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Love in Our Easter Offering

A LOVE OFFERING for world-wide evangelism and Easter have become almost synonymous terms in the minds of Nazarenes.

Easter is fraught with many blessings—a new day, an empty tomb, a living Redeemer, and the glorious promise, “Because I live, ye shall live also.” Hopes are revived, hearts burn with a new fire, heaven’s windows are opened, and divine blessings are outpoured, all because God gave the world an Easter nearly two thousand years ago. Nazarenes have learned that to present an offering for world-wide evangelism is one medium of expressing their love for Christ and His great cause.

Missionaries and native Christians in the many foreign fields where the Church of the Nazarene labors look with intense expectancy toward the Easter Offering and the new assurance which this offering always brings. Our workers in overseas

home-mission fields draw assistance from this lifeline which the Easter Offering helps to supply.

The minimum goal for this Easter Offering is \$650,000.00. Certainly we can do no less when we think of our debt to Christ and when we visualize the drawn faces, the sad eyes, and the outstretched hands of the lost millions of earth for whom Christ died and rose again.

During Christ’s earthly ministry He came into the Temple and sat near the treasury. He watched the people rich and poor as they presented their gifts, much or mites. On Easter Sunday morning, April 5, Jesus will be near the treasury watching, weighing, remembering, and blessing. His quest is for love, loyalty, and sincerity. Give from the heart. Give because you love Christ and His cause.

Whether our gift *be much* or only *two mites*, let us have it stamped with true love for our risen Lord.

D. I. VANDERPOOL

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

“FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION” (1 Thess. 4:3)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. C. Warren Jones reports that he and Mrs. Jones arrived safely in Puerto Rico and are enjoying the fellowship of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Hampton. Their address will be % Rev. Harold Hampton, Box 1039, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico (air mail rate the same as in the States).

After ten years in the field of evangelism, Evangelist A. S. Howard is accepting a call to pastor the Carbondale Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Evangelist R. M. Banning has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Corbin, Kentucky.

Word has been received that Mrs. O. K. Burchfield, Nazarene missionary in Peru, underwent a major operation in December. She is convalescing and prayer is requested for her.

Rev. Robert Ross has resigned as pastor of the Bresee Church in Elkhart to accept the call to pastor First Church in Gary, Indiana.

Dedication services of First Church of the Nazarene in Washington, D.C., will be held on Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m., Dr. Hardy C. Powers and Rev. E. E. Grosse, district superintendent, officiating.

After seven years as pastor of Northside Church in Tucson, Rev. Floyd T. Smith has resigned to accept the call to pastor the church in Coolidge, Arizona.

Rev. G. W. Henriksen has resigned as pastor of First Church in Flint, Michigan, and is entering the full-time evangelistic field.

After pastoring for five years at New Lexington, Rev. Elbert R. Speckien has resigned to accept the call to pastor the church in Willard, Ohio.

James V. Cook has resigned as minister of music at First Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and is entering the field of full-time song evangelism.

Rev. C. P. Lanpher, retired Nazarene elder, writes: "For the many cards and flowers sent to me during my confinement in the hospital for a major operation, I wish to express my thanks for your care in so kindly remembering me. The doctors were delighted at the way I came through. Surely God's hand was on me all the way."

TEN REASONS

Why We Should Attend Church

By Rose Koogler*

1. It will help guarantee the continued presence of the church in the community.

2. The church stands for the very highest and finest things in life.

3. Because your children need the influence of your example in church attendance.

4. The church is your church, and upon your shoulders rests your responsibility of the church.

5. The influence it will have upon your neighbors.

6. The physical benefits you receive.

7. Business benefits.

8. The church belongs to Jesus Christ.

9. It guarantees your position before God.

10. You can't stay home forever.

Someday the wreath of mourning will be hung upon your door, and your family and friends will go about with silent tread. The race of your life will have been run and the eternal summons answered. Your family will call for the pastor of the church you so sadly neglected, and with bowed head he will seek in vain for words that will comfort the aching, bleeding hearts of your loved ones. But as he bows to pray for them there

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*Dayton, Ohio

WE COMMEND—

The following list shows how church after church where concerted effort is put forth is making or exceeding the quota of subscriptions to the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* set at 60 per cent of membership.

