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BEAUTY AROUND THE BORDERS A shady lane leading off a busy thoroughfare

[The Brighton and Hove Herald.

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

Pentecostal Days at Clacton-on-Sea





Great Pentecostal blessing was experienced at Clacton Elim Full Gospel Church's Whit-Monday Convention. Visiting speakers were Pastor J. J. Way of Leyton and Pastor and Mrs. Skinn (A.o.G.) of Chadwell Heath, and the convener was Pastor F. F. Frost. The church was nearly full for the afternoon meeting and was packed to capacity in the evening with standing room only. Refreshments were served to 150 between meetings.

In the afternoon Pastor Way spoke on "The Altar of Sacrifice", and Mrs. Skinn on "Personal Evangelism", and Pastor and Mrs. Skinn sang a duet, accompanying themselves on an auto-harp. During the meetings the Braintree Crusader Choir sang several pieces and gave testimonies.

In the evening Pastor Skinn spoke on "The Pentecostal Church", and Pastor Way on "Monday Christianity."

The meetings were continued nightly throughout the week and at a tarrying meeting on the Wednesday three sisters were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit, praising God in other tongues.

Gift of £779 at Leyton

A period of almost unexampled blessing has delighted hearts at Leyton during the last few months. At the annual Fellowship Service each Church officer reported blessing upon each section, particularly in the Sunday School. The Treasurer was also able to tell the Church of God's goodness in financial matters.

Pastors E. F. Cole and W. J. Maybin ministered with unction during the Easter Convention. It was about this time that Pastor J. J. Way was able to announce the receipt of a special gift of £779 towards the Building Fund for the extension of the church, completed a few months ago. This gift came from a source and with such timing that only God could have arranged it—certainly no one could have foreseen this when the Church launched out in faith to extend, some two years or so earlier.

On two evenings recently, new members have been given the right hand of fellowship on joining the Church. On the first occasion, seven, including six young people from the Bible Class, and on the second occasion, six were accepted into fellowship. One had recently been wonderfully healed.

Six members of the Church followed their Lord through the waters at a recent baptismal service—a number of these were only saved recently. Five decisions were made at this service, and at least one of these asked to be baptised at the next baptismal service.

At the 25th Anniversary of the Sunday School, the National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. H. Davies, was the special Sunday speaker. His messages appealed to both young and old, and one decision was recorded in the evening. Mr. R. Watson, a deacon, one of the seven original members of the Sunday School, testified during the service. On the Monday evening, Mrs. Way presented prizes won by the scholars during the year. Mr. Tippen, Superintendent, told the Church that, of a total Sunday School and Primary strength of 120, ninety-nine prizes had been won. This indicates a very high rate of attendance. Pastor Way read a telegram received that day from the Private Secretary to The Queen, in acknowledgment of a telegram of loyal greetings sent by the School to Her Majesty on her return from her tour.

A fine missionary address with slides, by Miss Simms, from the Transvaal; many wonderful healings in answer to prayer (as reported in the "Evangel" recently); young people being saved at Harringay Arena as a result of strenuous and faithful efforts of Crusaders; the continued growth of the Sunday School, giving fresh cause for concern for the housing of the School, despite the extension; all could be enlarged upon.

Gospel on Tape Recorder

Halifax Elim Church packed the building with a tape recording of one of Dr. Billy Graham's Harringay meetings.

An hour before the commencement there was a queue outside the church.

Pastor John Gardiner started the service with community singing, and after Dr. Graham's sermon on "Excuses", gave out thirty-three decision booklets to those who had responded to the call of Christ.

On the following Sunday and at a recent baptismal service the number of strangers were noticeable.

We are praying and hoping that our Church will be enlarged by this effort, and are glad that our Pastor managed to get this tape recording so quickly, by being the first on the list, writes Miss Doris Haigh.

After Billy Graham

An interesting sequel to the St. Helens' Billy Graham relays is that a meeting of ministers was called by the Vicar of St. Helens (Canon R. G. B. Bailey), and evangelistic work in the town was discussed at length.

Following a suggestion by the Elim pastor, a weekly ministerial prayer meeting for revival was agreed upon. Every Tuesday lunch-time ministers of every evangelical church in the town meet at the Y.M.C.A. chapel for prayer and fellowship. To hear men of different denominations praying for other churches is truly a wonderful experience. A unanimous vote placed Elim among the evangelical churches of the town, and Pastor K. Smith upon a representative committee which was formed. The harmony and fellowship among the evangelical ministers augurs well for the future of evangelism in the town.

A copy of the Elim brochure "Power Age" has been given to every minister attending the fraternal, and much of the hostility due to lack of knowledge has been dispelled through the distribution of these magazines. They are still a fine investment!

An Evangelisation Society tent campaign to be sponsored by the Elim Church at St. Helens during August and September, is made a constant topic of prayer at the weekly gathering among the ministers, and much co-operation has been promised by local Churches. The committee are hopeful that if Dr. Billy Graham comes to the North of England on his next visit, a rally can be arranged in the local football arena, holding many thousands.

