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Rev. H. Burton-Haynes (retiring President) presents the Bible to the new President, Rev. John Woodhead.

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INSPIRING ORDINATION SERVICE

By J. J. Way (Hove)

THE focal point of this inspiring service was the time when four young men knelt before God and a large congregation to be ordained as ministers of Jesus Christ. This was set in a very inspiring order of service which opened under the leading of Pastor E, Cole (Swansea). How readily that congregation gave voice to the grand hymn "How marvellous! How wonderful!" The President, John Woodhead, then convened and Pastor P. Cowdery led in prayer. The singing of the conference male voice party under Pastor D. Gray was grand.

The congregation was then told of Pastor T. H. Stevenson's election to the office of Vice-President. The Principal of the Elim Bible College, Pastor Wesley Gilpin, named the probationers who received the highest marks for their theses: D. M. Evans, Brian Barnett and F. Newey. Prizes were presented by the President.

The Field Superintendent, Pastor W. G. Hathaway, introduced the four ordinands, who readily gave their testimonies. F. Lomas, of Glossop, now pastor of Newtownards, testified to his upbringing in a godly home when a child. However, war service saw him going the worldly way. In later years he attended a Pentecostal meeting, and on returning to his home gave himself completely to the Lord. Water baptism was soon followed by the baptism in the

Holy Ghost; then came the call into the ministry. At first it seemed as though the door was fast closed to the ministry, but as it was God's will he saw the door open eventually.

The second ordinand was N. Clarke, of Hastings, now in charge of our Rugby church. He heard the Gospel in a Margate Pentecostal church, but it was the appeal of the second advent of Jesus Christ that convicted him. The coming again of our Lord showed the destiny of this world and how salvation in Christ Jesus settled the life for time and eternity. Thus, at the age of twenty-two, the wonderful change of life took place. He was thrilled as he read of the Welsh revival of some years ago, and grew in grace and knowledge in our St. Leonards church under the ministry of Pastor W. N. Brambleby.

The third ordinand was Peter Guppy, of Swansea, now pastor of Colne Elim Church. He told us briefly how he benefited by being brought up in a Christian

Photos (left to right):
Students' singing group.
Bible College instrumentalists.
Ministers' singing group.

Photos on this and following pages by George Stormont and Charles
Bean.



home, but that salvation needs a personal decision, no matter how godly the home. In the events of his life subsequent to salvation he underlined the word "trust"; this was his keyword Godwards. Such a stand found a faithful Lord and Saviour, and thus a ringing testimony to the glory of God.

The fourth ordinand was G. R. Brown, of Birmingham, now in charge of Elim Church, Stockport. In his early years he had attended Sunday school, and as he grew older he became a Sunday school teacher. However, he had not realised the wonderful personal salvation of Jesus Christ, and there followed a drifting into the ways of the world. One evening the heavy burden of sin settled upon his life and forced him to his knees before God. A young man was brought into contact with him to tell him of a wonderful personal Saviour, then, under the ministry of our dear departed brother John Dyke, Geoffrey Brown surrendered to Christ. The scriptural order followed: baptism in water and in the Holy Spirit, and then the call to the ministry.

The testimonies ended, these consecrated young men answered in the affirmative to the President's call to serve Jesus, to adhere to the fundamentals of the Bible and be loyal to the movement. Then, as the ordinands knelt, the President and Executive members laid hands upon them with prayers of ordination. One could literally feel the heart of the congregation going out to these new ministers of God in real prayerful support. Certificates of ordination were then presented by the Field Superintendent. The conference male voice party then sang beautifully an appropriate piece, "Wherever He leads I'll go."

Pastor J. Gardiner, of Halifax, then gave a very challenging message. Set in this day of bad tidings, he emblazoned the meaning of "Gospel": glad, good tidings. Ideologies seem to be the order of our day, but what are these in comparison to the good tidings of a crucified, risen and glorified Saviour and Lord? Christ is the answer, giving pardon, purity and power. This message of good tidings must be sounded forth. Right from its beginning it has answered the need of the world. So vital is it for the world that only martyrdom could silence God's messengers.

Ordinands and the congregation were called upon to live for Christ and tell forth the good tidings of this wonderful Gospel. The meeting ended with the singing of a very suitable hymn, "Send the fire." May those newly ordained ministers be mightily used of God to proclaim the results of a "Summit" meeting of Father, Son and Holy Ghost which brings good tidings to a world of bad tidings.

Calling BOYS AND GIRLS

By Bernard H. Norris

Hello again!

You know, I have just realised why it is so quiet—Benny's on holiday. He has gone to stay with his cousin in the country for two weeks. Before he went he gave me strict instructions not to go any farther with the serial until he came back, so I am afraid we must leave David leading his 400 men to wherever he is leading them, until Benny returns.

Anyway, this will give me a chance to thank the many Elim folk I've been meeting recently for the grand time they gave me. The first stop was at Carshalton, where a group of very lively folk gave me a grand time. Next my old Ford whizzed Joy (that's my wife) and me over to Oxford, and here we had two wonderful meetings, with a great deal of fun. It was especially nice for me to have Joy with me, because she wasn't able to come last year. This was a Sunday school anniversary, and it was jolly good. The old Ford brought us home safely soon after 11 p.m., and was ready the next Sunday to take me just across to Wimbledon to another Sunday school anniversary. Here again I had a great time, and the little ones did very well indeed.

