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# THE PATHWAY AND PRICE OF REVIVAL

By W. J. Allen

OUR foundation for and our confidence in expecting revival is seen in the outstanding promises of God to meet hungry and thirsty souls out of His abundance. We so often cry, "Oh that Thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might flow at Thy presence," but the heavens will not be rent until we fulfil the conditions required by God.

Revival is only possible through appropriation of and obedience to God's Word, for it can be clearly seen that God is willing to pour out His Spirit whenever and wherever there are people who fulfil the requirements.

The history of the Bible reveals God as one who is always ready to bless. "How much more shall your heavenly Father give good gifts to them that ask Him." The imagery and symbolic language of the Old Testament show God as giving in plenty: fountains, springs, rivers, pools of water, land flowing with milk and honey. Barrenness, parched ground and drought come only as correction or as a result of disobedience and sin. The keynote of the Old Testament prophets was that obedience brings blessing. Disobedience brings cursing. This is a Divine principle, whether nationally or personally. It is for us to see to it personally and collectively that we are obedient to His voice.

One thing we feel we must point out is that

### THE EVIDENCE OF THE MIRACULOUS

in our midst does not necessarily bring with it revival; in fact we suggest that often the reverse happens. Paul, in his missionary tours, had the power of God in ministry, and yet had to shake the dust off his feet! Stephen, the first martyr of the early Church, was truly demonstrating the ministry of the miraculous, for they could not resist the Spirit by which he spoke, but the miraculous rather brought bitter persecution.

The writer well remembers a sister who, after feeling the power of God in healing, knew the standard expected and left the church. We have seen this repeated in other places. In fact God visited this church again and again with miracle after miracle, but still there was no revival.

Revival will come, my brother and sister, when we are prepared to meet God on His terms. While it is true that there are certain things that must be ful-

filled, such as prayer, reading of and obedience to the Word, the basic need is a heart of passion for and towards God. Whether we feel Elijah missed the mark at Carmel and the afterwards of that occasion, the fact remains that he had the right vision and attitude. That God would, in answer to his prayer and faith, send fire was his positive belief, so much so that he could drench the altar with water. Let us not for a moment consider that the circumstances ruling in our day can prevent the fire of God. His power is great enough to burn up every spot of opposition. Though our altars are drenched with the water of unbelief, apathy and indifference, one faithful prophet of the Lord can pray down the fire of God. Pray on, my dear brother and sister, you who have been hidden through the years; God still has his remnant who have not bowed the knee to Baal. The fire of God will fall again through your persistent prayer of faith. Let us not forget the two elderly sisters who prayed until D. L. Moody came to these shores, with an accompanying move for God. But not only did Elijah pray for fire for God's glory, he prayed for rain.

## **OUR BASIC PRAYER FOR REVIVAL**

must have these two aspects. First pray for the glory of God, that there shall come again a great awakening among the masses and that idolatrous and erroneous cults will be exposed as powerless and without true light. The second aspect—"the rain"; truly the spiritual ground is parched and cracked. Elijah was not satisfied until he had the witness of the small cloud; he could then prophesy of the sound of an abundance of rain.

The 120 waited patiently with faith in the upper room *until* there came the sound from heaven. Elijah had learnt the lesson of patient, persistent waiting upon God at the brook Cherith and had seen the brook dry up, only to experience a deluge from heaven.

### HERE IS OUR PATHWAY AND PRICE

—prayerful, persistent waiting upon God. We shall meet our Cherith as we wait before Him. Elijah had nothing to console himself in, only God. Shall we not in these days of the seeming triumph of evil turn to Him with all our hearts ready for His will? The God of Elijah is still on the throne, He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Have we

surrendered to Him ready to do His will? Then we shall be able to stand still and see His salvation.

We have waited long for latter rain Our thirsty souls to fill. Oh send to us a deluge, Lord, According to Thy will.

We must refuse to be side-tracked with bursts of emotion; it is a cloudburst we need.

We are waiting for another visitation of the Holy Ghost. Elijah, the type of the Spirit-filled leader, did not try to work anything up, he wanted *fire down* 

from heaven, and that is what we want—Pentecostal fire from heaven. *Fire* for the glory and *rain* for refreshment.

Mighty, gushing springs of fulness From the blessed Holy Ghost, Filling all the empty vessels Now and to the uttermost. Springs of fulness, bringing comfort To the wearied fighting host; Weakened knees and failing hearts Need another Pentecost.



## Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

## **BAD NEWS**

A SPLIT second and life's radiant and pleasant sky is overcast with the thick clouds of disaster. Instinctively there arises from the heart prayer for grace to be still and trust for the promise which will calm the heaving breast and dispel the fast-rising heap of doubts. Suspense must be eased, those anxious days of waiting must have some stimulant. Ah, if only one knew the reason why, the outcome, the answer to it all.

I knelt beside my bed to pray, and God's word came swiftly to my soul. "I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him" (Psalm 91:15). Despair's shattering gave place to faith's triumphant song. I went about my work with high courage. God had given His word, all must be well. That evening I strolled with the dog over the golf links near our home. The setting sun was painting the western sky in vivid hues; the air was cool and calm, a lone swallow swiftly fled by high above me calling its mate. I found myself in communion with God and my soul burst forth in other tongues magnifying Him. Then to my amazement I began repeating fervently, "Thou God of Bethel." I was arrested by these words; surely there must be some meaning which was beyond me—the God of Bethel. It was where Jacob met with His God and the place was called Bethel, but was there something in this phrase which God wanted me to understand? At home I

looked up the reference (Genesis 28:15-19) and read with wonder Schofield's comment: "Bethel becomes, because of Jacob's vision there, one of the significant places of Scripture. To the Christian it stands for realisation, however imperfect, of the heavenly and spiritual contents of faith, answering to Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:17,18." Do read these verses.

