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*"And they came to Elim,
where were twelve wells of
water, and three-score and
ten palm trees; and they en-
camped there by the waters"
(Exodus 15:27).*

"WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of holiness," says the psalmist in Psalm 29. Certainly the worship of tabernacle and temple was asso-
ciated with a magnificence and splendour that revealed the greatness
of God and the awe and reverence which must surround each act of
devotion.

Today, in the dispensation of grace, we know that God "dwelleth
not in temples made with hands," and that His abode is now the
Church which is His body. However, just as the worship of God in
Old Testament days was invested with sanctity and beauty, so will
true worship be in our day and age. It may well be that there has been
over-emphasis on the æsthetic in Roman and Orthodox churches, with
their elaborate ritual and magnificent cathedrals. Yet undoubtedly
the work put into beautifying these buildings was an act of worship
and devotion—often involving considerable cost and sacrifice. We
think of Michelangelo spending four years on his back in painting the
ceiling of the beautiful Sistine Chapel at Rome, and of a host of
lesser names, whose work lives on in their art and craftsmanship. The
same might be said of the music of the Church.

Puritanism went to the other extreme and, for fear, often justified,
that reverence for buildings and ordinances might detract from recog-
nition of the spiritual constitution of the true Church, turned to an
extreme of plainness, shunned all ornamentation as evil, and some-
times even refused to countenance any form of musical accompani-
ment. A similar attitude was discernible in early Pentecostal circles.
Today the pendulum swings in the other direction, and we read of
churches costing fabulous sums, and replete with everything for crea-
ture comfort, and elaborately garnished and furnished. Surely there
must be some middle ground between the extremes, where a simplicity
that avoids extravagance is combined with a good taste that is con-
ducive to true worship. One may, of course, worship God in a barn.
One may find shelter there too. However, surely the place where we
worship God should be a fitting expression of our attitude to His
service. So with the content of our worship: while the humblest saint
may find acceptance, regardless of his poverty of speech, true worship
will seek to utilise the best it knows in the service of the Master. God
has not changed, and His nature and character demands a holy awe
and reverence as we approach Him. We cannot but think that the
chatter and gossip that precedes so many of our services is obnoxious
to the Almighty, while the use of colloquialisms and uncouth speech
in our devotions seems particularly amiss.

Whether it be in our praying and praising, whether in the hymns
we sing, in our playing of an instrument, or in the preparation and
adornment of our church buildings, let us always remember that while
the Almighty dwells not in temples made with hands it is there that
we worship Him, and that "holiness becometh Thy house for ever."

ONLY A TOUCH

By T. W. WALKER, MINISTER OF BLIM CHURCH, CLAPHAM

GOD has put within human nature some very wonderful, not to say astounding, means of communication and expression. The construction within the mind and spirit of a fellow human being of such a magnificent work as Handel's *Messiah* is a constant source of awe and admiration. The ability to play a musical instrument in such a manner that the very depths seem to be called upon, the throbbing beauty of a blending of voices in a chorus of praise, the stirring in the heart at the sight of a truly great painting or piece of sculpture, the catch of the breath at the sudden modulation of a gifted soloist from a major to a minor key—yes, the Creator has surely shown us that we are indeed well blessed. When we further consider the great shouts of exultant enthusiasm which can arise spontaneously and blessedly from the moving in men's hearts of the Holy Spirit, and then go to the other extreme and recall the almost unbearable silence of a vast congregation rapt in their contemplation of their Saviour at the communion service, we glimpse even more of the work of the Divine hand in human nature.

Yet there are ways which do not at first seem to be of much value, but which strike down to the very fundamentals. Regard a child, fretful, sick, lonely, bewildered. A Shakespeare sonnet, a Beethoven symphony, a Rembrandt painting, a performance of Haydn's *Creation*, a balanced and glorious anthem from a consecrated choir, even a beautiful and well modulated solo or a gifted and eloquent prayer—these all would be lost and would not remotely come near to meeting the need. But let the mother come into the room and take the child's hand and murmur what would seem something or nothing in the cold light of day, and all is well! A hardened sinner comes into the presence of a Christian worker. He argues and expostulates. He will admit no guilt or need. Every attempt at reasoning seems to be doomed to failure. At last the evangelist reaches out and puts his hand upon the

shoulder of the defaulter and compassionately murmurs something like, "My dear brother . . ." The effect is almost like magic and a proud, defiant air is suddenly replaced by sobs and utter confession and repentance.

We do well to consider all means of contact and outlet, but in a world which is full of sounds, in which hardly a moment of day or night is really quiet, we would be wise also to appreciate that the power of a touch is simply without parallel. Rev. W. H. Lax quotes in *Let's Go To Poplar* these words of deep insight:

"It's the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine;
That means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter, or bread, or wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the
voice
Live in the soul away."

Human memory is prompted into action by strange things. The sight of an old photo, the smell suddenly brought back by the sight of a garden of roses seen from the window of a speeding train recalling events long gone by, the strange experience of hearing words in the jumble of a hastening crowd the tones of which bring back to mind a departed loved one . . . memory is wonderful. What tremendous, almost shattering, recollections must have flooded into the mind of Thomas as he reached out . . . and touched the risen, crucified Lord! It can be like this for us. Years of quarrelling and disruption can sometimes be ended in a moment as hand reaches out and grasps hand in a quickened desire for contact and reconciliation. What protracted and involved explanations could not do, for they would soon lead to recriminations and the placing of blame, the touch of the hand can, under God, miraculously perform.

Surely the leper must have rejoiced! Apparently soon after the giving of the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord was confronted by a man whose body was ravaged by this sad disease and the Master responded to the man's request for healing with a simply magnificent gesture. He put forth His hand and touched the man and said, with complete sim-

PAUSE AND PONDER

Deliver thy words not by number, but by weight.

plicity, but with almighty power, "I will: be thou clean." Human thought alone might well have considered a long, detailed investigation, a theological explanation and a careful leading into light, but the Master gave the man healing immediately. He also inspired a ready faith by His touch and by His gentle words (see Matthew 8: 1-4).

We need the Master's touch! The need to think, to regain repose, to find opportunity to stand and stare, is a very pressing one. Every expression and

communication anointed by the Holy Spirit is good and worthy, but we need to feel the Saviour's touch, to hear His tender voice.