We are sure many have made similar records of which we are not aware. These are gleaned from reports of district campaign managers and direct reports from the local churches. We commend them—

Church	District	Percentage
Summerside, P.E.I., Maritime		348
Ottawa, Kansas City		85
Annapolis, Md., Wash.-Phila.		90
Bangor, Pa., Wash.-Phila.		100
Bridgeton, N.J., Wash.-Phila.		66
Burnham, Pa., Wash.-Phila.		94
Lansdale, Pa., Wash.-Phila.		66
McConnellstown, Pa., Wash.-Phila.		66
Newark, Del., Wash.-Phila.		80
North East, Md., Wash.-Phila.		62
Ono, Pa., Wash.-Phila.		60
Rio Grande, N.J., Wash.-Phila.		60
Selingsgrove, Pa., Wash.-Phila.		100
Trenton, N.J., Wash.-Phila.		60
Washington, D.C., First, Wash.-Phila.		—62

A subscriber in renewing her subscription writes: "Language is inadequate to express my estimation and appreciation of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* as a decidedly spiritual Christian weekly periodical. I know of no other weekly that can surpass, or even equal it, in supplying the spiritual food so essential to the growth of the soul."—E. M. M., *New York*.

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CONSIDER THE FROST

By Dorothy Boone Kidney*

Some frosty morning when God has dipped His brush in silver frost, look at your windowpane! God traces crystal grass, glittering wheat, lacy trees, and glistening flowers on windowpanes with frosty ink.

Look at your windowpane and remember—if God can sketch such intricate, quicksilver, frost pictures on an ordinary windowpane, then He can sketch an intricate pattern in your life. We should stay yielded, let Him trace the pattern, and not worry about the completed picture. When God has finished tracing the careful, white, day-by-day patterns (the deeds of our lives washed white in the blood of the Lamb), then the completed picture will be there!

*Yarmouth, Maine

New Zealand's Open Door

General Superintendent Williamson

TASMAND Empire Airways Limited flying boat is now two hours out of Auckland, New Zealand. We are scheduled to come down on the waters of Sydney harbor in less than five hours. So far we have had smooth air, and the captain says it will be that way during all of this trip.

All the long journey thus far has been in comfort and safety. The longest hop was from Los Angeles to Honolulu—about twenty-three hundred miles. For a brief period we were advised to fasten our safety belts because we were to experience some "mild turbulence." Head winds lengthened the flying time from ten to eleven hours. It was good to see the lights on Oahu Island.

The Knipperses, Gunters, Moores, and Chaney were there when the Pan American Clipper landed. With them were fifty more cordial Nazarenes with their *leis* and *alohas*. The stay was brief but long enough to feel the surge of new life and enthusiasm among those who labor for the Lord in the Hawaiian District. Monday evening we had a gracious Youth Week service at the Kaimuki church, which is pastored by Rev. Cecil Knippers while he does the work of district superintendent as a pastime. The chapel was filled with people and also with the glory of the Lord.

Eighteen more hours' flying time brought us across the South Pacific via Canton Island and Nandi, Fiji, to Auckland. Due to a strong tail wind on the last lap, the clipper was over New Zealand one hour ahead of schedule. To accommodate friends who desired to welcome passengers, we made a long loop in the air to see about half of the north island of the dominion. Rev. R. E. Griffith, who is pioneering for Christ and the Church of the Nazarene in New Zealand, was at the airport to meet me. Connie, his eight-year-old daughter and helper, was with him. Sister Griffith awaited our arrival at home.

The four days spent in this new overseas home mission field were enlightening and inspiring. Before their appointment by the General Board last June, the Griffiths had spent a year in New Zealand in general evangelistic engagements. During that time they had been entirely responsible for their own support. They had some gracious meetings under various auspices. They also made some valuable contacts and many friends.

Since his return, under appointment, Brother Griffith has purchased an excellent piece of property in a choice location. The area is of a good residential character with splendid transportation to the door. Thousands pass by every day, and frequently one can see them pause to read the sign announcing that the Church of the Nazarene will soon be erected. A temporary chapel has been opened in the basement of the parsonage which is convenient of entrance from the street and acceptable for brief occupancy.

Yesterday I preached to thirty eager listeners in both the morning and evening services. In the afternoon a service was held in the town hall. There were 150 persons present in spite of extraordinary attractions in other places in the city. The Spirit of God was wonderfully present in every meeting. Eight persons came forward for instruction and prayer, and five prayed through to the experience of entire sanctification.

Brother and Sister Griffith seemed greatly encouraged. When he came in last night, from my room I heard him saying, "Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! Praise the Lord!" She had already arrived saying, "Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!"

There have been only scattered witnesses for scriptural holiness in New Zealand for many years. Religious leaders frankly admit that a revival of proportions has never been seen in the history of the dominion. But that there is a heart hunger among the evangelical people is evident. Fortunately there is not as yet any strong opposition to the message of full salvation. There is some reluctance to accept a new denomination, but when the people are informed they are open-minded to a remarkable degree.