Christian Co-operation

Under the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. F. G. Evans, God has been greatly blessing the Church at Yardley (Birmingham). In spite of difficulties a steady progress continues in all departments. The Sunday School has now reached about 180 scholars, and the Crusader branch has doubled its numbers in the last six months.

The Church has joined with others in the district to hold a series of open-air meetings, Church of England, Methodists, Baptists and Elim all rallying round the banner of the Cross. The members are looking forward to a tent campaign in July.

First Whit Convention

At Aberystwyth's first Whitsun Convention Pastor George Backhouse, from Lowestoft, ministered at five grand meetings. To the final one came a full coachload from Newtown A.o.G.

It was a great blessing. After the meeting, over a cup of tea and refreshments, Pastor Backhouse and Pastor B. A. Wicks mingled with the sisters and brethren in happy

Christian fellowship. Greatest of all, two sisters signified their desire to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Pastor Backhouse taught two new hymns, the favourite being "Rejoice, be glad in the Lord and rejoice." The fervour with which it was sung will long be remembered.

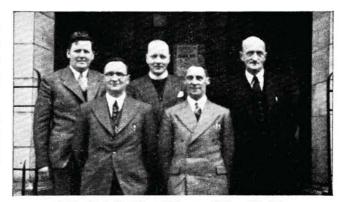
Recently the Aberystwyth Church has had visits from the English Baptist minister, the Rev. Matthew Francis, and the Rev. H. Davies of the Welsh Methodist Chapel. The Sisterhood continues to have very happy meetings. From time to time Christian friends and students have given their testimony. The Crusaders also are increasing in numbers.

Mountain Ash Progress

At the Annual Fellowship Meeting at Noddfa Elim Church, Mountain Ash, more than a hundred were present at the tea which preceded the meeting, at which Pastor W. J. Maybin presided. Mr. Horace Nelson (Treasurer) reported that financial affairs were progressing favourably and Mr. Trevor Nelson (Sunday School Superintendent) remarked that the Sunday School was steadily growing in numbers. Mrs. Lewis (Sisterhood Secretary) gave an inspiring report on Sisterhood events. The numbers maintain a very high standard.

Mr. Gilbert (Church Secretary) said, that God had wonderfully blessed Noddfa during the year. Several members had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; some also were made members. It was Pastor Maybin's first fellowship meeting there, and Mr. Gilbert thanked him for the wonderful way he had worked with his session during the short while he had been at Mountain Ash. Pastor Maybin, in response, thanked everyone for the team-spirit he had experienced.

On Sunday, May 30th, a large congregation gathered for the Gospel service, during which five new members, two of them teen-agers from the Sunday School, were given the right hand of fellowship.



Pastor W. J. Maybin and Deacons of Mountain Ash.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet of the E.F.G.A. for the year to 31st October, 1953, are now available and obtainable, price 6d. (by post 8d.), from the Accountant, 20, Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

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EDITORIAL

The Pen or the Sword

The situation in Indo-China is moving rapidly to a climax. Already there is panic in Paris, and talk of an Indo-China Dunkirk for the French forces. So while the representatives meet in discussion to try to hammer out the details of a cease fire, the French Forces pull back to a smaller but more defensive perimeter of the Red River Delta at Hanoi.

First in Korea, then in Indo-China. Where will be the next phase of this hot war? Churchill and Eisenhower have met and confirmed their determination to keep together whatever may arise. Undoubtedly the close co-operation of Britain and America is the greatest incentive to peace—the greatest deterrent to war—in the world today.

It has been said that "the pen is mightier than the sword," and events in the world have proved that however fierce may be the clash of armics, eventually the combatants must come down to the Conference table and discuss terms of settlement. Not until the signatures have been appended to the agreements made, can there be any semblance of peace.

Sooner or later the mad lust for power must be replaced by the conscious co-operation of the combatants. Over the very ground on which men have bitterly fought each other, their successors will walk to hold out hands of peace.

The same thing happens in the spiritual world. Rival factions quarrel and separate, churches and organisations divide over points of difference, doctrinal or otherwise, and then later those same folk come together when the dust has died down.

War, whether it be the bloody battles of clashing armies or the wordy warfare of ideologists, is the craziest concept of our crumbling civilisations. It is the greatest evidence of a world astray from the Prince of Peace: the surest sign of the tyrannical triumph over the human mind of the arch-fiend himself. War is the calamitous climax of men's

madness, and not till atom bombs, H-bombs, and cobalt bombs are, like men's sins, buried in the depths of the deepest sea can there be any hopes for a change in the outlook.

Every problem of men's civilisation can be settled if they will only come together to talk things over. God shows us the way when in reference to salvation He says: "Come, let us reason together."