I was soon off again, and Joy joined me in a trip down to Hove. Hove minor hall was packed for the Saturday night meeting, and it was a grand meeting too. We were wonderfully entertained for the night by some fine church members, where I was busy talking about youth work until after midnight! Next morning we went across to Preston Park in Brighton to a very nice service, and then the Sunday school anniversary meetings afternoon and evening. It was good to see the parents coming to the meetings here. I think our car must have felt tired on the way home—or should I say tyred? Anyway we had a puncture at the top of a very busy hill!

Never mind, it was repaired and ready again for a trip to Leyton. This time I was alone again, as Joy stayed at Brixton (where they've almost forgotten me I think!). Once more this was an anniversary, and on the Saturday they had a splendid shop full of things which taught salvation. On Sunday there were a few repeats and a lot of new items. I must say it was the best anniversary of all. It was especially good to see so many parents, and to see the church so full, particularly in the afternoon.

Cheerio for now, and God bless you all.

UNCLE BERNARD.

EDITORIAL-

ELIM CONFERENCE AT HARROGATE

ANOTHER conference has come and gone. Agendas, resolutions and notes all safely filed away, we settle down to the steady work of another year. However, when many of the routine and business matters have been relegated to the limbo of forgotten things there will still remain the memory of the happy hours of fellowship, the blessing of the great evening gatherings and the hallowed communion service, and the challenge of the need of the hour presented to us so forcibly during the discussion on youth work and evangelism.

Perhaps one of the most significant matters brought before us was the extension scheme presented by the Evangelistic Committee. This scheme aims at the doubling of the number of our churches within the next ten years, and the opening up by every church of at least one branch. Not only large towns and cities but even the smallest villages must have the witness of Pentecost, even if meetings be held at first in houses. How scriptural is this! Paul could say to the Thessalonians: "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing."

How much unused talent abounds in our churches! Many have a gift of ministry that is rarely used in the local church, while others find an outlet for their gifts in churches of other denominations. Now there will be greater opportunities for developing such a ministry within our own ranks. The indigenous principle can be applied at home as well as on the mission field!

The chairman's task in our Elim conferences has never been an easy one, and we must pay tribute to the way in which our President endeavoured to combine kindness and severity. It cannot be expected that all will share the same viewpoint—but of this we are completely assured, that the ultimate aim of all is the supremacy of God's will and the extension of His kingdom as rapidly and effectively as He enables us by His power. There may sometimes be divergence of opinions on the way this is to be achieved, but never on the ultimate end in view. Elim may be proud of a company of ministers so wholeheartedly on fire for God—and a body of lay brethren jealous for the good of His cause.



THE NEW INDUCTED IN ROYAL

ARROGATE, 1960; signs on the roads approaching this lovely mid-Yorkshire resort indicating the way to the Elim Conference; cars and coaches gliding beneath the leafy arches towards the Royal Hall. Yes, we were back in this town of conferences once again, after an absence of four years.

Visitors and delegates had already been arriving through the afternoon at the Grand Hotel, and now they were joined by the many coach parties as they entered the Royal Hall for the first of the great evening meetings of conference week.

Soon we were seated and joining in the grand old hymn "All hail the power of Jesu's name," led by our President, Pastor H. Burton-Haynes. The great volume of male voice praise is always an inspiration as hundreds of ministers and laymen sound forth the triumphant chords of such well-loved hymns. Prayer by Pastor Kennedy and a scripture reading by Pastor Gorman led us up to the point where the Elim Bible College students brought us their rendering of two lovely pieces, "When we all get to heaven" and "Some day I'll see Jesus face to face"—pieces quite different, and yet with the same grand message of hope and faith. It was good to see such a fine band of young men and women, their lives dedicated to the service of Christ.

Another hymn, another selection from the students, this time led by the head student, and then Pastor Burton-Haynes, our retiring President, rose

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RESIDENT **IARROGATE'S** HALL

to introduce his successor. In a few well-chosen words he paid tribute to Mrs. Havnes, who travelled with him to many of his appointments and was able to exercise a much-needed and blessed ministry to the women, not least to the ministers' wives, as well as joining with her husband in the ministry of song. Then he told us of the relief he felt at laying aside his office, and his joy at knowing that the new President was "a very broad man." With an exhortation to steady continuance in the work of God, he then made the presentation of a Bible to the new President, Pastor John Woodhead, assuring us that here was a man who was not only a shepherd but also an evangelist.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Woodhead assured us of his intense love for the Elim movement. Tracing the events that had led up to his entry into the Elim work, he showed how he was first accepted into the work by way of the Essex churches, now the Elim Pentecostal Churches, then under the leadership of Pastor George Kingston. A visit for a few weeks had led to a definite appointment, and then after a short period he came right into the main stream of the Elim movement. "That step," he said, "has led me here." Mr. Woodhead also paid tribute to his wife and family, who had encouraged and helped him so greatly in his ministry, and spoke too of the great family spirit in the Elim movement.

Concluding the service with a challenging message from God's Word, delivered in his usual forthright style, Mr. Woodhead brought us right into the presence of the Lord. A later issue of the ELIM EVANGEL will contain a full report of this address.

So, with the strains of the closing hymn ringing in our ears, we made our way from the Royal Hall, some to return to their home towns, others of us to continue to enjoy the fellowship of another Elim Conference.

Photos:

- 1. Section of Monday's congregation in the Royal Hall, including party from York.
- 2. The President acknowledges his induction.
 3. Platform party at induction service. 4. Another view of the congregation.



Over twenty-five years' missionary service constricted into one missionary service!

By R. B. Chapman (Sheffield)

on the Wednesday evening of conference week we held the missionary rally, when five missionaries, each with a period of at least five years on the field since his or her last furlough, managed to crush the salient items of their experiences into very limited space, but also managed to fill us with gratitude to God for His faithfulness.