There are 2,000,000 people in New Zealand. All of them speak English. There are 77 towns of more than 1,500 population. Fifteen of them are cities of 20,000 or more. Auckland is the largest with 330,000 inhabitants. Brother Griffith and I figured that there is room now for 150 churches. No one else there is doing what the Church of the Nazarene proposes to accomplish. There is good indication that the First Church of New Zealand will be organized soon.

I urged all Christians to pray for revival in their beautiful country. I also promised to ask Nazarenes around the world to join them in that supplication—God answers prayer. It would be wonderful if the Church of the Nazarene could be used of God to precipitate revival in New Zealand. Now is the time!

TRANSFORMATION

By Frances B. Erickson

What was life without my Saviour?

Words are feeble to express!

I was wretched, blind, and needy—

Wandering in a wilderness!

Helpless in the power of Satan,

Vexed by problems—worn with care;

Broken in both strength and spirit—

Often gripped with bleak despair!

What is life since Jesus saved me?

Oh, if I could but now express

How His love and grace abounding

Fill my soul with blessedness!

He has been a Light to guide me—

Hope and Strength when I am weak.

Praise His name, He satisfies me;

He abides, and life is sweet!

In Unity Is Strength

By Dr. David Hynd, C.B.E.*

THROUGH the amalgamation of the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene, two religious movements that have run a similar course in Britain and South Africa have become one. Both in Britain and in South Africa I have had close association with both movements and the amalgamation is one that has brought me great joy, inasmuch as it is uniting two denominations which believe that the chief reason for their existence is that they might emphasize the importance to the Christian Church of the "second blessing," properly so called.

The history of the Church of the Nazarene in Britain began with the return to Scotland in 1901 of a young Scottish minister, Rev. George Sharpe, who had spent several years in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in the U.S.A., and in whose heart the baptism with the Holy Spirit set aflame a burning passion to give the message of holiness to the people of his native land. Faithfulness to the preaching of this message, together with the persecution and ostracism which it brought from members of the church to which he ministered in Glasgow, gave rise to the formation of Scotland's first holiness church (the Pentecostal Church of Scotland, Parkhead, Glasgow). God's blessing rested upon the efforts of Dr. Sharpe, and other churches were organized in other parts of Scotland and down into the midlands of England. Dr. Sharpe's connection with holiness preachers in the U.S.A. who had a part in the amalgamation of various groups to form the Church of the Nazarene led to the uniting of these British churches with the Church of the Nazarene in the U.S.A.

The history of the International Holiness Mission in England began as a result of the reception of the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1891 by a young Welshman, David Thomas, who had set up a successful drapery business in the city of London. He also was filled with a divine passion to give England and Wales the message of holiness. His business in London became a center of evangelistic power and many of his employees became fire-baptized laymen, who, under his leadership and example, went everywhere preaching and testifying to the power of Christ to deliver men from inbred sin and fill them with the Holy Spirit. While at first associated with the Pentecostal League of Prayer, which was an interdenominational organization seeking to work among established churches, it soon became apparent to David Thomas and his associates, as it did to George Sharpe in Scotland, that there would be greater freedom for the propagation of the message if a distinctive holiness denomination were formed. Thus arose the International Holiness Mission, which spread out from London in

Put the 10 per cent program into operation in your church. A tithe of the total income of the church sent to headquarters as systematically and regularly as our members pay their tithe into the local churches would have swept \$2,900,000.00 for world evangelism into the lifeline budget of the Church of the Nazarene this past year.

On with the **CRUSADE FOR SOULS NOW** in the uttermost parts of the earth, by way of of the Nazarene this past year.

LOUISE R. CHAPMAN,
General President, N.F.M.S.

the south up into England and Wales, where numerous centers were established.

It was not long ere the Nazarenes and the I.H.M. began to hear of each other and find fellowship with each other. George Sharpe was often found preaching in the I.H.M. centers in England, and David Thomas and his associates in Scotland—indeed, it was through the ministry of David Thomas during one of his evangelistic visits to Scotland that the writer was brought into the experience of holiness. A very memorable occasion was when Mr. Leonard Wain and Dunster Thomas (son of the founder of the I.H.M.) made a successful evangelistic tour of Scotland. David Thomas also had connections with holiness preachers in the U.S.A. He was sanctified in London during a visit of that great American preacher of holiness, Dr. George D. Watson. His brother, the late Rev. John Thomas, spent the latter years of his life as a holiness evangelist in the U.S.A. and his son, Dunster, is now the Reverend Dunster Thomas of the Church of the Nazarene in the U.S.A. While on furlough in 1946 I had the great privilege of renewing fellowship with him at Beacon, New York, and of speaking in his church.