"Only a touch of Thy hand, dear Lord,
Only a word from Thee,
Will all my heart's wild anguish still,
Joyful my soul shall be . . .
Only a touch of Thy hand, dear Lord,
And o'er my soul shall sweep
Melody sweet from life's broken chords,
Awakened from silence deep."

IDA L. REED.



POT SHOTS

Hello Sunbeams.

Have you ever had one of those days when everything seems to go wrong? It had been one of those days for Tommy. Mummy had been cross with him and Daddy had been very stern because he had been taking pot-shots with his catapult at the cat next door. As for his older brother and sister, he thought they were never going to stop. On and on and on they went . . . "you-wicked-disgraceful-boy-you-ought-to-be-ashamed-of-yourself . . ."

Tommy went to find Grandad. He and Grandad were pals and often had a talk together. Tommy found himself telling Grandad all about it, but he was afraid at first that Grandad too was going to be cross. Then Grandad smiled his funny little smile and pushed his battered old round hat on to the back of his head. "I remember when I was about your age, Tommy," he began. Tommy knew it was all right then. That was how Grandad always began when he was going to tell a story.

Soon Tommy was rolling on the grass and holding his sides. "Oh, Grandad, please," he said. "I can't laugh any more." One after another the stories came out about the pranks Grandad had played when he was a boy. How he and his school friend had found the rag and bone man's cart when the man had gone off somewhere to get something to eat. How they had pushed it down the street where they lived shouting "Rags and bones." How the little church where Grandad lived had one bell which hung outside the church and how the boys took pot shots with their catapults to make the bell ring. (Grandad didn't like the next-door cat either,

since it had spoiled his flowers and scratched up the seeds he had planted.)

"Why, Grandad," said Tommy, "you were really naughty, weren't you?" "Don't know about being naughty, Tommy," said Grandad with a grin. "My father used to call me a limb of Satan. I wasn't one of the goody-goodys anyway."

"Did they get on to you?" asked Tommy. "Did they go on and on and on, like Paul and Mary?" "Well," said Grandad, "it wasn't so much lectures in those days—just six of the best and off to bed for the rest of the day." Tommy chuckled. Six of the best didn't seem so bad when Grandad talked about it, and he thought he'd rather have that than four lectures from four different people.

"I think I must be like you," said Tommy, "only they don't call me a limb of Satan or whatever it was. They call me a disgraceful wretch and a little nuisance." "Well, I suppose all boys are a bit of a nuisance in some ways. They wouldn't be boys if they weren't. But God loves them and there's plenty said about them in the Bible." "The Bible," said Tommy, "but that's for grown-ups and it's all about prophets and priests and saints." "Well, maybe it is," Grandad replied, "but there's still a lot about boys. There was David with his sling—I don't suppose he'd have hit that giant right on his fat head unless he'd had one or two pot shots at something before. Then there was little Samuel, whom God called in the temple. Then there was the young fellow who followed the disciples around like a shadow and Jesus fed 5,000 with his dinner. Yes, and Jesus Himself wasn't there once when mother Mary wanted Him—and that sounds like your mother now, calling us for dinner, so I suppose we'd better go on in."

Across the table Grandad winked at Tommy and Tommy winked back. They shared a great secret. There were hoys in the Bible, some naughty ones too, but God loved them and helped them to be good. God bless you sunbeams!

Lots of love, from

AUNTY DOROTHY.

JOYFUL MOTHERHOOD

By O. W. POLEN

"He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children" (Psalm 113:9)

WHEN THE PSALMIST David stated these words, Hannah's song must still have been in his thoughts.

Children are the blessing and gift of God, and to the mother who fills the role of motherhood in the manner in which God intended children are a *real joy*.

It is true that for mothers (and fathers as well) there are anxious moments—moments of indecision, moments of fear and worry, moments of frustration, etc. Children, in one sense, are sent into the world to train their mothers. This is often seen in the immediate effect their coming has upon their mothers. It changes them from thoughtless, self-centred maidens into thoughtful, self-denying mothers.

Yet far greater than any of these times of concern is the joy that comes to the heart and soul of a woman when she, for the first time, acquires that honoured and esteemed title of "mother."

Family life lays a burden of personal example upon a mother. She must strive to be an example of patience. How often we fathers and children have witnessed this beautiful characteristic in mothers—mothers who seemed to, and no doubt did, possess more patience than all the rest of the family together.

Mothers must also strive to be examples of love. Here again we need to allow our minds to recollect only for a little while, until instance after instance of mother's love comes to us.

Patient and loving mothers will be, and I sincerely believe they are, *joyful mothers*. Patience, love and joy seem to fit closely together when attempting to describe beautiful motherhood.

The mother who is able to be a joyful mother (and the only way to really be a joyful mother is to be a Christian mother) bequeaths to her children and family, even while she is still here on earth, a valuable inheritance.

The mother who, through a strong faith in God and through a sincere dedication to Him, can face severe trials, even the death of one or more of her children, and yet remain a "joyful mother in the Lord," tells her children and those around her that her experience in God is a reality. She also tells them by her example that God can be just as real in their lives as He is in her life.

A "rejoicing attitude" is contagious just as a gloomy, despondent attitude has its effect on others.

The *joyful* mother equips her children to face the problems of life, as well as the good things in life, with that valuable piece of equipment a *bright outlook*.

Daughters grow into womanhood and then motherhood. One of the most vivid remembrances a daughter will have will be how her mother faced problems similar to her own. If her mother faced difficulties courageously and "rejoiced in the Lord," to say the least, the daughter will, in many instances, strive to follow her mother's approach.

In nearly every family circle there are times of tension, serious problems, moments of disagreement between parents and children, and moments of disagreement among the children themselves. While it cannot be said that the fact that a mother is joyful solves every problem, certainly the "joyful mother in the Lord" brings a calm to what could develop into serious situations. Often the "joyful mother" lends great aid in keeping the family members on the level of clear thinking.

The "joyful mother in the Lord" will be a praying mother also, because prayer is necessary for mothers, as well as every other Christian, if they are to have spiritual joy. As such, she will play a vital role in seeing that a family altar in the home is maintained and that family worship is conducted.

Since many times fathers have already gone to work, it is the mother whom the children first see in the morning. Her joyful attitude can help, in a great way, to start the children's day right. What better verse of scripture could a mother use than, "This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be happy in it"?