Miss Ruby Simms told of the evident fruits of the faithful labours by the Elim stalwarts in Southern Rhodesia. The efforts in the schools by our untiring teachers, who were backed by prayer partners at home, were producing most encouraging results and proving the tremendous value of that noble work. Some of those saved as children in the schools were now in training to qualify for teaching posts to continue this splendid work.

Mrs. D. E. Bull expressed her great gratitude for the constant prayer known to have been offered in the homeland and testified to the many occasions when God had graciously provided protection and wrought deliverance for herself and her family in the unevangelised areas of Tanganyika.

Miss Vera McGillivray spoke of the great potential presented in Hong Kong and of the enormous opportunity to reach the multitudes (10,000 per year) that continued to stream into that little island from behind the Bamboo Curtain. It was not possible to pass through this curtain with the Gospel, but God in His infinite wisdom was seeing fit to allow these thousands to infiltrate through the curtain into areas which enjoyed unrestricted freedom for the Gospel. Her challenging question was: "Are we going to fail these poor refugees and not utilise the golden opportunity to present to them the story of Jesus in the remaining forty-five years for which the island is under lease to Britain?" Touching reference too was made to the erection of a £1,200 church when only £200 and faith in God was available. God did not fail and the church has now been in use for about a year and a half.

More conference news and views next week—also first part of the important and challenging address given at the Wednesday morning session by Youth Director J. Hywel Davies.

Pastor A. D. Bull declared to us that Elim missionaries in Tanganyika were preaching in territories where no other Protestant missionary had ever been -some places were 100 per cent Mohammedanand the simple Gospel message was being brought to these people for the first time in history. On every hand it seemed that the message was received with great gladness, but when the cost of following Christ was counted it was found that many could not pay the price and chose to continue in their darkness rather than step into the newly declared light. This grim rejection naturally brings great disappointment to the loving hearts of the missionaries, and may we at home never fail to pray for deciding grace to be granted to these needy, yet diffident, souls. Encouragements, however, do come also, and converts are being gained and are developing into worthy Christians, Mr. Bull placed the spotlight on a young man named Joseph who was showing great promise as a preacher. Let us uphold this young national evangelist, praying that he may remain true to his calling and that success shall not be used by Satan to overthrow him.

Pastor D. C. Lewis, in native costume and looking wonderfully well and healthy (how we thank God for this radical change from his ailing and emaciated condition during his last furlough), then turned our attention to that vast and needy field of India with its teeming millions, which annually increase by another 5,000,000 souls. The Communists stand on the springboard of anticipation, ready to vault in with their destructive dogmas and dangerous dictatorship whenever opportunity arises, but so often the Christian Church, in contrast, seems to lack initiative, personnel and finance, Mr. Lewis told of the increased population around his area due to the building of the colossal Rihand dam and how this golden opportunity was being exploited to the full to bring light, through constant open-air and colportage work, to these in great spiritual need.

Pastor S. Gorman, our likeable Missionary Secretary, in his own inimitable and inspiring manner, concluded the preaching with a brief, brisk and brilliant reference to the happenings in the home of Cornelius. He pointed out that a heaven-sent angel could go no farther than advise the noble centurion

to send for a preacher to expound the Gospel. What the angel could not tell, Peter, a mere sinner saved by grace, could. Our missionaries are still doing what angels cannot do, and may all who know Christ's saving power do the same.

In addition to these preaching items the Bible College students sang and the conference male voice party rendered most beautifully the piece "Sunrise tomorrow." Miss Elsie Wriglesworth (India) led in prayer and Miss Marion Paint (India) read the Word of God. It was also an unexpected pleasure to have

Mr. James Salter grace the platform and a joy to listen to his greetings on behalf of the Congo Evangelistic Mission and to receive his good wishes.

In the customary manner at this annual event, a special offering was taken towards this noble work on our various mission fields and it delights our hearts to report that it amounted to £189/9/7 and was very quickly and spontaneously supplemented to reach £200. We are grateful, we believe God is glad, and we know that hereby more will gain the glorious Gospel.



Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

THE BONFIRE

"WE must have a bonfire," I declared to my husband. Through various reasons and circumstances quite a lot of rubbish had accumulated in our garden shed. So we had our bonfire. Unfortunately my husband had a slight injury to his back and was confined to bed, but a friend staying with us helped me to clear out the shed and we had a glorious bonfire.

"Just right for a barbecue," I said above the cheerful crackle. "Where are the sausages?" It was as good as any fire on Guy Fawkes night. How hot we were getting. "It must be terrible to be caught in a fire and be burned to death," said Jennie. I thought of the martyrs who died at the stake for our Protestant heritage. Hugh Latimer preached his best and last sermon at the stake. To Bishop Ridley, his fellow martyr, he spoke these words: "Be of good cheer. We shall this day, my lord, by the grace of God, light such a candle in England that shall ne'er be put out."

The smell of burning impregnated our clothes. This could not be avoided. The clothes of the three Hebrew children cast into the burning fiery furnace, however, did not smell of the burning, neither were they even singed, though the intense heat of the furnace slew the men who threw them in (Daniel 3:21-27). A miracle indeed! And when we are

plunged into the fires of trouble and tribulation Jesus Himself will be with us, taking us through and bringing us out as overcomers—without scorch or smell (1 Peter 1:6, 7).

The flames leapt and danced before us, and I sang "Let the fire fall...let the fire from heaven fall" and thought of Elijah on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:38,39). "Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice."