In Southern Africa the missionary work of the two movements began about the same time and in much the same way. D. B. Jones, a sanctified employee of David Thomas in London, received a call to go forth with the message to the natives of Africa; Harmon F. Schmelzenbach from a group in Peniel, U.S.A., who later united with the Church of the Nazarene, arrived in Port Elizabeth at the same time (1910) as D. B. Jones. Both were in search of a sphere of labor and the blessing of God was mightily upon their efforts, Jones's work expanding throughout the Transvaal and Portuguese East Africa and Schmelzenbach's throughout Swaziland, Transvaal, and Portuguese East Africa.

Sharpe, Thomas, Jones, and Schmelzenbach have all passed to their reward but their works do follow them. They laid sure foundations that have produced lasting results in Britain and Africa, so that it was no difficult task for Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, to officially fuse the two movements in Britain into one mighty whole at Leeds,

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England, in October, 1952, when the thirty-two Nazarene churches and the twenty-eight I.H.M. churches joined hands to propagate more effectively with all their united resources, spiritual and material, the message of holiness throughout the British Isles. All that this will mean to Britain and the British Commonwealth only eternity will reveal.

In Africa the missionaries of both movements had always enjoyed the closest fellowship, owing to the similarity of their task and the proximity of their mission stations and outstations. Although not having the privilege of being present at the meeting of union in Leeds, England, I would not be surprised if Dr. Powers found it an even easier task to unite the 53 Nazarene missionaries and the 30 I.H.M. missionaries together with their bands of native Christians amounting to 4,130 and 1,863 respectively into one mighty whole at Acornhoek, Transvaal, on November 29, 1952. A continent lies before the young united Church of the Nazarene in Africa.

And so we go forward as a great spiritual force to give the world the message which God has raised us up and united us that we may propagate. May His presence go with us as we humbly follow in the footsteps of those who have left us such a glorious heritage and opportunity.

Christian Responsibility

By T. T. Liddell

WORK, for the night cometh when no man can work! On the face of it this statement offers little in the way of inspiration, because we live in a day when "Why work?" seems to be the universal sentiment. The prevailing idea of Utopia is the maximum of harvest with the minimum of labor. We cannot escape fundamental rules. Thus, no amount of inventive ingenuity nor labor manipulations will provide a harvest without work. We may go into virgin territory where the harvest is ripe through God's planting. Unharvested, seed would fall to the ground to reproduce itself; but if profit is to be had from this planting, we must harvest it, which would require the planting and the labor, if another harvest is to be enjoyed.

When God commanded, "Replenish the earth," He simply meant *work*. We, as a people, must work in the church and out of it. God will supply the initial blessing, but a repetition of blessing will depend on the nature and extent of our work. This indicates a work that excludes clock watching, work that produces unworried rest in the exhaustion resulting from expended energy.

The night settles around us. The wintry night of tribulation is upon us. If we will eat and rest and be warmed during this night when no man can work, it will be because we have labored for the Master as faithful servants. The church is God's "employment agency." There is a job for you! *Help wanted!*

Isaiah's Illustration:

By John W. May*

II. The Sanctified Soul

ISAIAH illustrates in picturesque language the condition of the soul before and after the crisis of sanctification. A number of descriptive words and phrases are used here concerning the seat of affections. It is a "wilderness," "desert," "parched ground," "thirsty land," and "habitation of dragons" (35:6-7). These coincide with the testimony of those who have crossed Jordan to Canaan describing the condition of soul before sanctification.

The sanctified soul is no longer a wilderness. Characteristic of the wilderness is wild life, vegetable life growing wild, animal life growing wild, and no uniformity or regulation. It is life out of control, where "survival of the fittest" is the law. This condition of the human soul may be eradicated by the habitation and permeation of the perfect presence of the Holy Spirit. It will bear fruit unto holiness as it is regulated and dominated by the Author of holiness.

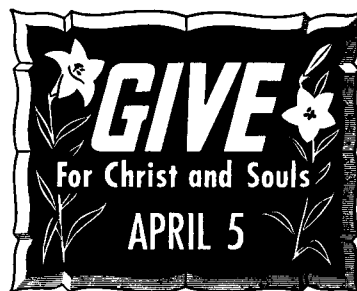
The "desert," "parched ground," or "thirsty land" will receive life-giving properties through the experience of sanctification. Dry and arid souls are out of place among the sanctified. Powerless living is not characteristic of this life. In the wilderness, waters shall break forth, the parched ground shall become a pool, and springs of water will be found in the thirsty land. This is significant of a soul happy and thriving under the sweet influences of the Holy Spirit.

Dragons will be driven from their habitation (v. 7). The marks and phases of carnality are aptly described here. In their place will be the peaceful meadow with grass, reeds, and rushes. In the same heart may be found many forms of the wild life of carnality: the green-eyed monster of jealousy, the viper of malice, the red ogre of anger, the brute bear of cruelty, and many others. These dragons in the unsanctified soul are all capable of making themselves felt and heard, and will cause the emotions to go out of control when antagonized.

