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## The Transformed Life

General Superintendent Williamson

AS ONE is embedded in the rock, so humanity without the regenerating grace of God is conformed to this world. Deeper than all the outward manifestations of enslavement by things sensual and material is the strong bond of worldly love. John said, "Love not the world." And Paul admonished: "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." One of the most biting judgments ever passed upon a man by an inspired writer is found in this brief condemnation: "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

Deliverance from love of this world's pleasure, treasure, or applause cannot be brought about by any kind of pressure imposed by laws of God or man. Neither can it be by torture of the flesh or discipline of the mind. It can be done only by a supernatural transformation. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." Paul's wording is, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind," and, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Observance of arbitrary rules of conduct or religious ritual availeth nothing. Only "the washing of regenera-

tion, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" are sufficient.

This spiritual transformation is an inward experience brought about by "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." It means the will has been loosed from bondage. The mind has been awakened to understand the things of the Spirit. The affections have been renewed and recentered on things spiritual and eternal. It is a life cleansed at its deepest, inmost springs.

This new man in Christ is a reformed character. He is conditioned within so that he is able to "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" in outward conduct. God's holy law has been graven on the fleshly tables of his heart. Love of the world has been replaced by supreme love of God. Therefore, obedience to the law of God is a delight. His only problem is to know the will of God. His dominant desire is to do it with a perfect heart.

There can be no separation of inward experience and right, ethical conduct. They are related as cause to effect. Neither can be maintained without the other.

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good" (Luke 6:45).

**"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1).**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, has returned from his foreign supervision trip, reaching his home in Dallas, Texas, on December 17.

Rev. E. J. Fleming, retired Nazarene elder, died at Spokane, Washington, on December 18, 1954, after a long illness. He served as general church secretary and in various departments of the general church for many years.

Rev. W. B. Corlett, retired Nazarene elder of Pasadena, California, died on December 15.

Word has been received that, "after an illness of more than a year, Ralph E. Barton went home to be with Jesus on December 10. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Barton, pastors of First Church in Youngstown, Ohio."

Flash! The annual 1954 Caravan and boys' and girls' camp statistical report has been compiled. Your efforts have given us a great year in the history of our boys' and girls' work. Our Caravans show a 34 per cent increase, a total membership of 11,969. Boys' and girls' camps had a 17 per cent gain, with a total of 11,229 boys and girls attending the 92 camps held on 56 districts. During our camps there were 6,878 of these boys and girls who sought Christ as their Saviour.—Ralph L. Moulton.

Rev. Don Sanders has resigned as pastor of the church in Memphis to accept a call to pastor the church in Kermit, Texas, on the New Mexico District.

"We are happy to report that the Oregon Pacific District has a Cradle Roll in every church."—Mrs. Forrest Hill, District Cradle Roll Director.

Congratulations, Oregon Pacific! You and Pittsburgh District almost tied for first place.—Joy Latham, Department of Church Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kirkpatrick, 122 E. Ada Ave., Glendora, California, were united in marriage on January 4, 1905, at Sioux City, Iowa. One son and four daughters blessed their home and life. Three daughters and the son plan to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Women's Club House in Glendora. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were charter members of the First Church of the Nazarene in Sioux City, Iowa. They are still active members in their

church. Mr. Kirkpatrick served on the district advisory board while Dr. Hardy C. Powers was district superintendent of Iowa. Mr. Kirkpatrick is now retired from his occupation as builder, and both he and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are enjoying good health.

Pastor Carl Gray sends word from Charleston, West Virginia: "Cross Lanes Church Sunday school has exceeded the goal of 'Ten More in '54' with a total of forty-four new members enrolled, the majority of them being in the adult departments, and sixteen of which have been added in the last ninety days."

Pastor Edward S. Barton sends word from Youngstown, Ohio: "First Church Thanksgiving offering \$2,124.00, making sixth year to surpass \$2,000.00 mark. Great day with 253 present in Sunday school."

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### I Have Walked WITH JESUS THERE

By Mrs. W. M. Franklin

*Through the pleasant paths of life-time,*

*Down the lanes of sorrow, care,  
In the byways and the highways,  
I have walked with Jesus there.*

*We have held such sweet communion  
As we've talked of many things;  
We have learned to know each other,  
And my soul to Him e'er clings.*

*I could never walk this pathway  
Stretched from cradle to the grave  
If I did not feel His presence,  
Did not know His power to save.*

*In the light He sheds before me,  
Showing just a step ahead,  
I can trust and not be fearful,  
For thus far He's safely led.*

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## GLEANINGS

### From the Office Editor's Desk

"I have been receiving the HERALD OF HOLINESS for over a year now, and wish to let you know I enjoy it very much. I am a member of a Baptist church and have been a Christian just a little over two years. I teach a young men's class . . . I have used some of the poems and stories published in the HERALD as helps in teaching my class, and also for devotionals. . . . I enjoy your wonderful HERALD."—A subscriber in Illinois.

"I do not like to miss a copy of the HERALD OF HOLINESS; haven't missed very many in thirty or more years. I am now eighty years old."—A subscriber in Texas.

"My meditations this morning lead me to express my appreciation for the HERALD OF HOLINESS. To me it is the most satisfying of all the church publications I have read over the years I have been a Christian. It gives every subscriber an opportunity to know just what our churches everywhere are doing and the progress we are making as a soul-winning unit. I usually turn to the church reports, the Question Box, the editorials; but every other article has a special appeal for me."—A subscriber in Arizona.

"Enclosed find \$1.50 to renew my subscription to the HERALD OF HOLINESS. We have been subscribers for more than thirty years and know it is the best paper published."—Oklahoma.

"I'd like to express my thanks for the great job you're doing on the HERALD. Each issue seems better than the previous one. I especially enjoy the articles on holiness. After reading several articles on this subject, I went to the altar and was sanctified last Sunday (November 7) morning. Keep the good work up."—California.

"I have never written to say how I like the magazine [HERALD OF HOLINESS]. I take this opportunity of doing so. It has been a real blessing and inspiration to me on the Christian pathway."—A subscriber in Quebec, Canada.

"I deeply appreciate the editorials in the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and get much good from the answers in the Question Box. I prize the HERALD OF HOLINESS far above any other paper we get."—A subscriber in Washington.

# WHY NOT?

By Ralph Earle\*

SOME TIME ago I was riding in from Chicago on the train. I discovered a VIP on board, Miss Mary Scott, secretary of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society. Summoning my courage, I went across the aisle to speak with her.

What did we talk about? I'll give you three guesses. Those who know Mary Scott will need only one.

That day I learned a startling truth which has been working on me ever since. If each one of our 250,000 Nazarenes would join the Prayer and Fasting League and give twenty-five cents a week—the price of a milk shake or a hamburger sandwich, not both—we would have \$3,250,000.00 for missions from this source alone!

During the last fiscal year the total amount that came in through the Prayer and Fasting League was \$312,000.00. If every Nazarene had been a praying, paying member we would have had ten times as much, or *nearly three million dollars more*, for missions.

The world out there in "the regions beyond" is dying without Christ. What are we doing about it? When we are not willing to give at least twenty-five cents a week for missions, can we honestly say we are doing our best?

At this season we make New Year's resolutions. I have made three for 1955, and I should like to challenge *every man* in the Church of the Nazarene to join me in doing it. Now that the name of our missionary society is changed, it belongs to all of us.

## I. *Why not every Nazarene join the Prayer and Fasting League?*

Local secretaries, go after those men! Don't be bashful! Make them feel ashamed of themselves to be *spiritual loafers*. Don't be satisfied until every member of your local church is also a member of the Prayer and Fasting League. It will do the people more spiritual good than almost anything else. A missionary church is a growing church!

## II. *Why not every Nazarene take an Alabaster box?*

One of the greatest needs on the mission fields is for new buildings. What are *you* doing about it? A little from every one would help a lot.

Recently at the Nazarene Theological Seminary there has been started a Prayer and Fasting League and Alabaster boxes have been distributed. In keeping with the suggestion made by Jim Farris, I placed my Alabaster box where I empty my pocket of change each night and began to drop a coin—not a penny—through the lid. I was surprised to find that in no time I had several dollars in my box for new mission buildings

out there on the foreign field. I am going to help build them. *Will you?* If every Nazarene would take an Alabaster box, we would have hundreds of thousands of dollars for desperately needed buildings. Can we do less for our missionaries and for our Christ?

## III. *Why not every Nazarene pray for all our missionaries each week?*

The November issue of the *Other Sheep* carried the names of all our missionaries, classified by countries. My resolution is to go over this list every week. I have marked the list by days, dividing it into six sections, and pray for one section each day. Think what it would mean to our missionaries on the field if every Nazarene would do this. There would be literally thousands of hours of added prayer, and it would result in many being won to Christ who would otherwise be lost. Will you do it?

P.S.

## *Why not every Nazarene read the Bible through this year?*

Have you ever done it? If not—or if so—why not do it in 1955? Three chapters a day and two extra on Sunday does it. We need to know our Bibles these days. Let's be men and women of the Word!

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*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer (Ps. 19:14).*

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## Evening Call:

By B. V. Seals\*

IT IS Sunday evening, and I look out at a lovely sunset on Puget Sound from my fifth-story hospital window in Seattle. Oh, what I would give for words adequate to describe such grandeur and beauty! I look out over other buildings built further down the hill. Their neon aurora borealis is coming on. Across the Sound, where ships from the Orient are coming in, I can see lights beginning to come on along Magnolia Bluff and fir-trimmed Bainbridge Island. Some thin clouds cling to the Olympic Mountains, making it difficult to tell where earth ends and heaven begins.

I believe God has said that "at evening time it shall be light" (Zech. 14:7), indicating that life's sunset is supposed to be beautiful. While we live, God does not intend only for us to love, but wants us to be lovely.

I can hear the great heartthrob of the city in the distance. I can hear a baby crying in another wing of this hospital. It is Sunday night. I wish I could go to church and hear my pastor preach, for I need to hear his message. He is such a good, godly man. I have never heard him brag on him-

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self, but he can think of a thousand ways to exalt Christ. He never says, "Thank God for me," but, "Thank God for my Saviour."

The cries of the baby in the hospital remind me we are in a world of tears and heartaches, and I pray God to bless my pastor tonight and give him souls. I pray for the other forty-nine pastors on our district, that God will give them victory all along the line. I pray for our five general superintendents, brave and godly men, and for all our general leaders.

May we all teach the world two things by precept and example: how to live and how to die. There will come a time for us all when,

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.*

If we had it all to do over, how could we do any better than to give all our lives to Christ? And if I had a thousand lives to give, I'd want to give them all to Him.

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## TESTIMONY TIME

By Maggie Culver Fry

*"Testimony time; who is first, now,  
To tell of all the things that God has done?"  
A pastor in a country church there  
Awaits an eager one.*

*"He lifted me from sin and woe, once!"  
"He gave me peace, through Jesus Christ, His  
Son!"  
(A blessed place it is to be, there;  
They praise Him, one by one.)*

*"What a sacred hour!" the pastor says; then,  
"And may the blessed Saviour grant you power  
To keep true testimony time each day. Now  
Go live it, hour by hour!"*

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## Four Steps to the Kingdom

By L. L. Wheeler\*

**T**HE TERM "kingdom of God" has at least dual interpretations as it is used in the New Testament. The eternal home of the righteous, of course, is identified as the kingdom of God. Also this term is used to describe the experience or state of grace enjoyed by those who have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Such statements as, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation" (Luke 17:20), and, "The kingdom of God is . . . righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17), relate to the indwelling of God's Spirit within our earthly tabernacles. The establishment of God's kingdom in the heart

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is God's miracle supreme and man's unexcelled joy.

One encouraging fact is that all men are within four simple steps of the kingdom of God; some are less. No doubt there are thousands, as the rich young ruler, who lack but "one thing" to get them inside. Some are yet two steps away, some three; but all are within four.

*Conviction* is the first step toward God and the Kingdom. There must be a deep sense of need before we shall ever *will* to go God's way. Here a tremendous responsibility rests upon the church. People, as a rule, get under conviction only as the church prays, and as she preaches and practices the gospel of Christ. We can "live them under," "pray them under," and "preach them under," but God save the church that is unable to bring men face to face with their spiritual need.

Thank God for an old-fashioned Christian mother who kept witnessing and praying for a son who was lost. Many times I would become indignant and tell her if she did not cease to talk about God and the church so much that, instead of coming home, I would leave and get out of her way. She never gave up. "Jesus is coming soon," "You need to get ready," and other like statements, coupled with prayer, finally got me "under," and into the kingdom of God. Conviction was characteristic in the revivals of Whitefield and Finney. Sinners screamed as Jonathan Edwards preached on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Without old-time, Holy Ghost conviction there can be no genuine revival or sound conversions. God help us to pray for those we know and love.