So, to those who strive nobly by sacrificial efforts to bring together nations and parties and peoples in an endeavour to put an end to strife, we say: God speed your efforts. It was Jesus Himself who said: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God,"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is requested for the opening of the new Elim Church at E. Finchley, on July 24th, and for the Special Services that follow, especially for the many children that live around the church.

-Pastor G. Whiting.

CONFESSION

How weak, how low, how false, am 1. How vile this flesh of mine. None but the loving hand of Christ, Can make my coarseness fine.

This heart, how dark, how burdened down With sin, by word and deed.

None but the pierced hand of Christ,
Can make me feel my need.

These hands, how useless now, and stained By sin and selfish tash. None but the gracious hand of Christ, Can make them what I ask.

These feet, Lard, oft have trodden paths
Where Thou wast once denied.
None but the bleeding hand of Christ,
Can make them crucified.

Take this poor hody, Lord, and mould It with those blessed hands. Make of it now, a temple, pure, Filled, waiting Thy commands.

-La von Doherty.

MISSIONARY FINANCES Following is the statement for the month of May: 1953/54 Estimated Expenditure Received £ November to April ... 7,200 ... 6,074 May ... 1,200 ... 1,290 Total 8,400 ... 7,364 Deficit to date £1,036.



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

A Page of News conducted by Pastor G. H. Thomas (Missionary Secretary)

. PRAY YE . . . GIVE YE . . . GO YE . . .

Preaching and Healing

Miss C. B. Partridge

(Belgian Congo).

It is just two years since I set foot on Congo soil and arrived her at Kikondja. Much has happened since then and there have been many ups and downs, but the Lord has been faithful and merciful in His dealings and we have much cause to thank Him. He has been especially precious lately and has shown His smile of blessing. The week-end before last I went for a two-days' visit to a nearby village, sleeping there for the two nights. It was not very far to travel, but the way led along a very bad winding bush path between tall grass more than six feet high. In places the path was covered with rough stones, while in other parts it led through deep sand that made it almost impossible to push the bicycle through. It was rather tough going through the afternoon sun, however, at the journey's end my native girl companion and I arrived at the village of Katondo-Tondo, and what a welcome we received! The Christian teacher was most kind and helpful and made the church comfortable for my stay, and brought me goat's milk, a chicken and sweet potatoes. I felt more like a princess than a missionary.

That first evening we had a meeting around the camp fire and I had much liberty in speaking on the theme, "The precious Name of Jesus." Thank God for that Name which has the same power in every language. Of course, the mosquitoes were a nuisance, and the smoke from the fire kept bringing tears to my eyes, but it was a fine experience to sit around the fire and speak to the natives and preach the Word of God.

On the Sunday morning I spoke on the Precious Blood of Jesus and was thrilled to see three boys of about thirteen to fifteen years signify their desire to believe in Christ. In the afternoon I held a children's meeting and a girl of about twelve years made a simple confession of faith in Christ. It was lovely to hear her say after me as we prayed, "Yesu i Mfumwami" (Jesus is my Lord.) We also held a baptismal service in the afternoon when an old blind lady was baptised, as she was not able to get to the main baptismal service at Kikondja. By this time it was nearly sun-down and drizzling with rain. The teacher advised us to stay till next morning as the night before he had heard a lion's roar in the distance and he was afraid we might meet it on our way home. As we travelled back the next morning we were shown the marks where the lion had passed during the night. We also passed by a stone erected to the memory of a white man

who was killed by an elephant some years ago. There are still elephants roaming about even in these days.

It was about 10 a m. when we arrived at the hospital; the sun was already very hot and I found a big crowd waiting for me, so I had to begin my morning's work rather late. Sometimes I have as many as 300 to 350 patients at this dispensary. Many come for injections for syphilis and bilhazia, and a few are cases of leprosy and T.B. There are many cases of 'flu, pneumonia, nasty tropical sores and abscesses and ulcers to be treated, and I am thankful for my native helpers—three boys and a girl. We hold Gospel meetings regularly for these crowds who come to the hospital. So many seem to be interested only in getting help for their bodies and don't realise that their souls are also sick.

It is a bit of an effort after working all the week at the hospital, but what matters if the road is rough and stony and mosquitoes bite at night, and a lion roars in the distance and the heat is trying, if souls are saved and the Lord's Name is glorified! "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus."

INDIA

Hindus and Mohammedans Gather to Hear the Gospel Miss C. Paint (Bihar).

God has been blessing in the Bengali School. We now have a new, trained Christian teacher to help Miss Biswas, and she is a real answer to prayer. Several of the children come to the Sunday School, and we have seen many of the parents during this last week at the special healing meetings that have been held here by an Indian Christian Sadhu. It was a thrill to see the well educated sitting on the floor with the low-caste village folk and trying to sing with us the praises of Jesus-the Name above every name. We believe that many have not only received a touch in their bodies, but in their souls as well. We praise God for what was accomplished during the few days that the Sadhu was with us, and in God's time we hope he will be able to visit us again. His coming was an answer to prayer and a venture of faith. Only God knows exactly what was accomplished, but our hearts were full of praise as we saw the few Christians rallying around him and helping in the singing in a way we have never heard them sing before. It was encouraging to see Hindus and Mohammedans gathering night after night under the sound of the Gospel. God is faithful and He will surely answer all the prayers that have ascended to His throne for this place.