The task of being a joyful mother, as every mother knows, is not always easy; it can only come as a result of a dedicated and consecrated life. But if every mother could fully realise the influence she has on her home and family, she would no doubt earnestly seek for this joyful experience in the Lord.

Not only does the joyful mother create a pleasant atmosphere in the home, but she also holds a place of importance in the church.

In the church circle she becomes a glowing example of Christian motherhood to younger mothers

and to those young ladies who some day will no doubt become wives and mothers.

She shows that though motherhood is not without problems and cares, God has sufficient grace for every mother to live victoriously and joyfully in Him.

The world is filled with many sinful and ungodly mothers. There are many mothers whose lives have

never yet been touched by the hand that can impart "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

In view of this, "joyful motherhood" becomes a challenge to all mothers, because *the home needs it; the church needs it; and the world needs it.*

Church of God Evangel.

Caerphilly Crusade—July 1963

CROWDS, CONVERTS, HEALINGS, great enthusiasm and a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit's power resting upon the meetings: this summarises the Caerphilly crusade conducted by Elim's Youth Director, Rev. Alexander Tee. Dynamic messages on Bible prophecy have thrilled hundreds of Christians who have come from far and near.

The crusade was the talk of the town. For some time prophecies and interpretations through the ministry of the Holy Spirit have foretold an ingathering of the relations of the church members; and during recent days many people have been deeply moved as they have witnessed their loved ones coming to Christ.

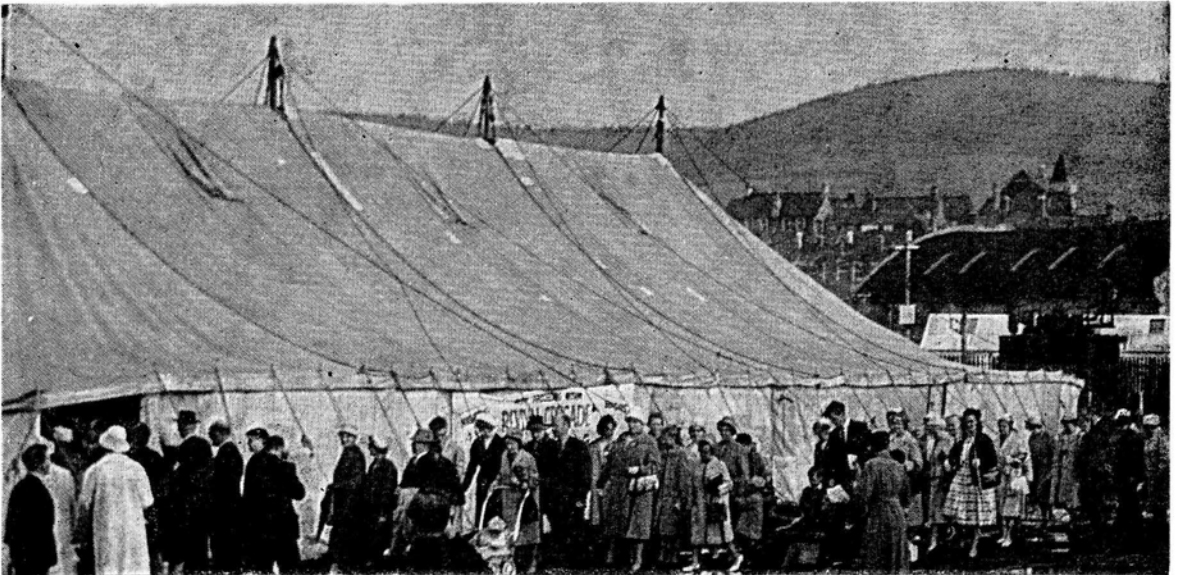
On three consecutive Sunday evenings a great procession of witness stirred the place as the congregation marched from the first service at the church to the large marquee erected on the town's fairground.

The crusade soloist, Don Evans, was a tremendous asset to the campaign. He won the hearts of all with his consecrated voice. We shall never forget the untiring energy, magnetic personality and powerfully anointed ministry of Pastor Tee.

Of the very happy and united congregation at the Caerphilly church it could be said, as in the days of Nehemiah, "The people had a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6); God blessed, and others "perceived that this work was wrought of God" (Nehemiah 6:16).

Now we are back in our lovely church with an increased congregation, and again with Nehemiah we can say: "And the singers made their voices heard" (Nehemiah 12:42, margin); "... and rejoiced, for God had made them to rejoice with great joy . . . so that the joy . . . was heard even afar off" (Nehemiah 12:43).

L. W. GREEN.



Crowds enter the large marquee erected on Caerphilly's fairground.



Women's column

By GLADYS GORTON

A MOTHER'S LETTER TO HER NEWLY WEDDED DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW

DEAR FRANCES,

It is a month since you were married and I trust you are both settling down in your new home and environment.

After living all your life in this small town no doubt you will find some things very different from that to which you have been accustomed. Take church, for instance. You were dedicated in S— church. From your earliest days you were taken there, have attended there all your life and were married there. The tears come into my eyes when I remember the night you gave your heart to Him and the wonderful, vigorous testimony you have maintained since then. Your dad and I are proud of you, dear. We have cause to be. You have never given us a moment of anxiety or ever disappointed us. We are proud of John too; he knows we have taken him to our hearts as a son. These are the best years of your life. Give them to Him.

As you both know, your father and I met at S— church twenty-five years ago. He gave his testimony. He had never been in a church in his life. His parents were godless and he was fast going the downward path. He took to drink and in the pub he would have a fight with anyone who happened to cross him. But you know what he is like today. He is one of the finest Christian characters you will ever meet.

I would like you to take to your hearts the text pastor gave to us and preached from the day we were married: "And they two went on." "They two went over." "They two still went on." Read 2 Kings 2. Start right, keep it up and you will end right. You write that you have not been able to find a church where you feel at home. We are praying about this, Frances and John. You wait upon Him and He will lead you to the place of His appointment. In the meantime don't neglect attending a place of worship. Never neglect this. Your Auntie Mabel and Uncle Bob were very keen Christians when they married, and now, as you know, they don't attend any church.

You will be used to family prayer so *do* keep it up. Don't be shy of each other; pray together. Don't

compromise your testimony in word or deed. It can be so easy to drift and our love for the Lord gradually cool. The adversary is very subtle and will soon try to ensnare you.