*Repentance* is the unheralded second step in the direction of God. Of course, repentance includes forsaking of all sin, changing the attitude toward God, and also the fixing of the mind and will to go with God. When an individual determines to go with God, there is no force of evil that can change his course. God will not allow men nor the devil to overthrow us if we continue to trust and obey. This step cannot be omitted. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

*Confession* brings us to the third step in our seeking. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). We should confess our sins to God, for "he that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13). We should also confess Christ as Saviour, for ". . . with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). Prayerfully, and under the leadership of God, we also must correct as many past wrongs as is humanly possible. God will certainly reward a person who is faithful in making proper restitution. That is why Satan offers so much resistance at this point. If he can get us to fail here there will always be occasion for doubt.

*Faith*, of course, is the final and climaxing step. After we lay a good foundation in taking the first

three steps, it will not be hard for us to believe God.

*Then at last by faith I touched Him,  
And, like sparks from smitten steel,  
Just so quick salvation reached me.  
Oh, bless God, I know it's real!*

There will be no sad-faced, dry-eyed profession once faith has made contact. Reactions will vary when we touch Him, and He touches us; but we will be able to believe with all our hearts, for we have entered into the Kingdom.

## THE ALTAR

By Paul Martin\*

AT THE front of the church is a kneeling rail, dusted and ready for prayer. It is a precious place, so full of memories; a friendly place always open for business between your God and you. It is here proud parents bring their "spic and spans" for dedication, hear the pastor plead for family altars, and let a faint smile chase the tears away.

It is here nervous couples stand before a nervous preacher, and make their vows of tender love. Here, too, an awkward kiss, a stirring march, and while Mother cries, the knot is tied. Often at this place of prayer the leaders stand for installation: the people's choice, to work for Him. It is the altar, the loveliest place in the church.

In front of this altar a casket stands, a sainted form, hallowed atmosphere. The loved songs are sung, the Scriptures read, and God is there to comfort and bless.

But an altar is primarily a place of prayer. Over and around it, the battles of eternity are won. Sin fights its best at this holy place, but the tender and contrite heart in God's hands can never be defeated. Drunkards leave sober; the wayward, forgiven and glad; the carnal are cleansed and rejoicing; the faltering, strengthened; homes are united; bodies healed. The church finds God's will and power to do it at this dear battlefield. And often when morning is breaking out yonder, the pastor is shouting the victory there.

So, caretaker, keep it dusted and ready. Men, keep it hallowed and blest. Come often to this place of prayer, keep your heart tender and full. Don't let the dust of a profane world, nor the cares of life, nor the deceitfulness of riches leave you grimy and cold. Fling yourself at His feet—He is ready and willing to help. He'll meet you at the altar, this wonderful place of prayer!

\*Nazarene Evangelist

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*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man (Ps. 118:8).*

## Christ Will Meet You There

*Are you carrying burdens with fretful fears?  
Have your sins grown heavy through the years?  
If you come today to this place of prayer,  
This wonderful Christ will meet you there.*

*Have other friends proved false and untrue?  
Is your life so tangled seems hard to undo?  
Here's an altar where you can leave your care,  
And this wonderful Christ will meet you there.*

*You may feel alone and strange, my friend,  
And wonder how you'll stand at the end.  
But come, lay your load at this sacred chair,  
And a wonderful Christ will meet you there.*

*Come, come to this altar of prayer;  
Come, come leave your burdens there;  
Come, come bring your heartache and care;  
And a wonderful Christ will meet you there!*

—EVANGELIST PAUL MARTIN

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## God Answers a Girl's Prayers

By Paul S. Hill\*

SHE WAS only a little girl, not yet in her teens. Her people were members of a holiness church, and she had been a true Christian for some months and knew the Lord as a wonderful Friend and Saviour. Her happiness was marred by the unsaved condition of her brother, for whom she had frequently prayed. One day when she was praying for him, she was greatly concerned and burdened. She sought a place where she could stay alone, undisturbed for quite a long time, and gave herself to praying for her brother as hard as she could. She had never had such a struggle before. Her brother had been so indifferent to religion. He had never given any expression of faith in God, no word or act to help her believe that he would ever be saved. How she did pray, "O God, save him tonight in the meeting! O God, please do save him!" She had heard of wonderful answers to prayer. Oh, if only God would hear her and answer her prayer and save her brother tonight!

Love and faith prevailed. All at once her soul was full of assurance that God would save her brother that night. Her heart was happy in her faith. She believed that God had spoken to her. She told no one of her conquest in prayer or that God had promised to save her brother that night, but all her soul within was more happy than she could tell as she worked at the supper with her mother and got ready for church.

The meeting began. Her brother was there, as he usually was. So far as she could notice, he showed no sign of being under conviction or even thinking of being a Christian. She had hoped to see some look or hear him say something that

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would show her that God was working with him, but there was none. Over and over she stood by the promise of God, "O Lord, Thou didst hear me and wilt save him tonight."

The singing did not seem as spiritual as it usually did; the testimonies were less flowing than usual. No one seemed to have a really victorious gladness, either in testimony or prayer. The meeting seemed dead and dry. She had to pray and believe hard.

The minister was a godly man. He was a good preacher; and usually gave an invitation for seekers to find salvation through faith, but this time he seemed to be without a message from the Lord. He got drier and drier. The meeting got deader and deader. Still she prayed, "O Lord, You were going to save my brother in the meeting tonight." There was a closing song, sung without spirit. There was no invitation. The minister pronounced the benediction. The people began to shake hands as usual.

Down between the pews a little girl was crying as hard as she could cry and praying as hard as she could pray without a word from her lips. Her mother came. "What is the matter?" There was no answer, just sobbing and tears. Her father came. The result was the same. The people gathered around. "What is it?" Nothing was heard but sobbing and tears. The minister came and bent over her and asked what the trouble was. Between sobs she managed to say, "God was going to save my brother tonight but you never gave Him a chance."

The good man felt the rebuke keenly. Also he felt that he knew more about how to conduct a service than any little girl could know. He was the pastor and should be respected. The struggle was brief. Standing, he said, "If anyone knows what should be done, be free to do it." One of the men came and stood by the altar and began to sing, "Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now." A group gathered around the front of the church; the Spirit of the Lord came in power. The girl's brother came and knelt at the altar and was soon genuinely converted. The little girl was so happy and praised the Lord: "Oh, thank You, Lord, for answering prayer and saving my brother tonight just as You promised You would do."

## I Visited a Shrine

By Jack L. Thompson\*

**Y**ESTERDAY we had friends with us for a visit. Living near the home of a great American, and also near the spot where his body rests, we planned a trip to visit the shrine of Abraham Lincoln.

As we motored to the location in Springfield, Illinois, and approached the tomb, there seemed to be a sacredness about the place. My heart was thrilled as once again I tried to give the due respect and honor to one who so valiantly fought for the freedom of all mankind.

When we were inside the tomb, a guide went before us down the corridor. In a soft, mellow voice, realizing the sacredness of the place, the guide told of the various parts of the construction of the tomb. He informed us that the present tomb is the third to be built to contain the body of this great hero. He told of the various kinds of marble, and the different countries of the world from which it came.

As we stood at the place where the body lies, and the guide, in soft, reverent words, told of the various members of the family and the location of the bodies in the tomb, my heart was touched with a feeling of sacredness attached to the circumstance being related to us. A sense of freedom gripped my heart—a cause for which this great man had fought, that all men may be free and equal under the "Stars and Stripes." I bowed my head and gave thanks to God for the achievement which is the result of a principle which Abraham Lincoln possessed.

Likewise, as I stood in reverence to the man mentioned above, I felt the nearness of the Spirit of Christ. I was reminded of the death and burial of Jesus, and the borrowed tomb in which they laid His body. He too had a principle for which He gave His life.

I rejoiced as I thought that it is useless to build a shrine to contain His body, because "He liveth evermore," praise His matchless name, and is making His abode in the heart of His followers! The freedom which came to the hearts and lives of those who accepted the plan of salvation, and not only those of the past, but those of the present and also those of the future, is unending.

The shrine of Christ is the heart of man; the freedom of Christ is freedom from sin; and the victory of Christ is everlasting life. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47).

I trust that every child of God will determine to be an individual monument to the "Christ of Calvary," who, with His own blood, purchased our freedom. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

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I'd rather trust and be wrong  
than doubt and be right, so—

## I PRACTICE TRUST!

By James McGraw\*

JOHN WESLEY once made the statement, "Charles doesn't trust anyone, and I trust everyone; and I am right more often than he is."

Confidence in others is a mark of strength. It is an attitude that is pleasing to God, helpful to ourselves, and beneficial to our fellow Christians.

*It pleases God* when we believe in the integrity and the motives of our brethren. Jesus saw the good in people who were suspected and hated by others. He went home with Zaccheus, the publican. He withheld the condemnation that would have brought death by stoning upon the adulterous woman. He forgave Mary, and her sins which were many were all washed away. He ate with publicans and sinners. He hated sin, but He loved sinners, and the only people He did not *trust* were the Pharisees, who themselves trusted no one.

*It helps us* when we cultivate the gentle quality of believing in the best and being reluctant to see the worst in others. That we are happier when trusting than when doubting, no one would deny. While doubt and suspicion toward those with whom we associate builds up tensions and pressures and results in frustration and defeat, trusting others tends to bring release from harmful habits of thinking and consequently a more normal, adjusted, happy, and joyful personality.

*It benefits others* when we trust them, for they are able to achieve growth and strength better in an atmosphere of faith and confidence than would be possible under opposite conditions. The saintly apostle must have realized this truth as he wrote to the far-from-perfect Corinthian church, "I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things" (II Cor. 7:16).

John Wesley said he was right more often in believing in people than he would have been in doubting and suspecting them. To his wise observation, please let us add that, if we are going to be wrong either way about a brother, we would rather be wrong in trusting his integrity and motives than in doubting them. The satisfaction of being right is small comfort in comparison with the hurt of hate, the sourness of suspicion, and the defeat of doubt.

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To probe an old sore without applying a healing balm will only aggravate the malady and cause needless pain. Christians should always be ready to dispense a healing balm for broken hearts.—  
H. B. GARVIN.

## MAKE ME A CHANNEL

By Nona Keen Duffy

*Make me a witness for Christ and His blessings  
And clear imperfections away;  
Flood me and cleanse me of every obstruction,  
And make me a channel, I pray.*

*Empty my life of debris that might clutter  
The Spirit of God from above;  
Let there flow freely to those who are thirsty  
The spiritual water of love!*

*Make me a channel where blessings run freely,  
Where justice and harmony flow;  
Fill me brimful of Thy love and Thy gladness,  
And bless me wherever I go!*

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## "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them"

By Ed. McConnell\*

**T**HIS is the story of a little boy who lived just two years and two months, but whose death was the means of bringing salvation to several families, and was to have an indirect effect on two churches, located forty miles apart.

Little Danny, just past two, lived in California on an oil lease, about halfway between Wasco and Taft. He lived with his parents and two older brothers. His father was a worker for an oil company.

It was about four-thirty in the afternoon, on October 23, 1953, when Danny, as was his usual custom, began looking for his daddy to come home from work. He loved his daddy, and eagerly looked forward to his coming; and likewise, the father adored the little boy, and anxiously looked for the little blond head in the doorway each afternoon.

On this particular day, as Danny began looking for his daddy and calling his name, Mother assured him it would not be long now. As she busied herself with the work in preparation for the coming of the man of the house, she did not notice the instant that her youngest son slipped out the door and made his way in the direction that he thought Daddy would be coming.

As the father came into the house, he was surprised that he did not see the little fellow, and inquired about him. The startled mother started for the door, saying that Danny must have gone out to meet his daddy. Hurriedly, they looked around the yard, but could see no sign of the boy. A more thorough search also failed to locate him. As the afternoon shadows began to lengthen, neighbors in the other lease houses joined the frantic, futile search.

There were but few trees on the lease, for this was oil land, barren of vegetation, save for the trees and shrubs that some thoughtful soul

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had planted years before. In the vicinity was this vast, barren expanse dotted by oil wells, tool houses, and a great oil sump filled with water and oil from nearby wells.

As the search continued and the inevitable darkness came nearer, there was a fearful thought in the mind of each searcher; but no one wanted to be the first to mention the terrible possibility.

Darkness was now over the lease and scores of neighbors and friends from nearby communities had joined the search. The emotionally exhausted and frantic father and mother and the worried brothers were in the lonely lease house—hoping, praying, fearing!

As the father looked out into the darkness, and watched the flashlights of the faithful searchers, he began wondering about that annoying, unexplainable feeling that had been haunting him for weeks. What was it? He couldn't quite piece it together! He had been bothered by some strange premonition of a foreboding shadow. In his subconscious mind it had haunted him as he drove his car, as he walked to work, as he awoke in a cold sweat in the night. He knew that he was not living a good life. Drink had become a habit in his life; ungodly language had become a part of his speech habit. He knew a better life, but had drifted away from life's best, and was living on a lower plane. His frequent visits to the tavern had caused strained relationships in the home.

But what was this impending danger that haunted him? Was it in some way connected with his way of life? As he had tried to pursue these strange, fleeting thoughts, he became convinced that some calamity was going to overtake him. The thought persisted in his mind that he was not ready and he ought to do something about it, but the carnal intent of the heart continued to drive the redeeming thought into the background of the busy days; and the visits to the tavern were more frequent.