CRIME of the CENTURY

By FRED JARVIS



Pastor Ken McGillivra

This article has been sent us by Ken McGillivray, Elim missionary at present working in Formosa. The writer is the Foreign Correspondent of the American magazine "Christian Life" and is well known to Mr. McGillivray. The article is reprinted from this paper, and is forth-right, blunt, and heart searching. Although written primarily for Americans, its message reaches to the hearts of God's people in these Islands also. For easy comparative values prices \$3 to £1.—Ed.

It's THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY. Plainly spoken, it is the murder by neglect of the world's millions; but it is not the murder of lives—much worse—it's the murder of men's souls.

As foreign correspondent for Christian Life Magazine, I have written articles from the mission field from the point of reader-interest. In this article I write not as a correspondent to inform your mind, but as a missionary to challenge your heart. I write not in terms of facts, but force.

We missionaries find it hard to understand how people at home can sit like Jonahs in their litle booths, carefree, contented and comfortable while millions of earth's modern Ninevehs without Christ sink into an endless, hopeless, Christless eternity, they are sinking into a lost eternity, not because they couldn't be saved, wouldn't be saved, or shouldn't be saved; but because we don't care—or if we do care, we don't care much.

How often we missionaries out on the battle-lines of the world, giving sweat and tears, fasting, sacrificing, praying, weep over the callous indifference of unmoved, unstirred, unsurrendered, unconcerned, unresponsive souls in soft, stable America.

It's the crime of the century and it's caused by your guilt, your neglect and your failure.

To put it into Billy Graham's words, "To date we have failed. After fifty generations, only thirty-five per cent of the people on the earth have heard the Gospel presented. Many of us have aimed the wrong way.

"I know of one church which spent more than 500,000 dollars in a building programme in four years. During the same time it spent only 15,000 dollars for foreign missions. Look at the thousand tribes with no missionary and 1,700 languages with not a single word of Scripture. See the millions upon millions dying without Christ. And around the world those people are crying to us, 'Hurry, hurry, we are perishing without the Gospel. Come and help us.'"

Billy Graham is right; there are millions. I have seen them with my own eyes—myriads of miserable men, unloved, unsought, untold, unsaved. The crime is that this condition exists despite the 2,000-year-old command to go with the Gospel.

In the past year, according to official denominational reports, the average American church member gave forty-one dollars to his own church, but less than one-and-a-half dollars to foreign missions.

The Church today, whether we realise it or not, is guilty. We dare not excuse our abominations any longer. It is wickedness that we refuse to warn the wicked. We have been unfaithful, doing 1,000 good, but secondary, things, that God never told us to do, specialising in the trivial, majoring in the minors, feeding the fat, promoting our puny homeside programmes while the perishing world has rushed toward hell.

Far too much effort has been spent edifying the saints, instead of evangelising the sinners. World evangelisation and not self-edification is what God wants of us. We are debtors to the least, the last and the lost. Christ is necessary for all or He is not necessary at all.

Jesus depended upon men to do His work; it was to them that He gave His great commission. Yet today it is women and not men who are largely responsible for the evangelisation of the world. Do you still wonder why I am protesting? God is still seeking for men. Is it only the women that are to deny themselves?

We men pride ourselves on being the "stronger sex." Yes, we're strong in turning out by the hundreds to fill well-paying pastorates in a good climate; we're strong in defending the faith and deploring modernism; but when God calls for a man for the mission field and finds none, what else can He do but send our sisters? We stress sacrifice abroad, but at home we stress security. But if more of us were filled with the Holy Ghost, more of us would be filled with the holy "go." If more of us were abiding in Christ, fewer of us would be abiding at home.

Resist the charge if you will. Get mad if you must. It is better to have some emotion than none. You will be conscience-stricken in heaven, if you aren't soul-stricken now.

While the world is growing more heathen at the rate of millions annually, while more are being born each day than reborn, while at least half of the world's population remains unreached, while God's Book remains undelivered, while the Gospel remains bottle-necked in our country, we must tremble at the terrible truth that we are hardly attempting the task.

While we know all this in theory, we delay in actuality. We beg for time. God grant us action and unction before our delay dooms the unreached.

We have cash, but not for Christ's cause. When it comes to missions, men of means have good intentions and motives, but little money. They aren't against missions in theory, but in practice they are like the fat man who believes in doing everything he can to lose weight except cut down on the caloric intake of his diet : or like the sinner that wants to everything to get saved but give up his sins. The love of money is still the root of all

evil. "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt" (Eccl. v. 13).

