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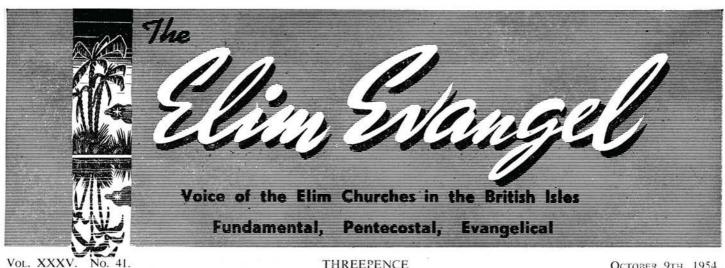
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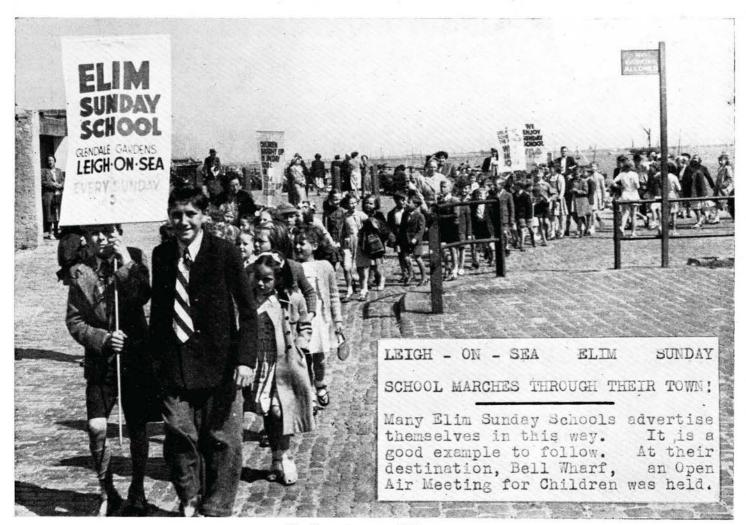
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Witnessing to the fulness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

THE CONVERSION OF THE CHILD

By Pastor E. J. Phillips

HOW EASILY one can bend a sapling, but how difficult, if not impossible, is the task when it has become a full-grown tree. A stream at its source may be readily diverted so that the whole course of the river is changed but who would attempt it when the narrow stream has become the broad, raging torrent?

The importance of Sunday School work lies in the fact that the material which passes through its hands is more impressionable than that handled by other departments of the Church of God. If, then, it is a fact that children are so much more easily influenced than adults, why is it that the Sunday School is treated by the majority of church members as merely a sideline? And why are conversions amongst children not as welcome as amongst adults, when the evidence goes to show that they are the more lasting? If our main task is to win souls for Christ, and if after the age of 14 or 15-as we propose to show-it becomes more and more difficult to win them, then why do we not make every possible effort to bring them to Christ before that age is reached? Here is God's method: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. xxii. 6). And here are some statistics to demonstrate it.

Dr. F. F. Paterson writes: "Over a period of ten years I received reports of 3,200 decisions for Christ from churches big and little, rich and poor. I tabulated these figures, and found percentages as to the age of decision. The highest percentage of decisions I found in the 12-year-old child. In other words, 15 per cent of the 3,200 came at about 12 years of age. Seventy per cent of the 3,200 came to Christ between the years of 10 and 15. At 19 only one per cent came. At 20 only three-quarters of one per cent. Two and a quarter per cent came between the ages of 21 and 45."

During one of his evangelical campaigns, Mr. Moody asked all who were sure they were converted to stand to their feet. He kept them standing, while the stewards estimated their number at five to six thousand. Mr. Moody then asked all who had come to Christ before they were fifteen years of age to sit down. Fully two-thirds of that number dropped to their seats. Then he said: "All who became Christians before you were twenty, sit down," when over half of those who remained standing took their seats. By the time he reached the age of fifty, there were hardly twenty people still standing.

Bishop William Taylor was converted at the age of six years; P. P. Bliss, twelve years; John Fletcher, seven; David Brainerd, when a child; Matthew Henry, ten; Polycarp, nine; Jonathan Edwards, six; Isaac Watts, eight; and Robert Moffat, about ten years.

The moulding of the future of the child is largely in the

hands of its parents and its Sunday School teacher. Too often the parents leave the religious instruction of their children entirely to the Sunday School, or, worse than that, their influence tends to set the feet of the child on the broad road, rather than the narrow road that leads to the Kingdom. How immeasurably great in such cases is the responsibility of the Sunday School teacher.

In preparing and presenting the weekly lesson the teacher should have three aims in view. Our Saviour declared Himself to be the Way, the Truth and the Life (John xiv. 6). It is for us, therefore, to teach the Way to the Father, the Truth to believe, and the Life to live.

- (1) The Way to the Father. Conversion means a real change, even in the life of a child. The truth should be presented so as to result in a definite realisation of the need of a Saviour. Far better than a pressing, emotional appeal is regular instruction from the Scripture on God's attitude to sin and His provision of a Saviour, so that the child naturally comes to a knowledge of his need. It is well to ask the child to confide in you if he feels the need of a Saviour. Once there, it should not be difficult to lead him to Christ, although it should be carefully done, Bible in hand. Having accepted God's offer of salvation, it should be emphasised that he must show his love to Christ by living in future to please Him.
- (2) The Truth to believe. In the days of our grandparents the Bible was generally believed, if not put into practice. Now it is openly attacked and discredited by those outside the Church, and its inspiration denied by an increasing number within the professing Church. A recent magazine declared that fifty years ago seventy per cent of the material in the First Readers which were put into the hands of children referred to religious subjects, whereas today the books used for the same age group devote three per cent of their space to religion and morals. A foundation laid by the teacher, of knowledge of the Word of God and a firm belief in its inspiration and its revelation from God to man will stand him in good stead for many years to come.
- (3) The Life to Live. Long before leaving school and facing the world, many a child comes into contact with even the grossest forms of sin. Much that he sees and hears at home, at school, at the "pictures," and elsewhere, will give him an entirely depraved sense of values. The truths of Holy Writ should be taught so as to make him respect and admire good lives, and condemn evil; to love virtues and hate vices. This attitude of mind, cultivated before he makes the great decision, will make it easier for him to live a Christ-like life when once the grace and power to live that life are his.