The sanctified person has had the dragons and devils driven out of his soul, which has become a peaceful valley.

(To be continued)

*Pastor, Marmet, West Virginia



THE EVANGELISTIC PULPIT:

"Uttermost Salvation From Uttermost Sin"

By Fred W. Fetters*

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him (Heb. 7:25).

THE TEXT declares that there is an uttermost salvation, and that it is received by coming to Jesus Christ. All who are saved now, and all who shall be saved, are saved through faith in Jesus Christ and His atoning blood. Christ is both the Offerer and the Offering for salvation from all sin. He is both the great High Priest, and the Lamb slain. His is an everlasting priesthood, and He is a continual Intercessor.



Let us notice first the all-inclusiveness of the word *uttermost*. Beyond the uttermost there is nothing. Uttermost means the farthest outreach or limit of things. No one can go beyond the uttermost in anything. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," so states His Word. There is an uttermost of sin. Therefore we need an uttermost Saviour. Thank God, we have such a Saviour. Some would have us believe that salvation from all sin in this life is impossible. If this were true, then Christ failed in His mission. But He has not failed. He came to save His people from their sins, and not *in* them.

This salvation is for all who will come unto Him. It is not merely for the *elect*, but for *every son of Adam*. A great leader of our church once said, "The elect are the 'whosoever will's,' and the damned are the 'whosoever won't's.'" That golden text of the Bible (John 3:16) declares, "For God so loved the world [the unsaved], that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He tasted "death for every man."

He is able to save the uttermost of sinners. Some have outdistanced others in sin; but there is no sin so degrading, damning, or defiling but that any sinner may commit it if he continues in sin. The greatest sinner in God's sight may not be one who has committed the grosser sins of life. He may be one who was reared in an old-fashioned Christian home where the Bible was carefully and faithfully read, and prayer was offered morning and night; he may have attended a church where two works of grace were preached, where waves of heavenly glory swept

over the congregation, and shouts of victory and praise were frequently heard. But with all this being true, he never turned from his sins, but disregarded the grace of God and failed to be saved and sanctified. This one may in God's sight be considered the greatest sinner, because of the greatest amount of light rejected.

The writer once heard the last living member of a notorious gang of robbers testify to Christ's wonderful saving power. This great sinner became a saint of God and died in the faith.

A noted atheist in Cincinnati, Ohio, who had made light of salvation and had lectured in the interest of atheism, made a statement that he would never let a minister of the gospel darken the door of his home. When editor of a paper, he had such contempt for God and religion that in printing the names of Deity he would use small letters instead of capitals, as an insult to his Maker; but this man became curious to hear Dwight L. Moody preach. He went to hear him, and upon attending the second meeting was converted. Later he became the editor of the *Ram's Horn*, a great Christian paper. Christ conquered and saved this proud atheist.

This uttermost salvation includes the sanctification of believers. He not only saves from outward transgressions, but also cleanses the heart from the sin principle that surpasses all power of self-examination. Men need to be saved, not only from the danger of an incendiary without, but also from the danger of spontaneous combustion from within. David had a revelation of this need when he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Isaiah had a revelation of this need when he said, "Woe is me! for I am . . . a man of unclean lips." But one of God's seraphim took a coal, with tongs from off the altar, and touched his lips and said, "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

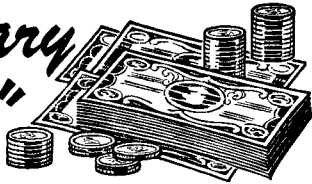
In conclusion let us not forget that Christ is able to save from the grossest of sins. He is able to cleanse the heart from the indwelling cancer of the soul. He saves to the uttermost all who come unto Him: thieves, harlots, drunkards, murderers, gamblers, those who may be considered respectable sinners, and hardened sinners. He saves from the guilt, penalty, and pollution of sin.

Reader, if you have not found Him, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Do not procrastinate and lose your immortal soul.

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring" (John 10:16). It is the desire and will of God that we extend the work of His saving gospel to "them also." Your Easter offering will help.

*Evangelist, Altadena, California

"Missionary MONEY"



Christ is the greatest of conquerors. It can never be said that He died in vain. Thousands of redeemed heathen would silence such an assertion.

Of a certain native chief it is written: "He died about that same year and wandered off dejectedly away from history, down the valley of the shadows to forgetfulness."

It is not so with Christ. He strides, through His witnesses, across the boundaries of nations. His program of salvation, backed by consecrated followers, will show steady progress. He can never be forgotten. Easter proves that His greatest conquest was won when He seemed to go down in defeat.

