, or Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont with his jazz folk mass, or Glasgow's Rev. James Currie, who writes about Christ as "Lord of the whole of life, including rock 'n' roll."

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A recent visitor to our church was Miss Florence Munday, preaching to us on the thirty-second anniversary of her astounding miraculous healing. To talk of what happened so long ago may seem too outdated for some; but do we not yet talk of the miracles of bygone Bible days? There is also the miracle that our sister has been kept in health in all the thirty-two years since being healed, without ever since receiving medicine or medical attention. That makes the testimony even more wonderful.



If at first you don't succeed ... give up?

¶ The National Youth Director writes this week on a missionary theme

IF that is your attitude, don't think of becoming a missionary, or anyone else similarly placed in Christian service. Since I took office as National Youth Secretary (now called Director) I have been present at many youth conferences and discussion groups, and one word which finds its way into all these events without finding its way into the English dictionary is *stickability*. Do you possess *stickability*? It is a characteristic of every successful missionary. Some of the headquarters staff saw recently an American film which told the story of a missionary and his two sons who underwent extreme privations and unimaginable hazards to take the Gospel to the South American Indians. The father died and his two sons carried on the work. There was no outward result during the whole of this time, and the day came when the younger son fell victim to a death fever. Unconscious of his surroundings, he was being carried back to civilisation when God healed him. But what was his immediate conscious reaction? *Stickability*! He demanded an immediate turnabout—and back to his task he went. This was the spirit which held captive the saints of old, which enabled them to face the fears of death, to go smiling to the scaffold, and stand singing at the stake. Compare the present: when you're in a jam, use a flick knife to get you out! Admittedly that may be a far cry from the action of Christian youth, but the easy way out in a non-violent form is taken by too many all the same. Maybe you've heard the story of the schoolmaster who was caned by one of his scholars. It made a news headline even during the hourly news sensations of the war years. It happened at this particular school that the scholars, boys, of course, were very forgetful and did not always carry their gas masks to school. In a bold attempt to make them remember he threatened to cane the boys who failed to bring their gas masks to school the following day. One daring young fellow had the cheek to ask the

headmaster: "What if you forget to bring yours, sir?" "You can cane me," replied the head to a stunned school! The next day arrived, and to the head's amazement every boy was present with his gas mask. He thereupon complimented them in the grandiose manner of some "grown-ups," and began to dismiss the assembled school of about 800 boys. But the saucy young questioner quickly shot up his hand and asked the question of the day: "Have you got yours, sir?" And then the truth came out. Yes, the head had forgotten to bring his gas mask. He apologised profusely, burning red with shame, and would have ended the humiliating scene right there, but the boy would not! "You did say that . . ." "Er . . . yes . . . h'm," stuttered the headmaster, suddenly blurting out, "All right, young Tomkins, come out here and take the cane." So, in the full view of the assembled school, and watched by 799 pairs of envious eyes, the scholar caned the schoolmaster. The head could have dismissed his wild boast on the grounds that it would damage his prestige to keep his word, but instead *he kept to his word though it hurt*. We could say of this man that he had *stickability*. Far from losing prestige that day, I am sure he gained more than he imagined. He could easily have excused himself, and we all may in our difficult circumstances, but he didn't take the easy way out, so he made a name for himself and found the headlines.

One of the greatest men in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ was able to write at the end of his life to a younger person following in his steps: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He was a man who kept to his word, not for one caning but a dozen and more. Read his own record: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen . . . city . . . wilderness . . . sea . . . false brethren . . . in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst . . . in cold and nakedness . . .”—and so we could continue to read.

Now let me turn the challenge on to you, Crusader. Are you one of those who are here today and gone tomorrow? Are you a fair-weather Christian, regular as clockwork but only when your branch or church is in blessing? This is the age of easy living, of self-indulgence, and establishing personal rights. Beware that this does not become your testimony to the men and women “outside.” Maybe you hope that God will call you to full-time service; be sure you exercise *stickability* where you are now, that is your first task. There’s a great work for Jesus for Elim youth to do. Let us get on with the job, give up our complaining and petty bickering. It is nauseating to us, but what must it be to God? The work of God is thrilling, uplifting; it gives a joy which produces a sparkle in the Christian’s eye. Then let us get on with it, and stick to it, even though at first we do not appear to succeed.

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STICKABILITY IN ACTION!

It was over twelve months ago that we wrote to Elim missionary Clifford Stockdale advising him that the joint committee of the Elim Missionary Council and Elim Youth Committee considered that he should be granted sufficient money from the “Send the Light” fund to install an electric generating plant for his station. He could have taken our offer of a full-scale installation, but graciously declined,

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accepting a much smaller unit because he felt the latter would be sufficient to meet his needs. This highly commendable attitude is characteristic of this great missionary, and a challenging example to us all.

Then the search for a battery charging plant; the equipment needed. Even with the help of Christians in the industry the actual type suitable for the country and climate was most elusive to us in our search. Eventually it seemed we were to be successful, only to find that import restrictions made it impossible to get the plant into India.

Here *stickability* came into its own, and from both sides of the world the search went on, until seventeen months after the first letter to India on the subject success was ours. Just the plant Pastor Stockdale required was advertised in Calcutta, and within twelve hours of this news reaching Elim Headquarters a cable was on its way bearing £100 for our missionary. It is now installed at Ramanujanj, India, and this is what Pastor Stockdale writes: “I inspected it [the plant] carefully and . . . I have tried it out here and it works a treat. It starts very easily and it gave a good charge to the two six-volt batteries I already have here. I think it will suit our purpose admirably. . . . I must say how pleased I am to have this plant. It is going to be a great help to us and to the work in many ways. Please give all the young people of EYM our sincerest thanks. A little while ago it seemed as if we would have to go without owing to import restrictions here, but now we have it. Praise the Lord! Philippians 4: 19.”