Faith instead of fear. An unwavering trust which brings triumph over all the power of the adversary and self-changing moods. Bethel cannot be inhabited by normal reasonings. One can only be drawn to dwell there by the direct revelation of the Holy Spirit. What a place of refuge and security for you and me! Shall we dwell there? Others, by their hymns, have obviously been brought into this experience.

"Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!"
(Sarah F. Adams).

Note Jacob's resolve later in life when again God called Him to go up to Bethel (Genesis 35:1-6). Dwelling at Bethel, there is no room or place for idols.

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## EDITORIAL

## COLONISING THE MOON

NO, we are not going in for space-age cartoon strips, in spite of the almost universal trend in that direction! This is a report from Moscow Radio. "Plans are already being made to turn the moon into a habitable planet—perhaps in only a few decades" said a spokesman. Hermetically sealed houses and supply rockets loaded with food, water and fuel would be an early development, followed possibly by the creation of an atmosphere by means of nuclear power. Then would follow trips to the other planets, Mars, Venus and Mercury. Well, that is the prospect!

One wonders whether the reason for all this is the prospect of this world we now have becoming uninhabitable through atomic warfare and radioactive pollution, and whether this foreshadows a mass emigration to another world. Meanwhile, one would have thought it better to endeavour to develop the vast areas of this world we now occupy, to transform its deserts into food-raising territories, and thus to improve the dreadful lot of the millions who now live near or below subsistence level. How futile to talk of creating an atmosphere on the moon while man does his best to contaminate the atmosphere God has created for us here! Why try to cultivate the waste and cold surface of the moon when men still spoil the surface of the earth, creating deserts by soil erosion through the cutting down of forests? The plains of Babylon and Nineveh were once part of an area known as the "fertile crescent"—now there is little but desert, and the sand dunes cover the sites of ancient civilisations, where once great cities boasted of populations as great as those of many of our largest cities today.

The ultimate doom of this old world is clearly

foretold in Scripture, for Peter tells us that "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10). There are, however, two factors which may be a comfort to us who know the Lord: first that before all this Christ will reign on this earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:4); and secondly that "we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." This surely rules out the Communist rulers of Soviet Russia!

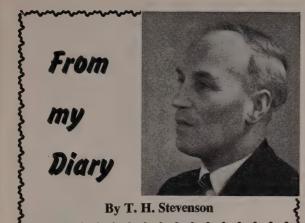
How good it is, in the midst of human plan and conjecture, to rest in the security of God's promise, and know that things more strange and wonderful than any human plan, more dramatic in their conception, more certain of attainment, are the prospect of the believer! How good too to realise that the phenomenal increase of human knowledge is just one of the signs foretold in God's Word that the end of all things is at hand. Therefore we can look up not to a Red moon, but to the heaven of heavens, whence the Saviour will soon appear. Are you ready for that day?

## ONE-MINUTE SERMON

By Selwyn Hughes

IN a newspaper some time ago an incident in a courtroom was reported where a man was charged with some crime, and when his case was called his counsel did not turn up. It seemed that the man's guilt was undeniable, for there was overwhelming evidence to prove that. Yet if someone had been there to plead for him maybe there would have been some leniency shown. But the criminal himself was dumb. There was nothing he could say.

But no sinner need be in that plight, So careful has God been in the arrangement of the Court of Eternal Justice that He has provided not only a Judge but a Counsel as well. And here is the wonder. The Counsel is the Judge and the Judge is the Counsel. They are one and the same person. Let no one think God does not understand his case. He will be tried by One who has worn our flesh, knows its weakness and is ready to forgive. God, in the person of His only Son, knows you better than you know yourself. As your Judge He must take God's side in the issue against sin, but as your Counsel He will plead His own righteousness on your behalf at the bar of God. And all He asks in order to show mercy is that you surrender to Him now. In exchange for forgiveness He asks your surrender. Will you not give it Him now?



R. Harry Edwards, the spiritualist leader, has defined the spiritualists' views on their healing practices. "Those good souls in spirit who administer the healing are surely part of His heavenly host who, having acquired advanced wisdom, are able to help those who suffer. The remedial healing forces flow as directed by wiser discarnate intelligences." Across the road from us is the spiritist meeting house; but we are worlds apart. While they seek those that have familiar spirits, we humbly seek the Lord for every spiritual and physical need.

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In 1859 Darwin's Origin of Species was published, and in this centenary year the evolutionists have grasped the opportunity to popularise and establish their belief. I use the word "belief," for, as a writer informs us, "evolution is not science; it is one of two philosophies, or systems of thought, which attempt to interpret science." Neither of these two philosophies-creationism or evolution-has been proved scientifically, for no human being now living was present when the earth began, to record the date or observe the method. Thus, both philosophies depend on faith. Said the evolutionist William Bateson, "Though our faith in evolution remains unshaken, we have no acceptable account of the origin of species." Says the creationist, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God." That is the only acceptable account.

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1859 saw something infinitely greater and more important than Darwin's theory. It was the year of revival in Ulster, the effects of which are still evidenced. I have been reading with profit Rev. J. T. Carson's God's River in Spate, published by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to celebrate that great year. That revival has been described as "the

most remarkable religious movement of modern times." This is realised when one is acquainted with the greatness of the events, the lasting nature of the results and the smallness of the area (chiefly an area about the size of Yorkshire).