A generous investment in the Easter missionary offering on April 5 will strengthen the advance and demonstrate your faith. Give liberally!

Move On, Layman!

By Louis McCurdy*

IN EVERY small church, which annually persists in remaining small, there is one of them—a layman sadly lacking in vision and initiative. He is usually a member of both the church and the church school boards. He is faithfully re-elected year after year by a thoughtless congregation, who should be capable of using better judgment. We shall try to picture some of the faults of these unfortunate laymen by putting them all into one fictional, composite character whom we shall call Mr. Overcautious Layman.

This layman has a bulldogmatic attitude in the board meetings that blocks all progress. "We can't do that," is one of his favorite wet blankets. "We've tried something like that before, and nothing was accomplished," is his well-worn excuse for not approving some venture of faith. Requests for material for the vacation Bible school, or the Trailblazers, or the Pathfinders, are met by, "Who's going to pay the bills?" Occasionally someone timidly suggests a grocery shower or an increase of pay for the pastor. Mr. Layman meets this with a half-truth that the pastor is not in the ministry for money. He fails to admit the rest of the truth, that the pastor couldn't stay in the ministry without money—for very long.

Any progress made by this church will be the result of individual initiative and independent action, as one layman of this type makes it hard to get any organized effort of the whole group.

*Pastor, Bowden, Alberta

This layman has some strange ideas and practices. He maintains that all weekday activities for children are so much waste of time. He also says that the church does not need revival meetings with highly paid (?) evangelists. The Sunday offering he makes to the church is usually in an envelope, carefully earmarked for some budget, or church expense, or building repairs. He seldom gives it for the pastor, as he says God has called pastors to sacrifice, or to be self-supporting. He does not attend weddings, funerals, or social get-togethers. But he is faithful to attend the regular services of the church—especially those followed by a board meeting. Needless to say that he does not help in any visitation program.

(We give thanks unto God that this layman is not real; he is merely a fictional character.)

Recall time draws nigh. Mr. O. C. Layman realizes that not much has been accomplished during the church year. He lets out this information by a few words spoken at the right times and to the right persons, and hints that a change of pastors is the only remedy. So, knowing that the district home-mission board will pay the moving expenses, a few of them cast a "No" ballot and the pastor moves.

A small, one-man church in a one-horse town had eleven pastors during a nine-year period. Ten more years have come and gone, and that church still remains small. But most of its pastors have made good progress in other churches to which they moved. God knows who all are to blame for this church's lack of progress; but some of the pastors suspect that at least one layman like the one described above is the main cause.

Move on, layman. Move anywhere—just so you are out of the way of those fine young pastors who are giving their lives in an effort to make your small church grow into a large one. Move, layman, for laymen like yourself are the reasons why these small churches remain small year after year. Your frequent change of pastors hasn't helped; it's a change of laymen that's needed.

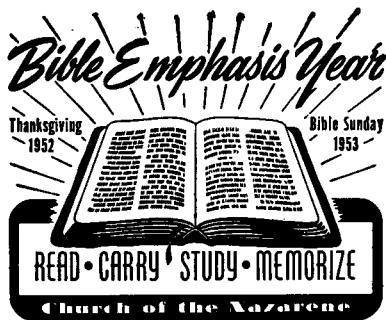
Move on, Mr. Overcautious Layman. We hope and pray that in another church you will rediscover that vision, initiative, and daring faith that are so necessary to the growth of any church.

VALLEYS

By Clara S. Hoff

*This cloud that chills the heart today
Makes mortal flesh cry out anew—
"Turn up the corner of the sky"
An let the warming sunshine through.*

*But when there are no clouds to spoil
The contour of the road we trod,
It seems quite easy to forget
It's often clouds that lead to God.*



A Daily Perusal

Of the Holy Bible

By A. S. London*

VICE-PRESIDENT Thomas R. Marshall once said: "If I were to have my way, I would take the torch out of the hand of the Statue of Liberty, and in its stead place an open Bible."

The late Calvin Coolidge said: "The foundation of society and of our government rests so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country."

Woodrow Wilson said, in his last public appearance, words that penetrate the soul of every true Christian American: "I have a very simple thing to ask of you. I ask of every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book."

We would not have the freedom we enjoy today if it had not been for four different groups of people who lived and died for Bible truths. The first group were the *Hebrew prophets*. They came out with a code of principles—*built on the Ten Commandments*—which today undergirds all that we call good in Western civilization. The second group that gave us Bible truths were the *apostles*, who offered saving truth to all the world. The third group were the *Reformers*, who rediscovered Bible truths that had been all but lost in the Middle and Dark Ages. They declared truths that gave freedom from the shackles that had bound the people for centuries. The fourth group were the *Puritans*, who heralded the teachings of the Bible into different walks of life.