But this night—oh, what a night! It came to him with a crashing reality! This was it! "O, God, how can it be!"

The sheriff's men were now on the job with the searchers. Facing the stark reality of the situation, the sheriff began searching the only logical place for a lost boy; and about 11:00 p.m. the stricken parents were informed that the search was ended—the little body had been retrieved from the oil sump.

No words can describe the emotions, the sorrow, the grief of that little family. Their world had crashed about them; hope was gone, life was useless, nothing mattered. Their feelings were numbed, their thoughts were confused, their spirits were crushed. But in the darkest hour of their lives, God was mindful of this home, and was to heal their broken spirits, bringing glorious light to their darkened world. For God is able to transform life's deepest tragedies into His marvelous providence.

Tragic news travels like wildfire in small communities. A close friend in Wasco came to the grief-stricken home. Her Christian faith was a source of comfort to her friends. She asked if she could call in her pastor, Rev. Louie Schroeder, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Wasco. With their grateful permission, she informed him of the circumstances; and although it was now Saturday night, with the prospects of a busy Sunday before him, this faithful pastor drove the forty miles to Taft, where the bereaved family was now in the home of the mother's sister.

Calling the writer, who is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Taft, Brother Schroeder briefly explained the nature of the call, and asked his friend to accompany him. The two pastors made their way that fateful Saturday night to this home, with a sincere prayer for guidance in their hearts.

A minister is faced with many difficult tasks, but none is more perplexing than to face a broken home where tragedy has struck, and try to bring words of solace. Casual greetings, personal experiences, mere words seem so remote and meaningless. But God's holy Word is not only sharper than any two-edged sword, but is also the Balm of Gilead that brings healing to the soul. The godly pastor from Wasco soon was quoting scriptures to the father and mother: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God . . ." (John 14:1). "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me . . ." (Ps. 23:4).

The scripture that seemed to give the most assurance was: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20-21). Explaining to the parents that they now had a precious treasure in heaven, the pastor dealt faithfully with their spiritual needs, and ad-

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## What Change He Brings!

By Margaret S. Connelly

*The traveler on Damascus Way  
Reined in his beast at close of day  
And bade his camel bend the knee  
To make a step where even he  
Might lift his trappings and his load  
Unto the sands beside the road,  
And thus the beast could shift the pain  
Of burdens from his back again.*

*O weary pilgrims, bend the knee  
And find what wondrous liberty  
Is yours when Jesus lifts the load  
From tired back unto the road  
And sends the glad, refreshing shower  
To turn your weakness into power—  
What change His presence and His care  
Will bring to those who kneel in prayer!*

monished them to make preparation to meet that little son over in the glory land. It wasn't long before the parents and the two pastors were on their knees, and the repentant parents were pouring out their broken hearts to God and surrendering themselves to His providence.

When sincere, repentant prayer is made to God, there is an inevitable result—salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Salvation came to those precious hearts that Saturday night. A transformation came over their faces as well as their hearts, and over their lives in the days to come. The dull ache of tragedy was still there, but there was a surrendered peace and calm that comes from a prayer: "Thy will be done." In their hearts was implanted a determination to meet little Danny in heaven.

Then it was, in the moments that followed, that the father told of those days of unexplainable, haunting premonition of tragedy that had been "dogging his life," and of his longing to change his way of life, and his own weakness and inability to accomplish the change.

Now, it is long enough since this seeming tragedy to write about it and to evaluate the providence of God. He works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. The "whys" of tragedy often become the "expediencies" of God's providence to bring joy to a sinful heart.

Not long after this experience, another family on the lease attended the Wasco church with their neighbors, and were converted. A baptismal service saw several new converts take the oath of Christian baptism, and new members were added to the church.

The sister, in whose home these parents found God that Saturday night, was invited to the Church of the Nazarene in Taft. She, with her husband and little daughter, accepted the invitation one Sunday morning. It was the last Sunday of a revival meeting. After a heart-searching message by Evangelist Maridel Harding, an invitation was made to those who had needy hearts, and this young couple made their way to an altar of prayer. They found victory in Jesus Christ, and accepted Him as their Lord and Saviour. At another baptismal service, along with other candidates, this fine young couple took the sacrament of Christian baptism, and were later received into membership in the Taft church.

Cottage prayer meetings are held weekly in the lease home of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Holmes. Their neighbors and friends are invited in to sing hymns and study the Word of God. The gospel of Jesus Christ is being given out in that home and in the lives of these parents.

On the buffet in this home is a picture of three brothers, the youngest of which is no longer in the home, but his short-lived life is a challenge and a constant tug toward that "better land."

"And a little child shall lead them."

Is there something more fundamental than

## A Passion for Souls?

By B. J. Garber\*

**H**UMAN passions are identified by eager outreachings and enthusiasms of the heart toward some special object. The special object of the passions of a large majority of people is of the material realm. One of the loftiest objects of human passions which may exist within the Christian is for the lost souls of men. Though the Christian Church must always be characterized by a fervent "passion for souls," the highest object of human passions which may exist is for Jesus Christ himself.

*An intense "passion for Christ" is an essential prerequisite to a devoted "passion for souls."* It is possible for the principal object of our passion to become a "passion for souls" rather than a "passion for Christ." The passion for souls requisite in Christians today to win the lost will be realized only as Christ becomes the foremost and paramount Object of our devotion.

The Holy Spirit cultivates this "passion for Christ" within us. When we receive the Holy Spirit, He turns us into passionate human lovers of Jesus Christ. Our passion for Christ must be overwhelmingly more passionate than for any material object or human soul.

Is not the unconcern for lost souls about us a result of an insufficient love or passion for souls? Yes! But the lack of concern for souls goes deeper. It is rooted and grounded in the need of a deeper love for Christ. As the intensity of our love for Christ increases, so our burden for lost souls increases.

Only love for Christ is adequate to create and inspire the proper motivation to cause one to really travail for souls. A Christianity motivated by and dedicated to gradual passiveness can be pushed aside without much effort. A *growing* "passion for Christ" will lead to an intense witnessing for Christ. A fresh, daily unveiling of the cross of Calvary will cause the heart to beat with a pulsating love for Christ. This vehement fire of heavenly love for Christ will spread and light other darkened hearts. The result of such a life is "a passion for Christ for souls." Such an aggressive passion is indispensable.

The Christian's next step will be a participation with Christ. *Christ's passion becomes our passion.* Christ's eternal concern for souls becomes our concern. This passion and love for Christ will cause one to spend, suffer, and sacrifice to see souls saved all because of One and One only—"for Jesus' sake."

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*Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men (Ps. 107:8).*

He lost his son because  
he forgot that this is—

## The Age of Reason

By H. M. von Stein\*

"Why don't you let me alone? You've had your life, now let me have mine! *Why should you care what I do?*"

In the gloomy police station the speaker looked down upon the stricken face of his father with all the malicious wisdom of his sixteen years. The police sergeant across the desk swallowed visibly, observing the contorted, tear-washed cheek of the parent who—too late—was trying to reach his son across the gulf which separates the free-way to hell from the highroad of hope.

The door which the child slammed in the father's face, stirring a chill draught of utter finality, was not fashioned of the wickedness of the heinous things his son had done. It was not even the evil of the thing this boy-child had so mysteriously and suddenly become.

A single word identifies the essence which holds these two persons of the same flesh and blood apart. That word is *why?*

This father had taught his son right from wrong—that it is wrong to lie, steal, and hate; that "honesty is the best policy," and to do unto others as he would have them do unto him—as consistently as possible; at least to keep that in mind.

He had brought him up in the traditions Americans have taken for granted for generations, but he had never thought to show the boy *why*. He had felt, without thinking much about it, that in some indefinable way people grow into creditable citizens if they are exposed to the right things, and automatically slough off adolescent furies and

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illusions. Instead he finds himself faced by a human being weirdly confirmed in adolescent confusions, though inexcusably sane and otherwise normal.

*And he can't understand it!*

In this, the age of reason, like countless thousands of fathers exactly like himself, he forgets that he and the world about them, all have taught and are progressively teaching the young to question everything and then question the answer. In the father's day, right was right because it was right. But now, tormented with the normal perplexities of adolescence, his childish ego crystallized in a society where he himself knows no real hardship or, if he does, is encouraged to martyr himself as underprivileged, this son has lost the background which gives the *reason why* men are good, and to what end.

There is no mystery surrounding the current sweep of juvenile delinquency. It is perfectly normal and the result of sound mental processes on the part of keen young minds. They have not been shown *why* society is better the way it is—for *them*, or that there is any final, compensating reason behind the predicament of life.

The fathers and mothers believe in life after death with the same vitality with which they believe in fairies if they admit any faith whatever. People who claim real knowledge of a personal God are dismissed as hypocrites, fanatics, or crazy.

The fact that man has only one enemy: sin, personified and administered by Satan, the devil, is held as a fable, a bugaboo used by another generation to scare children.

Things called *inhibitions* have been touted out of existence, and the current lack of teen-age responsibility is one direct result.

Another, not yet fully accepted by the *experts*, is that countless fathers and mothers, instead of leading their offspring in the straight and narrow path, have themselves, and *by the children*, been led into practices once shunned as evil.

Our fathers made mistakes, but they did call sin by its name. In the present it is popular to pet sin, scratch it behind the ears, and then blame circumstances when it bites. It is silly to blame an economic fact for a spiritual delinquency. Just because Dad and Mother both work and Aunt Jane takes care of the kids is no reason why they should go to the devil. If Father and Mother were Christian, and Aunt Jane taught the children Bible verses instead of whatever else it is she teaches them, the mistakes of past generations would be corrected instead of multiplied.

*The reason why* there must be decency, order, and integrity must be established on the earth if we are to have liberty.

Jesus established the age of reason. God said: "Come now, let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

Unless reason begins with the acceptance of this fact, it is not reasonable.

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## Old Paths

By Jessie Whiteside Finks

*The waves of sin are rolling in  
And blotting out old paths.  
Walls of reserve and purity . . .  
Towers of strength . . . security . . .  
Are tumbling  
And crumbling  
Till we are caught in aftermaths  
Of sin . . . obscuring goals.*

*But our Lord said, Stand ye and see . . .  
Ask to be led in the old paths . . .  
Take up your cross and follow Me,  
Therein . . . is rest for souls!*

*Then let us humbly come and pray,  
Lord, we are sick of sin's mad whirl.  
Set Thou our feet in a plain way  
In this our topsy-turvy world.*

## From the "Guttermost" to the "Uttermost"

By Wayman F. Davis\*

*He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings (Ps. 40:2).*

God's love is immeasurable. His love has neither limit nor boundary. The greatest expression of God's love was manifested when His only begotten Son was sent to a sin-cursed world to die on the cross for your sins and mine.

When David penned the words of Ps. 40:2, he must have had a glimpse into the infinite love of God. He wanted to share his ecstatic feelings of joy and happiness. David saw again the horrible pit of sin from which God had lifted him. He was rejoicing in the fact that God had not only lifted him out of the deepest of sins, but He also had set his feet upon a rock and established his goings.

The Apostle Paul expressed a similar testimony when he wrote to the church at Ephesus. His insight into the infinite love of God was expressed in the following words: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins,

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hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-6).

Today, God's love is still unlimited. He now stands ready to save the worst of sinners. Those sins which seem so black and dismal may yet be cast at the foot of the Cross for pardon and cleansing. Jesus waits with outstretched arms to pardon, forgive; He will forget those sins as though they had never been committed.

Perhaps you have been dragged down by sin into a life far below that which God has intended. Even though you have gone to the bottom of the "horrible pit," and are living on the "gutter" level of life, there is yet hope and mercy with the Lord. God wants to lift you out of the low plain of living and make you sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He is still able to "save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Heb. 7:25). Why not let God lift *you* out of the pit of sin, set *your* feet upon the rock, and establish *your* goings? Then you, too, can sing with the poet:

*He brought me out of the miry clay;  
He set my feet on the Rock to stay;  
He puts a song in my soul today,  
A song of praise, hallelujah!*

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Traveling in Peru

THE HOMES of our mountain folk are not luxurious but they are most gracious hosts, doing their very best to make things nice for us.

The other day when I went to Sarabamba, I walked the two and a half miles and arrived very thirsty. I went to the kitchen and asked the lady of the house if she would boil me a little water and let it cool a bit. Instead she offered to fix me a little chocolate, and while waiting, I begged her pardon for making such a bother. She and the lady with her turned to me and said, "It is no bother, Pastor. It is a pleasure for us to have you here." Such is the attitude of our people in all they do for us.

I stayed at Sarabamba that night and the folk with whom I was to spend the night insisted, "You sleep on our bed and we'll sleep over there on the floor."

For some time I had felt that I ought to go to Tacabamba to visit the folk there, but the rains hindered my going, until I told Leona that if the rain didn't let up I would have to get a pair of native sandals and walk. Then there came a couple of

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rainless days. I asked the Lord to give us five in a row to dry out the trail enough for us to travel. After four dry days, I asked God to send me a guide, and that morning a man from Tacabamba arrived to have Miss Roth pull out one of his teeth. We arranged to return together the next day; and there in Tacabamba, God blessed our services and several were sanctified.