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Monday, June 8th. Ezra 4 : 1-10.

The adversaries of Judah were the Samaritans, who were a mixed race of people. Said they: "We seek your God, as ye do"; but in 2 Kings 17 : 33 we read: "They feared the Lord, and served their own gods." They came to Zerubbabel and the other leaders either in the spirit of hypocrisy or with an intention to unite their idolatries with the pure worship of the Lord. In any case they were the enemies of the God of Judah. The leaders of Judah sternly refused to have anything to do with the Samaritan approach; this was in harmony with the will of God. Today we must be careful to have nothing to do with so-called Christianity that expects us to compromise with truth and accept a certain amount of error for the sake of unity.

Tuesday, June 9th. Ezra 4 : 11-24.

Having failed to join Judah, the Samaritans next sought to prevent the rebuilding of the city, and gained a temporary success by sending a letter to king Artaxerxes suggesting that it would be in his interests to stop the rebuilding. Virulence, craft and exaggeration were stamped on every sentence of the letter, with the unscrupulous use of language to persuade the king to cause the building to cease. This is exactly what happened. The building was stopped.

Temporary successes may be achieved by our adversaries in our personal lives and in our church life; but let it be always remembered, in the final analysis the Christian cannot lose, the Church cannot be defeated and God will turn these seeming defeats to our advantage.

Wednesday, June 10th. Ezra 5 : 1-17.

Now occurs the intervention of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, whose prophecies should be read at this point. They reveal a state of apathy, such a state as would have thwarted the whole plan of God had not things been changed. The voice of prophecy inspired the people to recommence building without the formal permission of king Darius, who was known secretly to favour them already. The invigorating sayings of the prophets encouraged the people almost from day to day and from stage to stage in their work. So we draw our help, courage, inspiration and strength from the Word of God, day by day and under all circumstances.

Thursday, June 11th. Ezra 6 : 1-12.

Here we have the account of the favourable decree of Darius, and thus the people had royal encouragement, as well as consent to rebuild the temple; also there were to be restored the sacred vessels which Nebuchadnezzar stole from the temple years before. God has established His throne in the heavens, and He is diligently working out His purposes. Just as judgment had come upon a wicked, rebellious people years before, so now the blessing of God was resting upon a people who were trying to serve the Lord. Kings and nations were used as instruments of judgment—so now kings and nations were to be used to bless Judah. God knows His

own business best. We must fit into the place where He wants us to be.

Friday, June 12th. Ezra 6 : 13-22.

These verses tell us of the finishing and dedication of the second temple. It was built and finished according to the commandment of God; it was finished by men who prospered through the prophesying of Haggai and Zechariah; it was finished according to the commandment of Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes. Here we have a combination of different forces, each contributing to one great end. So it is with the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the spiritual temple of the Lord; there are three agents: God Himself is first, he who carries the message is second and the sinner himself is the third; each has an active part to play. The instrument used is the Word of God. God convicts through the Word, the preacher preaches the Word, the sinner believes the Word.

Saturday, June 13th. Ezra 7 : 6-20.

"For Ezra had prepared his heart" (v. 10).

First Ezra gave himself to study the law, then to practise it himself, and lastly to teach its positive statutes and ordinances and its moral judgments and precepts—a perfect description of a teacher in a congregation. What a lesson for us! What an example to follow! To search out the will of God diligently and, having found it, to follow it out and then to teach the will of God to others is Christianity indeed. How many there are who are prepared to tell others what to do, but how few who desire to find God's will for themselves and practise it first. Let us be among those who love God's Book and live it out. Then we shall be fitted to teach others.

Sunday, June 14th. Ezra 7 : 21-28.

"Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven let it diligently be done" (v. 23). "If ye love Me, keep My commandments" said Jesus. "Love is the fulfilling of the law" said the apostle Paul. Whatsoever God has commanded can be done in the strength and the power of Christ. We can do all things required of us, as children of God, through the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. The Lord still says to us today "Thou shalt!" but He adds "I will enable you to do so by the power of My Spirit." The indwelling power of God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think.

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BARKING, June 13, Elim Church, Ripple Road. Saturday Night Special. Visit of team of Bible College students. 7.

BURGESS HILL. June 12, The I.B.T.I., Hook Place, Cuckfield Road. Visit of the President. 7.30.

COULSDON. June 13, Elim Church, Chipstead Valley Road. Monthly United Pentecostal Rally. Speaker: G. Wesley Gilpin (Elim). Leader: P. R. Lawson (A.O.G.). Supporting items: Elim Bible College students. 7.

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LONGTON. June 13-15, Elim Church, Five Ways, Lightwood Road. Sunday School Anniversary. Guest preacher: T. W. Walker (Scarborough), member of Elim Youth Committee. Sat. and Mon., 7.30, Sun. 2.30 and 6.30.

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day school. Time in each session for questions and discussion. All youth workers and Crusaders invited.

YEOVIL. June 7, Elim Church, Larkhill Road. Sunday School Anniversary. Speaker: F. Hodge (Plymouth). 3 and 6.30.

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Lewis. On Sunday, May 3rd, at Brecon, by K. J. Hathaway; David Edward, God's precious gift to Ted and Tina. C.143

Maunder. On April 26th, at Elim Church, Rye Park; Patricia Lilly and Linda Carol. Officiating minister: G. H. Thomas. C.142

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Durrant. On May 14th, Mary Louise Durrant, aged 86, of Elim Church, Winton. Officiating minister at funeral: S. Penney.

Smith. On April 29th, Mrs. Emmy Smith, a loyal and beloved member of Elim Church, Leyton, for many years, passed into the presence of the Lord. Officiating minister at funeral: L. N. Knipe.

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