Queen Victoria of England said, "The Bible is the secret of England's greatness." It is the hope of America. Our future destiny lies in reading and living Bible truths!

The chief purpose of our early educational institutions was to diffuse Bible knowledge. Nine colleges out of ten founded before the outbreak of the Revolution began with faculties whose main purpose was to give training to ministers of the gospel of Christ.

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Our Pilgrim fathers read but little outside the Bible. There was but little else to read. And it would be a God's blessing if tens of thousands of dirty books and magazines were torn into bits, and publishers not allowed to reprint their suggestive pages!

If we are to hold to the principles of our forefathers, we will have to have a Bible-reading people. Liberty without license, justice with mercy, an equal opportunity for all people—these are the foundation stones upon which our country has been built, and they came from the Word of God.

We have a freedom as a nation that must be kept alive by the faithful perusal of the Holy Bible. Our nation was born of the Book; it has been nurtured on the teachings of the Book. It is no wonder that such characters as William Jennings Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, and the "Grand Old Man" of England, Gladstone, with all their activities and world-wide influences, took time to read their Bibles *daily*.

We must read the Bible, pray to the God it represents, and keep a clear path of privilege and duty by the chart it presents to us. The Bible has given us a personal freedom, which is bound up with a passion for a like freedom to every man and woman on the earth.

Missions means that we have something too good to keep. Help speed the glad news of a risen Saviour by a liberal offering on Easter Sunday, April 5.

At the Grave of Bryan

By P. P. Belew*

STRANGELY enough, visiting a cemetery has always seemed to enrich my life. National cemeteries which I have seen include Andersonville, Gettysburg, and Arlington. My first visit to the last named cemetery, being a supervised tour, was confined to seeing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is indeed most interesting. It is the largest piece of hewn granite in the world; and, of course, possesses many traditions which induce meditation and solemnize the soul. But a recent visit to Arlington included a trip to the grave of William Jennings Bryan.

I always admired Mr. Bryan, and it was my good fortune to see and hear him on three different occasions. I was an usher when he delivered the commencement address at Olivet College, that ever memorable address on "The Bible and Its Enemies." Later I heard him make a political speech. Even then he spoke as a Christian gentleman, whose life had been molded under the influence of the Bible. Through the press I followed him during his last battle at Dayton, Tennessee, and mourned his untimely passing.

*Evangelist, Atlanta, Georgia

Appropriate to the Great Commoner, and as might have been expected, and no doubt as he wished, his earthly resting place here amid nature's beauty is marked by a tomb modest in size and simple in design. In addition to the name, dates, and a brief statement concerning his military service, it contains the following epitaphs:

*Statesman, yet friend to truth! of soul sincere
In action truthful, and in honor clear
He kept the faith.*

The wind was rough and cold, but we stood with bared, bowed heads, and thanked God for the memory of this good and great man, and prayed that the world might be blessed with many more of his kind.

Hogs and Foreign Missions

By E. E. Wordsworth*

I WROTE an article for the HERALD on "Every Tenth Sheep." This was read by a good Texas preacher who wrote to me kind words of commendation and, in the letter, told an interesting story which I am here relating.

"Years ago down in Texas I was holding a revival meeting and was staying in the home of a big farmer [he gave his name]. This farmer was a member of this church, then known as the Holiness Church of Christ. This farmer raised hogs and had many of them at this time. He fattened and butchered them and sold them. The hog cholera got in among them and the epidemic was killing them by the dozens. Sometimes while he was feeding them, a big fat hog would jump up from pain into the air, turn around, fall over, and die. Literally dozens perished with this dread disease. So this man of God got down on his knees and started praying earnestly to God. Said he, 'O God, my Father in heaven, if You will only spare the rest of these hogs, I'll fatten them, sell them, and give all the money to foreign missions'; and God in heaven knew he meant it. Not another hog died and the farmer was as good as his word. He gave all the promised money to foreign missions. Sometime later on he said to this evangelist, 'Who knows but that all the herd of hogs that died might have been saved from death on the same terms?'"

Dear reader, take everything to God in prayer and be liberal with God. Shall I tithe? Why, certainly! But remember this is the minimum, not the maximum. Go beyond the tithe and give big offerings to God and foreign missions. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord." God will pay you back with big dividends. "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

*Pastor, South Tacoma, Wash.

Are You Reproducing Your Church?

By Oscar F. Reed*

THE CHURCH that succeeds must be a soul-winning church. This was the principal task which Jesus left to His disciples. The church, to reproduce itself, must bring new lives, born again, into the Kingdom. Such reproduction through "Christian imperative" is not alone at the local level, but also at the universal level; for Christ's commission started at "Jerusalem" and expanded to the ends of the world.