When one of the world's most progressive nations at the flash of an atomic explosion was brought to a harvest, and when after eight years we still face the humiliating fact that there are thirty times more heathen babies born each year than people joining the Christian Churches, do you wonder why we protest against this crime of the century?

When our missionaries are sent out to heathen lands and are not even provided with Gospel tracts to give to readers that almost fight for them, do you wonder why we beg?

When the city of Hiroshima, which was made an atomic desert, had to wait five years to have its first evangelistic campaign, do you wonder at our concen?

When missionary-generals like Dick Hillis in Formosa, struggling under the burden of providing Bible correspondence courses for over 80,000 babes in Christ, have to leave the work on the field to arouse an indifferent church at home in order to provide materials for these neglected souls, do you wonder why we become impatient?

When his twin brother in India, carrying on a similar ministry, braves the torrid, steamy, unbearable climate



NATIVE WAR DANCERS AT NIGHT

(Courtesy South African Railways)

where children die like flies and the average person reaches his death before the age of twenty-seven; and then has to turn his attention away from getting the job done, and because of over-work and under-support returns to the homeland broken in body and burdened in spirit, do you wonder why we cry out?

When 20,000 seekers, the result of the Youth for Christ World Congress efforts in Japan, largely dependent upon the follow-up literature for their survival, will have to be dropped from the Bible Study Course unless funds are provided, do you wonder why we warn?

When war-weary Korea, oppressed and denied literature in their own language for years by Japanese domination, and then by the ravages of war, now begs and pleads for books and tracts for the use of its growing Church, but must be content with few tracts and scarcely over a dozen books, do you wonder why we care?

When hundreds of missionaries in Africa and India are without support and barest necessities for carrying on the Gospel work, some having to get jobs to support their families and children, or else go home leaving the heathento perish, do you wonder why we ache?

When some missions consistently get many times more (Continued on page 332)

Anniversary at Pontlottyn



Whit-Sunday will be remembered, especially by the children, for it was Sunday School Anniversary.

The meeting was convened by the minister, Pastor D. Keenan.

The children did exceedingly well both in singing and reciting.

The senior girls gave a dialogue entitled, "The Message of the Cross," and sent home the Gospel challenge to all hearts with the result of a newly-married couple giving themselves to Christ. There was a large gathering of parents and friends in the church.

Whit-Monday the Sunday School scholars, together with the members and friends, were taken in coaches to the seaside and the Lord blessed with a glorious day. The time to return came all too soon. It was with the satisfaction of a glorious time spent in the Lord's presence.

Heartbroken: Now Satisfied

HAVE YOU EVER been so heartbroken over the separation by thousands of miles from someone you love dearly that the things around you have lost their meaning? It was that way with me when I first found myself at a Sunday evening meeting at the Elim Church, ACCRINGTON. I am sure that God guided me there, for, during the service I was comforted. I went again on the Monday night, and on Wednesday evening I gave my heart to Christ. The following week I was baptised in water, following in the Master's footsteps, with twelve other brothers and sisters, and what a wonderful experience that was.

A fortnight after this, I was ill and could not attend the church for three weeks. I have suffered much during my married life, and have had four major operations. When I went to church, following my last illness, I heard that Pastor K. Matthew was going to hold a Divine Healing Service, and during that service, I prayed "O Lord, help me, I am weary of always being ill, of being a burden to my loved ones, please make me whole." The Lord answered my prayer, for it was as if gentle breezes from heaven blew around me, and He healed me there and then. Then I heard a gentle voice say, "When the sick are going out to be prayed for, go out to the front and bow your head in acknowledgment of your healing." This I did, and since that night I have needed no drugs to help me and life is wonderful.

When my Saviour gives, He gives in abundance, for a month after my healing He filled me with the Holy Ghost. As I stood to my feet, it was as if I could see my Lord suffering for humanity on Calvary and then, as I opened my mouth to thank God, I was filled to overflowing.

-E. HENDERSON.

CRIME OF THE CENTURY-Continued.

women than men applicants for the mission field, do you wonder why we blame?

When America which has one minister for every 514 people, and churches with billions of dollars already invested in brick and mortar, plush pews, expensive organs, lavish stained-glass windows, still is foolish enough to spend more than a million dollars a day to construct still more and fancier churches, do you wonder why we think it is not fair?

When you can turn on your radio on Sunday and find nine or ten religious programmes all competing with one another and yet realise that the unlimited opportunities on the mission field go unexploited and that some of the programmes that already exist are forced to retrench for want of funds, do you wonder why we boil?

The logic is inexorable; the guilt is clear and is piling up indictments against us. This selfish withholding of Christ from the nations is nothing less than the grossest form of cruelty and wrong. You still have time to join us in reading and weeping, praying and repenting, if you want to. But to ask for revival and blessing without repenting of this monstrous sin is an insult. There is a time when the Bible says that even our prayers are an abomination.