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Rev. Tom Allan, among Scotland's outstanding and best known preachers, pays tribute to Pentecostalism. "These churches have one outstanding mark—they are wholly and utterly evangelistic. They preach the Gospel, and they preach it with passion. Their members are themselves evangelists, dedicated to winning their neighbours for Christ. They are people with a consuming desire for the salvation of men, and an overwhelming love for Christ and His kingdom. I have never been more convinced of the pressing need for those of us in the historic churches to be touched with the same fire which burns in Pentecostalism."

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Tom Allan's tribute followed his remarks of a conversation with Dr. Rudolf Obermuller, a most brilliant scholar and professor of the New Testament in Buenos Aires. Dr. Obermuller declares that the Pentecostalists in Brazil have grown to over 300,000 in a very few years, more than the Presbyterians, Anglicans, Methodists or Baptists who have been there for generations, And Rev. Edwin Robertson, secretary of the United Bible Societies, and world travelled, confirmed to Rev. Tom Allan that the same thing is found everywhere—Africa, India, the Far East. The Pentecostal Church, in Tom Allan's opinion, "leaves all the others standing still from the point of view of numerical expansion." These unsolicited testimonials from great Christians should do two things for us: fill us with gratitude to God for what He has wrought, and make us very humble to realise we are favoured to be in this mighty work.

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A Society of Friends writer explains to the unenlightened the worship of a Quaker meeting, emphasising that worship begins as soon as the first person has entered the building and is seated in silent meditation. I do not advocate rigid adherence to this practice in our churches, but it would do some good if each realised that the moments before a service can be spent more profitably than in some distracting conversation. The Quakers' practice reminds us that without much talk a congregation can remain a society of friends; indeed they are more likely thereby to remain friends.

# MEET OUR MISSIONARIES

## 2. MISS C. PICKEN

MISS C. Picken, our newest missionary to the Belgian Congo, is here to meet and share with you all, through a word picture, her life and Christian experience.

She was fortunate in that she was born into a Christian home. At the age of three years her parents came into Pentecost, so from her earliest years she grew to know the Lord as her Saviour. While unable to state time or place she knows with assurance that she is saved. Shortly after confessing her decision for the Lord she followed Him through the waters of baptism.

June 2nd, 1940, brought a sudden, new, and rather rude awakening in her life. The school children of Southend-on Sea had to evacuate and she found herself that night billeted in a drunkard's home! This drove her to her knees in a new way, and while living there she had the joy of leading her first convert to the Lord.

During evacuation she went on to take teacher's training, as she felt that was to be her avenue of Christian service. After qualifying she returned to Southend. There she threw herself into the Sunday school and Crusader work with zest, and for several years was the Crusader leader.

In 1946 she gathered with many Crusaders at an Elim camp at Wrabness. Here God wonderfully filled her with His Holy Spirit and burdened her with the need of the mission field, as expressed through the chorus "Lay your life on the altar for God." It was not an easy decision to make and much heart-searching preceded her application to work for God in the Congo. However, at that time the way did not open up for her to go, but she went on to prepare herself by taking Bible correspondence courses. Finally, the way opened on condition that she took a teacher's diploma course in Belgium. This is a very intensive course of study, but God's

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callings are truly His enablings! At last the day came when the needed diploma was obtained.

A farewell service was held at her home church on January 5th, 1959, and was followed by a farewell in London. She sailed from Southampton on January 8th. Of her arrival she wrote: "Oh, the joy of arrival when you are confident that the place is the one appointed by God for you! Friends welcome you with gladness, and the spiritual need around constitutes an opportunity to work with and for God. For so long I had anticipated just such a moment, but the reality far surpassed my conception of it. Kabondo Dianda is now truly home in a very real sense."

While studying Kiluba she has been able to assist with teaching in the native school through the medium of French. This term she is responsible for teaching the youngest children, and as they know no French she must make herself understood in Kiluba. Please pray that she may have freedom of expression so that she may be enabled to teach the children, especially of the Lord. Besides teaching in the day school she takes a Sunday school class.

Miss Picken writes: "Particularly in these early days in this country it has been a tremendous source of strength to know that many at home are praying that God will bless us here. All can take part in this ministry and thus have a share in our work. Very grateful thanks to everyone who faithfully supports us in this way. May He teach us the secret of true intercession for others, and give expectant faith."

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## ELIM MISSION To EIRE

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FARLY this year the Elim Churches in Northern Ireland made a determined effort to get the Pentecostal message "over the border" into the priest-ridden south. A wooden sectional hall with folding tip-up seats, a Vanguard car and a twentytwo-foot modern caravan were purchased for our missionaries to Eire, Pastor and Mrs. Gordon Hills. In a land where only six per cent of the population is nominally Protestant, where every part of national and communal life is dominated by the Church of Rome, which dictates both national and local government policy, it is no easy thing to preach the Gospel and get a hearing. It was therefore decided to commence these efforts in Co. Monaghan, where there is a Protestant community, so that the Elim Church which has existed in Monaghan since the beginning of the Elim movement could lend its support. In different rural areas in the county the hall was erected and Gospel campaigns were held. The task was not easy, and although our missionaries worked exceptionally hard, with sometimes three meetings in a day and oft-times the little hall crowded to capacity, there were little or no visible results, but we are sure a deep impression was made upon many and the seed sown will yet bear fruit. At last the



Portable hall with Vanguard car in front.