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OPERATION TWILIGHT



By Pastor John Lancaster (District Youth Commissioner, N. London Presbytery)

The scene that confronts the twentieth century Crusader as he looks out from the ramparts is one that is both disturbing and challenging. He looks out on a world that has reached a desperate moment in its history. Already the sun of Divine Mercy is sinking over the horizon of time and the forbidding shadows of coming judgment lengthen across the earth. The Day of Grace is drawing to a close and the world has entered its twilight.

The world in which we live presents a particular challenge to Christian youth. It is a world fraught with problems that are beyond human solution; a world that lies more securely than ever in the lap of the wicked one; a world in which men's hearts are beginning to fail them for fear of the things that are coming; a generation existing precariously on the edge of the abyss. Surely our responsibilities are clear. We possess the answer to this world dilemma for we have in trust the Gospel of the Living Christ. We are the Crusaders of the Atomic Age-we may well be the last wave of Christian soldiers to storm the strongholds of evil-and for this reason the trumpet calls us amid the gathering shadows. We must go forth to meet the challenge of our generation, we must take up the weapons of our warfare and march out with burning hearts on "Operation Twilight."

The situation which we face calls for strong, energetic action by the soldiers of the cross. It demands the spirit that Paul insisted upon in II. Tim, ii. 3, 4. The spirit of disciplined service which is prepared to accept the hardness of active service, and which refuses to be distracted from its purpose by the claims of non-essential things.

Before we can effectively engage the enemy we must be adequately equipped, and God has made sure that every servant of the King should be provided with all that he needs to accomplish his commission. Walk round the armoury of Ephesians vi. and read Paul's inventory of the Christian's equipment. This is a list of essential weapons and we shall do well if we hold a personal "kit inspection" to ensure that we are in possession of that which God has provided. The Word of God, Prayer, Faith, Personal Righteousness, and the Fulness of the Holy Spirit are the absolutely necessary factors in spiritual warfare. We cannot go without them.

The young medieval knight was required to spend a whole night in prayer before the altar before he was invested with his arms. The vigil was a recognition of his need of God in following his vocation. So we, as soldiers of the Cross, need to wait before God for that Divine enabling which will send us forth into the world more than conquerors.

Far too many Christians spend their time on manœuvres. They never get out on active service. Like the Duke of

York's men they are neither up nor down, neither here nor there. The pressing need of the times does not allow for spiritual stragglers, we cannot afford to wander here and there. What the Church of Christ needs at this moment is concentrated effort by its members. The situation is urgent, we are fighting against time. The call is for Crusaders who will pray earnestly at home and in the prayer meeting, who will support the evangelistic efforts of the local assembly with all their talents and enthusiasm, and who will engage in unceasing personal witness wherever the opportunity presents itself. Everyone of us must be prepared to make a maximum effort for God in these last days, and we must listen for the call of the Great Commander whatever it might entail and wherever it might lead. The spirit of the Christ must inspire every man and woman-"I MUST work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work " (John ix. 4). This is the great imperative of service, and if it was true in the first century, how much more so

Down through the ages the Church has constantly faced times of urgency, and her young people have never failed to provide her with the consecrated energy and enthusiasm that has been demanded. The Crusaders of the first century gladly took their place in the conflict and proudly entered the arenas of Rome to seal with a martyr's death the testimony of their lives. Each successive crisis has found the youth of the Church ready to fight, to witness, pray, and even die for the Faith. And now, in this Atomic Age, we, their successors, are called to make our stand. Shall we fail? Shall the great traditions of Christian youth be lost in these tremendous days? The call is for Spirit-filled service and consecrated living, for fervent prayer and utter abandonment to the cause of Christ for perishing souls ere it is too late.

The trumpet calls in the twilight. Let us take up our weapons and go forth.

THE CONVERSION OF THE CHILD-Continued

That is the threefold work of the Sunday School teacher. And the threefold requisites? PRAYER, PATIENCE and PERSEVERANCE.

In a certain Sunday School, a teacher was the means of bringing scholar after scholar to a saving knowledge of Christ. After her death, the following entries, among others, were found in her diary, with some intervals between: "Resolved to pray for each scholar by name," "Resolved to wrestle in prayer for each scholar by name," "Resolved to wrestle for each scholar hy name, and to expect an answer."

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EDITORIAL

"THIS IS LIFE"

New Radio Programme

The Elim Churches commence this week their Radio Programme "THIS IS LIFE," broadcast from Radio Monte Carlo (Medium wave 205 metres; Short wave 40.82, 49.71 metres). The duration of the programme will be fifteen minutes.

The Speaker is Pastor H. W. Greenway, Vice-President of the Elim Churches.

The Announcer and Producer is Pastor Douglas B. Gray, Director of Music.

The Title "This is Life," is taken from John xvii. 3. "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."

Musical Features

The London Crusader Choir as resident choir.

Soloists include Einar Ekberg, a baritone of the Pentecostal churches in Sweden, who regularly broadcasts over Radiojanst. Prior to his conversion he was a Swedish opera singer. Another soloist is Anton Marco, the American baritone, who prior to his conversion was the leading baritone of the San Carlo Opera.

The Woodlands Trio. Gramophone recordings of the Ladies' Trio will soon be available through the Silvertone and Golden Chords series,

The Mule Voice Quartet of the International Bible Training Institute, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

A Male Voice Chorus,

There will also be a feature entitled "Testimony Time" each week, when for sixty seconds, the experience of Salvation as the personal testimony of the "Man in the Street " will be given.