Oh that the fire of God might fall, burning up the dross and rubbish which holds back the full-tide blessing of revival. It did in the Hebrides a few years back. People prayed and then confessed their sins, getting right with God. It did in Sweden in 1950-1. The fire of God burned into the hearts of believers until they openly confessed their sins, getting right with each other and with God. The same thing happened at the outbreak of revival in the Congo in 1953. Native Christians wept for hours as the fire of God's holiness burned. "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure" (Isaiah 33:14-16).

I am convinced that this is the essence of revival holiness, not just emotional ecstasy or the froth and bubble of excitement.

I probed our bonfire with a long, fairly thick branch of a tree. It served the purpose and eventually the fire entered into it. What a lesson—"Burn Thou mighty Spirit of God in me." There was a great difference in Peter between the time when he sat at the fire (Luke 22:55) and the time from which the fire was in him (Acts 2:3, 4, 14).

THE business agenda of our conference is the very important part of our annual gathering. It would be good if we could dispense with more business and devote more time to the spiritual side, but this never seems to come our way. However, family business is very necessary seeing we are members of God's family. The times devoted to spiritual relaxation are very precious indeed in the midst of such concentrated business.

Monday of the conference week has an attraction for those who are privileged to attend, for several reasons. First there is the pleasure of meeting friends as they make their appearance at the hotel. This year, being under the one roof added greatly to the pleasure. There was the clutter of cases in the

entrance hall, the friendly grip of hands, and the word concerning welfare since last you met; the visitors book to be signed, the obtaining of the bedroom key, and the long climb to the third or fourth floor for the energetic. I must confess that I preferred to use the mechanical elevator.

After a refreshing wash following the journey, ministers began their first taste of conference business in the ministerial session, a brief foretaste of things to follow. It was good to see each other alive and well at the end of another twelve months, but just here we had sad thoughts for those who had lost loved ones during the year. We stood to revere their memory and pray for their sorrowing relatives.

The representative session officially begins with the great public rally on Monday night and the induction of the President. This year the outgoing President, Pastor Burton-Haynes, reminded the congregation that it was with a certain amount of relief that he would transfer the mantle of his office to the broad shoulders of the incoming President, Pastor John Woodhead. The new President was then duly inducted and after some fitting comments he brought to the conference his presidential address,

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By W. J. M

a very thoughtful and timely message indeed.

On Tuesday morning the session commenced with the usual devotions, Pastor Palliser setting the course for the week in his prayer that as a conference we might know the guidance of the all-seeing, all-knowing Spirit in these momentous times.

The President, now in the business chair, made



Delegates and visitors to the Elim Conf

reference to the difficulties, craved the indulgence of all present, and appealed for tolerance and love. Here again in the representative session mention was made of our departed brethren, and that this year we should convene our business under the shadow of the great cloud caused by the sudden home-call of Pastor Dyke. Others who had been called to higher service during the year were also mentioned: Pastor V. J. Walker, Pastor E. C. W. Boulton and Mrs. Harford.

The usual preliminaries were dealt with expe-

OF THE NCE SESSIONS

(Worcester)

ditiously: the adoption of the conference personnel, the appointment of scrutineers and the presentation of the Executive's plan for the execution of the week's business. A request from the chair that those who wanted copies of rules relating to public debate should ask for them was met with a negative response, showing that members did not need to be

revered brother Pastor Joseph Smith failed to reach the needed percentage of those voting. Tributes were paid to his great services to Elim throughout the years, and it was evident from our brother's reply that whether behind the table with the "peers" or on the floor with the delegates Elim would be his one concern. How stimulating to hear him say in relation to age: "The old shell is growing old, but I am not the shell."

Pastor T. H. Stevenson, whose face and writings are familiar to us all as we read our EVANGEL, was elected by the conference to the office of Vice-President. This came at the end of several votings. As our brother thanked the conference, he also apologised for having caused us such trouble. We look

forward to his year of office as President.

It is always good at each conference to hear of new churches being proposed for acceptance within the Alliance. This year was no exception, and it was good to hear of those in places as widely separated as Derby, Paisley, Ebbw Vale, Glen Mavis, Clydebank and Stocktonon-Tees. These efforts were pioneered by Pastors Brewster, Tee and Woodhead.

During the discussion on the finances of the movement, it was good to learn that our position was much better than the previous year. The embarrassing financial position of our missionary work the year previous, when we were about £3,000 in debt, had resolved itself so

effectively that this year the debt was removed and that department was over £1,500 to the good. Ejaculations of praise filled the Royal Hall.

Other matters came under discussion, including four Crusader offerings each year to be sent to the central youth department; facilities for postal voting in connection with the election of church deacons; and some matters relative to the Irish work. All were carried.

A salary increase on the agenda always creates interest among the brethren, but the particular



in front of the Sun Pavilion, Harrogate.

reminded of such rules, or that they did not want to be. I leave those attending to judge.

Here a few moments of relaxation were enjoyed as the missionaries present were welcomed and presented to the conference. As usual they received a great acclamation.

Next followed the results of voting for the Executive Council. It was good to learn from the results that our outgoing President, Pastor H. Burton-Haynes, had been elected to this august body, although it was noted with some grief that our

recommendation did not meet with the approval of the conference and it was defeated. In case any of my readers think that the ministers thought they had enough, another presbytery recommendation for an increase for all ministers and probationers was passed unanimously. How encouraging to have this matter championed by a lay brother from London, Mr. Crocker. Indeed, all the lay brethren present realised the need for such an increase.