Pastor and Mrs. Gordon Hills and the Gospel caravan.

much-prayed-for "break" came! Hallelujah! The hall was erected at a crossroads with just a halfdozen or so cottages near it and acres and acres of fields around. Where would the congregations come from? Right from the commencement they came from all directions and by all modes of transport, and the little hall with seating for eighty was often crowded with 100 people crammed into it. The interest grew and grew, so the campaign was extended from week to week until nine weeks went by, during which people of all age groups found the Saviour. It was now the busiest time of the year for the farming community, and it was impracticable to carry on the nightly meetings any longer. The Elim Church in Monaghan decide to erect a wooden hall on the site for the benefit of the converts, and a Gospel service and Bible study have been conducted each week since. The interest is still maintained and the work is making progress. A Sunday school has been commenced and at present there are almost fifty children on the roll.

During the summer our missionaries have been concentrating their activities on open-air witness in Roman Catholic areas. During the month of August they went to Dun Laoghaire, the seaside resort near Dublin. The Protestant community is very, very small, and so it was encouraging to see the good numbers who stood and listened to the Gospel in the open air, most of them Roman Catholics. However, this witness was hampered by the Legion of Mary, whose workers came and mingled with the crowd and distracted their attention and caused many to move away. Protestants in Britain can have little or no conception of the way Rome holds sway here. The Legion of Mary workers are trained by Jesuit priests to counteract any move by evangelical Protestants to reach the people; they give out tracts, heckle open-air speakers, and employ any method they can, including the use of threats to discourage

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our leaders, for we can see that the days are fast hastening to the coming of the Lord. Are campaigns, with powerful evangelists and revival parties, the only answer? Assuredly not! The thrill of campaigning is something most wonderful. To found new Elim churches is a great work, but this is not the calling of the vast majority. It is my firm conviction that the success of the early Church was not only in the hands of its wonderful leaders. Certainly they played a vital part, but look at the fourth verse of Acts chapter eight: "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." The ordinary members did a marvellous job in filling the ears of their fellow men with the good tidings of the full Gospel. It was the understood thing in the early days that we were to spread and spread the news of the blessed Foursquare Gospel. Our whole living was wrapped round about this one great theme. Three times at least the phrase "house to house" appears in the New Testament. Thus I submit to you a very definite and scriptural way of evangelising which is within the reach of most of us. First then let me draw your attention to

JHAT is the best way to evangelise? This vital

question has been laid upon the hearts of

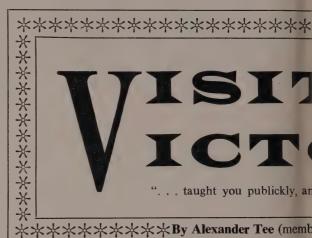
### THE VISION OF VISITATION

There is at least one false cult which uses this method very successfully in our land in these days. Recently we were told by our ex-President that they were gaining more ground than we are. What a shocking fact! Please let it shock you, yes, and shake you too. Needy people are being poisoned by this group, and we who have the sweet, wholesome Gospel can scarcely say that we have the vision of houseto-house visitation. Dear reader, you who claim to be born again and anxious to see souls delivered from darkness, answer God this question: would you be willing to spend only two hours per week knocking on a few doors, giving people your testimony and inviting them to your Elim church? If the Lord opened up the way you could explain to the people the simple way of salvation. If you feel that you are incompetent to explain the way of salvation at least you could give your humble testimony and do it so attractively that it would be easy to give the person an invitation to come on Sunday night to hear from your anxious pastor the way of salvation. Answer God, beloved! What about Saturday afternoon? If you only did ten homes in the two hours you would cover no less than 5,000 in ten years yourself! You may never be able to stand before a congregation of so many, yet in actual fact you would have done so. Think what it

would add up to if you could get only another nine in your whole church to do the same. Brethren, catch the vision of it—and only two hours a week.

## **VENTURE FOR VICTORY**

Many are the excuses we could offer for not starting out on this glorious form of evangelism. Moses said to the Lord that he was not very good at speaking. However, you will agree with me that in the end he did a grand job. I believe if you, with much prayer, will venture, you will get such a thrill that you will be glad you ever started out. "Never venture—never win." Set yourself a target after prayer,



and see just how many times you can give your testimony on the doorstep. Obviously you will need to use much wisdom, for preaching at people is very liable to gain their displeasure rather than your winning them for the Lord. If you meet a difficult case do what Jehovah's (false) Witnesses do. Tell him that you would like to let him get the answer clearly and helpfully explained and so you would rather that a friend of yours explained the matter. Then, of course, go for your pastor and ask him to come with you. Always leave a nice taste in the mouth of the person to whom you have been speaking. If he is interested, maybe you could arrange to call for him around 6 p.m. the following Sunday to go with him to the church, Beloved, this is a great work. It was such a great work that the apostle Paul went out and did it. I know that you are not an apostle, but venture, try, it is just wonderful what will happen if you will make a prayerful start.

## VICTORIES OF VISITATION

You will be surprised when I quote some of the

amazing visits to houses recorded in the New Testament. First of all, the Holy Spirit visited the upper room of a house one Whitsun and you know the rest. Let the Holy Spirit do the same for you in a private room in your house and I tell you it will be a visit for which you will ever be glad. "Ye shall receive power after that . . ." Yes, power for door-to-door evangelism! Now many of you who are reading these lines have had a precious baptism in the Holy Spirit, but alas, it is a long time since you had a similar power-filling, overwhelming, soul-blessing, spirit-vitalising, upper room experience. You must agree that you have become a settled

Pentecostal church member. Shame upon you, for see the ripe harvest fields just where you live.