God give us men—brave men, heroic men, self-sacrificing men with a new sense of their solemn and neglected task, who will shove everything aside and run to the rescue.

If we can't go in person, we can prevail in prayer or provide the financial support. Let us mass millions for the millions who are without Christ by turning our dollars and diamonds to working capital for the kingdom of God. Let us lay down our treasures on earth that we may lay up treasures in heaven. Don't ask, "What can I do?" Rather determine, "This will I do!" Then do it now.

Forgive me if I protest in the name of the dying. Forgive me if I protest against this crime of the century.

We are Crusading for Christ

Elim Youth Page

We"Fight the good fight"

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

Introducing . . . EDDIE EAGER and CLAUD CLUELESS

Conversationally speaking-

Eager: Hullo, Claud, missed you from church last Sunday. Where did you get to?

Clueless: Nowhere special. Terrible weather, wasn't it?

Eager: You missed a real blessing yesterday—it was simply super at Church, especially the morning worship service.

Clueless: Can't say that I've ever been to a Sunday morning meeting.

Eager: You don't know what you're missing. It's one of the best meetings of the week.

Clueless: You surprise me. I see no difference in any of the meetings.

Eager: Don't you ever listen to the Pastor's announcements? He gives the reasons for the difference

ments? He gives the reasons for the difference...
Here Clueless interrupts: Now just a minute, Eddie.

Eager: Just as I thought. Anyway, why are announcements given? Haven't you ever thought? Don't you know why week-night meetings are arranged?

Clueless: Steady on there, Eddie. Whether it surprises you or not, it's a fact, I just don't know why there are week-night meetings. I suppose someone's got to keep the church aired, but I doubt if any of the young folk get there.

Eager: And that's just where you're wrong Claud. Actually there are more meetings these days with young folk present than there have been since the war. Things are on the move, old chap, and I reckon you're losing out.

Clueless: What do you mean? I can't see that I'm losing anything. What happens at these meetings?

Eager: Well, first of all let's begin with the only meeting you ever attend apart from the odd Crusader meeting.

Clueless: You mean the Sunday evening service?

Eager: Yes. It is really the evangelistic meeting.

Clueless: I like that meeting. I'll never forget my first —you invited me, remember?

Eager: Yes, I well remember, and it was a thrilling time for me when I saw you walk to the front of the church when the Pastor gave the Gospel appeal.

Clueless: 'Fraid it was a bit of a struggle. Didn't like to make an exhibition of myself. But do you know, once I stood up and began to walk I could only think of my Saviour's love for me, and a great longing in my heart for Him.

Eager: The Sunday evening service is just the place for us to take our unconverted friends. However, we can't just stay there—it is mainly for the unsaved as we have seen. Now from the Sunday evening meeting we should move to the Sunday morning service—the Breaking of Bread

Clueless: Do you mean that I should attend the Communion Service?

Eager: Of course you should, every Christian should.

Clueless: Don't you think it's an awkward time?

Eager: By awkward time you mean that it interferes with your Sunday morning lie-in, no doubt. Pretty lame excuse.

Clueless: But isn't the Sunday morning Communion service for advanced Christians only?

Eager: I'll answer that by asking you this: Do you find it difficult to say "Thank you" for what you receive in gifts on birthdays and so on?

Clueless: Of course not. I wouldn't be so ungrateful.

Eager: And do you have any difficulty in remembering?

Clueless (with a cheeky smile): Not unless I don't want to remember.

Eager: What about a date with the girl friend?

Clueless: What a silly question to ask, especially when you know my girl friend.

Eager: Thanks, Claud. You have given yourself the answer. Every Christian should be eager to meet the Lord Jesus each Sunday morning around His table of Remembrance to give thanks for all He has done. Our Lord commanded—commanded, mark you—"Do this in remembrance of Me." There are few excuses which can allow a child of God to be away from the Breaking of Bread service.

Clueless: I hadn't thought of it just like that, Eddie. It's a poor reflection of my love for Christ when I stay away, isn't it?

Eager: You've said it, Claud. I wish all Christians would realise that they should be present to worship each Lord's Day morning. To be indifferent is a grave offence, and to forget is an insult.

Clueless: I'll not miss Sunday morning meetings from now on.

Eager: Now that I have convinced you that you should not miss the Sunday morning service it will not be difficult for me to prove the value of two other meetings.

Clueless: I'm waiting and ready because I want to be eager like you, Eddie. I've been a bit clueless up to now.

Eager: If we are to be strong we must eat. Not only must we eat, but we must have a well-balanced diet. Just as people are trained to recommend and prepare certain foods for the stages of our life, so our Pastors have devoted their lives to provide and recommend spiritual food for those folk in their churches. Have you ever thought of the immense task which is theirs?

Clueless: I've never troubled to think.

Eager: If any education authority were asked to undertake educating the following group of people what do you think they would say?