Last Sunday I was home here in Chota and the local pastor asked me to preach. As I considered what message to bring, I asked the Lord about several messages, but each time He answered, "No, preach 'Peace and Holiness.'" I prayed much before the service, and God came very close to my heart. I asked Him to give us souls, and He promised me twelve. I asked him to direct to our service that day the feet of those who most needed the message.

It was not hard to preach that Sunday, but the altar service started very slowly. Finally a boy came, then others followed until all the promised twelve were at the altar. Praise His name! There were bitter tears of re-

pentance as some prayed their way to God.

After the altar service I asked for testimonies and several said that they had felt ill toward others of the brethren for differences and words they had spoken to each other. They begged forgiveness and there were embracings and mutual tears of joy as the differences were wiped out.

One of those who testified to straightening things out with others of the brethren said that he wasn't feeling well before service time and he almost didn't come, but on the urgings of the Lord he made the effort. A lady said that she almost didn't come. She added that she had been planning to go to a neighbor the next day and have a sharp argument with him over his pig that was getting into her garden. "But now," she said, "I'm not going to do it."

God truly answers prayer! Oh, that we might learn to ask of Him more, and trust Him to do as He has promised.

—CLYDE GOLLIER, Peru

*I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord  
(Ps. 122:1).*

## A Questionnaire on Pentecost

(Continued from last issue)

8. *Why were there so many in Jerusalem at that time?*

In Acts 2:5 through 13, we are told that there "were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. . . ." The Jews who had been scattered throughout the world had come back to Jerusalem for this celebration of the Feast of Pentecost; they had come from many nations, and with them there were some proselytes to the Jewish religion. At this time, the population of Jerusalem had, no doubt, been increased by many thousands.

9. *Why were so many of these people amazed if most of them were Jews? Didn't they know about Pentecost?*

Yes, they knew about Pentecost, but they hadn't been with Jesus and didn't understand the teaching He had given about the coming of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, they were amazed when they saw this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Some of the people thought the 120 were drunk. Their actions were so strange that it suggested to them that they might be drunk. Either that, or else they suggested this accusation because they wanted to speak disparagingly of the 120—this latter seems to be the true answer, for the Scriptures say, "Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine." They made fun of them by saying, "They are drunk."

10. *I notice in the fourteenth verse of this second chapter that a man by the name of Peter stood up and began to speak. Who was he?*

Peter was a member of the apostolic group; that is, he was one of the twelve men especially chosen of Jesus to carry on His work. He was among those who were in the Upper Room. He had been filled with the Holy Spirit and had witnessed all that had happened. Further, he was one of the leading apostles, perhaps the leading apostle at that time; therefore, it was his place to defend the 120. This he very courageously did.

11. *How did Peter answer the criticism of these people who said the 120 were drunk?*

He answered them by pointing out that it was but the third hour of the day, that is, nine o'clock in the morning. It was not a custom of the Jewish people to drink that early. That was his negative way of answering them. His affirmative response was that a certain prophecy which Joel had given had been fulfilled in and for these people.

12. *Who was this Joel to whom he referred?*

Joel was one of the writers of the Old Testament. One book is named after him. It is a short book, and is one of a group which have been called the Minor Prophets as over against the Major Prophets—like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

13. *Just what was the prophetic reference which Peter gave from Joel?*

## Editorials

They are very significant words and read as follows: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered" (Joel 2:28-32).

14. *You mean to say, then, that Peter taught that this prophecy which had been made by Joel had been fulfilled in this which had happened to the 120 in the Upper Room?*

This is exactly what I mean. I not only tell you that Peter believed this, but also I, myself, believe that what happened in the Upper Room to the 120 was a fulfillment of this prophecy of Joel.

15. *There is one thing which you have overlooked; you said something about it, but you did not explain it—that is, what is meant by speaking in tongues, as used here in Acts?*

I'll let the Bible answer that question; it is very clear on this point. Let's go back to verses 6, 7, and 8 of this second chapter: "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" These people from so many different countries, who spoke so many different languages, heard what the disciples, who had received the Holy Ghost, were saying, each in his own tongue or language. This is clearly stated, so there can be no doubt about it. Therefore, these tongues which these people spoke on the Day of Pentecost must have been regular languages which were given to them by the Holy Ghost for that special occasion, given to them in order that all the people might hear the truth in their own tongue. There are some who would say that the miracle performed at this time was not a miracle of the gift of languages, but a miracle of the gift of hearing; and there is some evidence that they might be right. In either case, the result is the same. Either the ears of the listeners were touched and they heard in their own language, or else the tongues of the speakers were touched and the people from the different nations heard in their own language.

State it either way, and you have essentially the same result; that is, the gift had to do with actual languages which were used in that day; it was not some unknown tongue that had to be interpreted.

16. *What of the rest of this chapter?*

I cannot deal with the different parts of it at length. I would say only that Peter's sermon is recorded. After he had defended those who had been baptized with the Holy Ghost against the charge of drunkenness, and had indicated that this was the fulfillment of prophecy, he brought a brief but stirring message to the thousands who were there. This was followed by old-fashioned, Holy Ghost conviction. You may ask what is meant by conviction. It means simply that a person feels he is a sinner, feels it tremendously, and is convinced of the fact that unless God gets to him and forgives him he'll be lost forever. This conviction was followed, as we read in verse 41, by a great ingathering of souls. Three thousand souls "gladly received" the word and "were baptized." The last six verses, 42-47, describe the wonderful fellowship which the Christians had.

## Little Talks on "The Art of Living"

### III. Faith in Our Fellow Men

*Faith in our fellow men* is the second factor in the art of living. Woe be to the individual who has come to the place where he believes that everybody but himself is bad. The world hasn't all "gone to the dogs." Let's not lose our faith in men; there are yet "seven thousand . . ." all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." There are more than we think who are on God's side; and like the servant of Elisha, we could see them if only our eyes were opened.

Jesus had faith in men. He never would have given himself as He did on the cross if He had not believed that there were some men who would be attracted to Him by His message, life, and death. He believed in Peter, though Peter failed Him a number of times. He sees men, not as they are in their sinful condition, but as that which they may become through the power of His grace. Even while He was on the cross He took off time to save a man. In that hour He believed that there were some who would choose Him and go His way.

The most pitiful state a human being can arrive at is that state in which he feels that all of his fellow men are wrong, and that the whole world is following the devil. Sometimes we think that only the old are tempted to look at life in this way—they have become disillusioned, they

have seen so many fail, and so many live inconsistently, that they have thrown up their hands and said, "There's none good, no not one." Not only do they agree that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," but they say that all men are sinners and coming short of the glory of God. Of course, in most instances, they exclude themselves from this circle. But while old men have many reasons for their lack of faith in their fellow men, young people, we must remember, are more given to skepticism, in a way, than are the old. It is often difficult for them not only to believe in God but also to believe in others, believe in the power of the religion of Jesus Christ to reach out and take hold of their neighbors and friends. In other words, all of us are tempted, and too many of us yield to the temptation, to doubt that there are any who are really conscientious and are living for God. He who would be skilled in the art of living must have faith in his fellow men. He must believe that there are good men yet in the world, those who love Christ and are doing their best to serve Him. Without this faith in men, we cannot properly adapt the natural to the supernatural, the secular to the sacred, the physical and mental to the moral and spiritual.

### "JOHNNY'S HOMEWORK"

WHILE in Alaska in the early fall, I was struck with a half-page advertisement in the *Fairbanks News-Miner*. It was in the Saturday issue on the church page. The Fairbanks Ministerial Association sponsored the advertisement, and various business organizations paid for it. The top part was dark, providing a black background. In the left top corner, there was a white strip with these words written on it, "Johnny's Homework." Underneath this was a boy writing on the black background, as a child would on a regular blackboard. In the left lower section were these words:

"Will you help Johnny with his homework? Of course! You are willing and eager to help. If Johnny is to be happy and make a real contribution in life, he must have every educational advantage possible. *You want to prepare him.* But what about Johnny's church school homework? To prepare Johnny for life, he must have more than a head full of history and geography and multiplication tables. Johnny must have a heart full of love and a soul dedicated to God. To find purpose and meaning in life, Johnny must have faith, not just facts and figures. Bring Johnny to Church School and Church every Sunday. Afterwards, help with his papers and talk over the lessons. Make his church school homework as much your responsibility as his public school homework. Help Johnny prepare for victorious, Christian living!"

In the right lower section of the advertisement, there was pictured an open Bible, and underneath were these words, in large letters: "The

Church for All . . . All for the Church." The advertisement went on to say that—

"The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation.

(4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily."

I've not been able to forget the advertisement. It brings us some very important truths. Never before in the history of the world was there more need for the work of the Church than today. The Church of the Nazarene is in big business when it promotes the work of the kingdom of Christ through its preaching services and church school activities.

## HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

### New Work in Hawaii

ON OCTOBER 1, Rev. and Mrs. Reeford Chaney, who have served the Kailua Church near Honolulu, moved to Kahului to open our work on the Island of Maui. This is the second largest island in the Hawaiian chain. Kahului is the port city for the island and is developing quite rapidly. The total population of Maui is 39,000 and more than half of these live within ten minutes' drive of Kahului. The largest percentage are Japanese. Next are Filipinos, Portuguese, Puerto Ricans, Hawaiians, and a few Caucasians.

There is a great missionary opportunity for the Church of the Nazarene on Maui. Buddhism and Catholicism are numerically strong, but the masses have not been reached with the gospel message. The following quotation is from a newsletter from the Chaney's: "We now have a choice 21,000 sq. ft. corner lot in Kahului. Yesterday [Dec. 13] we erected a 40 x 64 tent for a temporary chapel. About the second week in January we will begin construction of the new church.

"We are making a door-to-door survey of Kahului, following the Crusade for Souls plan. We have not one person to begin with, but we know they are here and we must seek them out. Pray that we may bring many to Christ and the church.

"We begin broadcasting 'Showers of Blessing' next Sunday on a sustaining basis over KMVI, the only radio station on Maui. We have already had time on the daily devotional program over this station.

"There is much work to be done, and we know it will not be easy to build a church and congregation at the same time. But we are thrilled with the opportunity and we feel that we are right where the Lord wants us to be. We are really happy in the work here on Maui."

We trust our Nazarenes everywhere will pray for the Chaney's and this new work on the Island of Maui.

### "The Case for the Cause"

There is an awareness of our home missionary opportunities and responsibilities throughout the church today that was not present ten years ago. Everywhere our people are discovering that home missions is every Nazarene's business and are anxious to do something about it. A typical example was shown recently in the weekly newsheet of Yakima First Church under the heading given above:

"Last Sunday there was a total of 1,314 people in attendance in Nazarene Sunday schools of Yakima, Selah, and Union Gap. Compare this figure with that of five years ago and you will find it has at least doubled in these years—all of this because of new home-missions churches which have been organized. Reports are constantly coming in of new people saved and sanctified and joining these new churches. Does not this make you want to do even more for the cause in this case? God bless you as you have a part in the Home-Missions Offering on Sunday, November 28."

### ANOTHER Church Burns!

"On the night before Thanksgiving our church at Cowan burned, leaving only the brick walls standing, and the rest of the building was declared a total loss by the insurance company. In fact, they said the whole thing was a total loss.

"They had only enough insurance to cover their loan and possibly two hundred dollars over and will have to rebuild from scratch. Please pray for Brother Stinnett and our good people there in this trying time.

"This is another warning to all of our churches to see that adequate in-

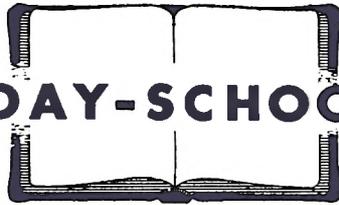
surance is carried on our properties to protect our own interests as well as the loan companies. All heating plants should be inspected thoroughly before heavy fires become necessary."

The above quotation taken from the *East Tennessee Nazarene* reminds us again of the dangers of church fires. We read recently that there is only one cause for most church fires—carelessness. This carelessness is usually connected with the heating, wiring, or collected refuse of the church. Occasionally it may be caused by organs, lightning, hazards incidental to repair and repainting, or candles. There are three responsibilities of every church in connection with the possibility of fire. (1) By periodic inspection and good house-keeping methods reduce to the minimum the possibilities of fire through carelessness. (2) All repairs to the church that have to do with heating, wiring, painting, and equipment should be done in accordance with standard fire prevention regulations. Equipment and shoddy workmanship often invite fires. (3) Annually check the insurance coverage of the church to make sure that it is adequate to cover changing valuations and building additions. In the average church fire 40 per cent of the loss is usually not covered by insurance. Any reliable insurance agent will be glad to counsel with the church board to provide adequate insurance without excessive or unnecessary insurance costs.

*Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am (Ps. 39:4).*

It is a good thing for all of us to be forewarned, forearmed, and preadvised.—EARLE F. WILDE.