Can I give you a little advice about money matters? First put aside what you decide to give to God and come to a mutual understanding as to the management of your affairs. This will stabilise you in times of crisis. "There goes Mum again at it," you will say. Perhaps a quarter of a century later you will be writing on the same theme to *your* child! This is all for now. We will be seeing you at the end of the summer.

God's best, always.

Your loving
MOTHER.

FROM MY DIARY

By T. H. STEVENSON

A MEMBER of the church joyfully showed me the watch her husband had bought as a gift for her. Not the kind of thing members normally do, but there was a good reason for such display. Her husband, a smoker for thirty-nine years, had stopped the habit, and in six weeks the money saved was sufficient to pay for the lovely gift to his wife. The preacher may say why people should not smoke, and the medical authorities may frighten with statistics of lung cancer, but the above example reminds one that persons related to the smoker have cause to have something to say also.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY on his visit to Eire was unable to accept an invitation to visit Northern Ireland also. That was a pity, for though Eire may be proud that the first Catholic president is of Irish descent, Northern Ireland has given the U.S.A. some fourteen Protestant presidents of Ulster stock. Nevertheless, Mr. Kennedy was presented with some stone from the famous Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. But I think Mr. Kennedy is more interested in the Blarney Stone of Eire. To the parliament of Eire, President Kennedy told of his special pride to be in the country that had given his family Irish ancestry and their religious faith. He went on to praise Eire as an example to all the world as the first small country in this age to triumph over its oppressor (England). As an ardent Irish-American Catholic,

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THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE CHURCH TODAY

By R. B. CHAPMAN, MINISTER OF ELIM CHURCH, PAISLEY



THERE ARE MANY today who would tell us that there is no longer any need for the miraculous gifts which were manifested in the early Church, because their purpose and value have been negated by our normal educational and scientific developments through the centuries. It has even been said that since we stand for the gifts of the Spirit we should not send our missionaries to language school or treat the sick and ailing in our dispensaries. To pursue this inconsistent line of argument would bring us to the ultimate conclusion that because of the miraculous provision for the feeding of the 5,000 by the Christ—who is still the same today—there is no further need to till the ground for grain or trawl the seas for fish.

In order that we may rightly comprehend the position and maintain a balanced appreciation of the true situation let us primarily examine what is the real *purpose for spiritual gifts*. To assist us in this examination let us view the matter first of all from a negative aspect and see what the purpose is not.

(1) NOT TO PROMOTE THE PRESUMPTION OF A POPULAR PERSONALITY

Though it is necessary to say this with very deep regret and reticence, we all must have met those who have sought to advance the popularity of their personality and even hoped to increase their chances of promotion to office by a demonstration of such gifts. Into this despicable category, of course, would fall the miserable Simon Magus of whom we read in Acts 8. He earnestly desired to be an outstanding personality, to attain the heights of privilege and popularise himself by staggering the community with the demonstrations of power and ability. Alas, he has had many unworthy disciples in the centuries which have followed. Many have selfishly, and yet cloaked with a seeming piety, desired these gracious gifts under the plea of advancing God's work when, sad to say, the real motive has been only to pro-

mote the power of their own popularity and personality. This was never the true purpose for them.

(2) NOT TO SHOW A SUPERIOR STANDARD OF SUPPOSED SPIRITUALITY

It may not meet with ready approval if one says that the operation of the gifts does not necessarily indicate that they are emanating from one of spiritual and consistent life. Unfortunately many people are blindly swayed by such manifestations and with awe and wonder almost place a halo round those who frequently exercise the gifts. Such an attitude was firmly rebuked by Peter long ago when he observed the awe-struck wonder that mesmerised the gathering in Solomon's porch and he chided: "Why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man walk?" (Acts 3:12). Sad to relate, some would glory in creating such an impression and sanctimoniously seek to establish their spiritual status by the usage of the gifts, feeling that the more frequent the manifestation the more spiritual they would be deemed. This view does not bear the light of Scripture. Remember that the church at Corinth "came behind in no gift" and yet the Bible reveals that it was quite an unspiritual church. Within it were faction, friction and fornication; its members were said to be "not spiritual but carnal; babes in Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:1) and they even came to the Lord's table in unworthy and unseemly manner (chapter 11). We have all known of those whose spiritual standard has not been compatible with the sacredness of these manifestations, but we must never forget that the purpose behind the gifts was not to proclaim the spiritual superiority of the operator. The spiritual position of the recipient may have been high at the time of reception, but since the "gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Romans 11:29) the gift can remain when the spiritual standard and relationship may have deteriorated.

(3) NOT TO ENJOY EMOTIONAL EXCITEMENT BY
EXCESSIVE EXERCISE

There is little doubt that for certain people this is the only purpose in the gifts, though they would be deeply offended if confronted with this searching truth. The gifts to them are like an exciting stimulant which lifts them emotionally and provides them with what is often called a "glory time," making them feel all good and gratified within. These sacred gifts are little more to such people than many another mundane medium of sensational, personal pleasure. If there was no such sensation there would be no exercise at all by these people. Nowhere in Scripture can we find any support for such a low level and deplorable attitude and yet, at times, churches can be inflicted, to their detriment, with this selfish, almost sensuous, sensationalism which was never the intended purpose for these gifts.

Having thus viewed the situation negatively let us now take the positive aspect and see what the real purpose is as revealed in the Bible.

(1) TO AROUSE AND ARREST THE ATTENTION
OF THE APATHETIC

The clearest demonstration of this was displayed on the day of Pentecost. "They were amazed, saying, How hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" (Acts 2:8). These people had no interest whatsoever in Jesus Christ previous to this, but the display of the gifts here arrested them and aroused their attention and finally contributed to their salvation, for from among this company 3,000 decisions were registered. Similarly, too, with the operation of the gifts of miracles and the restoration of the lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple the interest of many was aroused and arrested and this resulted in about 5,000 men making a decision for Christ (Acts 4:4).

(2) TO CONVINCe THE CRITICAL, THE CAUTIOUS
AND THE CONSERVATIVE

This fact was abundantly revealed in the house of Cornelius when again the gifts were manifested, and it was their operation which convinced the traditionally critical, distinctly cautious members of the conservative circumcision party within the church (Acts 11:18; 25:8). The same solemn challenge is referred to by Paul when under inspiration he stated: "If all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced . . . and so falling down on his face he will worship God" (1 Corinthians 14:24). Thus we see that the purpose is to sweep away criticism and convict men of their need of Christ.