News from the Travellers

Pastor P. S. Brewster has arrived in the United States, and is experiencing much blessing in the meetings he is conducting in the various places. In a letter to Pastor E. J. Phillips he says: "We were met by the Minister of the New York Church and the Superintendent of the Area and taken to a service to preach that night. Since then we have had services practically every night.

We are enjoying the experience tremendously, and the altar call has seen the front packed each night with converts

and backsliders coming to Christ. Last night a coloured evangelist received the baptism,

The tour we have undertaken is very extensive and takes us completely across the country to California. By Christmas we shall be holding a two-weeks' campaign in Hollywood, and then in Angelus Temple. We trust we shall succeed in leaving much fruit there as well as gaining much experience."

In a letter from Dr. Myron Sackett, in Berlin, we learn that he has had great blessing on his visit to the Continent. He says in a letter: "We have had some wonderful meetings in Switzerland, and scores of converts. I am showing 'Venture into Faith' in the refugee camps here. We are showing it as many as three times per day. Already we have shown it in ten places to over nine thousand people, with 3,375 decisions for Christ. I am showing it to both American and British service men. Last night twenty-seven service men took their stand for Christ. Please pray for me. This is a great work. 'Venture into Faith' is being especially blessed of God."

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MISSIONARY FINANCES

Following is the statement for the present financial year, showing the needs of the Elim Missionary work and the amount of money received:

		Éstin	imated Expenditure		Received
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1954 January February March April May June July August	•		£1,200 £1,200 £1,200 £1,200 £1,200 £1,200 £1,200		£1,102 £1,432 £905 £1,302 £1,290 £1,301 £1,195 £1,517
	Total to	date	£12,000	***	£11,377

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Some Pentecostal Particulars for Youth

By Pastor Ronald Reid (Portadown)

The writer, Paster Ronald Reid, Born in Glasgow. Educated in East Rochester, New York. Saved in Westport Hall, Kilsyth, on Sunday, 9th January, 1933. Baptised in the Holy Spirit on February 25th, 1934. Worked as a coalminer prior to entering the Ministry in 1946. Has been in his present pasterate at Portadown, N. Ireland, for almost six years. Toured in America and Canada last year for six months, preaching.

In First Chronicles, Chapters 11 and 12, we have an extensive list of almost unpronounceable names of people who came to David in their thousands and voiced to him their hearty allegiance. It is a list that most of us have deliberately overlooked, due to the fact that cur tongues betrayed their inability with such queer-sounding names. In the midst of this great army of names and numbers, it is good to note the significant phrases such as: mighty men of valour; fifty thousand that could keep rank; they were not of a double heart; they had understanding of the times, etc. These short particulars are statements of importance.

The time had come for David, the despised and hunted, to take his rightful place. The hour for an all-out offensive had arrived. He required youth with vitality, vigour and vision to stand with him, and so they came to David from every quarter, recognising and being thoroughly convinced that they were serving the Coming King. They came to David with a consecrated testimony. "Thine we are, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse." They came prepared to battle for the cause they knew to be right. All who came to David were fit men! In this story we have a likeness of our relationship to Jesus Christ, our coming King. To be on the side of Jesus is to be on the right side, the victory side! We came to Christ, who is the Captain of our salvation, because previously we were fighting a losing battle in the ranks of Satan. Many of these tribes came quite a way to be on David's side. Many today have had to come quite a way to join our Pentecostal ranks. Why are you Pentecostal? Is it conviction or convenience? Are you in this glorious revival to get what you can out of it, or to put what you can into it? Here for young people everywhere are three particulars that are indispensable parts of our glorious Pentecostal testimony exemplified for us by David's mighty men.

They Were Filled With The Spirit

In chapter 12, verse 18, we read that the Spirit came upon Amasai... and he gave his testimony! Or as the marginal rendering gives it: "The Spirit clothed Amasai!" Effective work, warfare and Christian witness can only be as we are filled with the Spirit. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost is not an optional blessing that we can take or leave; it is an organic blessing; something which is an indispensable part of Christian experience. You can live without arms or even legs, but you are severely limited in your activities. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost as it was received by the early Church is the power that puts impetus into working and witnessing for God. Without it, we are

spiritually weak! Did you know that Jesus was Baptised in the Holy Ghost? Read it for yourself in Matt. iii. 16, and also in Luke iv. 18. To be filled with the Spirit is the first essential for effective Christian warfare. Lack of impact in many of our churches today is mostly due to the fact that so few of our folk have been filled with the Spirit. "You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you!" Power to resist the Devil! Power to redeem the time! Power to rescue souls! Those who came to join the ranks of David were filled with the Spirit. More than that, and as a result of that,

They Were Wholehearted

All these men of war came with a perfect heart. Their whole heart was in this affair. What a stimulus to meet whole-hearted youth on Fire for God! What a sickly thing is half-heartedness. There was no ulterior motive, David must be their King. He must increase! They were devoted to the battle; they were not of a double heart. They were entirely absorbed in this cause of making David King. In another place I read that they were in unity; they could keep rank. Every man knew his place! They could keep rank and had understanding of the times. They were not mere visionaries, but realised that now was their hour. They must take their stand immediately. Enthusiasm bubbled in their hearts. Wholeheartedness is just another word for complete consecration.

We do well to copy. We are engaged in the greatest cause of all. We are on the Lord's side. If your heart is not in it, your words and actions will be cold and formal. Wholcheartedness and sincere sincerity in Christian youth is always a convincing proof to those we are trying to win.

I want dear Lord, a heart on fire for Thee,

A soul baptised with heavenly energy!