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for January 16: Christ, the Son of the Living God

Scripture: Matt. 16:13-17; John 1:1-14; 5:17-18; 14:8-14; 17:1-5; Phil. 2:5-11;  
Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:14 (Printed: Matt. 16:13-17; John 14:8-14)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me* (John 14:6).

It is popular today to believe in God. To some, the concept is shadowy, vague, and unreal, while to others God is near, real, friendly, and vital.

If we are to draw strength from our religious faith, God must be more than a set of good ideas or cold, philosophical abstractions. God is a Person who knows, who loves, and who wills. The very stronghold of the Christian is the awareness of a God who cares and communes with His children, One who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy" (Ps. 103:8).

The ancient Psalmist saw through the telescope of faith that Jehovah

was a God who pitieth, who loveth His children. This revelation broke upon the world in full glory when the Word became flesh and dwelt in our midst. We have seen the face of God in the face of Christ. Calvary has left us with an indelible portrait of God, whose heart is the undying source of sacrificial love. Here is a God who is not only the Creator, but who suffers a divine heartbreak over the sins of men; a God who welcomes the most defeated, the most sinful to His redeeming fellowship.

Our God shares all of life's experiences with His children; "Lo, I am with you." When our hearts cry out for security, love, and understanding, we find our answer in our God, whose very nature is love and whose never-ending tenderness has been revealed on the cross—"Like as a father pitieth

his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (Ps. 103:13).

The most fundamental and wonderful religious truth is the fact that God has revealed himself through His Son. All that we know on earth of God and all we need to know are revealed in Christ. No longer are we groping for a light in the dark, reaching for a hand that is not there; no, God has come and abides with us forever. The simplest may open his heart in faith and know "the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," and be "filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19). This is a companionship that even eternity cannot destroy nor diminish.

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## THE QUESTION BOX

**Q.** *Is it customary for a pastor who is moving to leave a record of the members for his successor? By record I mean the retiring pastor's personal opinion of the individual members.*

A. I never left such a record when I was pastor, and I never had a predecessor do it. If he had done it, I would not have liked it. Further, I don't believe that our pastors make a practice of leaving such records. Of course, there is another side to this proposition—a layman should be so loyal to God, the church, and his pastor that it would be difficult for the pastor to leave an uncomplimentary record, even if he wanted to.

**Q.** *Will you please tell me whether or not Pharaoh was drowned with the Egyptians who pursued the children of Israel?*

A. In Exod. 14:28 we have these words: "And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horse-men, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them."

Conducted by  
**STEPHEN S. WHITE**

Notice that it says, "all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them." There is at least some implication here that not all came in after them. Anyway, nothing is stated as to Pharaoh himself. I have found no authority which makes any statement as to whether or not he himself was drowned. I would be inclined to answer your question in the negative, however.

**Q.** *When do we become saints, here or hereafter? I heard two men say that there were no saints on earth. What do you say?*

A. Both the Old and New Testaments speak often of saints who are people living on this earth. The word appears sixty times in the New Testament, and in most instances refers to individuals living on this earth. The Greek word translated saint in the New Testament literally means "a

holy one." One writer has defined saints on this earth as "persons of exceptional holiness, integrity, and consecration." In a few places in the New Testament, saint means the spirit of a departed one in heaven.

**Q.** *Where was Saul converted, on the road to Damascus or after he reached the house of Judas (Acts 9:11)? Did he receive the Holy Ghost in His fullness at the time of his conversion? If not, then when was he filled with the Holy Ghost?*

A. There is some difference of opinion on these matters, but I believe that Saul was converted on the road to Damascus and filled with the Holy Ghost in the house of Judas.

**Q.** *I have been with the Church of the Nazarene only since 1948, and I never attended a church before then. The question following has bothered me every Christmas since: Is it right to take the Sunday-school time to practice for a Sunday-school Christ-*

mas program? I have been in three churches, and the Sunday before Christmas always has been given over to practice. Thus the lesson, which is about the most important in the year, is left out. This year it is worse in our church, for they also want to take over the N.Y.P.S. time.

A. I agree with you that the ideal situation would be where the practice for the Christmas program is done at times other than when the regular services are held. However, many things enter in, sometimes, to prevent this. The people may be scattered, and it may be all but impossible for them to come back for practices during the week or at other times on Sunday. Also, it must be remembered that the Christmas season is a very busy time for everybody. Further, those who practice are having to do with the Christmas story and message and might get as much or more good from their practice as from the regular Sunday-school lesson. Nevertheless, I must add that, as churches, if we are not careful we will crowd out the Sunday-school lesson too many times during the year. We should reduce all such exceptions to the minimum.

Q. What does it mean not to let your left hand know what your right hand does?

A. The next verse answers your question—"That thine alms may be in secret" (Matt. 6:4). Don't give publicly just to be seen of men, as the Pharisees did.

Except the Lord build the house, thy labour is vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Ps. 127:1).

## A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

### GIVE IT TO GOD

I am convinced that we Christians live beneath our privileges of intimate, practical fellowship with God. His command, "Bear no burden on the sabbath day" (of heart rest), points to a voluntary banishing of clogging, crowding personal concerns, to free ourselves for His purposes. The command is workable, and to be worked. (Jer. 17:21.)

#### Monday:

Give Him your sorrow. Easy to say, but difficult actually to tear loose from the self-pity and the self-comfort of feeling yourself a being set apart, deserving of special consideration. Hard to cast off loneliness when it darkens every thought and shuts you in like a clinging fog. Hard to have your sorrow forgotten by unsuffered, self-absorbed groups. Consciously give it to God, and you can forget yourself. (Isa. 53:4.)

#### Tuesday:

And give Him your joy. Joy can be more consuming of spiritual vitality than sorrow is. Make certain that He is included and is sharing it with you. Bring it to Him for His blessing that insures against disillusion—then relax. (John 2:2, 10.)

#### Wednesday:

Give Him your problem. Do your best to solve it with your own best judgment and whatever direct divine guidance you have been able to grasp. Then deliberately and definitely put it into God's hands, and wait, not anxious but trusting. "He worketh for him that waiteth for Him." (Ps. 37:5-6.)

#### Thursday:

Give Him your mistakes: the messes you have made by unconsidered actions, the misunderstandings when your words were taken wrongly. One of the most comforting passages in the whole Bible is the one that assures us God helps "fools" out of the scrapes they have gotten themselves into! (Ps. 107:17-19.)

#### Friday:

Give Him your failure; it was only an incidental anyway if the set of your soul is to do the will of God. "Only one real failure in life is possible; that is not to be true to the best one knows."—Farrar. Go to God with the failure, find out the reason, then leave the failure and carry away the wisdom gained. (Matt. 17:19-20.)

#### Saturday:

And give Him your success—quickly—before it has a chance to puff you up. Self-congratulation grows overnight into the complacency that hasn't much need of God and the self-assurance that repels people. Thank God at once that He helped you do well, then turn the page. He paid the expenses, after all. (Deut. 8:18.)

#### Sunday:

Give Him your inadequacies and your fears. You know, and He knows, that you aren't equal to the emergencies nor strong enough for the burdens nor wise enough for the questions. But the very fear will frustrate. So put into His hands your assets and your liabilities—yourself—as Moses put his rod, and the boy his lunch. You and He together will make it. He specializes in completing incompleteness. (John 6:9, 11.)

## NEWS of the Churches



Lancaster, Ohio—Our church recently closed one of its best revivals during the past six years of our ministry. Rev. George R. Anderson was the evangelist and Verlin Lee the song evangelist. The presence of God was manifested in every service with shouts of victory and praises to God as evidence of His blessings on the people. Souls were under deep conviction for sin, and sought and found God in pardoning grace and sanctifying power. The messages of Brother Anderson were deep and soul-searching; he is a mighty preacher of the Word. Brother Lee was at his best in singing; often the people shouted him down as waves of glory

swept over the church. Sinners were converted, backsliders reclaimed, and the church was revived and encouraged. The Lancaster church marches on under the leadership of the Holy Ghost.—Elwood J. Dodge, Pastor.

Pastor J. B. Rice reports from Winchester, Kentucky: "Our church is on the move for God and holiness, and its influence is being felt in the city. We came here in September of 1952 and found five members—no property, and the people trying to worship in an upstairs hall. With God's help, we have purchased and remodeled an old church building, have

built three Sunday-school rooms in the basement; and a young people's auditorium, 20 x 40 feet, is almost completed. A friend started a fund for seats with a donation of fifty dollars and the pastor, with the help of some of the men members, has built sixteen beautiful pews, fourteen feet long, at a cost of three hundred dollars. We have four young preachers, and had a recent revival with Rev. C. O. Switzer doing the preaching. God met with us in a wonderful way, and over the week end, with Mrs. Belle Bartee as guest speaker, we had nineteen victories at the altar. The people shouted and praised God—two altar services on Saturday night

and two on Sunday morning. We received two new members on Sunday morning, so we now have a total church membership of thirty-eight. Mrs. Rice recently started an extension Sunday school in the government housing project—it is being held in the community building, with the approval of the administrator. The services are held in the afternoon, and the attendance has averaged thirty-one per Sunday. We thank God for His blessings.”

Evangelists C. W. and Esther Brockmueller write: “This has been a busy year for us, working on a number of districts in the United States and Canada. God has given us souls and we have seen some wonderful victories for Jesus. We saw a new church organized at Limon, Colorado, during the tent meeting, and Pastor Johnson is now doing a good work there. For the second time we were on the Canada Central District with Superintendent T. E. Martin, and it was a great joy to be associated with him in home-mission work. We have some wonderful pastors and people in Ontario. We still have some open time in '55 and will be glad to go anywhere for revivals, youth revivals, or short holiness conventions. Write us, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.”

Larimore, North Dakota—We recently closed a very good revival with Revs. W. W. and Wilma Geeding as the evangelists. Their lovely Christian spirit and old-time type of anointed messages, while strengthening and lifting the church, also brought many hungry souls to bow at an altar of prayer. Sister Geeding's American Indian service the last Sunday morning was outstanding and wonderfully owned of God. Finances came easily under God's blessing. We deeply appreciate the Geedings.—George L. Fitch, Pastor.

East Liverpool, Ohio—A great many souls prayed their way through at the altar of prayer in our recent revival in La Croft Church with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep as our special workers. In a great many ways it was a real church revival. Restitutions were made by some, and God blessed the people with shouts and praises night after night. The attendance was very good and a number of new people were also contacted, of which there were some who went forward and prayed through to God. The preaching of Brother Estep is of the old-fashioned, close, and searching type that gets right down where it reaches the heart. Their ministry was appreciated by both pastor and people. On the closing Sunday, Rally Day, there were 313 present in Sunday school, which was 63 more than the goal set for us by our district. A revival spirit is on. We give God all the praise and glory for His presence with us.—M. Leroy Hastie, Pastor.

## WHY?

By Marian L. Knorr

*Christian, why falter, why faint?  
Jesus, the Master, can calm  
All of earth's trials, the fire, the  
wind—  
In Him there's a healing balm.*

*Christian, why worry, why fret?  
Jesus, the Saviour, is near.  
He'll put the joybells within your  
heart,  
Make all the haziness clear.*

*Christian, why wonder, why doubt?  
Jesus, the Lord, is your Friend.  
Through all the problems of life or of  
death,  
He'll guide you safe to the end!*

Nashville, Tennessee—Grace Church recently enjoyed a fruitful revival with District Superintendent “Bob” Goslaw of New York. His grand messages brought us all a real lift. Thanksgiving Sunday brought us 314 in Sunday school, the joy of new members received, and 5 babies dedicated to the Lord; also well over \$1,000.00 was given for missions.—Ralph Schurman, Pastor.

Wellston, Missouri—God recently gave us one of the most fruitful revivals we have had with Rev. W. M. Tidwell as evangelist. The Spirit-anointed messages of this veteran minister, so characteristically unique and effective, were much appreciated by our people. Attendance was good. Seekers lined the altar and shouts of victory were heard as they prayed to God for pardon and purity. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very prevalent throughout the meeting. There are unity and love among the people of Wellston, and the church is making progress in every department under the leadership of Rev. S. T. Sumners.—Lillie Davis, Church Secretary.

Guymon, Oklahoma—We have recently closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church here. Rev. and Mrs. W. T. (Thurman) White were mightily used of the Lord as the evangelists. A number of fine, substantial men and women were won to the Lord with several joining the church. The Whites do not spare themselves, but go in for real old-time revivals. We thank God for sending them our way. We will soon start our third year with this great church. We have never pastored a more wonderful people. We have received over fifty members into the church since coming here and many of these are making outstanding Nazarenes. The Sunday school has averaged the highest ever and the future is bright. The church has increased our salary twice in the past two years. Our debt now stands at only \$13,000.00 and our properties are valued at over \$100,000.00. It is a

thrill to serve this wonderful church under the district leadership of Rev. J. T. Gassett.—James C. Hester, Pastor.