(3) TO DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATE THE
DIVINE DYNAMIC

There is no doubt that in the early Church, when these gifts were first in manifestation, there was a tremendous demonstration of supernatural power which was largely responsible for enormous turning to God at that time. Hearken to Mark's resounding testimony: "They [the apostles] went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with *signs following*" (Mark 16:20). Paul could humbly bear witness to the same phenomenal conditions prevailing in his own dynamic ministry. "My preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should . . . stand . . . in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:4). Paul added that those who had seen the gifts in operation would be forced to "report that God is in you of a truth" (1 Corinthians 14:25). Thus God's purpose is fulfilled in revealing Himself and His power.

(4) TO GIVE GREAT GLORY TO GOD

Following the healing of the man at the temple gate we read that "all men *glorified God* for that which was done" (Acts 4:21), and this is ever the fundamental purpose behind every Divine and supernatural gift graciously endowed. These were never designed to bring any glory of any kind to any man, church or denomination, but solely and only to the Lord who is the giver of "every good and perfect gift."

It is for these identical and highly elevated purposes that the gifts are still given in this present day, and may those privileged to be entrusted with the supernal honour of knowing these gifts see that they are used for these purposes and these alone.

Let us now examine what is the *value of spiritual gifts* within the Church today. The value is, to a great extent, governed by the position they are allowed to occupy. If the gifts are allowed to rise into the ascendancy and to usurp the supreme place their value will be *nil* and they will threaten ruination. Hence I would emphasise that they have *no value* unless they are

(1) SUBJECT TO THE SUPERIORITY AND SOVEREIGNTY
OF THE SAVIOUR

Only one can hold the supreme position and that one must ever be the Giver and never the gift, otherwise it will have become an idol and those who have thus over-elevated the gift will become idolaters. There are those who have lifted the authority of the gift even above the expressions of the living Word

as recorded in the written Word and not only has the value been lost but tragedy has resulted.

(2) CONFIRMED BY COMELY CHRISTIAN CHARACTER
AND CONDUCT

A careful and conscientious reading of the opening verses of 1 Corinthians 13 clearly causes any unbiased mind to appreciate the *nothingness* behind even these sublime and stupendous Divine gifts if the life and conduct of the operator is incompatible and uncharitable. The absence of active love negatives and nullifies even the most powerful of the gifts and repudiates the person as a worthless and useless thing. The love that is here spoken of produces character and conduct of the highest calibre, displaying patience and kindness; thoughtfulness and humility; good manners and unselfish disposition; a forbearing and unenvying spirit. It develops an integrity which neither thinks about nor finds pleasure in things which are wrong but only finds its delight in the things of truth and is prepared to endure anything in order to maintain them. Unless this *more excellent* way is known and lived the value of all our spectacular demonstrations and supernatural manifestations will quickly disappear like the setting of the golden sun beneath the western horizon and only the chill air of the dim night of disappointment and frustration will remain.

(3) BRIDLED BY BALANCED, BIBLICAL BRIEFING

The Word of God—which is our only sure court of appeal—has laid down the regulations, controls, restrictions and operations relating to the gifts and these must be adhered to resolutely or else the value quickly diminishes. Oft-times this clear briefing has not been plainly taught and more often it has not been graciously enforced. The result has been a depreciation in the value of these sacred phenomena and a consequent casual, and sometimes critical, attitude has developed in many lives towards them. Everything must conform to the pattern of Divine truth.

Unless these conditions are fulfilled the value of the cherished operations will be nullified. Failure of correct function has been largely responsible for the absence of many of these gifts today because some have mistakenly felt that the only safeguard against irregularities and excesses has been complete renunciation and prohibition. In other words they have done away with the valuable and serviceable ox in order to keep the crib clean (Proverbs 14:4). Let us rather take the trouble to keep the stable in order that we may enjoy the increase and retain the service of the Divine Paraclete.

Finally, let us assess some of the indispensable values which will be found in evidence within a truly Pentecostal church where the supernatural gifts of the Spirit are rightly regulated, obediently operated and accompanied by consistent and consecrated conduct.

It will be a church where each individual member will be built up and established (1 Corinthians 14:4a); everything in the church will be directed towards the building of a well grounded and established body (1 Corinthians 14:12) which through the gifts will be enlightened, inspired and consoled in a way far in excess of the highest human endeavours (1 Corinthians 14:3). This will be a church which knows the "more excellent way" of life, a people in whom will be found not just Christian characteristics but real Christian character of the noblest order (1 Corinthians 12:25 to 14:1). Its members will have a practical care and consideration for one another and among them there will be no trace of schism or division (1 Corinthians 12:25). Peace and not confusion will prevail in their midst (1 Corinthians 14:33) and everything will be regulated in a decent and orderly fashion (1 Corinthians 14:40). The individuals of such an ekklesia will each be a powerful witness (Acts 1:8), possessed of a deep filial affection for the Lord, fearing lest they should hurt or grieve Him, and the demonstration of God's power will be the normal function of their community (Acts 2:43). They will be found to be a people in whom God's grace abounds (Acts 4:33), who will be held in favour and respect by all and to whose company will come a daily increase as souls are saved (Acts 2:47).

We can only justify our existence as a Pentecostal church by seeking to produce such assemblies as this because that is both the purpose and the value behind the glorious gifts of Pentecost. Churches may carry the name of "Pentecost," but are they really anything like *true Pentecostal churches*? It is no use having a name that one lives unless one is living up to that name. The standard set may appear to be of the highest, but life proves that we invariably fall well short of our highest standards and consequently the lower the standard the lower the achievement. Let us always, therefore, fix the standard at the very highest level, never forgetting that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself really set the true standard when He said: "Be ye *perfect*, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

May our Pentecostal movement aim high, and aim in the right direction.

CHURCH NEWS FLASH

Clacton-on-Sea

Since coming to Clacton two years ago Pastor and Mrs. Burton-Haynes have endeared themselves to their numerous friends. Sunday, July 7th, was their second anniversary at our church and, unknown to them, the members of the church had subscribed towards a gift in appreciation of their ministry. The secret was wonderfully kept.