I further read that all those who came to David,

They Were Expert In War

The strategetics of warfare were their speciality. They knew how to conduct themselves in the fray. They could effectively use the shield—a weapon for protection and defence. "Above all," says Paul, "taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the Devil." They were also able to use the buckler—a weapon for offence. In advancing they knew right well how to harass and rout the enemy. The buckler or javelin is called by Paul "the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." We must handle it skilfully. Some today are exceptionally quick at attacking their brother (Continued on page 487.)



ARE YOU IN THE PICTURE?

The main thing is to be in focus in your Christian experience. Top left: Eldad Sunday School show their smiling faces with Pastor James Hardman, the Minister, in the centre. Top right: Crusaders at Briton Ferry photographed by the Minister, Pastor H. L. Dawson, after a procession of witness. Lower left: Acomb Sunshine Corner, a branch of the York Church, with Pastor R. B. Chapman and his loyal helpers, on the occasion of the District Youth Commissioner's (Pastor Walter Kirkby) visit. Lower right: Mrs. Pearce of Clapham Church is the photographer for her Sunshine Corner members who posed very nicely after a romp on Clapham Common.

Don't they all look beautiful?



Once again the day dawned for our Sunday School Anniversary. Teachers and scholars alike had been practising hard for many weeks and then the time came for each of us to do our part. Mrs. Warren was in the chair and Pastor Hunston led the singing. The children sang and recited beautifully.

Our Superintendent, Mr. Toase, has worked hard along

with the teachers and pianist, and God has richly blessed their efforts. Many parents came to hear the children and in so doing heard the Gospel. We have in our church a couple who joined us through their little boy having been taught in our Sunday School. This was a special occasion as it was also the farewell service of our brother Pastor Hunston. We thank God for his ministry and pray God's richest blessing upon him wherever the Lord leads.

P. Toase, Superintendent.

News from Ulster Temple, Belfast

For the past five years we in "Sunshine Corner" have arranged a "Parents' or Open Night" to bring each season to a close. Having found it to be very successful, we would like to pass the idea on as other leaders may be interested. Towards the end of March, specially printed invitations are sent out to parents and friends of all children who attend throughout the year. The entire programme is provided by youth—from the tiny tots between four and seven years of age to the Young Folk's Choir, comprising those between fourteen and seventeen years old. (A photograph of a girls' quartet will be published later.) A chairman is present to introduce the items and to give a short address. This year we were fortunate to have with us Pastor R. Reid from Portadown, who is a great favourite with everyone. We feel this "Parents' Night" serves a double purpose—it brings strangers who are unsaved under the sound of the Gospel and gives the parents an opportunity of learning something of the work which goes on week by week in "Sunshine Corner."

The Sunday School Anniversary Services were held on Sunday, 19th May. The weather was ideal, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the children did exceptionally well, whether contributing individual items or taking part in the Sunday School Choir. Good attendance marked the occasion when we had as our Guest Speaker, Pastor Brown from Armagh. At the afternoon service Mrs. Smith, wife of our Pastor, distributed over 200 prizes. Another highlight in the life of our Sunday School was the excursion to Ballywalter on Saturday, 5th June, Five double-deck buses conveyed the party there and back. We do thank God for another fine day, free from accidents.

During the summer when the Youth Meeting is suspended, the young people are holding forth the Word of Life in the open air every Wednesday evening.

Hove Sunshine Corner

"Sunshine Corner? Oh, it's jolly fine," is the real experience of the children who gather week by week at Hove Church. Numbers have increased, but best of all, ten children have given their hearts to Jesus since Christmas, and it is a joy to hear them pray, and testify to what Jesus means to them.

On July 3rd, forty children went to Hassocks for the summer outing. What a wonderful time we all had, and returned home praising God for His goodness towards us. (Photo to be published later.)

OLDHAM NEWSPAPER REPORT

"A Mass Baptism took place on Thursday evening at Robin Hill Baths at a service held by the Elim Church, Woodstock Street." The photograph showed the baptism of sixteen-year-old twin sisters, Pat and Hazel Houghton, by Pastor Bryan J. Hopkins. About eighty people attended the service, and five of them were baptised.

Leigh-on-Sea Sunday School

On a recent Sunday the Primary Sunday School held a "Cradle Roll" Service. The Primary is so large, and the Cradle Roll so long—over 60 children are on it—that arrangements were made for the Junior and Senior Schools to vacate the church for the afternoon. So the smaller children, and parents of Cradle Roll children, gathered for a service led by the Cradle Roll Secretary, Mrs. G. Spurling, and addressed by Miss E. Powling, who interested and instructed both the children and the parents with the assistance of a beautifully prepared sand tray.

In the meantime the older children had been assembled outside, and complete with banners they marched through the town and down to the sea front (cover picture). At Bell Wharf a Children's Open Air meeting was conducted by Pastor Stormont. How the children enjoyed it! And what a thrill to see other children crowd around. Many of the listeners were children who had taken advantage of a lovely day to play truant from their own Sunday Schools. The next week the Superintendent was besieged by eager children asking, "Can't we go down to the front again?" During September the School celebrated the second anniversary of the commencement of the Sunday School bus system. Now two double-deck buses are run every Sunday afternoon, paid for through the loyal and generous co-operation of members and friends of the church who have become Sunday School Sponsors.

PENTECOSTAL PARTICULARS FOR YOUTH (Cont.) and insulting all around them, and in so doing they have lost the art of effective evangelism. Learn to use the Word of God effectively against the strongholds of Satan. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Some years ago there was a train crash on the Ayrshire coast. The engine toppled down to the water's edge. The engine driver was alive but trapped in the tangled mass of steel. Some farmers nearby rushed to the scene and with picks and shovels gallantly attempted the rescue of the driver. In the meantime the tide was gradually rising and in a short time the driver was drowned in a few inches of water. The rescue squad soon arrived and in a few minutes with their tools dissected part of the engine and then drew from the debris the limp body of the dead driver. The farmers had done their best, but lacked the tools. The experts who knew how, were too late. Let us be expert in the use of the Word of God; the only means of deliverance for those who are trapped by sin. Let us be expert and expeditious in this glorious task.