Poplar, Montana—On November 21 we closed a real Holy Ghost revival with Rev. W. G. Richards and wife as the workers. Brother Richards is an excellent preacher and carries a soul passion for the lost. There was good attendance throughout the week's campaign with fifteen seekers, and some good victories. From the standpoint of spiritual uplift, this was one of the very best we as a church have enjoyed. The evangelist raised a love offering for the pastor and family in the closing service. A revival spirit is on.—William Bateman, Pastor.

Higgins, Texas—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. Joe Norton as evangelist and Joel Miller of Bethany-Peniel College as song evangelist. The entire church was helped, many young people were reclaimed, and one serviceman joined the church on profession of faith. We are in our third year with these good people and we praise God for His blessings. During these twenty-seven months we have received 23 members on profession of faith, making our present membership 83 in this town of 675 people. It has been especially thrilling to witness the conversion and sanctification of 8 men of all ages—some in the revivals and some in the regular services. It has been even more thrilling to watch these new converts grow in grace and take official responsibility in the church. We attribute this success to much prayer on the part of the church, continuous rural calling by pastor and people, and the goodness of God. Believing it to be God's will, we are accepting, as of December 5, the call to Arlington Heights Church in Fort Worth.—C. B. Dickerman, Pastor.

Woodland, West Virginia—Our church recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Welch as the special workers. A number of people sought the Lord to be saved and also for heart cleansing. Two new Sunday-school records were set in the meeting, and the entire church was lifted to new heights. The deep spiritual truths brought to us by Rev. R. O. Welch from night to night were a blessing to the church.—Alfred B. Kay, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: “Pastor Milton Bunker of Kenmore Church, Akron, Ohio, has added 100 new pupils to his school in average attendance in the past 12 months. During his 8 years as pastor he has gone from 8 to 52 classes. Average attendance this past year was 360. He knows the technique of Sunday-school building. His study is filled with books, files, documents, facts, and figures. It was a joy to be with this pastor and church for the fifth time. Pastor D. D. Palmer of Canton, Ohio, saw 412 in attendance Sunday morn-

ing of our convention. Forty teachers and workers were in the banquet on Monday night. The Palmers, with Superintendent Jackson, have a 'mind to work.' They will go forward. Pastor Clarence Haas of Warren, Ohio, saw 318 present Sunday morning. There were many new faces because of personal visitation work. We had good choirs in these conventions—agitation, co-operation, visitation, and salvation. These leaders are good men, devout, aggressive, with good helpmates, and can be trusted anywhere. In 3 months, we have traveled near 11,000 miles, in 17 states, in 5 different denominations, on tours, local church, county, and state conventions."

Milton, Pennsylvania—We had a splendid revival, October 10 to 24, with Rev. R. O. Parry as the evangelist. He preached excellent sermons on the carnal life, sin, and holiness. The church was in a much better spiritual condition at the close of the revival, and seekers were at the altar.—Ellis F. Phillips, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Wilma Hamilton write: "After graduating from Bethany-Peniel College and Northwest Nazarene College we entered the field of evangelism. We are now engaged in a revival at Dodge City, Kansas, where, ten years ago, we started our evangelistic work. During this decade we have conducted over 225 meetings in 24 states. This has been a period of personal enrichment and blessing. The past year has been one of intense Christian activity as we have held 25 revivals in this order: Porterville, San Jose (West Side), and Stockton, California (First Church); Newton and Keokuk, Iowa; Pueblo, Colorado (First Church); Butte, Montana; Jonesboro, Arkansas; Guymon, Oklahoma; Amarillo, Texas (San Jacinto); Beatrice, Nebraska; Blackwell, Oklahoma (First Church); El Dorado, Kansas; Fort Dodge, Iowa; Perryton, Texas; Cherryvale, Kansas; Casselton, North Dakota (camp); Paragould, Arkansas; Shawnee, Oklahoma; Puyallup, Kent, and Richland, Washington (First Church); Coeur d'Alene and Payette, Idaho; Coos Bay, Oregon; and Dodge City, Kansas."

Pastor Raymond F. Friberg writes: "It is our desire to be of spiritual help to the personnel of the Great Falls Air Base here at Great Falls, Montana. Ours is the only Church of the Nazarene within one hundred miles. We have found our servicemen to be some of our best workers; and in turn, they have felt that this church has been a great help to them under the ministry of my well-beloved predecessor, Rev. Ray R. Wheeler. If you have friends or loved ones who are located at this base, please send me the names and addresses. (Write me at 114 18th Street, South, Great Falls, Montana.) Our new church is nearly completed and we will be able to minister to their needs better now than before."

Seat Pleasant, Maryland—In November this church enjoyed a profitable revival with Rev. John Foltz as the evangelist and soloist. Brother Foltz is a good singer and preacher. He keeps the attention of the congregation with his illustrations from life, his wonderful spirit, and his humor. People found God at the altar in pardon and purity.—Jerold K. Jones, Pastor.

Elkhart, Indiana—First Church recently closed a good revival with District Superintendent Mark R. Moore as the evangelist, and John E. Moore as singer. The Lord used these good men in our church in a wonderful way. We recently had an outstanding service with Missionary Robert Wellmon from Nicaragua. We are buying a new tape recorder and amplifying system for him and providing a generator to supply electric lights for the jeep; we are giving about half the money necessary for the purchase. Two good men in our church are making these things possible. Our Thanksgiving offering for missions was \$2,700.00. The future is bright for First Church.—H. L. Johnston, Pastor.

Costa Mesa, California—At the close of our district assembly in June, Evangelist C. Wesley Brough was with us for a revival. Souls found the Lord in the old-fashioned way. We recently closed a victorious revival with the Leverett Brothers. Many souls prayed through to victory and new members were received from both of these revivals. Brother Brough and the Leverett Brothers are great evangelists. Our people are encouraged. If you have friends or relatives in or around the beach cities near Costa Mesa that we can contact for the church, please write us, as we will gladly look them up.—Clive Williams, Pastor.

Dublin, Georgia—On Sunday, November 21, our church closed a successful revival with Rev. C. H. Dooley as the evangelist. He is a strong evangelist and our church was helped by his good messages. Music was furnished by local talent. Several souls were saved and sanctified and we had large crowds at the services. Rev. W. P. Smithson, pastor, and wife are much loved and appreciated. They are good leaders and workers.—Glenn Ladson, Reporter.

New Castle, Indiana—First Church, with Rev. George Scutt, pastor, is enjoying many spiritual victories and substantial numerical gains. Most outstanding of these perhaps is the Sunday school. For the first seventeen Sundays of the 1954-55 assembly year there has been an average increase of 103 per Sunday over last year's record. Much of this gain is attributed to a perpetually operated visitation program, engaging the services of nearly one hundred persons at least one time per month, often

more. There is also a fine spirit of co-operation. At the present time the educational unit is being remodeled to create an additional classroom, an office room, and to make the present nursery more suitable. A plan to remodel the basement of the original church building is also under consideration. This basement now houses the Primary Department, which has outgrown its present room space. Rev. Roy Lewis and singers, Raymond and Bobbie Johnson, were the workers in an exceptional revival in November. New people were converted, and recently several members united with the church. The N.Y.P.S. and the N.F.M.S. are also showing good gains. Every department of the church received a good Thanksgiving offering. The sentiment of the entire church is that there are bigger and better victories yet ahead.—Mrs. Mary Torgrimson, Reporter.

Ashland, Kentucky—First Church gave the largest single offering in our history when our people laid \$4,620.00 in the plates for the Thanksgiving special. This was done without a single pledge or specific request from the platform. God just laid it on hearts to give. Our Sunday school has averaged 454 for this assembly year, which is an all-time high; this growth has been steady, without buses, or special awards. We recently completed the air conditioning of our annex, and some remodeling which has been helpful. We love and appreciate our pastor, Rev. Lawrence B. Hicks. Recently he began a series of messages from the Book of Revelation each prayer meeting night, and large crowds gather to receive the prophetic truths. Finances are the best in history, and best of all God is with us. Unity and harmony prevail and we look to the future with faith and optimism.—Wayne E. Kendall, Secretary.

Dr. Russell V. DeLong writes: "After twenty-seven years engaged primarily in administrative work—sixteen as college president and teacher, three as district superintendent, and eight as Seminary dean and professor—I have just completed my first full year in the field of evangelism. During 1954 I have conducted evangelistic campaigns as follows: Union city-wide: Springfield, Ohio; Honolulu, Hawaii; Los Angeles, California; New Cumberland, West Virginia; Burlington, Iowa; and Freeport, Illinois. Union holiness: Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Columbus, Indiana. Union Nazarene: Kankakee, Illinois; and Denver, Colorado. Church meetings: Pasadena, California, First; San Luis Obispo, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Marietta, Ohio; Columbus (Warren), Ohio; Philadelphia (Collingdale), Pennsylvania; and Hammond, Indiana, First. In addition I served the following camps, colleges, and ministers' meetings: God's Bible School, New York District, Illinois District, Indian Springs, Georgia,

Akron District, Olivet College, Pasadena College, Northwest Indiana District, and the Wesleyan Methodist Ministers' Conference. I have worked with some of the finest pastors, artists, and musicians in the nation, such as: J. Stratton Shufelt, Les Barnett, Doris Strudwick, Carl Steele, J. Bryon Crouse, Ronnie Lush, Wally Hubbard, the Mastermans, the Rushing Family, the Keller-York Party, Bob Loveless, Corny Kerr, Lee Mansveld, the Spencers, Harry Clarke, and E. Clay Milby. The year opened with the General Board and the Conference on Evangelism in Kansas City. I have preached fifty-two times over the international broadcast 'Showers of Blessing,' plus many other appearances over radio and television. During the year God has seen fit to convict and bring forward more than six thousand souls for definite experiences of divine grace. Mrs. DeLong and I are now leaving New York for a missionary-vacation trip to South America, returning January 17. We can always be reached by addressing the Nazarene Publishing House, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Elkins, West Virginia—Our church was greatly helped and souls found God in our recent revival with Evangelist Guthrie Hughes. Brother Hughes preached Bible holiness, and prayed, as did the people; the Lord heard the prayers and many were saved and sanctified. The last Sunday of the revival we broke an all-time attendance record of 201 in Sunday school by having 250 present. We thank God for His blessings, and look forward to a return revival with Brother Hughes.—Jack R. Archer, Pastor.

Rev. A. J. (Jack) Hoof writes: "After being in the evangelistic work for about one year and a half and pastoring for seven years, I am now making my slate to enter the field again. At the present time I am slating revivals in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas; but will go anywhere that God opens the door. Write me, Melrose Avenue, Natchez, Mississippi."

Columbus, Ohio—Morse Road Church is growing by leaps and bounds both materially and spiritually. On September 27, 1953, we burned the mortgage on our present church building. Since then, we have built a new seven-room parsonage, purchased an organ, and purchased a vacant lot beside the church, which we plan to use for parking space when the new auditorium is erected, for which we are now making definite plans. We give God all the glory for these accomplishments. After a week of intercessory prayer and holding on to God for a good revival, the church recently closed a two-week revival with Professor Verlin Lee as song evangelist and our pastor, Rev. C. G. Hayes, as the evangelist. Professor Lee proved to be a very out-

standing spiritual worker and one whom we have all learned to love and appreciate. Brother Hayes did a marvelous job as an evangelist, and the two men working together made a wonderful team. The Lord manifested His presence each evening in a miraculous way and many souls found victory at our altar. The church as a whole has moved up closer to Jesus' feet as a result of this meeting.—Evelyn Serrott, Secretary.

Atlanta, Texas—First Church recently closed a wonderful holiness and stewardship convention with Evangelist J. C. Henson as special worker. It was a week of victory in every way. The people of the church were strengthened with spiritual victory around the altar, with eleven souls praying through to clear experiences. Brother Henson is at his best these days, preaching from the wisdom of his half a century's experience, yet with the vigor of a much younger man. His ministry and Spirit were greatly appreciated. First Church is looking up and God is truly blessing.—Claud Burton, Pastor.

Lexington, Kentucky—Kenwick Church is enjoying some of the best days in its history. Increases are noted in every phase of the work. Sunday-school attendance is running at least 20 on the week above last year's average, with an average attendance the past three months of approximately 240. Finances are the best ever. Work on the new superstructure is nearing completion, which when fully equipped will be valued at more than \$100,000.00. A good revival was recently closed with Rev. Bernie Smith and Eudell Milby as the special workers. Our people are encouraged to believe that the best days of the church are just ahead. They are united and spiritual, and have stood loyally by the pastor and the whole program of the church. It is a joy to serve such a wonderful group of Nazarenes.—Ralph Ahlemann, Pastor.

Rev. Mrs. Thelma Steelman writes: "After pastoring churches in Texas and California for nineteen years, we felt God's will and plan for us was to enter the field of evangelism. We asked to be released from our work as pastor of the Grace Church in Tyler, Texas, where we had served for three and one-half years. We began with Grace Church when it was a home-mission project and saw it more than double its membership, and average one hundred in Sunday school the last month we were there. They now have a church building, parsonage, and fine leadership and are still on the upward march. We have been in revivals at Henderson, Shiloh, McKinney North, Pittsburg, Gilmer, Nazarene Chapel, and Sinton, Texas; with Pastors Sam R. Buchanan, J. L. Mayhall, Lawrence Golson, Lloyd Wyatt, Jack Shoulders, John Burch, and George Mullins. Pastors

and people have been good to us. Our efforts in preaching have been blessed of the Lord. Numbers have knelt at the altar, and in almost every church we have seen new members received on profession of faith. Our 1955 slate is filling up nicely but we still have some open time. My husband travels with me and carries his part of the meeting as a personal worker. We will come, pray, fast, and work with you for a revival. Our address is P.O. Box 294, Gilmer, Texas."