Then again the apostle Peter one day knocked on the door of a man called Cornelius. Many were saved and baptised in the Spirit as a result of this. The same preacher knocked on another door where there was a prayer meeting for his deliverance going on. The Lord had answered prayer! However, these are special results, and thus I want to come to the text. In Ephesus Paul founded a very strong church. One of his methods in doing this was going from house to house. Picture this man of God leaving off his tent-making as soon as he had managed to meet his expenses and there he goes at it. Knock knock! This man said, "For to me to live is Christ" (not tent-making or money-making). His whole vision was repeated by William Carey, who said something like this: "I mend boots to meet my expenses." For him to live was Christ.

One of our workers was out on this splendid work and received a very nasty reception. The man of the house had been sleeping in a chair, and after three knocks at the door he arose in a temper and in reply to the kind words of the worker let out a mouthful of evil language, slammed the door in the worker's face, and that was that. You can see it is not easy work, but if we are sincere and not weary in well doing we will reap if we faint not. There will be homes you will be able to return to, and on the second visit will receive a happy welcome because of the good impression you left after your first call. This is the great secret of this form of evangelism. Try to make such good friends with the people that they will want you to come again. It is usually on this second visit that the best of your work is done. In cases where there are grand possibilities maybe the pastor would come with you, or one of the elders. The great thing in your initial contact is to be so kind about everything that the very grace of the Lord Jesus paves the way right into the very heart of the person you chat to. I cannot impress this part of the work too strongly. Let the sweetness of the grace of the Saviour through your whole attitude and atmosphere be the secret of your success, backed home, of course, with much prayer. This is the victory. One vital factor is never to get involved in an argument. Once you get drawn into an argument you get drawn into defeat. You may win the argument, but it is doubtful if you will win the person. The charm of graciousness is the secret of this whole form of evangelism. Never let it leave you. It is always wise to have with you some attractive literature such as an evangelistic number of the ELIM EVANGEL; or first give each contact a good tract, then if you see that he really is interested let him purchase one of these special Evangels. You will know by the whole atmosphere of the conversation whether or not he is really interested. Where you sell such an Evangel, perhaps you could note down the name and the number. Then behind the scenes during the next seven days you might be able to write to the person a courteous letter, thanking him for his encouragement to you and for his interest; then remind him of the Elim church where you attend and suggest that he might like to come. You might also be able to ask him if he enjoyed reading the EVANGEL and ask for his comments. Now should you receive a reply to such a letter, then you would do well to let your pastor know about it and thus you have opened up the way for something very promising. I sum up by saying catch the vision! Then after prayer, with true refined boldness (notice refined boldness), venture for victory, and I believe God will so inspire you that you will be thrilled you ever read these few lines. There is victory in venturing to visit with vision for souls!

# "Hook-Line-Salvation\_!"

By Hugh Sawyer

"FOLLOW Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). The angler fishes for pastime and pleasure. The deep sea fisherman fishes for profit and necessity.

With his feet firmly planted upon solid ground, perhaps at times standing knee deep in water, his legs protected by waders, the angler is in no danger. Having indulged in his sport to his heart's content he can at any time pack his fishing tackle and go home and enjoy its comforts.

Not so the deep sea fisherman, who is an entirely different type, usually bluff and hearty, prepared for anything, undaunted, living hard and dangerously, facing the perils of the deep in all its moods. He cannot go home when weary or when the storm clouds gather. No! He must toil while the gale howls and the tossing seas rage, riding out the storm!

Two thousand years ago Jesus went among the fishing fraternity seeking His first disciples, and it is men of that calibre whom He seeks today! Remember how Jesus, walking by the Galilean sea, called Simon Peter and his brother Andrew as they were casting their net into the sea. "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew records that straightway they left their nets and followed Him.

James and John were sitting in a ship with their father mending their nets when Jesus walked up and spoke to them. Hearing a stranger address them they looked up casually and in an instant sprang into decisive action when they realised the import of the message! Without hesitation they immediately turned their backs upon the old life, left their aged father probably staring at them flabbergasted, left home and all they held dear, to follow in the footsteps of One who would lead them they knew not whither.

Who but Jesus, Son of God, deity personified, could be capable of instilling such trust and wielding such compelling influence over His fellows? This Man of sterling qualities, whose personality was power impregnated, His charm irresistible, His touch magnetic, His eyes searching, His gaze compelling, His voice as One having authority; a Man with a purpose, possessing a heart bursting with love and compassion for wayward humanity.

Jesus looks at you and calls you now! He wants men of good will that good will result; courageous men of conviction, blood-washed and born-again saints, capable of leading sinners to Calvary's Cross and salvation.

Jesus is not looking for "anglers of men" with their attendant safety. He does not promise a rod, line and beautiful artificial flies to those who would follow Him. "Let him who would deny himself take up his cross and follow Me!" A cross denotes suffering, hardship, self-denial; no easy thing! The way of the cross meant death. Today the cross which Jesus offers means life!

The highest and greatest award that can be won in the British services is another cross; an emblem denoting outstanding bravery, intense endurance and brilliant achievement; the Victoria Cross! Its cash value is trivial, its glory beyond price!

The Cross of Christ was two rough wooden beams, at that time worthless; were they in the possession of Christianity today they would be priceless!