You are not too young to fight the good fight of faith. Put on the whole armour of God. The Lord has a place for you. Did you know that Alexander the Great conquered the world when he was twenty-three? Hannibal commanded the Carthaginian forces at twenty-six, Martin Luther started the Reformation when he was thirty, and John Calvin followed when he was only twenty-one. Joan of Arc did all her work and was burned at the stake when she was nineteen. We could mention many more of our noble youth who did great things for God.

Don't forget these three important particulars for all Pentecostal youth. Be filled with the Spirit! Be wholehearted and expert in the task that God has called you to!

Christ our mighty Captain leads against the foc; We will never falter when He bids us go, Tho' His righteous purpose we may never know, Yet we'll follow all the way.

Satan's fearful onslaughts cannot make us yield,
While we trust in Christ, our Buckler and our Shield.
Pressing ever on—the Spirit's sword we wield,
And we follow all the way.

Mrs. E. C. W. BOULTON Called to Higher Service

A Tribute by the Editor



Another noble warrior has laid down her armour; for Mrs. Boulton, wife of Pastor E. C. W. Boulton, has passed from the sphere of conflict here to Higher Service,

On Thursday, September 23rd, her spirit passed within the veil into the presence of the Lord she loved and served. A long illness, patiently endured, had taken toll of her strength. For a long time she had been a great sufferer, and during the past few months

had been stricken down while on a visit to Bradford. Loved ones anxiously waited at her bedside, but she recovered sufficiently to be brought back to London to a nearby hospital. For the last three or four weeks it was obvious that only a miracle could bring her back to health. Her beloved husband, and her two daughters, were with her through many long hours, and on Thursday morning she entered into the presence of the King.

When Mr. and Mrs. Boulton were married, over forty-four years ago, they were both officers in the Salvation Army. Soon after that they came into touch with the early Pentecostal meetings, when it was the writer's privilege to know them and spend many happy hours with them. Throughout the years they always remained true to the Pentecostal experience. Mr. Boulton entered the Elim ministry in 1922, and has served as a member of the Executive Council from its inception in 1934. Mrs. Boulton, together with her husband, enjoyed a happy ministry in the Elim Fellowship and during the last two or three years actively took part in the Sisterhood at the Brixton Church.

Most Elim friends will know her two daughters: Ruth, who became Mrs. Leslie Wigglesworth, and has served for many years in the Congo Evangelistic Mission, and Constance, who served for many years as a member of the London Crusader Choir and has recently returned from an extended stay in U.S.A. Both have now lost a mother whose love they cherished so dearly, and our beloved Pastor Boulton, with whom she shared the honour of his twice Presidency of the Elim Churches, will sadly miss his life partner.

The sympathy of all Elim friends everywhere will go out to Pastor Boulton and the members of his family in this hour of their sad loss. The funeral service at Croydon was conducted by Pastors H. Burton Haynes and J. J. Morgan, who have been close friends for many years. Fitting tributes were made to her wonderful Christian character and the

presence of the Lord was very manifest throughout the service.

Our prayers will ascend to the Throne of Grace, that God will graciously bless and strengthen them and sorrowing friends and gird them afresh for their walk with God.

Homecall of J. Douglas Craig

By Pastor D. B. Gray

The recent passing to his eternal reward of Mr. J. Douglas Craig, of Clayton Hill, Sussex, will bring to many memories of happy associations with our beloved brother. During recent years his indifferent health prevented him from fulfilling all his varied duties and services for the Kingdom. Yet he never failed to reflect the love of Christ which so constrained him. We tender to his dear wife the heartfelt sympathy and assurance of our prayers at this time.

Mr. Douglas Craig will be remembered by hundreds of Elim members and Crusaders. For some long time he served as an Elim Youth Commissioner and his ministry of the Word throughout the country as well as his cheerfulness and buoyant spiritual optimism, sent many a heart bounding forth in Christian enterprise with fresh zeal and vision. At Elim Camps and Crusader House Parties he was known as the "Colonel" and "retired" Crusaders will reflect on the many happy hours and days spent in Camp and also at his lovely country home.

For a number of years Douglas Craig served as a Prison Visitor and in this unique capacity contacted thousands of men, many of whom were won for Christ. At the time of his death a book was being printed written by himself entitled "I Fished for Criminals." It is a thrilling account of his experiences during the period he served as a Prison Visitor. Look out for this exciting narrative, for it reveals just the character of the man in his daily quest to win men for Christ.

"Colonel," beloved, we salute you for all you were and for just what you have meant to so many. In the morning, may you, with many more, welcome others who strive to follow in the trail of Christian discipleship, so truly shown by you.

THANK GOD FOR THAT

Lady Huntingdon was trying to lead a man to Christ. To her urgent entreaties he answered:

"Oh! It is of no use! I am lost! I am lost!"

"Thank God for that!" said she.

"Why?" exclaimed the man in astonishment.

"Because," said Lady Huntingdon, "Christ came to save the lost. He is just the One who can save you."

Elim Church, Carfax Square, Clapham FAREWELL AND ORDINATION SERVICE Thursday, 28th October, at 7.30 p.m.

Pastor A. D. Mathew will be ordained before leaving the following day for New Zealand. Service conducted by Members of the Executive Council.

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Summary of the Annual Conference Report of the Elim Youth Movement given by the National Youth Secretary, Pastor J. Hywel Davies.

THE FOLLOWING is the ceport of the Elim Youth Movement activities during the last twelve months.

Appreciation was expressed to the Elim Ministers for their warm-hearted and brotherly welcome, to the members of the Elim Youth Committee for their hard work, to Pastor Douglas B.