Wednesday morning welcomed us with glowing sunshine for the great communion service in the lovely Sun Pavilion in the equally lovely Valley Gardens. This was the setting for the Elim Church Incorporated session, which usually follows the communion service. By the way, next year will see a slight alteration, which we hope will be for the good of the conference.

What a time of deep worship ensued! Pastor Burton-Haynes led the service in his dignified manner, and his inspired message on the lordship of Christ brought great blessing to all. What a volume of praise as the members of the Executive served the delegates and visitors with the sacred emblems! What dignified worship as the Spirit of God moved on that congregation of people who loved their Lord!

After a break for coffee, most welcome each morning about eleven o'clock, the E.C.I. session commenced, with many of our visitors availing themselves of the privilege of being present for the spiritual discussion on Sunday school and youth work in general. The usual preliminaries were dealt with as quickly as possible, and then Pastor T. W. Walker, editor of the Sunday School Handbook and member of the Youth Committee, gave a paper entitled "The Church and the Sunday School." He dealt with points of great interest to all of us: branch schools, the Sunday school bus, and how to tie up the Sunday school with the church and make the church

Sunday-school minded. The manner in which our brother presented his talk left one in no doubt that he knew his subject and loved the work of the Sunday school. Pastor J. H. Davies, National Youth Director, followed with his paper on "The Challenge of Modern Youth." We all felt it a great pity that such valuable lectures had to be rushed through owing to lack of time. This disappointment is offset by the fact that tapes, and perhaps printed copies, of these talks will be available in the near future.

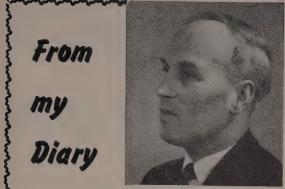
During this session, Pastor W. G. Hathaway, now retired from the active ministers' list, was presented with his retirement cheque. I cannot remember a more prolonged outburst of appreciation from the floor of the conference as our brother rose to reply. He mentioned his long association with Elim, reminding us that the great joy of his life and that of his good wife was that all their family were serving in Elim's ranks.

In the afternoon the E.C.I, session was dissolved and the conference reverted to Alliance business, visitors having to leave. For the remaining part of the time we turned our attention to the results of the voting for Headquarters offices. All were returned as before, apart from the position of Field Superintendent vacated by Pastor Hathaway. This was filled by Pastor J. J. Morgan. After much discussion as to the Editor of the ELIM EVANGEL, Pastor A. D. Hathaway agreed to let his name go forward for re-election if he could be assured of help in the editing. This help was promised and he was duly elected. May I, on behalf of our readers, thank him for such a splendid job while still pastoring a church? It was recommended that a committee be

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Photos: 1 E. J. Phillips in pensive mood. 2 The President is booked! 3 The retiring President signs the visitors book.





By T. H. Stevenson

THE passing of Dr. Sangster recalled for me a unique day in my life. During an Elim Conference early in the war years it was necessary for me, and others, to remain in London over the Sunday. On that day we heard Dr. Campbell Morgan at Westminster Chapel in the morning. In the afternoon we listened to Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones in the same church. From there we passed by Westminster Central Hall and were in time to hear Dr. Sangster preach eloquently upon the words "His servants shall serve Him." And to round off the day, in the evening we attended the already bombed Spurgeon's Tabernacle to hear Dr. Graham Scroggie speak on the text "What think ye of Christ?" For me that was a memorable day. And now of those great preachers only Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones is still with us.

In those early war years, when the avowed enemies Stalin and Hitler made a peace pact (soon to be broken), a leading cartoonist showed the dictators sharing a bed. There was the caption "Strange bed-fellows." I thought of this caption when reading a report of Canon Wright, of Sheffield, addressing a congregation of publicans in Sheffield Cathedral. He declared: "In some ways the work of the licensee is comparable with that of the priest—very often publicans are able to render help, comfort, sympathy and love." More strange bedfellows, and a strange canon making the bed!

In a field where Lloyd George played as a boy a museum has been opened whereby to remember this great man. When some days ago I was being served by a rather small and extremely young-looking boy I was surprised to learn he had left school. I asked him if he had heard of Lloyd George and told him this incident. An opponent of Lloyd George made play of the Welshman's very small stature, but the

little Welshman magnificently replied "I hail from the land where they measure men from the neck upwards." Ability is more important than physique. Of course, character is even more important. That is why God looks into the heart.

The great Hallé Orchestra was brought to a sudden stop during a recent performance. It came about by a young boy playing a piercing note on his bugle as he passed outside the concert hall. I suppose the bugle was tuneful enough; the trouble was that it was not in harmony with the orchestral performance. The united worship and service of a company of God's people is like the harmony of the orchestra, but it is often spoilt by the annoying note, however sincere, of the individualist who must just get a note of his own in.

When the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland discussed a proposal to readjust its thinking on Sunday observance, a Glasgow elder, Mr. Andrew Shaw, said there were three ways in which the Church could go fishing for more supporters. The first was by the rod, which meant the personal word; the second was by net, which meant a united campaign. Were they to choose the third way: by throwing in a barrel of poison and picking up the dead fish? Strangely beside this report was a report and photograph of thousands of dead fish in the lake of St. James's Park; thousands for the taking, but poisoned by a fungus disease. We must fish for men, but be careful how.

The Summit conference soon collapsed. When a request was put to the Prime Minister that a national and commonwealth day of prayer should be held before the Summit talks, Mr. Heathcote Amory gave Mr. MacMillan's reply that this was more a matter for the Church authorities. So easily was the subject dismissed, and as easily the statesmen dismissed the conference. And in this Protestant country it was a Roman Catholic Member of Parliament, Mr. Teeling of Brighton, who alone asked for a day of prayer.