After the church secretary had read the announcements, he requested Pastor and Mrs. Burton-Haynes to come to the lower platform and then gave a few words of appreciation. The two oldest members of the church were called upon to present the gifts. What a joy it was to see the surprised look upon their faces when Mrs. Haynes accepted her gifts of a leather writing case and a heat-resisting tray and pastor received his gift of a lovely leather brief-case and a cheque for the remainder of the contributions. Pastor and Mrs. Burton-Haynes gave thanks to all who had made everything such a surprise, and above all to God, who had guided them through their years of ministry.

Petersfield

Members of one of Petersfield's smallest church congregations happily braved Saturday's rain and drizzle to attend an event which provided them all with a sense of pride and achievement. They were the people of Petersfield Elim Church, which, after thirty years in rented premises, now has its own home in Hylton Road.

Though the congregation is made up of only a few families, there is a tremendous spirit of fellowship between them, and their efforts certainly equal those of people who attend the larger and better-known churches.

Their new church, a former school, has been bought freehold at a cost of £1,750, and the congregation will, without any help from outside, repay the bank loan over the next few years. They have converted the building for use as a church and meeting place themselves, and on Saturday came the day they have all been working for and waiting for.

It was appropriate to the occasion that one of the leading members of the Elim Church, Rev. J. J. Morgan, field superintendent for all churches in

the British Isles, should be present to perform the opening ceremony. Mr. David Giles, the church treasurer, handed Mr. Morgan a white-ribboned key with which he unlocked the door and led the congregation inside.

During the service the church secretary, Mr. L. Lancaster, gave a short account of events leading up to the purchase and conversion of the building, and he praised the help given by Rev. A. A. Biddle, district superintendent of the Portsmouth presbytery. Mr. Biddle conducted the service. It was announced that a donation of £20 had been given towards the cost of the conversion work in memory of Pastor T. Waddington, who was minister of the Petersfield Elim Church for a number of years.

The new building provides a large meeting room, with accommodation for sixty to seventy people, and a Sunday school room, kitchen and store.

Hampshire Telegraph.

Southampton

The enclosed photograph shows some of the candidates at a recent baptismal service. A large congregation saw a total of six women, one man and two girls pass through the waters. The man and one of the women came out during the service in response to Pastor Brooks's appeal. The following weekend was richly blessed by the ministry of Pastor Mervyn Thomas, and his missionary film showing was well attended on the Saturday night, many of the congregation having remained behind after the wedding of two of our Crusaders, now Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilroy. God is blessing us in Southampton.



Some of the candidates recently baptised at Southampton.

Elim advances in Cheltenham

"ELIM ADVANCES" was the theme of the opening of the new Elim church at 117 St. George's Road, Cheltenham, on Saturday, June 15th. It was with joyful lips and praise-filled hearts that members and friends gathered together to attend the opening ceremony, which was performed by the Field Superintendent, Rev. J. J. Morgan. His ministry also at the weekend services proved a blessing to the hearts of those present.

The opening of this larger hall is merely a stepping stone to yet an even larger place, for in answer to diligent prayer, real hard labour and sacrifice on behalf of Pastor A. D. Sandford and Elim members, God has given them not only a larger hall to go on with, but has made it possible for them to build a new permanent church on the land adjacent to the new meeting hall. "He is faithful that promised. Hath He said, and shall He not make it good?"

Elim advances indeed, but with it also advances the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is given *all* the honour and *all* the glory.

EVELYN M. CASLAW.



The new church at Cheltenham.

*"Wisdom is knowing what to do next ;
skill is knowing how to do it ; and virtue is
doing it."*



Opening ceremony at Cheltenham's new church.

FROM MY DIARY (continued)

Mr. Kennedy is at heart just about as pro-British as he is Pro-testant.

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I WAS INTERESTED in the B.B.C. programme reporting the Pentecostal outpouring among Episcopalians in the U.S.A., but was disappointed with the findings of the Church Commission, as quoted on the radio. One now expects something more in criticism than the parrot cry, "Paul said: 'I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.'" It is intellectual dishonesty to quote only part of this verse, and ignore that Paul also said: "I thank my God, I speak in tongues more than ye all"; "I would that ye all spake with tongues"; "Forbid not to speak with tongues."

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AS QUIET as a vicar's garden party—at least one recent similar affair was different. The Anglican Church garden fête prize of bottles of whisky, gin and beer was won by a sixteen-year-old boy, who with his companions soon swallowed the contents and showed the effects as they wrecked the fête. Perhaps some of the officials thought this outrageous ingratitude, and would say: "Neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." It would be a truer image to remember the occasions when even Jesus upset the temple scene in His anger at the happenings there in the name of religion.



Conducted by the National
Youth Director

Our Youth Director speaks out

4. COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

"HERE comes the bride," cried a group of Scottish children outside the old parish church as the gleaming taxi slowly drew over to the crowded church door. Again the children hailed the smiling bride with their shout, "Here comes the bride." A small four-year-old who was lifted into his mother's arms so that he could see everything piped out in response to this traditional welcome: "Mummy, where is she going?" Everyone smiled at the tiny voice asking such an unusual question. The bride's father, however, did not smile, he was not at all happy about the situation or about his daughter's future. The question from the child rang on in his mind—"Where is she going?"

You see, young people, there are some decisions in life we must make with prayer, sober sense, and a practical outlook on what the outcome will be. It is all very exciting to meet a nice girl friend or boy friend and have an evening together. However, when it comes to making up our minds as to whether one should link up with someone as one's life partner, much more than an attractive appearance needs to be taken into consideration. Alas, many young people do not give enough intelligent thought to this and the result is that their spiritual life, and indeed their whole life, is often ruined. There are so many factors which enter into this vital matter, and so far-reaching are the implications, that we need to be most careful, prayerful and practical.

He or she is a wise young Christian who refuses to bury his or her head in the sand of glamour. How careful we must be never to let our emotions swamp our better judgment! The Bible does make one point very plain: A Christian should not marry an unbeliever. An unequal yoke is condemned in the Word of God. However, let me go further and quote the advice of an eminent Baptist minister who said: "It is easier to pull someone down than to lift someone up." He went on to add, "Try to find someone who is more spiritual, and more keen for God than you are yourself." Never allow yourself to be swept off your feet or you might land on your back! The wise young Christian will do some clear thinking and intelligent praying before a friendship of this nature

is allowed to go very far.