Gray for the help he has been ready to give.

Between 50 and 60 churches, including nine Presbytery youth rallies, have been visited by the Youth Secretary. A keen interest in youth activities has been observed in the majority of places, from the Minister to the Sunday School scholar. Encouraging signs of an increase in the Teenager Group attending both week-night and Sunday evening services.

Although the youth work progresses, it is not to the maximum effort. Every church should have its target for each department of its youth work, and perhaps a progress chart could be on display. The Minister's recognition, commendation, blessing and backing, is invaluable, and for which there is no substitute. The church which has no youth is a dying church.

General Statistics. The increase in this year's figures is accounted for through the admission of the late F.G.T. churches, and the expansion of our own youth work through branch Sunday Schools. In addition, almost every church submitted youth returns, after some gentle persuasion! Average attendances at the following activities are: Senior Crusaders, 3,276; Junior Crusaders, 998; Boys' Guilds, 100; Cadets and Sunshine Corner, 8,051; Sunday School, 14,958. Our Sunday Schools now number 240.

Sunday School Examinations, 1954.

Number of entrants, 1,313; Number of passes, 1,082; Number of Schools entering, 78. Shield awarded to **Merriott**, and Diploma to **Carlisle**.

It is obvious from a comparison between the number of scholars and schools entering the examination with the number in the Elim Youth Movement, that there is plenty of scope for an increase.

Next Year's Examinations-Please note!

Date: 26th February, 1955.

Subject: "In the beginning . . ." (subjects from Creation to Babel, which will be the first six lessons in the Teachers' Handbook of the first quarter, 1955).

Presentation of the Shield and Diploma of Merit will be made in the Presbyteries of the successful schools, and the President will endeavour to be present on this occasion.

New rule for awarding the National Shield and Diploma of Merit.

It was decided for future occasions that when a school had won either the Diploma of Merit or the National Shield for three times in succession, they would be considered ineligible for consideration during the fourth year. They would, of course, be allowed to enter the examination. Should a school win the Shield for three times in succession they would not necessarily keep that Shield. (Incidentally, we would welcome gifts towards the cost of the new Shield now at Merriott.)

Sunday School Teachers' Handbooks.

The present editor is Pastor T. W. Walker. He has an unenviable job and merits our commendation, for it entails hours of laborious work. We would also thank the writers for their valuable help.

A three-year curriculum is being introduced for the years 1955, 1956 and 1957. This will be published on the Youth Page later.

Improvements with an increase in the cost of production of the present Handbook has meant an addition of 60 per cent on the printing bill in two years, without an increase in the selling price. The Committee is now faced with the question of either reducing the size of the Handbook or increasing the selling price.

The Committee has seriously considered the introduction of Flannelgraph and Suedegraph equipment in line with the lessons in the Handbook. Investigations have been made, but prices are prohibitive.

Youth Rallies

Bristol, Cardiff, Eastbourne, and London, have been the venues of rallies and conferences arranged by the Committee. In addition, almost every Presbytery has had its local rally, and in many cases a youth conference for youth workers.

The next twelve months will see rallies and conferences in Bolton (November 12-14), Birmingham (December 4), Leeds (April 30), Ireland (July 12), conducted by the Youth Committee. The National Youth Rally is to take place on 1st October, 1955.

Presbytery rallies include: Croydon (October 2nd, 1954), Manchester (October 9th), Glasgow (October 23rd), Lincoln (November 20th), to be attended by the National Youth Secretary.

E.Y.M. "Youth Challenge"

The general reception given to this new youth magazine has been a good one, where orders have been placed. However, the failure of many churches to place an order for this magazine is not only perplexing but disappointing.

It has been decided to publish a further issue, which is now due, but unless the circulation figure is increased, this magazine will not be continued.

It must be borne in mind that the larger the circulation, the larger the size of the publication for the same charge. We introduced this magazine fully aware that our circulation would not be very high, but it was thought that the value of having our own magazine for our youth would enhance its value. The question is, "Do we want to have our own magazine to publish what we want, and in the way we like (according to the size of our pocket)?"

Elim Crusader House Party and Elim Youth Camps

Reports and pictures will be given in the next issue of the "Youth Challenge."

Youth Movement Finance

It is proposed to make one appeal per annum for financial support for our youth work. The appeal to be made towards the end of February or the beginning of March.

Forces Fellowship. If you know of a young man or woman in H.M. Services belonging to your church, and you would like him or her to receive a letter from the Elim Youth Movement periodically, write to the National Youth Secretary, 20, Clarence Avenue, London, S.W.4, supplying the name and address of the person concerned.

District Youth Commissioners. Appreciation of the energetic work of so many of our District Youth Commissioners was placed on record. Also, the whole-hearted co-operation of the District Superintendents in youth activities.

So ended the report.



The Family Altar Elim Prayer Circle

A page for your daily meditations and prayer

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Pastor John Gardiner.

SUNDAY, October 10th. II. Corinthians v. 11-21.

"Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men" (v. 11). Modernist views of the Bible have confused the preaching that is to be heard in some places. Thank God it is true, blessedly true, that the world was so loved by God that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. But let us not carricature the Gospel by an unbalanced presentation of it. It is the duty of those who urge men to be saved, to tell them frankly from what they may be saved through belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

MONDAY, October 11th. II. Corinthians vi. 1-18.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers . . . be ye separate, saith the Lord" (vv. 14, 17).

Back in the Old Testament the nation Israel was forbidden by the Lord to intermingle with the peoples through whose lands they were travelling. Now in the New Testament the same principle of separation is applied to the Christian believers who make up the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Psalmist says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." Brethren,

let us keep our own company and thus keep our spiritual power. TUESDAY, October 12th. II. Corinthians vii, 1-16.