Evangelist Lowell L. Yeatts writes: "I have enjoyed the blessings of God in the field of evangelism this fall. God gave a good revival with Rev. Loren Millikan at Home Avenue Church in Marion, Indiana, with many finding victory at the altar. I was with Rev. E. W. Bailey and the church at Ecorse, Michigan; received a call to return there in 1956. My second meeting at Modoc, Indiana, was a good one with many young people finding victory at the altar. Recently I closed a fruitful meeting with our church at Saratoga Springs, New York, where Rev. W. H. Butt is the efficient pastor; then had a good revival at Highland, Michigan, with Pastor Fred Belleville. I have some open time in January and February and also around Easter time. I will go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 325 West Sixth Street, Peru, Indiana."

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Hammond, Indiana—First Church recently concluded an outstanding revival with Dr. Russell V. DeLong and the Keller-York Party. Great crowds attended the services; in fact, the best attendance in recent years. One hundred souls sought the Lord at an altar of prayer. There were some outstanding victories during this campaign. People came from miles around to be in these services. Approximately twenty-five churches were represented by pastors and delegations during the nine-day campaign. Dr. DeLong is a strong evangelist and the Keller-Yorks are attractive musicians. This meeting was a great blessing to the church and community. We praise God.—Ralph E. Perry, Pastor; Paul Coleman, Jr., Associate Pastor.

Pastor S. Roy G. Hall writes: "After almost seven delightful years of ministry in our church at St. Thomas, Ontario, we felt led of God to accept the challenge of the newest home-mission church on the Canada Central District, the Toronto Bethel Church in Toronto's West Lakeshore District. In a widely developing area of this great city, we find ourselves one of the very few centers of evangelism and holiness, and anticipate the high privilege of sharing the good news of salvation here. We are grateful for the interest and support of the other Toronto churches and for those in this area who have transferred their membership from Toronto Grace and are, along with others, providing a real impetus to the work. We have appreciated the leadership in the beginnings of Bethel by the Grace Church pastor, Rev. Carl Gleason, and his continued keen interest, the concerted support of the District Home-

Mission Board and the tangible investment in this work by the Canada Central District N.Y.P.S. The radio ministry of the Toronto St. Clair and the Hamilton First churches is penetrating the area. We praise God for the vision and leadership of our district superintendent, Rev. Ted Martin, who is doing a great job on this district. We invite the prayers of every reader on behalf of this new work. We would be happy to contact friends or acquaintances known to you, who live in this section of the city. The church address is 440 Horner Avenue (between Aldercrest and Beta), Toronto 14. Pastor's address is 39 Mitcham Drive."

Regent, North Dakota—The Lord very graciously came upon the scene in our recent revival in which a number were brought to Christ, both in saving and sanctifying power. Rev. Kenneth Wells was God's man for this time. We appreciated his ministry with us. The church was encouraged, and we are looking up for greater and better things from God.—Reporter.

Winchester, Indiana—November 14 brought to a close a very gracious revival with many souls finding victory. The ministry of Rev. N. E. Roland was greatly used of God. The weekday morning services were inspirational and well attended. Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins sang in the Spirit and her timely readings were a blessing to all. Our pastor, Rev. W. B. Greek, is a real shepherd and preaches under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The church is progressing in all departments and a wonderful spirit prevails among our people. The average attendance in

Sunday school last year was 263, and so far this assembly year we have made a gain of 20 a Sunday. A new roof has been put on the church, the interior redecorated, the heating system completely modernized, and a Hammond organ installed; also, a new modern parsonage has been purchased, the old one sold, moved away, and the space made into a nice parking lot, the over-all cost being around \$32,500.00—Reporter.

Lynwood, California—First Church recently closed an eight-day meeting with Rev. Denver Brown as the evangelist and Hubert Salisbury as the special singer. Over forty seekers bowed at the altar, most of whom found genuine help. The tender preaching of Brother Brown was greatly used of God in melting all of our hearts and the anointed singing of Brother Salisbury added much to the spirit of the meeting. Thirteen members were received into the church one week after the meeting closed. Lynwood First Church is making steady progress since moving from Los Angeles into this area some thirteen months ago.—L. A. Whitcomb, Pastor.

Rev. James A. Walker writes: "Upon my arrival in Van Horn, Texas, in August, 1953, I found twelve consecrated people who loved the Lord and were willing to make any sacrifice necessary to see a holiness church built in this little community. One family of these wonderful people had been saving their tithes in the local bank in preparation for the day that God would give them a pastor and they could see their prayers answered in a church building. They now have a nice little building that cost a little over seventeen thousand to build. I say, Praise God for people like this who will sacrifice to see God's work go ahead! It is with deep regret that we leave this pastorate, but our prayer will be that God will continue to bless the church and people with His best. I have accepted the pastorate of the church at Aztec, New Mexico."

Rev. Thomas L. Voyles writes: "After pastoring in Oxford, Indiana, for two years, the folks at South Side Church in Mishawaka gave us a call, and God is blessing in the work here. The church has been redecorated, and we had a fine home-coming day on September 26—in remembrance of the organization of the church sixteen years ago. God blessed in our recent revival with Evangelists Harold and Flossie Richardson, and we appreciated their ministry."

Evangelist J. T. Williams writes: "Glad to report good victory personally, and a deep concern for precious lost souls. Recently I had a good revival here in Nashville, and the Lord wonderfully blessed. I want to work for Jesus, who saves and sanctifies me—I want my life to count for Him. Write me, 610 Stockwell St., Nashville 7, Tennessee."

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Hillsboro, Illinois—We recently closed an eighteen-day revival with Evangelist C. L. Chapman. God blessed his ministry by giving a number of seekers, most of whom prayed through to victory. Our people are encouraged and have caught the vision of the need for a visitation program. On the last Sunday of revival we had fifty-eight in Sunday school. This church was organized in May, 1954, with nine charter members. Our Sunday school averaged forty-seven for the month of November.—Mrs. J. C. McIntyre, Reporter.

Rev. Herbert I. Livingston writes: "During the past year or so I have been pastoring a new work on the Pittsburgh District. At our last assembly in July I was granted evangelist's commission, but due to my wife's serious illness I was unable to leave home to take up the work. I am now able to be in the work and making up my slate for 1955 and '56. I have some time open after February 1, and will be glad to go anywhere as the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 8072, Boswell, Pennsylvania."

Lander, Wyoming—Recently, with the help of the Lord, the Gospel Light Trio held the best revival in the history of this church. The crowds were the largest, and also we had the greatest number of seekers of any revival held here. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Gospel Light Trio. They draw good crowds, their music is appealing, and Rev. Lyle Leach (member of the trio) is a sane, tactful, and attractive preacher.—A. W. Fee, Pastor.

Pittsfield, Illinois—Recently we had a good meeting with Evangelist James Robbins as the special worker. On the last Sunday we broke all previous Sunday-school records. We had good crowds and quite a number of seekers. Brother Robbins is a good, rugged, Bible preacher. This is our third year here. Last April we purchased a beautiful \$10,500.00 parsonage, and every department of the church is growing.—C. G. and Florence Weathers, Pastors.

Evangelist Fred Thomas reports: "I am sincerely grateful to God that 1954 has been another glorious year in the ministry of evangelism. It has been my privilege to labor in twenty-one different revivals and two camp meetings, which have taken me from Miami, Florida, to Los Angeles, California, to Moscow, Idaho, to Morgantown, West Virginia. It has been my privilege to labor with some of the greatest district superintendents, pastors, and preachers to be found anywhere. As I take an account of another year of my stewardship and ministry, I am happy to witness that the God of revivals still lives. I have seen hundreds pray through and scores have united with the church. I shall long remember the blessed, Blood-bought victory of the Western Ohio District camp meeting at St. Marys, Ohio, in August with Dr. W. E.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Nazarene Theological Seminary

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North American Indian  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Northeastern Indiana  
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LEWIS T. CORLETT, *President*

Albea, district superintendent, Professor and Mrs. Lester Dunn, and Rev. Paul Stewart, my collaborator. The long altars were filled time and again with more than three hundred praying through. Pastor Seel of Newell (First Church), West Virginia, made up his mind months before our fall campaign there in November that he would furnish the unsaved on which to work. Because of his faithful, untiring efforts of four months of personal work, we had the unsaved every night in the campaign. As to the results, there was only one barren service, with scores of people praying through; the church that can and will reach the unsaved can have old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revivals today. As I face the new year of 1955, it is as bright as the promises of God, for I know that our God is able to meet the need of this atomic age with the triumphant might of His power and the glory of His presence."

Rev. Clyde C. Casto, former pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in North Sacramento, California, is entering the evangelistic field. He is now making up his slate for 1955. Write him at P.O. Box 600, Lodi, California.

Toronto, Ohio—First Church has enjoyed a good revival meeting with Rev. W. F. Miller as the evangelist. The interest was high and good crowds were in attendance, including a good number of new people. The ministry of Brother Miller was greatly enjoyed by all who were in attendance; the Lord rewarded him with a number of seekers at the altar. On the closing Sunday we had 294 in Sunday school, which is high for our church. We have a loyal membership of splendid Nazarenes who are praying for and expecting continued victory as we are encouraged in the Lord.—O. L. Benedum, Pastor.

# Sunday-School Attendance Report

District	1954	November	Percentage
<b>SOUTHWEST ZONE</b>			
Northern California	14,317	15,165	106
Southern California	10,285	11,969	116
Los Angeles	8,893	9,322	105
Colorado	6,355	6,279	99
Arizona	3,437	3,881	113
New Mexico	3,104	2,980	96
<b>NORTHWEST ZONE</b>			
Northwest	6,536	7,723	118
Oregon Pacific	6,939	7,251	104
Idaho-Oregon	5,865	6,471	110
Rocky Mountain	2,445	2,548	104
North Dakota	1,656	1,739	105
South Dakota	782	953	122
Nevada-Utah	778	921	118
Districts not reporting: Minnesota, Alaska, Washington Pacific			
<b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>			
Western Ohio	13,753	14,461	105
Central Ohio	12,612	13,548	107
Southwest Indiana	9,067	10,059	111
Northeastern Indiana	9,437	9,772	104
Illinois	8,555	9,191	107
Indianapolis	8,564	9,137	107
Eastern Michigan	8,117	8,580	106
Michigan	7,975	8,533	107
Missouri	7,355	7,732	105
Iowa	6,098	6,096	100
Chicago Central	5,309	5,683	107
Northwestern Illinois	4,835	5,058	105
Wisconsin	2,376	2,347	99
Districts not reporting: Northwest Indiana			
<b>SOUTHEAST ZONE</b>			
Tennessee	7,725	8,927	116
Alabama	7,300	7,488	103
Florida	6,433	7,271	113
East Tennessee	5,637	5,701	101
Georgia	5,245	5,479	104
South Carolina	4,679	4,791	102
Virginia	3,172	3,125	99
Districts not reporting: West Virginia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Eastern Kentucky, North Carolina			
<b>EASTERN ZONE</b>			
Akron	10,177	11,886	117
Pittsburgh	8,027	8,618	107
Albany	3,190	3,526	110
New York	1,968	2,174	110
Districts not reporting: Washington-Philadelphia, New England			
<b>BRITISH ISLES-CANADIAN ZONE</b>			
Canada West	4,838	4,985	103
Canada Central	1,986	2,037	103
Maritime	956	1,033	108
Districts not reporting: Australia, British Isles North, British Isles South.			
<b>SOUTHERN ZONE</b>			
Kansas City	8,777	9,634	110
Kansas	7,686	8,096	105
Southwest Oklahoma	6,004	6,540	109
Northwest Oklahoma	5,904	6,504	110
Abilene	5,481	5,638	103
Dallas	4,883	5,015	103
South Arkansas	3,751	4,526	121
Louisiana	4,484	4,489	100
Northeast Oklahoma	3,998	4,303	108
Southeast Oklahoma	3,973	4,161	105
San Antonio	3,527	3,707	105
Nebraska	2,667	2,724	102
Districts not reporting: Houston, North Arkansas			
Estimated average for November, 1954		396,826	
Gain over last year's average		20,714	

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*  
Department of Church Schools

Evangelist David J. R. Spittal writes: "We have recently concluded a very fine revival in Wilmington, Illinois, where Rev. Joe Hoch is pastor. God blessed and we were grateful for those who knelt at an altar of prayer. We were recently privileged to be with Rev. Ernest Crummer and his people in Crown Point, Indiana. Prior to that we were in a campaign in Blue Island, Illinois, where Rev. Charles Caringer is pastor. To God be the glory for the results that were witnessed. I have an open date for a youth week in this area, January 5 to 9. Also have open dates February 23 to March 6, and April 6 to 17. I will go anywhere. I carry the full program—preach, sing, play several instruments, and do children's evangelism. Write me, Box 208, Bourbonnais, Illinois."