"If I be lifted up," cried Jesus, "I will draw all men unto Me!" Since that day many have been drawn to Him and have found salvation; alas many others have been called but have turned away, sneering, scoffing, seeking to crucify Him afresh. These, whales of men, big mouthed, loving to spout in mockery, are not yet beyond redemption but are the fish whom Jesus would have netted for His kingdom!

After Christ's resurrection Peter and six of his friends went fishing. They toiled all night and caught nothing. Their hearts were as heavy as their nets were empty. Jesus awaited them on the foreshore. "Have you any meat?" He called and the hoarse negative reply came drifting back. "Cast thy net on the right side and ye shall find!" They obeyed and instantly netted one hundred and fifty-three great fishes!

Do you see what happens when we listen to the voice of Jesus? We can labour all our days; if we have not Christ we labour in vain. We can accumulate riches to our downfall. We have toiled in the world seeking peace and satisfaction, to what purpose? See what happens when we try the right side at His command!

Jesus Christ leads us into shoals of blessing, cleanses us from all sin and gives unto us the promised gift of salvation and eternal life!



# Calling Boys and Girls

**By Bernard Norris** 

Hello again!

## MORE MONKEY BUSINESS

Hello again!

Come with me. We're off to a museum. Now I know what you are thinking—but it isn't dull. It is the Natural History Museum, and a very interesting place.

In one place there is a chart showing how everything living has evolved. If you look at it carefully, you will see that it shows the parts the scientists have just guessed at, and if you remove these parts—wow!—the chart just falls to pieces! If you want to convince anyone that evolution is not true, just take him to see that chart.

But the part I particularly want to show you is the section on the supposed evolution of man. This has a lot of pictures showing an ape-man and his wife and others. First of all he starts off as an ape, then gradually he loses some of his fur, and begins to straighten up. Finally, we see him with just hair on his body instead of fur, and he is walking upright like a man.

Ah, but take a close look at his legs. How did his two hands turn into feet? In one picture he has hands, in the next picture he is passing through long grass, in the following picture he has feet!

They do not know. And because it is impossible for hands to evolve into feet they paint the supposed ape-man walking or moving through *long grass*. Is that what they call science?

Now let me tell you another story about one of the wonderful ape-men that they were supposed to have found. It took place some thirty-five or more years ago, but at least one text book quotes it today. It happened like this. A man in America found a tooth. Yes, that's right, just a tooth. "Ah," said the scientists, "an ape-man's tooth." The news was flashed across the Atlantic, and soon there appeared in the *Illustrated London News* a drawing by an artist of the supposed ape-man and his supposed wife—a drawing which covered two whole pages.

After a time the tooth was discovered to be that of an extinct race of peccary, in other words the tooth of an ancient *pig*! Some ape-man!

Personally I would rather stick to facts and believe what the Bible and Jesus say, that God created man as well as every other living thing.

Cheerio for now, and God bless you.

BERNARD.

PS. Next week, "Introducing Benny."

## Elim Mission to Eire

(continued)

people from listening to the speakers. Although the numbers at the open-air meetings were encouraging, any effort to get people to indoor meetings failed. The most that ever came in during the three weeks was eighteen, and some nights only two or three. However, there was one decision, a Roman Catholic man, and the prayers of our readers are requested for him and this difficult work.

While in the south our missionaries visited the Roman Catholic colleges, shrines and churches and endeavoured to give personal witness wherever they could. There are hundreds of young men and women in training for the Roman Catholic mission field; in one college there are over 500 young men in training as priests. Coloured photographs were taken and a collection of over eighty slides was made to show the condition of things for our Elim churches. A visit was made to Croagh Patrick, where at the annual pilgrimage over 70,000 pilgrims climb the

holy mountain throughout the night to earn indulgence. The mountain has no proper roads, only rough, boulder-strewn paths, and many of the barefooted pilgrims complete the journey bleeding and exhausted; others are carried down the mountain by stretcher parties to the waiting ambulances. The pictures of the pilgrimage taken by Pastor Hills are very moving indeed. At another shrine, where there is a replica of the grotto at Lourdes, people were seen kneeling on the lawn and eating the grass which had been "blessed" by the bishop. Many are the stories that could be told of this land where darkness and superstition reign, every bit as real as in lands overseas and among primitive tribes. We would urge all our readers to join us in prayer for this benighted land and much-neglected mission field.

Plans are now being made for a new series of campaigns during the winter months in the portable hall. Public address equipment has also been obtained and it is hoped to visit the weekly fairs and markets in the country towns where there is no Gospel witness.

## **CLACTON YOUTH CAMP**

Last year being my first under canvas, I went to Pagham in fear and trepidation, but after all the wonderful blessings there I went to Clacton this year with great expectations. Nor was I disappointed, for we had a great time. We were all very sorry that Pastor F. Frost, last year's Commandant, had been moved to Dundee and so could not come, but we soon settled down with our new "Commy," Pastor E. Corsie, and all enjoyed much happy fellowship under his kindly hand. It was good for me to



1. Clacton Youth Camp from the air.

- 2. Preparing the camp fire.
- 3. Willing hands prepare the meal.

have as my co-Padre Pastor F. Hodge once again, and a real joy to work with him on the spiritual side of the camp.

What happy renewing of friendships, and sharing of blessings and testimonies since last year. What wonderful weather, and my, what wonderful food. Oh, how those dear ladies worked; may the dear Lord bless them all for their sacrificial labours. One would like to mention names, but there were so many who helped and worked in so many different ways to make everybody happy and to provide for bodily and spiritual needs. Early morning prayer meetings, Sunshine Corner, adult services, decisions made that we trust will mean great changes in young lives that may have far-reaching influence upon others. How grateful some of us were to the owner of the Clacton airstrip for the many flights over the camp site to enable photographs to be taken from the air. It was good to have a heavenly view of things, they look so different in more ways than one. His kind interest was because of his contacts with Elim through an Elim Crusader from Grimsby who had helped with baby sitting.