"God comforted us by . . . Titus . . . when he told us . . . your mourning, your fervent mind toward me" (vv. 6, 7).

Paul had been distressed when he didn't meet Titus at Troas and for some time aftterwards in Macedonia, because he wanted to know how the assembly in Corinth had received him, and how the assembly was faring. In his first letter to the Christians there, Paul had had to rebuke most pointedly sinful and disorderly conduct. He was greatly heartened when Titus told him of their godly sorrow and repentance. Solomon was true, "He that rebuketh a

man, afterwards shall find more favour than be that flattereth with his tongue."

WEDNESDAY, October 13th. II. Corinthians viii. 1-15.

"See that ye abound in this grace also" (v. 7). This Church in Corinth has been maligned by some. Paul tells us that they came behind in no gift, and here he says they came to the front in everything—faith, utterance, knowledge, zeal—and now urges them to come to the front in this gracious enterprise of giving. The true Pentecostal Spirit is evidenced not only by "tongues" but by tithes. "There is a pressing financial need" said Paul, "Look at Jesus Christ's selflessness, and you will pour out a flood of rich generosity." Do we come to the front in the grace of giving?

THURSDAY, October 14th. II. Corinthians ix. 1-15.

"It makes me praise God for the way you have come under the

Gospel" (v. 13, Moffatt).

What prominence the Apostle gives in one letter to the privilege of Christian giving. They were, and we are, compelled to realise the Christian's responsibility to give cheerfully to maintain and extend the cause of Jesus Christ. Paul tells the Corinthians that men are convinced of their sincerity in the Gospel by their generous support of it. Love always makes proof of itself. God so loved that He gave . . . an unspeakable gift. The Lord Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you . . ." What and how do I give?

FRIDAY, October 15th. II. Corinthians x. 1-18.

"To preach the Gospel in regions beyond" (v. 16).

This great man of Christ's was never daunted by unknown regions, he was challenged by them. Enough, and satisfied, were words that he didn't use. There are others who must hear of the Saviour of men. In thinking of others he forgot himself. He must spread the news to other men. How much do we think of regions beyond. How much do we think of the men and women who hazard their lives in regions beyond? Would to God that all the Lord's people prayed for and cared for His prophets in regions beyond.

SATURDAY, October 16th. II. Corinthians ii. 1-15.

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus" (v. 4).

The Apostle was concerned for those he had won to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ lest their true faith was corrupted by false preachers of a foreign gospel. John's epistle tells us to try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. How can we test the spirits? Do they confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh?

COMING EVENTS

Pastor John Dyke, the President, will visit the following churches: Oct. 16-19, Cherobilly. Nov. 2, Smethwick, 30, Coulsdon.

ABERTYSSWG. Oct. 9-11. Elim Church, Warns Terrace. Annual Convention Speaker: Pastor Ian Macpherson, Sat. 6.30, Sun. 10.30. 2,30 and 6. Mon. 6.30.

BARKING. Oct. 23-27. Elim Church, Ripple Road. Visit of Liewellyn Bell (Gospel Singer). Sat. 6.30. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Mon.

to Wcd. 7.30.

BARRY. Oct. 9-13. Etim Church, Upper Pyke Street. Annual Convention. Speaker: Pastor H. Burton Haynes. Meetings, Sun. 11 and 6.30 and week-nights 7.

BERMONDSEY. Oct. 10-11. Elim Church, Dunton Road. Sunday School Anniversary conducted by S.S. scholars. Sun. 3 and 6.30.

Mon. 7.

BOLTON. Oct. 10. Elim Church, Moor Lane, Market Square. Harvest Thanksgiving Services conducted by Sunday School, Choir and Crusaders. Speaker: Pastor T. W. Walker. 11, 2.45, 6.30 & 8.

BOURNEMOUTH. Oct. 20. Springbourne Elim Church, Victoria Place, Holdenhurst Road. Annual Sisterhood Rally, Wed. at 3.15. Speaker: Mrs. V. J. Walker (Worthing). Soloist: Mrs. Doris Bailey

(Winton).

BRADFORD. Oct. 2-10. Southend Hall, Leeds Road. Annual Convention. Sat. (2nd) and Sun. (3rd) Missionary Week-end. Speakers: Pastor and Mrs. Leslie Wigglesworth. Tues., Wed., Thu s. 7.30. Convention services. Speakers: Pastor and Mrs. E. Steele, Pastor L. Lambert. Sat. (9th) Presbytery Rallies 3 and 6.30. Special speaker: Pastor H. W. Greenway, Vice-President. (Cups of tea between rally services.

CAMBERWELL. Fourth Sat. in each month. Elim Church, Benhill Road. "Revival Hour," 7.30. Guest speakers at each

meeting. Convener: Pastor Mervyn Thomas.

CLAPHAM. Oct. 10. Elim Central Church, Carfax Square. 11 and 6.30. Harvest Thanksgiving services. Conducted by Pastor

F. A Hodge, and Sunday School scholars.

EALING. Oct. 16-18. Elim Church, Northfield Avenue, W.13. Twenty-fourth Anniversary Services. Sat. 7. Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 7.30. Speakers: Miss F. M. Munday (Gosport), Pastor A. R. Boston (Kingston). Convener: Pastor P. McBurney. All available Churches invited.

GLASGOW. Oct. 9-14, and 16-21. Elim Church, Butter Biggins Road. Sun. 11 and 6.30. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30. Revival Campaign conducted by Pastor E. Scrivens (Oxford). After-Church Rally, Sun, at 8 in the Dixon Hall, Cathcart Road. Oct. 16-21. Revival Campaign conducted by Pastor W. R. Jones (Bristol). After-Church Rally. Sun. at 8 in Dixon Hall.