It has been said that to get into Eton a child must be registered on the waiting list before being born. That is exaggeration, no doubt, as may be the following, but what follows aptly describes a great problem in our land. Mr. Ewan Montagu, Q.C., told a youth who appeared before him on a charge: "You would not stand a chance in a competition for a vacancy at a detention centre. They are nearly as difficult to get into as Eton—there are so few vacancies."

By Ray H. Hughes (Church of God, U.S.A.)

"Run, speak to this young man, saying . . ." (Zechariah 2:4)

THE greatest wealth in the world is our youth, and in this field is also the greatest waste. The loss of a youth is the most costly thing on earth. There is nothing that rates so high in potentialities, yet demands such expert care. There is nothing that pays such high dividends, yet the worth or value of a youth has not been realised by many. Horace Mann, one of the founders of the public school system, said that if a little chapel that they were building was the means of saving one boy it would be worth a million dollars. Someone replied by saying that they could not afford to spend that much to save a boy. The old teacher said, "Yes, it is worth a million dollars to save one boy, if it is my boy that is saved." Is it worth the efforts of the church to save your boy? I say that any boy is worth whatever price it takes to guide him safely into the harbour of heaven.

I have heard of pastors who regarded their revivals as not being too successful because most of the converts were young people who did not have employment. This type of pastor lacks vision of future possibilities. Many times gold mines have been discovered among our youth.

The Sunday school at its inception was a youth movement. Today, though the Sunday school reaches every age, it is fundamentally a youth organisation. It was through a burden for untutored youth and children that Robert Raikes instituted this lay movement.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was won to Christ through his Sunday school teacher. His work lives on in the form of many splendid books that bless and instruct thousands today.

The real criterion for judging most schools is the teaching staff. The same can be said of a Sunday school. The teacher has a greater opportunity of evangelism than almost any other church officer, including the pastor, because of the constant and in-

timate association with his scholars. There is only one sure cure for Sunday school leakage, and that is to get your pupils to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Each teacher should be an evangelist. Social activity and supervised recreation are badly neglected in most of our churches, but they will never take the place of the spirit of evangelism. Evangelise your pupils or lose them. The main objective of any Sunday school should not be merely to gain numbers, but to save souls. When you save a youth you save a life as well as a soul.

Sixty-five per cent of the girls and seventy-five per cent of the boys are lost to the Sunday school and church in early adolescence. We cannot allow our Sunday schools to be relegated to mere social gatherings and continue to hold the pupils.

I think it has been well said that much evangelistic effort among adults is an attempt to correct a blunder of the church in not holding its youth. A church that does not win and hold its own boys and girls can never, to any great degree, reach the masses outside the church. If the church programme, activities, preaching and home life of our members do not affect their own children they will never affect many others.

In youth there are definite periods of soul awakening. I do not believe in using high-pressure methods on children to force them to make a decision for Christ, but we do no harm to allow their tender hearts to be exposed to the love of the Gospel. I know of a number of people who as small children gave themselves to Christ and remained staunch Christians throughout the years. The following illustration will show the beauty of conversion in childhood. In one of Dr. Edward Judson's tracts he tells the story of a man standing by the brink of a river longing to cross. There are no bridges or boats. Finally, after a great inner struggle, he plunges into the cold, raging torrent and bravely swims across.

Follow that river back to its source. There by a rock a living spring gushes forth. A little child is playing nearby. The outlet of the spring is tiny and nearly covered with grass. The little child steps across, hardly realising that he has done so. Both the man and the child are across the stream on the same side.

Around the age of twelve is a period of distinct religious awakening. More members are added to the church at this age than at any other period of life. The sixteenth year is called the second great climax for conversion. Most generally, if a decision for Christ is not made in this period it is not likely

to be made later. Seven times more are converted at sixteen than ten years later.

If any church is not disturbed over the absence of young people in its congregation, deterioration and decay have already begun in that church. A pastor who takes an interest in youth will soon have a church filled with fine, trained young married couples who will be the backbone of his church. All people, especially youth, respond to attention.

Adults are attracted to a church that sponsors a programme for youth. Youth furnishes the life that any church needs.

A REVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

(continued)

formed to look into the matter of a full-time editor. Two other matters, one relating to Sunday school examinations and the other to do with the stationing of ministers, were fully discussed and the proposals rejected by the conference, bringing the business of Wednesday to a close.

Thursday found the conference in full session again in the Royal Hall. Many items were discussed, the first being the venue for next year's conference. I am glad to report that Llandudno will be the venue.

A point of probationers and marriage was aired at length, but the position is as it stands in the constitution. Committee vacancies were duly filled by the will of the conference, and many other matters, too numerous to mention, were deliberated upon. By the close of Thursday one can detect "a weariness of the flesh."

Friday morning is usually the very busy period of the conference. All the business allocated for that day, plus the things left over from previous days, must be attended to. This is cause for much complaint from the floor of the house, and really the floor is to blame. One feels that more self-discipline among the delegates would augur better for conferences to come.

The various reports, usually allotted a first place on the agenda, were this year relegated to Friday. All reports were of a most encouraging nature and were adopted without much delay.

Several proposals were before the house, some accepted, others rejected or deferred until the next conference. One proposal, that a conference chairman, independent of the President, be elected, was not acceptable to the majority. In his effort to get

this through, Pastor Canty amused us by saying: "When they threw Daniel into the den of lions they made him a president. We make our President and then throw him into the den of lions."