Who knows how far our influence may reach, and who knows how far-reaching the results of the Clacton camp may prove to be?

May the blessing received by so many be maintained, and through it the name of Jesus be magnified.

Thank you Pastor Corsie and your fine band of workers for such a grand camp, and, young people, show your thanks by pressing on with the Lord.

W. G. TURNEY.

### READING CHURCH RALLY

On September 5th the Reading church held a presbytery rally, when the President, Pastor H. Burton-Haynes, was the guest speaker. He gave a very helpful and challenging message on "Christian discipleship," which was appreciated by all present. He also rendered a duet with his wife.

Pastors and members of the Oxford, Banbury, High Wycombe and Faringdon branches gathered with us and took part in the rally, and all agreed that it had been a meeting that would be remembered for a long time. Afterwards refreshments were served.

Pastor Burton-Haynes was also with us during the Sunday services and the special Monday evening meeting, when we again sat under his gifted ministry.

The Lord's presence was felt during each service and everyone went away richly blessed.

# I couldn't care less! . . .

T times I am strongly tempted to resort to insults, or something equally arresting, to provoke some sort of response in the blank moon-like faces of some young people. Sloppy clothes, a floppy pose, an air of assumed nonchalance, when the expression of physical exertion is no more than the raising of an eyebrow, are what many young people term as seeing life. This is the spirit of the negative response which some give when invited to engage in Christian service. To address the Crusader meeting means that a subject has to be considered, and a talk prepared. This calls for concentrated thought, and this means energy. "Why don't you do something useful with your life?" is the question. "I couldn't care less" is the reply. This can be excused in the non-Christian; what has he to live for anyhow? But in the Christian it is unpardonable. One is almost tempted to doubt the salvation of some young folk who are in this "groove." The Spirit of Christ is dynamic, vital, everlasting power. "If ye have not the Spirit of Christ ye are none of His." Let that sink into your mind through the accumulation of rubbish deposited there from trashy magazines, my young friend. If you allow it to get far enough down and you are worth your salt to your Master, its revolutionising energy will soon make short work of your slothfulness.

You cannot be a real Christian and live a lazy, wasteful life.

You cannot be a real Christian and slouch in the corner while others stand up and do the work.

You cannot be a real Christian by adopting the pose of the modern sect with its cynical approach to all that is good and worth while.

You cannot be a real Christian by ignoring the virulent, challenging, worthwhile adjectives which Christ used about the life He died to give you: fight the good fight, occupy till I come, be diligent, stand up, strive for right, resist evil, run the race, be vigilant, watch.

There is no place for the "I couldn't care less" clan in the Christian race. Anything worth while costs, as it did to Nelson, who bought England's greatest victory with his life.

Young people of Elim, let us change the title. "I couldn't care more . . . I am caring to the limit of my ability. I am burning with a fierce passion to give every ounce of my energy in my Master's cause.

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Scripture Union Portions. Notes by W. J. Maybin (Minister of Elim Church, Worcester)

Monday, October 26th. Romans 2:1-16

In yesterday's portion we had the Gentiles under condemnation. Today the apostle strikes out at his own nation. The Jew as a self-styled judge is silenced (v. 11). God is no respecter of persons. The Jew with the law has sinned and is in the same position before God as the Gentile without the law, in sin. The fact of possessing the law is not sufficient, it must be practised (v. 13). Man cannot judge his fellows, even though he be a Jew. The one and only righteous judge is Jesus (v. 16). The Saviour of today will be the judge of tomorrow (Acts 17: 31).

Tuesday, October 27th. Romans 2:17-29

In his direct address to the Jew Paul shows that having his boast in the law, setting himself up as a guide and teacher, he did not apply it to himself. Indeed, such inconsistency on their part caused Gentiles to blaspheme God (v. 24). How careful we should be in our walk and witness. Paul goes on to prove that externalism goes for nothing in the estimate of God. In everything God judges the heart. Man looks and reckons by the outward appearance, God looks on the inward. This was the curse of religious life—the emphasis on externals to the neglect of inward reality (1 John 3: 20, 21).

Wednesday, October 28th. Romans 3:1-18

The Jews were the custodians of God's oracles, yet they could not plead special privilege. In the Gospel, Jews and Gentiles are viewed in one light, and that is the light of a common condemnation. They are also responsible to God as to a personal salvation, Then follows a sweeping, fourteenfold indictment from the Old Testament. All the world is guilty before God and every mouth is stopped. We are living in an age when God-consciousness is dying out. "Out of contempt of God cometh all wickedness. Seeing that the fear of God is the fountain of wisdom, when we are once departed from it, there abideth nothing right or sincere. If it be wanting, we are loosed unto all kinds of licentious wickedness" (Calvin).

Thursday, October 29th. Romans 3: 19-31

With the whole world guilty before the bar of God, Paul now proceeds to unfold that which he calls in chapter 1 "the righteousness of God." This is done against the dark background of universal sin (v. 23), through the shedding of Christ's blood (vv. 24, 25). "The work of Christ can never be dissociated evangelically from the shedding of His blood" (Parker). Through this great act of redemption God can be both just and the justifier of those who believe (v. 26). As a result boasting is excluded and man is shut up to faith (v. 28).