HOLYHEAD. October 4-14. Elim Church, Trearddur Square. Revival and Divine Healing Campaign. Conducted by Pastor and Mrs. A. Brooks. Suns. 11, 6 and 7.30 (After-Church Rally). Week-

HOLYHEAD. Oct. 4-14. Elim Church, Trearddur Square. Children's Campaign. Conducted by Pastor and Mrs. A. Brooks.

Week-nights 6.

HOLYHEAD. Oct. 15-21. Elim Church, Trearddur Square. Deepening of Spiritual Life Campaign. Conducted by Pastor W. G. Hathaway. Sun. 11, 6 and 7.30 (After-Church Rally). Week-nights

HUDDERSFIELD. Oct. 13. Elim Church, South Street. Commencement of Sisterhood Services, Special opening Wed. 3. Lt. Mrs. Murray (S.A.). 7, Mrs. J. J. Morgan (B.F.D.). Soloist: Mrs. H. Brotton (Bradford). (Cups of tea between services.)

RLFORD. Oct. 10. Elim Church, Scrafton Road, London Crusader Choir. Speakers: Pastors D. B. Gray and A. J. K. Magee. ISLINGTON. Oct. 16-18. Elim Church, Lennox Road, Finsbury Park. East London Revival Rally. Sat. 3.30 and 6.0. Sun, 11 and Mon. 7.30. Speaker: Pastor J. McAyoy.
 MOTHERWELL. Oct. 10. Gaumont Cinema, Brandon St., 6.30.

Newtownards. Revival and Healing Campaign by Pastor A. Wilson and Party. Week-nights 8, Suns. 7 at Elim Church; 8.30 in Town

PONTYPRIDD. October 9. Elim Church, Thurston Road. Visit of Sparkbrook Harmony Choir with Pastor W. J. Patterson. 7.

SALFORD. Oct. 10. Elim Church, Nursery Street, Pendleton. 6.30, Great Youth Crusade, conducted by Pastor W. J. Baker and Macclesfield Crusaders. Continuation of Great Albert Hall Rally on Sat. 9. See separate advert,

SMETHWICK. Oct. 9-17. Elim Church, Oldbury Road. Youth Week. "Youth Challenges Youth." Meetings conducted by a number of Crusader branches. Each night 7.0 (Fri. ex.), Suns. 6.30.

ST. HELENS. Oct. 11-14. Elim Church, Duke Street. "Deepening of spiritual life" Convention. Speaker: Pastor S. Beresford (Blackburn). Convener: Pastor Ken. Smith.

WARRINGTON, Oct. 14. Elim Church, Knutsford Road, 7.30. Visit of Pastor J. H. Davies (National Youth Secretary).

WARRINGTON. Oct. 16-17. Elim Church, Knutsford Road. Pastor's Second Anniversary. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 10.45 and 6.30. Speaker: Pastor Baker (Macclesfield).

YORK. Oct. 2-10. Elim Church, Swinegate. Annual Convention. Week-nights (except Fri.) 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30. Speakers: Pastors T. W. Walker and J. Lancaster.

MR. & MRS. F. B. PHILLIPS' TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Phillips will visit the following churches in the Portsmouth Presbytery with their Missionary Film of S. Africa: Oct. 8, 9, Portsmouth. 10, 11, Petersfield. 13, Preston Park.

NATIONAL YOUTH SECRETARY'S VISITS

Pastor J. Hywel Davies will visit the following churches during the month of October:

Oct. 9, Manchester (Lancs. Presbytery Youth Rally), 10, Accrington. 11, Blackpool. 12, Glossop. 13, Burnley. 14, Warrington. 15, Oldham. 17, Leigh-on-Sea. 20, Croydon. 21, Carlisle. 22, Dunfirmline. 23, Glasgow (Scottish Youth Rally). 24, Kirkintilloch. 25, Greenock. 26, Edinburgh. 27, Dundee. 30, 31, Birmingham (Kingstanding).

Pastor Bryant Baker (South Africa) will conduct a series of Evangelistic Campaigns in the Scottish Presbytery as follows:— Dunfermline, Oct. 8-15. Dundee, Oct. 16-21. Carlisle, Oct. 23-Nov. 4. Greenock, Nov. 6-11. Motherwell, Nov. 13-15.

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The Choir will visit the Leeds Prison on Sunday afternoon.

GUERNSEY UNITED CAMPAIGN conducted by Rev. Paul Cantelon and Party in the Candie Auditorium, Guernsey commencing Sunday, Oct. 10th, at 8 p.m.

Week-nights, 7.30. Thurs., 3 p.m.

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DEDICATION

Hewitt.—On September 19th, Susan Irene Hewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hewitt, was dedicated by Pastor A. D. Hathaway, B.A., at Elim Tabernacle, Bath.

Pople.-On September 5th, at Elim Church, Islington, by Pastors J. J. Morgan and F. H. Coleman; Stephen Arthur, son of Pastor and Mrs. A. Pople. Brother for Benita.

MARRIAGES.

Britton: Reynolds.-On September 18th, at Elim Church, Leyton, by Pastor J. J. Way; John Royston Britton (Sunday School Superintendent) to Mary Alice Reynolds; both Elim Crusaders.

Round: Meredith.—On September 2nd, at Elim Tabernacle, Bath, by Pastor A. D. Hathaway, B.A.; Peter Alfred Round to Violet. Ruth Meredith.

Thomas: McMurray.-On September 18th, at Elim Tabernacle, New Orchard Street, Swansea, by Pastor A. V. Gorton; David Thomas to Patricia McMurray; members and Crusaders.

Wallace: Grant.—On September 4th, at Elim Church, Islington, by Pastor F. H. Coleman; Franklin Newton Wallace to Edna Joyce

WITH CHRIST

Jenkins .-- On September 15th, Mrs. D. Jenkins, member of Elim Church, Canning Town, passed into the presence of her Lord. Funeral conducted by Pastor C. Coe.

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