A group of people of all ages, say from fourteen to seventy years; widely differing in mental capacities; from all walks of life and with as many backgrounds, etc.; some would be keen to learn, others indifferent; some would know a lot about the subjects, and others a little; they would attend as they liked, and often their minds would be extremely tired after a heavy day's work. The teacher is allowed no longer than } hour to talk to them. He must be faithful and give his well-studied subject in a sufficiently interesting manner to hold the attention of all and improve their knowledge on a multiude of subjects.

Clueless: Before they were through listening to the question they would collapse from heart failure.

Eager: Yet that is just what our Pastor is expected to to do, not die of heart failure, but teach such a varied group of people of irregular attendance. This shows how necessary it is for you, Claud Clueless, to put in some faithful attendance at the Bible Study. It is arranged for you to get to know the Word of God, progress spiritually, and assist others. And here's one last thing before I dash off home for supper.

The Prayer Meeting. If you have a sincere regard for God's work, the extension of His kingdom, and the development of your own spiritual life, you will never miss a prayer meeting. It was because of someone's prayers that you came to know Christ, and you can express your gratitude to God for this by praying for others as yet unsaved. Prayer is vital, and the prayer warrior indispensable.

Clueless: Jolly interesting conversation with you tonight, Eddie. You've opened my eyes. See you at the P.M. tomorrow night. Cheerio.



The Family Altar Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor J. J. Way

SUNDAY, July 11th. Matthew ii. 16-23.

They are dead which sought the young child's life" (v. 20). Herod was very much alive when told by the Scribes from the Word of God where Christ would be born. This evil monarch laid his wicked plans under the guise of wanting to worship the Christ. Foiled by the wise men he took extreme measures in massacrehe will kill all the children, to kill the Christ child. Many rulers have gone to terrible extremes to obliterate the Christ and His Church. "They are dead," but Christ lives on! So does the Church He founded, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." MONDAY, July 12th. Matthew iii. 1-17.

"Prepate ye the way of the Lord make His path straight" (v. 3). John the Baptist made this call to a nation whose ways were crooked. He knew Christ was at hand, who would cut down, purge, and burn up all religious hypocrisy. You are unfit-" Prepare ye!" John uses the setting of the Eastern monarch's approach to a long journey or expedition. Forerunners were sent to prepare the road and make it as good and straight as possible. One authority renders "paths" as a highway or made road. Thus John's call to prepare is sounded—"Repent"—straighten out the life for the Lord to enter, and let us see the fruits.

TUESDAY, July 13th. Matthew iv. 1-11.

"Into the wilderness" (v. 1).

After the deluge of the Spirit into the drought of the wilderness notice that Jesus was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested of the Devil. Taking full advantage of our Lord's forty days' fast, the Devil was in a strong position to attack. Christ's test, however, meant the Devil's defeat. In the power of the Spirit and by the Word of God Christ prevailed. To be baptised into the Holy Spirit may mean a leading into the wilderness for youbut hallelujah! testing times can be victory times. We, too, can prevail with the Holy Spirit in our hearts and the Sword of the Spirit in our hands.

WEDNESDAY, July 14th. Matthew iv. 12-25.

"Jesus began to preach" (v. 17).
I should love to have heard Jesus preach. A good preacher is a delight to hear but, incidentally, can be a great danger if his message is not true to the Word of God. In Jesus, preacher and Truth met together. He knew the terrible end of the sinner, He pleaded, warned, and even wept. The simple, but powerful Gospel with its personal appeal and conviction provided its Maker with a message which lent itself to great preaching. Christ's illustrations, parables and similes are perfect. There was no great show of learning, He spoke to the ordinary folk, so all understood.

THURSDAY, July 15th. Matthew v. 1-16. "Let your light so shine" (v. 16).

Our Lord gave to us the Beatitudes of those previous verses and continues to call His own the salt of the earth, light of the world, city set on a hill, candles uncovered. Can you see the connexion? Is it not the humble, meek, righteous, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers which make the Christian life to he seen? The unworldly reaction which even rejoices in persecution for Christ's sake. It is written of Christ that He could not be hid, neither can His faithful followers. There are Secret Societies, but these can never be Christian, light will always shine everywhere and to everybody

FRIDAY, July 16th. Matthew. v. 17-26.

"First be reconciled to thy brother" (v. 24).
The approach to God is one which demands brotherly love, your gift to God is unacceptable if there is a rift in the fellowship.

This is made very clear in the Lord's Prayer, "But if ye forgive

not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. vi. 15).

If you are not right with your brother you are not right with your God. The Lord Jesus went all the way to Calvary to forgive us when we were in the wrong. I know of instances where this was brought home to hearts around the Lord's Table and they, too, freely forgave.

SATURDAY, July 17th. Matthew v. 33-48. "But I say unto you" (v. 28).