Friday, October 30th. Romans 4:1-12

Personalities of Jewish history are brought forward to prove the point of 3:28. Abraham and David, constantly on Jewish lips, were accounted righteous by faith alone (vv. 3 and 6); the procuring cause—the sacrifice of Christ. The Hebrew word kaphar ("covered") is used to denote the extent of the Jewish sacrifices. Sin could not be removed until the

death of Christ. If David could pronounce "blessed" the man whose sins were "covered" though not removed, much more should we rejoice to know that Christ has been manifested "to put away" our sins by His own sacrifice (Hebrews 9: 26).

Saturday, October 26th. Romans 4: 13-25

This great theme of "righteousness by faith" is enlarged upon, still using Abraham as a case in point. Indeed Abraham is the father of us all—that is to say he is the father of the faithful, the head of faith, the new and better Adam of the race. Paul moves from Abraham to Jesus, "delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification" (v. 25). "In Christ's death He paid our debt, in His resurrection He took our acquittance" (Henry). The Gospel is summed up in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Indeed, where these are missing or minimised we have no Gospel.

Sunday, November 1st. Romans 5:1-11

These verses rank among some of the greatest in this great chapter. We see before us the blessed results of justification by faith: peace with God, position as Christians and prospect. What a future is ours! It is better on before! Not merely to behold His glory, but to share it (Colossians 3:4; John 17:22). In view of this, the believer can now "exult" in tribulations which come his way, knowing that they carry their equivalent weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17). Again he can "exult" in God. Every believer has this right of exultation. Note it is exultation in God, through Christ, because of Calvary. What grace can do!

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## **COMING EVENTS**

(Please pray for these services)

**BALLYMONEY.** November 7-12. Elim Tabernacle, Edward Street. Minister's third anniversary services. Speaker: Arnold Brooks (Salford). Convener: Keith Harris. Sun. 11.30, 3.30 and 6.30, week-nights 8.

**BELFAST.** October 24. Ulster Temple, Ravenhill Road. Annual Irish Youth Rallies. 3.30, great Sunday School Demonstration "Beneath the Banner." 7.45, Youth Rally. Speaker: Evangelist Malcolm Smith (Stowmarket).

**EAST HAM.** October 25—November 1. Elim Church, Central Park Road. Youth Week, Nightly at 7.30, Sun. 6.30. Sat. 7.30, visit of Southampton Choir.

GUERNSEY. October 31—November 5. Eldad Elim Church, Union Street, St. Peter Port. Convention services and J. F. Hardman's Silver Jubilee in Elim ministry. Guest speaker: W. G. Hathaway. Sat. 7; Sun. 11 and 6.30; Tues., Wed., Thurs. 7.30.

**HADLEY** (nr. Wellington, Salop). October 31. Opening of new Elim Church, Haybridge Road. Speakers: J. Dyke and J. Newman. 6. November 4-19. Evangelistic and Divine Healing Campaign conducted by A. J. Chuter. Soloist and song leader: Alan Caple. Suns. 6.30, weeknights (except Fri. 13th) 7.30.

LONGTON. November 7. Elim Church, Five Ways, Lightwood Road. Latest documentary film of Billy Graham's Australian Crusades. "Southern Cross Crusade." 7.30.

MANCHESTER. October 31. Houldsworth Hall, Deansgate (10 mins, walk from Central station). Lancashire Presbytery Rally. Bible teaching session, 3.30. Speaker: S. Gorman. Evangelistic rally, 6.30. Speaker: R. Jones. Cups of tea provided between services. The sick will be prayed for after the afternoon meeting.

SILVERDALE. October 26-29. Elim Church, Albert Street. Series of messages on the tabernacle by Stanley Beresford (Blackburn). October 21—November 1. Visit of Evangelist Eddie Smith. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 6.30.

**SWANSEA.** November 7-9. Elim Church, New Orchard Street. Church Anniversary services. Preacher: T. Stevenson (Ilford). Sat. 7.15, Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 7.15.

#### MISS JEAN AYLING'S ITINERARY

October 24, 25, Coventry; 26, Rugby; 28, Harringay Mission Hall; 29, Finchley; November 14, Hove; 15, Hastings; 16, Eastbourne; December 19, Letchworth.

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October 28, Greenock; 29, Kirkintilloch; 31, Glasgow; November 1, Motherwell; 2, Paisley; 3, Alloa; 4, Dundee; 5, Aberdeen; 6, Dunfermline; 7, Stoneyburn; 8, Shotts; 9, Coatbridge; 10, Edinburgh; 11, Dumfries; 12, Carlisle; 13, Whitehaven.

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## **MARRIAGES**

Bart: Fulton. On September 14th, at Elim Tabernacle, Ballymoney; Ronald Carneigie Barr to Emily Thompson Fulton. Officiating ministers: K. Harris, W. J. Rowell and W. H. Holohan.

Wallace: Carmichael. On June 3rd, at Elim Tabernacle, Ballymoney; Samuel Alexander Wallace to Virginia Heather Iris Carmichael, Officiating minister: Keith Harris.

Whittaker: Quest. On October 3rd, at Covenant Hall, Stafford; Brian Whittaker to Grace Quest; both Elim Crusaders and Sunday school teachers. Officiating minister: Leon C. Quest (father of the bride).

WITH CHRIST

Beecroft. On October 6th, Alfred George Beecroft, faithful and beloved member of Elim Church, Ipswich. Officiating minister at funeral: J. H. Sainsbury.

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