It was agreed that our greetings be sent to our friends of the A.O.G. during their conference to be held the following week. Then followed the long list of thanks to all to whom thanks were due, and it is hard to believe that any could have been overlooked. The conference ended just before one o'clock, and the President commended us to God in prayer, asking that the coming weekend might be the most wonderful we had ever yet experienced in our ministry.

After lunch there were the usual farewells, and the delegates set off to the near and distant parts from which they had come to be again stimulated and encouraged to press on with the business of God and Elim in this land. So it is with joy that we look back on another conference, and pray that it will be eclipsed by yet another next year, if our Lord tarry.



E. J. Phillips addresses the conference.

The Family Altar and Elim Prayer Circle

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by Henry W. Fardell (Minister of Elim Central Hall, Wigan)

Monday, June 27th. 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31.

"Many members, yet but one body . . . those members ... which seem to be more feeble, are necessary " (vv. 20, 22). Every soul upon accepting Christ as his personal Saviour becomes another and an additional member of the Church, which is Christ's body. There are no statistics, the Bible simply states "there are many members." How impossible to take a complete census of all the sick, the infirm and aged, all those who are shut away or shut in, and yet who really love the Lord and must be included as "members of His body"; truly there are multitudes so great that no man could number them. The day is coming when all will assemble at one meeting place; it will be when they are all gathered together to welcome their Lord upon His return. What a meeting that will be! The Bible says "there are many members," but just in case you should happen to be in a cast-down mood, and feel unwanted, unnecedd, unnecessary (you know!), it says "all are necessary." So whoever you happen to be, do not forget it, there is a place in the assembly that none but you can fill.

Tuesday, June 28th. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." J. B. Phillips's translation: "In this life we have three great lasting qualities—faith, hope, love. But the greatest of them is love." As always, what the Bible says is perfectly true; within the Church there abide the three outstanding qualities: faith, hope and love. The Christian is one with a great faith, a great hope and a great love. It is his great faith that makes him so stouthearted, keeps him steadfast and escorts him through all his trials and troubles so triumphantly. Where others may be so pessimistic, the Christian never loses heart because he has always got such great hope and great expectations. Where there is great faith there will be great optimism. Great though the faith and hope are that we discover within the child of God, his tremendous love for his Lord and for his brother eclipses even his other great qualities. It is the love of God Himself in operation within him. No wonder that "waters cannot quench it!" You have a great faith; exercise it. You have a great hope; enjoy it. You have a great love; demonstrate it.

Wednesday, June 29th. 1/ Corinthians 14: 1-19.

"Desire spiritual gifts . . . seek that ye may excel to the edifying [literally the building up] of the church" (vv. 1, 12).

The Christian is one whose work on earth is never done; there is so much work to do for his Master outside the church, but there is a tremendous lot of work for him to do within the church. He goes out to bring souls to Christ and into the church, but in today's portion we see he is expected to build up or to edify the souls that have been brought to Christ. For spiritual work the worker must have spiritual equipment, so the Christian must obtain from his Lord those spiritual gifts which are appropriate and essential and will enable him to build and benefit the church itself. Do not be so busy outside the church that you neglect what is your duty to do inside the church.

Thursday, June 30th. 1 Corinthians 14: 20-40.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches. . . . Let all things be done decently and in order" (vv. 33, 40).

Those Corinthian Christians had entered into a very

wonderful spiritual experience; many had been baptised in the Holy Ghost, and had received spiritual gifts in keeping with the Word of God. Even when a person has been filled with the Holy Ghost he is still not infallible! All was so new and extraordinary, and mistakes had been made, so the apostle gave them guidance and instruction, even correction, to ensure that when the spiritual gifts were in operation it would really be for the good of the whole church and for the glory of God. The apostle emphasised that they must never interpret liberty in the Spirit to mean licence in the church. The Holy Spirit will make the believer spiritually minded but will never cause him to behave stupidly. He condemned confusion; should it arise in the assembly, it is never instigated by the Holy Ghost. God creates peace in the church, but never causes confusion. Desire spiritual gifts, but be sure all is directed in God's ordained way and in line with His Word.

Friday, July 1st. 1 Corinthians 15: 1-19.

"Christ died for our sins. . . . He was buried . . . He rose again . . . He was seen " (vv. 3, 4, 5).

The apostle Paul was very definite about Christ having risen from the dead; there were so many infallible proofs in support of it. There was the evidence of many reliable witnesses, but in addition he traced his own conversion and His becoming a Christian to the occasion when he himself had met the risen Lord. Paul wanted the Corinthians who believed Christ had died for their sins "according to the scriptures" to be absolutely sure and certain that the same Christ was also risen from the dead "according to the scriptures." The good Shepherd who had purchased the sheep with His own blood was alive to shepherd His flock. Jesus is now what He always was and will be; "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." That is the good news you are to spread wherever you go and can get to. So when you tell them that Christ has died for them, whatever you do, do not forget to add to your witness: "but Christ is risen."

Saturday, July 2nd. 1 Corinthians 15: 20-34.

"The resurrection of the dead.... In Christ shall all be made alive... they that are Christ's at His coming"

(vv. 21, 22, 23).