The law is upheld by Christ, but it can only judge the deed. The woman caught in adultery was condemned by those who up-held the Law, but how many of her accusers had looked on woman to lust, and thus committed adultery in their hearts? (v. 28). "The Lord looketh upon the heart." The Law allowed for reprisals, injustices could be fought. "But I say"—and it's the unworldly heart speaking. They want your coat give your cloke also. Go the extra mile, bless them who curse you, return good for evil, love the unlovely. How different! Because He has made us different.

COMING EVENTS

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

Pastor J. J. Morgan, the President, will visit the following churches: July 10, Portsmouth (Rally). 11, Southampton.

July 21, Hornsey. 24, Liverpool (Rally). 25, Liverpool. 26, Warrington. 27, Blackpool. 28, Wigan.

August 1-2, Southend-on-Sea.

BANGOR. July 11-18. Elim Church, Southwell Road. Annual Convention. Speakers include: Pastors A. Bull (Tanganyika) and R. Reid (Portadown).

BARKING. July 16-18. Elim Church, Ripple Road. East London Revival Rally. Sat. 3 and 6.30 (tea provided). Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Speaker: The President, Pastor J. J. Morgan. BRIDLINGTON. August 2. Congregational Church, The Promenade. Great Bank Holiday Pentecosal Raily, 3.30 and 6.30.

Special speaker: Pastor A. Wilson, Belfast, supported by team of ministers of North-East Presbytery.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 14. Elim Church, Jumpers Road. Visit of Mr. F. B. Phillips with Missionary Film. 7.30 p.m.
COULSDON, July 4-25. Evangelistic and Divine Healing Crusade in Marquee at junction of The Mount and Grove Lane, conducted by Pastor C. J. E. Kingston and Party. Suns. 6.30. Week-nights (except Friday) 7.30. Sats. 7.

DUNMOW. July 10. Fnakes Memorial Hall. Annual Convention. Speakers: Pastors F. Coleman (Islington) and F. F. Frost (Clacton).

7 p.m.

EAST HAM. July 11-16. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Visit of Pastor Len Jones, World-travelled Evangelist. Suu. 11 aud

6.30. Week-nights 7.30.

FINCHLEY. July 24-Aug. 8. Opening of New Elim Church, Kiog Street, off High Road, E. Finchley. Sat. 3 and 6.30 (tea provided). Services conducted by the Field Superintendent and Pastor J. J. Way, Revival and Divine Healing Campaign following, conducted by Pastor Ludovic Barry (Scottish Evangelist). Services nightly at 7.30. Suns. 11 and 6.30.

HENDON. July 10th. Elim Church, Ravenshurst Avenue.

Monthly Presbytery Rally, Saturday at 6.30. Speaker: Pastor A.

Lambie (Hayes). Items frum neighbouring Assemblies.

HORNSEY, July 21. Elim Church, Duncombe Road, Pastor J. J. Morgan's Presidential visit to N. London Presbytery. 7.30.

Items by local churches.

LANGLEY. Commencing July 3rd. Evangelistic Campaign in the Marquee, Vicarage Road; near the Drill Hall. Special Children's services, Choirs, etc. Speaker: Evangelist Adam Chambers. Convener: Pastor D. E. Dean.

LOWESTOFT. August 7-9. Elim Church, Milton Road. Return visit of Pastor David Lewis. Sat. and Mon. 7.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. OLD HILL. July 6-10. Elim Church, Bearmore Road. Sunshine Corner Services, 6 p.m. With an Evangelistic Campaign each evening at 7.30. Speaker: Pastor George Baxter. Convener: Pastor W. G. Britton. Saturday evening brings "A Challenge to Youth."

PONTYPRIDD. July 31-Aug. 8. Annual August Convention, Elim Church, Thurston Road. Speakers: Pastors H. W. Greenway, J. McBurney, L. P. Cowdery. Convener: Pastor Ken Matthew. Soloist: Mr. J. Roberson (Leeds). Sat. 7.15, Suns. 11, 6. August Monday 11 (Penuel Chapel Town Centre, 3, 6.30). Tucs., 3, 6.30. Wed. 7.15, Thurs. 3 (Divine Healing) and 7.15. Refreshments moderate charges. Cups of tea free.

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Mon. 7.30.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. July 31-Aug. 2. Elim Church, Seaview Road, August Bank Holiday Convention. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon. 3 and 6.30. Speakers: The President, Pastor J. J. Morgan, and Pastor Robert Fairney (A.o.G., Norwich). Tea provided on Mon. Come to sunny Southend.

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vener: Pastor K. Smith.

WORTHYNG. July 10-12. Elim Church, Grosvenor Street. Special visit of National Youth Secretary, Pastor Hywel Davies, Sat. 7. Youth Rally. Sun. 11, 3, and 6.30. Mon. 7.30. Sunday School Anniversary Services. Coovener: Pastor V. J. Walker.

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Pastor and Mrs. J. Troke (on furlough from India); July 10, Barry. 11, Porth. 12, Trealaw. 13, Abercynon. 15, Cardiff. 17, Caerphilly. 18, Newport.

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