Again, I firmly believe every Christian should seek to be honourable in these matters. It is not right to go on with a friendship which stirs the thoughts and emotions of someone else if in actual fact we have no serious intentions of commencing an honourable courtship. Many a Crusader has left the church because of such dishonourable treatment. This can bring disrepute to the name of the Lord.

Lastly, I appeal to those who are contemplating this very important step in life to remember that marriage vows are not just a part of the glamour of a wedding day. Your vows are sacred and they are binding till death you do part. Marriage is a very lasting step. A person's attractive appearance is far from enough to satisfy anyone who intelligently weighs up all the practical day-to-day issues which lie beyond the taking of such vows.

Forgive me if you think I have been too serious and have not introduced a few jokes, etc. I have recently seen shipwreck in two unfortunate cases, and bitter, bitter tears following a courtship full of glamour. In each case it was Elim Crusaders who were involved. It is easier to leap over the fence of advice at the top of a cliff than to limp into an ambulance at the bottom.



A happy group of Sheffield Crusaders.



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by L. C. Quest
(Minister of Elim Church, Erdington)

Monday, August 12th. 2 Kings 22 : 1-20.

"This book that is found."

That jewel of inestimable value! God found in the eight-year-old king Josiah a boy who first sought after Him, did right in the sight of God, and repaired the house of God. Then came the discovery—the richest jewel in the king's crown—the book of the law. Was this book mislaid or neglected, or maliciously concealed? The providence of God brought it to light again as in the Reformation. Care for God's house and care for God's Word go hand in hand, bringing about a spiritual revival. This is the kind of revival we need in this twentieth century.

Tuesday, August 13th. 2 Kings 23 : 1-14.

"To perform the words . . . written in this book."

Hearers and doers! What if heads of Commonwealth and Government today would take up a likewise position and "stand by the pillar" of the Holy Scriptures, and call for an assembly of the states? Celebrations with trumpets, royal regalia, illuminations and fireworks will not humiliate and save a nation, nor will fine speeches. King Josiah could have done all this, but his concern—and may it be ours—was to hear and understand the word of the law. What a reformation followed (vv. 4-14)! Let us pray for our rulers that they may "stand by the pillar" and perform the words of this Book with heart and soul.

Wednesday, August 14th. 2 Kings 23 : 15-30.

"Turned to the Lord with all his heart."

Zeal for God's house and God's law was extensive and costly, as restoration or reformation in whatever form should be. David said: "Neither will I offer . . . of that which cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24 : 24). While false altars and idols had to go, and this was painful and revolutionary, sacred things and the memory of them were preserved (vv. 16-18). You and I may be called old-fashioned, but the tragedy of today is that so many undervalue the sanctities of life. When a man's heart is right with God he reveres all that is true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report (Philippians 4 : 7-9). This is revival!

Thursday, August 15th. 2 Kings 24 : 1-16.

"And he carried away . . ."

The reformation and restoration did not last long. Judah's sins were lewd and filthy. The punishment of the sins of Manasseh and the people was not visited upon the third and fourth generation. Everything was tottering because the foundations had been undermined by iniquity. Neither Jehoichin nor Jehoikim, sons of the godly king Josiah, feared God as their father did. This is heart-breaking for all Christian parents. Not even the faithful ministry of Jeremiah could save them. Discipline and punishment in the form of captivity was temporary. God's infinite mercy is revealed in restoration (Ezra and Nehemiah). Who is a pardoning God like Thee?

Friday, August 16th. 2 Kings 24 : 17-20 ; 25 : 1-12.

"The city was broken up."

Jerusalem with its high and strong walls was besieged for many months and famine prevailed. The city was doomed!

All the determination in the world could not keep away the judgment of God. Breaches were made! As we come to the conclusion of this book, with its many lessons, we do well to examine the city of our hearts and homes, and the fortifications of our lives and fellowship in church life. Once the world and the Devil get a foothold a breach is made, and then Mansoul is invaded and the city broken up. Let us "walk in the light as He is in the light" (1 John 1 : 7).

Saturday, August 17th. 2 Kings 25 : 13-30.

"And the pillars of brass that were in the house."

The two famous columns of brass, Jachin and Boaz (2 Chronicles 3 : 17), which signified the strength and stability of the house of God, were broken and carried to Babylon. This has its spiritual significance. Israel's sins were abominable in themselves, and they were doubly guilty because they possessed the law of God. God's mercy was unbounded, His compassion great, but there was no remedy for this mortal disease. They are cheered by the promise of a coming kingdom, when they shall be gathered home under the rule and reign of the King of kings and Lord of lords—then eternal strength and stability!

Sunday, August 18th. Luke 3 : 1-14.

"The voice of one."

A strange figure and a new preacher! This man, emerging from the university of the desert, John the Baptist, of fervent zeal, violent speech and stern demands, stands out trumpeting a new message, "Repent and be baptised." This forerunner and herald of Jesus Christ cared not for miserable publicans or tax-collectors and rough soldiers. He was the King's herald! "What shall we do?" is answered by an exhortation to have a change of mind, heart and attitude towards God. The King of kings is coming again! What shall we do? Trumpet the message again: "Repent and be baptised!"

PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

Conducted by F. H. Coleman

The other day I saw a motto: "Prayer prepares the heart for action." This is good advice. To seek God before we act is a wise thing to do. Many of the kings of Israel sought the Lord before they went into action against the forces which were against them or sought wisdom for their plan of attack. To acknowledge God in all things enables us to have His guidance. No one sought Him in vain.

But the motto said that prayers prepare the heart for action. To see a need and have the means to supply it and not do so is grossly selfish.

The priest and the Levite passed by on the other side, but the Samaritan had a heart of compassion and acted. Faith without works is dead. Those who pray when they see the need of men and women without Christ and do nothing about it will find the ungodly rise up against them in the day of judgment. The heart must be prepared to act, and act at once, or it may be too late. Prayer will prepare the heart for such action. Some time ago a woman of prayer awakened during the night and felt that a neighbour was in need. She thought she would call and see her during the coming day, but the urge to get up at once and go to the house was so imperative that she did so. She was just in time, for the neighbour was about to commit suicide. The heart had been prepared by prayer.

Prayer is requested for

Revival throughout Britain.

A woman with a serious stomach condition.