Fillmore, Oklahoma—Our church recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. L. M. Payne as the evangelist. God came in an unusual way in every service. There were souls saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified. The church was helped in all departments and all the people were blessed. Brother Payne preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and brought messages that made hearts hungry for the gospel. He is indeed a man of God and an able Bible preacher. We greatly appreciated the ministry of this good man, and we praise God for the fine group of Nazarenes in the Fillmore community.—J. D. Henson, Pastor.

North East, Maryland—Because of a cancellation and a changing of dates with another pastor, Revs. C. C. and Flora Chatfield were able to give us a meeting in October of 1954. Never was a revival more timely or providentially ordered of God than this one. The Chatfields were at their best. Their preaching and singing were under the anointing of the Spirit and resulted in drawing the people to the services and finding the Lord. The last Sunday morning especially was a service long to be remembered because of the manifestation of the presence of God. It was a combined service with the Sunday school and there was such a yielding to the Lord that it was hard to count the seekers. Even the evangelists said it had been a long time since they had seen God move on a congregation in that fashion. The finances came in easily. We took over the pastorate here last June after our assembly and God has helped us to paint the exterior of the church and redecorate the interior. All of the labor and much of the material was donated by friends and the members of the congregation. One good brother gave us over \$300.00 for new light fixtures and new fans. We are located fourteen miles from the Bainbridge Naval Base and would be glad to contact for the church any of our servicemen there. We appreciate all the names that are being sent us by the Servicemen's Commission and we try to contact them all.—H. I. Basham, Pastor.

Ironton, Ohio—First Church concluded its fall revival services November 21 and celebrated its "Forty Years of Progress" anniversary service at two o'clock the same day. Rev. D. K. Wachtel, superintendent of the Tennessee District, was the evangelist for the revival and his stirring messages were greatly appreciated by the church. He was assisted in music by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wasson, who are ministers of music in the local church. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent of the Central Ohio District, was the speaker of the afternoon anniversary service. During the twelve days of the revival services, over two hundred prayed through at the altar. This was the greatest revival Ironton First Church has experienced in many years. Fifty new members were received into the church on Saturday night, November 20, and presented by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Frederick, as a group to Dr. Galloway at the fortieth anniversary service. Only two of this number were transfers. Plans are under way to pay the church indebtedness of \$10,000.00 and begin a new educational building on the property recently purchased adjoining the present beautiful auditorium. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Frederick, is in his second year as pastor of First Church and is now on a three-year call.—Curtis Bates, Sr., Secretary.

#### New England District Preachers' Meeting

The annual New England District preachers' meeting was held November 29 to December 1 in the Church of the Nazarene, Malden, Massachusetts, with Rev. Anthony B. Sampson as host pastor and Dr. Samuel Young as the special speaker. Rev. J. C. Albright, district superintendent and chairman of the convention, arranged an excellent program which seemed to meet the needs of our ministers at this time.

Travel schedules prevented Dr. Young from being present in the opening session of the convention, but we were fortunate in having Dr. Harry Jessop speak to us on the fullness of the Spirit. Certainly this message was in keeping with the spirit of the convention, which emphasized the personal spiritual life rather than practical techniques. At the conclusion of Dr. Jessop's message, Dr. J. Glenn Gould conducted a communion service.

In his wonderfully helpful messages, Dr. Young brought us back again and again to an examination of our primary motives as we carry out our work as ministers of the gospel. His keen insight into the pastor's life and his timely humor made it a delight to sit under his ministry.

One of the high lights of the convention was a prayer and fasting meeting conducted during the noon hour on Tuesday. Evangelist Estelle Crutcher brought a stirring and helpful message on scriptural fasting. This was followed by a good season of prayer around the altar. God blessed the hearts of His workers during this wonderful service.

During the convention papers were read by Rev. Richard E. Howard and Rev. Austin Wright. Dr. J. Glenn Gould spoke briefly; Dr. Edward S. Mann, president of Eastern Nazarene College, and two of his assistants brought reports from our college; and Mrs. Florence Albright and Rev. Arthur Hughes brought reports from the N.F.M.S. and N.Y.P.S. respectively.

The hospitality of Pastor Sampson and his people was appreciated by all who attended the convention.

Truly this was a preachers' meeting marked by the presence of God. Time after time God came upon the scene and blessed our hearts. By the time the convention came to a close there was a deep desire on the part of the ministers and their wives to go deeper with God and to work more diligently to promote His work here in New England.

DUDLEY C. HATHAWAY, Reporter

#### Michigan District S.S. and Preachers' Convention

The Michigan District Sunday-school convention, followed by the annual preachers' convention, was held at Grand Rapids, November 8 and 9. Rev. Mark Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District, delivered three inspiring messages urging more concentrated Sunday-school efforts, and these were appreciated by all present. Accompanying these good messages were presentations of the various branches of the Sunday-school work on the district which helped to increase the vision of district-wide interests.

The preachers' convention proper convened on Tuesday evening, November 9, when Dr. L. T. Corlett, president of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, brought the opening message of the convention. His theme, which was carried in his messages throughout the convention, was "Major Problems of Holiness People as I have Seen Them in Their Children." These practical messages were particularly searching and were greatly enjoyed by all.

Dr. Stephen S. White, editor of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, was also a guest speaker. All his messages were appreciated and enjoyed by those present.

A number of papers of interest to ministers were presented by the capable pastors on the Michigan District. These were geared to the preaching task, and helps and suggestions were given to make the message more effective.

Our good district superintendent, Rev. Orville L. Maish, presided at the sessions with his characteristic poise and efficiency.

Dr. Fletcher Galloway, host pastor, his people, and the other Nazarene churches of the Grand Rapids area provided well for the many ministers, their wives and laymen who attended the meetings.

ED. PETERMAN  
District Secretary



## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

"I am writing from Korea to express my deepest gratitude for the HERALD and the other publications of Nazarene literature that you have so generously been sending me. Each copy has been an extra ray of sunshine in my life and the lives of many others. Although I am the only one in the squadron receiving the Nazarene publications, it would warm your heart to see how they are avidly read and digested by so many of the boys stationed here with me.

"Last night as I lay on my cot, in my cold and darkened tent, I had a wonderful experience. Huddled there within my sleeping bag to keep warm, I voiced my evening prayers and, as I prayed, a wonderful transition took place within the confines of that drab shelter of canvas. It seemed that God and I were all alone there in the tent and His presence was overpowering.

"Suddenly, I was no longer cold. Emanating from deep within my heart and soul was a warmth that would have shielded me from the icy blasts of the arctic. I prayed through the hours of the night and into the dawn of this morning.

"What a wonderful prayer meeting the Lord and I had inside that hitherto cold and darkened tent that had suddenly become a bright and shining temple of worship!

"Thank you again for all the wonderful Christian literature you have been sending me. God bless you all in your wonderful work."

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#### A SERVICEMAN'S PRAYER

Dear Saviour, I have left my home  
And all whom I hold dear.  
Guide Thou me with Thy loving hand,  
And be Thou ever near.

So let me live, from day to day,  
In steadfast love of Thee  
That I may never grieve the hearts  
That pray at home for me.

Keep me from every harm and sin,  
That never I may roam  
From Thy pure Word, which I have  
learned

In my dear Christian home.

Grant me success in all I do  
If Thou wilt have it come;  
But let me value more than this  
My Christian faith and home.

—JOHN THEODORE MUELLER

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*He that goeth forth and weepeth,  
 bearing precious seed, shall doubtless  
 come again with rejoicing, bringing  
 his sheaves with him (Ps. 126:6).*

**DEATHS**

MRS. JENNIE MAY BROOKS (nee Coy) was born in Ohio, December 3, 1883, and died October 3, 1954. Her parents settled in the state of Kansas, and here she grew to womanhood. On April 18, 1900, she was united in marriage to Joseph Nelson Brooks. To this union were born three sons: Clauoe, Frank, and Harry. Harry died in 1922. In 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Brooks moved to Washington, settling near Monroe; in 1943 they moved to Park Place, where they lived at the time of her death. Mrs. Brooks was a loyal and devoted member of the Monroe Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

MRS. MARY ANN STONER (nee Byer) was born near Bethesda in York County, Ontario, Canada, May 28, 1868, and died at Sacramento, California, on September 3, 1954. At the age of fourteen she was gloriously converted. In 1886 she was united in marriage to Samuel B. Stoner; he died in 1923. To this union were born five children: Ezra, who died at the age of four; Mrs. Pearl Spaulding, who died in 1918; and one son and two daughters who survive—Ray of Hollywood, and Ila Husong of Sacramento, California; and Leah Swenson of Phoenix, Arizona. When the family moved to Ashland, Oregon, she and her husband started the Church of the Nazarene in that city. For much of her life she was an active deaconess, serving at Ashland, Los Angeles First Church, Bresee Avenue Church in Pasadena, Upland, Santa Ana, and Sacramento, California. Mrs. Stoner's entire life was marked by a spirit of utter unselfishness. For the last ten years she was largely confined to her bed, but even during her suffering she manifested at all times of the spirit of her Master. During the years she was shut in she had a long list of missionaries with whom she corresponded regularly, and for whom she prayed individually, daily.

MRS. CORA MAY BEALS (nee Smith) was born July 22, 1897, near Pringor, Iowa, and died November 1, 1954, in Sioux City, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Arson Beals in 1918. She was saved and sanctified at an early age and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Sioux City in 1918. She was a faithful, consecrated member. She is survived by her husband, also two children: Vera May, at home; and Rev. Ivan Beals, Nazarene pastor at Missouri Valley. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. W. Phillips, with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City.

MRS. ANNA O. PETERSON, age sixty-five years, died November 6, 1954, at her farm home near St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. She loved the Lord, giving testimony to His saving and keeping power. She joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1950, but had been attending since 1945. She was a faithful booster in all the activities of the local church, and an ardent student of the Bible. She is survived by her husband, Albert; also two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Smith and Miss Sylvia Peterson. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Albert Pemble, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. Walter Roettger, the present pastor.

ALVA L. KEIFER was born October 24, 1900, at Ft. Loramie, Ohio, and died October 28, 1954, at Celina, Ohio. He was a member of the Celina Church of the Nazarene, and a faithful Christian. He had served as trustee, Sunday-school superintendent, teacher, and treasurer, besides helping in many other ways in the church. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and two sons. His death is a great loss to his family, but it is heaven's gain.

MRS. HELEN CARTWRIGHT, member of Williams Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Monroe, Louisiana, died November 15, 1954, at the age of fifty-six years. She was born at Itta Bena, Mississippi, and had lived in Monroe the past twenty-six years. She was one of the pioneers in the holiness movement in this section. For years she was a member of First Church, then became a charter member of Williams Memorial Church when it was organized two years ago. She had been unable to attend the regular services because of a lingering illness which confined her to her home. She is survived by her husband, Earl Cart-

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wright, Sr.; two sons, M-Sgt. Earl, Jr., and T-Sgt. James E.; and two daughters, Mrs. Ada Whatley and Miss Ethel. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. B. McBurney, assisted by Rev. R. A. McCormick, Rev. B. M. Lofton, and Rev. C. E. McCall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**—Rev. A. J. Hoof is concluding his pastorate at Natchez to enter the evangelistic field. He has pastored seven years and evangelized for eighteen months. He is a successful evangelist. He is now slating spring meetings. I am confident he will do our churches good, and I recommend him to pastors and churches. Address him, Melrose Avenue, Natchez, Mississippi—Otto Stucki, Superintendent of Mississippi District.

**WEDDING BELLS**—A double ceremony on December 23 united in marriage Miss Loretta Mae Nuzum of Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Kenneth G. Rowlett of Bloomington, Indiana; Miss Lois Jean Nuzum of Akron and Mr. L. Thomas Skidmore of East Liverpool, Ohio, at First Church of the Nazarene in Akron, with District Superintendent C. D. Taylor and Rev. Kenneth Pearsall, pastor, officiating. Mr. Rowlett is a senior at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

**BORN**—to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westlund of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Brent Allen, on December 13.

—to Dr. and Mrs. Homer J. Adams of Nashville, Tennessee, a son, Homer James, Jr., on November 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Burdette Mason of Olean, New York, a son, James Arthur, on November 15.

—to Clyde R. and Nona Owensby of Miami, Florida, a son, Timothy Grant, on October 29.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a Christian young woman in Indiana, that God will give her grace and light;

by a lady in Kansas for an unsaved brother who has a bad heart condition—does not even attend church;

by a friend in Nevada for a young man who is strong in the faith, that his marriage will work out for the glory of God, also for the salvation of his wife;

by a Christian mother and wife in Alabama, that God could see fit to heal her husband, who has been ill several months—he needs both physical healing and salvation;

by a Christian mother past seventy years of age, in Iowa, for the salvation of her three sons and one daughter.

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