Here is something which concerns all those who have received Christ as their Saviour, who are in the spiritual position described as "in Christ." Ponder well your spiritual position; so many exceedingly nice people have had such a shock when they found they were not really in Christ but were in an unsaved condition although they went regularly to a church. All who receive the Lord Jesus receive eternal life, for He is the life, and then pass from death into life. Thus to be in Christ is to be in life; "in Him was life," and in Christ everything lives and shall never die. Further, Jesus is the resurrection as well, so those in Christ are not only in life now but will be in the resurrection too. The wages of sin is death, but Christ who has dealt with death now delivers from death, and will destroy death itself. To be in Christ ensures being in the resurrection when He comes again. Receive the gift of eternal life now and you will be in the great resurrection then.

Sunday, July 3rd. 1 Corinthians 15: 35-49.

"So also is the resurrection of the dead . . . it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory" (vv. 42, 43).

The Christian can lose nothing by the event of death; for him "to die is gain." When our loved ones depart from this life to be with their Lord, and we reverently and tenderly lay their bodies to rest, we are actually putting away their working garment for them, and we know that when next we see them they will be with new bodies, glorified, clothed as becomes those who are to be entertained at the marriage supper of the Lamb, suitably dressed in keeping with their status, dignity and relationship to God, for they are His sons and the co-heirs of Christ. On earth they were all noted as praying ones, bringing all the needs to their Lord; then instead of praying they will all be praising, for all their needs will have been fully met, and every desire satisfied.

COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

BURTON-ON-TRENT. July 2-10. Elim Church, Moor Street. Convention services. Speakers: P. J. Brewer (Macclesfield); Sat. July 2, 7.30, Sun. July 3, 11 and 6.30; K. Banks (Beeston); Sat. July 9, 7.30, Sun. July 10, 11 and 6.30.

ELIM BIBLE COLLEGE. July 6. Elim Central Church, Clapham Crescent. End-of-session service. Singing by student choir. Short address by the Principal, G. Wesley Gilpin. Chairman: J. Hywel Davies (National Youth Director). 7,30.

ENGLEFIELD GREEN. June 30—July 5. Elim Church, Bond Street. Evangelistic meetings. Speaker: A. R. T. Whittall (Woolwich). Sun. 6.30, weeknights 7.30. The sick will be prayed for.

GUERNSEY. July 2-7. Elim Church, Delancey. Annual Convention. Speaker: Joseph Smith. Sun. 11 and 6.30, weeknights 7.45.

GUILDFORD. July 9. Elim Church, Martyr Road. South London District Presbytery rally. Speaker: H. Burton-Haynes (Croydon). Guildford and Aldershot Crusaders will take part. Opportunity after rally for those seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Business meeting, 3; Rally, 7.

LEYTON. June 25, 26. Elim Church, Vicarage Road. Sat., Saturday Night Special, Roy Jackman's Youth Choir. 7. Sun., Missionary D. C. Lewis (India), ex-Liverpool policeman. 11 and 6.30.

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Late news from Birmingham

Although it was the hottest Whit-Saturday in Birmingham since the war, about 5,500 people packed into the Bingley Hall on June 4th for the opening meeting there of the Greater Birmingham and Midlands Crusade, The vast arena, with accommodation for just over 6,000, had been used only three times for large evangelistic campaigns—in 1874 by D. L. Moody, in 1904 by Dr. R. A. Torrey and in 1930 by Principal George Jeffreys.

The Pentecostal churches in Birmingham are supporting this massive effort whole-heartedly. Not only are Elim ministers represented on the crusade committee, but the denomination is providing the highest number of counsellors—111—of any

group.

Mr. Eric Hutchings, the evangelist conducting the meetings, referred to this support at the Whit-Monday gathering by thanking both the Elim and Assemblies of God churches for cancelling their customary conventions in order to assist at the Bingley Hall. Although attendance was down at this meeting, the number of inquirers—61—showed an increase.

Mr. Hutchings, who has a punchy and forthright style of preaching, chose "Repent and believe the Gospel," from Mark 1:15, as the text for his opening address, and he has dealt faithfully with the fundamental tenets of the Gospel, seldom failing to warn that rejection of Christ means hell.

The meetings continue until July 1st, with a final rally at Villa Park the following day. Nearly 15,000 bookings for this

have been received so far.

In recent months, Canon Bryan Green, rector of Birmingham, and other Anglican leaders, have been vocal in their criticism of the Crusade's method, motive and message, but this has served only to bring it before the "man-in-the-street," many of whom have gone along to the meetings out of sheer curiosity. It is only fair to add that many Anglicans are supporting the campaign and they have provided nearly sixty counsellors.

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Latham. On June 4th, to Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Latham, Stratton-St.-Margaret, Wilts, the gift of a son, David; a brother for John, Elizabeth and Ruth.

Spencer. On May 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spencer, of Caerphilly; the gift of a daughter, Carolyn; a sister for

WITH CHRIST

Boon. On May 30th, Mrs. Boon, faithful member of Elim Church, Greenock, passed peacefully to be with Christ. Officiating minister at the crematorium: William J. Hilliard.

Hurst. On May 30th, Mrs. Ruth Hurst, aged 81, member of Elim Central Hall, Wigan, from the commencement. Officiating minister at funeral: Henry W. Fardell.

Mather. On May 27th, Ernest Mather, aged 46, much esteemed member of Elim Central Hall, Wigan. Officiating minister at funeral: Henry W. Fardell.

McMaster. On May 21st, Mrs. M. McMaster, faithful member of Elim Church, Greenock, passed peacefully to be with Christ. Officiating minister at funeral: J. Clark.

Newby. On June 9th, Rose Newby, aged 81, faithful member of Elim Church, Harrogate. "Words of earth cannot contain our loss; whilst angels rejoice over heaven's gain." Officiating minister at funeral: Ray Hughes.

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