A man seriously ill with cancer.

Thought for the week

"Faith without works is dead."

COMING EVENTS

ALDERSHOT. August 24—September 1. Elim Church, The Grove. Special meetings conducted by Joseph Smith. Nightly except Friday.

BARRY. Elim Church, Upper Pyke Street. Minister: G. J. Jones. Visitors welcome. Sundays 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 7 p.m.

BECONTREE. August 17-19. Elim Pentecostal Church, Green Lane. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: W. Brinkman (late of Congo). Items from local churches. Saturday 3 and 6.30 p.m. Sunday 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday 7.30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM. August 10—September 1. Town Hall, Birmingham. Elim's great All-Birmingham Crusade. Crusade leader: Alexander Tee, with Mrs. Mair Jones and J. Mitchell (Scotland). Prayer for the sick each week-night. Sundays 8 p.m. Weeknights (except Fridays) 7.30 p.m.

BOGNOR. Elim Church, Waterloo Square. Minister: Neville West. Sundays 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

BOURNEMOUTH. Commencing September 1. The Town Hall, St. Stephen's Road entrance. Bournemouth Crusade, conducted by Ron Jones and team, including Neville West, Alan Caple, Mair Jones Perkins and David Woodfield. Nightly (except Saturday, 14th) 7.30 p.m. Sundays 8.15 p.m.

BRIGHTON. August 25. Elim Church, The Lanes. Visit of D. B. Gray and London Crusader Choir. Gospel Music Festival 3 p.m. Gospel Service 6.30 p.m.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE. The following Elim churches in the area extend a welcome to their Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Brighton: Elim Church, The Lanes. Preston Park: Elim Church, Balfour Road. Hove: Elim Church, Portland Road.

EASTBOURNE. August 11. Elim Church, Hartfield Road. Visit of London Crusader Choir. Please note the church is three minutes from railway station. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

JERSEY. A very warm welcome is extended to all holidaymakers and visitors to Jersey to visit the Elim Church, Glenham Hall, New St. James's Place, St. Helier. Sundays 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 7.30 p.m. Minister: J. S. Matts.

NORWICH. November 2 (provisional date). Opening of new church. Everyone warmly invited. Tea provided. 3.30 and 6.30 p.m.

WHITEHAVEN. Visitors to the Lake District will be welcome at the Elim Church, George Street. Minister: W. J. Allen. Sunday 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 7.30 p.m.

THE LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR (Conductor: Douglas B. Gray)

August 11, Eastbourne (Elim Church and Town Hall); 18, Holloway prison; 25, Brighton (Elim Church); September 7, 8, Derby; 15, Edware; 22, Maidstone prison and A.O.G.; October 6, 7, Birmingham; 12, Kingsway Hall, London; 13, Wormwood Scrubs prison; 18, Letchworth; 20, Broadmoor Hospital and Slough; 26, Odham; 27, Slough.

ITINERARIES

Miss S. Beardwell, on furlough from India, will visit the following churches: Guernsey church, August 24-30; Jersey, August 31—September 1.

Miss M. Gwynne, on furlough from Southern Rhodesia, will visit the following churches: September 3, Bangor; 4, Newtownards; 5, Ballysillan; 6, Megaberry; 7, Belfast, Pentecostal Fellowship; 8, 7 p.m., Alexandra Park Avenue; 9, Lisburn; 10, Melbourne Street; 11, Brookeborough; 12, Armagh; 14, Apsley Street; 15, 7 p.m., Beersbridge Road; 17, Ulster Temple; 18, Randalstown; 19, Ballymena; 20, 21, Portrush House Party Convention; 22, a.m. Ballymoney, p.m. Coleraine; 24, Newcastle, Co. Down; 25, Portadown; 26, Lurgan.

Spotlight on Evangelism

By P. S. BREWSTER

SIGNS AND WONDERS

THE PRAYER of the early Church was that God would answer with signs and wonders. Undoubtedly, Wales and district has received a visitation from God during the past weeks. Rev. Oral Roberts, from Tulsa, America, came for the first time to Wales for three days of special crusade and healing ministry. Prior to this two wonderful days were spent at a ministers' conference when almost 400 ministers, mainly from the Assemblies of God, the Elim Church and the Apostolic Church, gathered to hear what Mr. Roberts had to say. The burden of his ministry was the Pentecostal testimony, and the fact that Christians who intended to be real and whole-hearted must be prepared to suffer. The title of his address was "Scarred Saints."

The venue for the public services was a rugby football stadium, with most of the accommodation unseated and uncovered. On the first night approximately 6,000 people gathered. On the second night, Friday, 5,000 people gathered and on the final night, Saturday, it is estimated that at least 12,000 gathered to hear the evangelist. It was an imposing sight to behold. In the pouring rain, with the ground muddy and sodden underfoot, these thousands of people sat for over two hours to hear the ministry of salvation and Divine healing. It was an unforgettable sight to watch during these nights, in spite of the pouring rain and the extremely cold atmosphere, almost 700 people flock to the front and into the converts' tent to surrender their hearts to Jesus Christ. This is but a further proof that the conviction of the Holy Spirit becomes operative under all conditions and in all surroundings. The background could not have been more unfavourable.

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DIXON—LONG. On July 20th, in the Elim Church, Kingstanding, Neil Dixon to Gwendolyn Maureen Long. Officiating minister: R. J. Morrison. C.632

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SPOTLIGHT ON EVANGELISM (continued)

Several men and women were supernaturally healed in answer to prayer. A Mrs. Tyrell, from Cardiff, had worn a spinal and neck support for over two years, but after prayer and the laying on of hands she discarded this support, and has not worn it since. She claims she has been completely healed. A few days later in the Cardiff campaign, held in the City Temple, this same woman was baptised in the Holy Ghost.

During the City Temple crusade thirty men and women accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and twenty-three men and women were baptised in the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues. Over all Wales the news is coming in of triumph, victory and deliverance in the name of Jesus Christ. A true estimation of the value of these summer campaigns held in all the Elim churches throughout Wales will never be fully known. Only eternity will reveal it. This series of campaigns has shown us afresh that under the veneer of indifference and casual inattention there is a deep hunger for God in the hearts of the British people. Now is the hour to reach out after the lost. The wonderful unity of the ministers of the three denominations as they made plans for the crusade was indeed wonderful to behold.