This vision of reproducing our efforts in the Kingdom through missionary zeal and vision can be realized only in the Church of the Nazarene through the "lifeline" that carries the gospel around the world to needy men.

If at times our efforts are limited at home, our prayers, offerings, and enthusiasm are multiplied a thousandfold on fields kept open by the Christian stewardship of our resources.

I tell my people, "We are not alone." If we were, our small contribution would little fill the demands of world missions. "We belong to a big thing" with a quarter of a million friends giving together to bring souls to Him.

Every month when the treasurer sends 10 per cent of our church income, over and above the two seasonal offerings, to world missions, my heart grows warm and says, "Thank God for the opportunity of reproducing the church in so many lands untouched by our own possibilities."

The support of the general missionary program pays great dividends at every level, with its greatest return in "heavenly places." Let's reproduce the Church Triumphant by a great Easter Offering!

*Dr. Reed is pastor of First Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. This church has a membership of 424. They gave \$1,231.95 in the Thanksgiving Offering last fall. But more important still is the fact that, of the total amount raised by the church for all purposes, over 11 per cent was given for world evangelism.—GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.



He Shall Enter into Peace*

(Isa. 57:2)

“... I am about my normal again, have just a little pain now and then around my ‘ticker.’ Never had much trouble with my heart; had palpitation when I met your mother, and once it needed cleansing. I think I have a few years yet in this old world but, if not, I have a title to a mansion in the skies. I’ve always been ‘most scared to death when I thought of dying; but when it seemed I might be there, I had no fears, and no request of the Lord but that His will be done. He has given me grace to live and I believe He will give me grace to die when that time comes—soon or late.”

Heaps o’ love,

DADDY

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“I’m frightened, Lord! No, not frightened, for when the warning came, I found that in such a time I was a boy again and I was, and still am, *scared*. That sudden jolt, the pain, the shortness of breath, the crowding, stifling darkness of the night, the look of love and anxiety on the face of my loved one; then the still small voice that whispered from the pain around my heart: “This may be the time for you.”

“I’m not frightened at the thought that I may not be ready, for the Spirit witnessed to me that I am His; but it’s the unknown that I fear; the last step from this world with all I’ve known and hold dear; the yawning chasm that looms before me; the cold silence of the tomb; the finality of death, as a period at the end of a sentence.

“I’m a lonesome type, did You know that, Lord? All my life I have wanted folks around me with their warm, friendly handclasp (and even those with a cold, ‘dead-fish’ handshake were still folks); company home with us for dinner; voices raised in unison, singing lustily; muted voices of loved ones in a time of stress; holiday time with all of its bustle, its secrets—and fun. So You see, Lord, when the warning comes, I’m a child again and I’m lonesome and frightened.

“I’m frightened, too, when I ponder over my accomplishments for You and Your kingdom. Are there other tasks I should do? Are there others I should strive to win? Have I been pliable in Your hands?

“I’m frightened to think that perhaps one or more of my own for whom I have prayed without ceasing might not enter the ark of safety. You blessed us with so many beautiful babies, eight in all, and each one in turn we dedicated to You and Your cause; and now the circle has widened to include a score and more of grandchildren and two cuddly great-grandsons; but some have strayed from the fold, Lord. Will they make it? Will a dad’s loving instruction, a granddad’s devoted counsel, the memories told of a great-

granddad’s life and ministry, all be for naught?—I’m frightened, Lord.

“I’m tired, Lord. Suddenly, after such an experience, I find I am exhausted. I think I understand a little more clearly what was meant when You spoke of the willingness of the spirit and the weakness of the flesh. There are churches to be organized, buildings to be erected, basements to dig, and only a few willing to work in the ‘hard-scrabble’ places. My spirit *leaps* to do these tasks!—but my flesh groans. I find myself more and more inclined to sit and nod in the big chair in the corner; my cane is my constant companion as the arthritic pains in my hip threaten to make my knee buckle under me; my sighs remind me of an outdated reed organ, puffing and wheezing in an attempt to compete with its more youthful rivals; I cannot always hear clearly the conversation go-

We have a story to tell—the risen Christ. The Easter Offering will make possible the spread of the glad tidings. Is it not worth the dedication of our means, our prayers, our lives?

ing on around me, so I whistle softly to myself or retire behind a good book, for when sometimes I try to enter into the discussion I find, to my chagrin, that I have been discussing a far different subject. I’m tired, Lord, and must yield ‘my flickering torch.’

“I’m resting, Lord. I remember as a child when I experienced times of fright with the accompanying exhaustion of body; then Ma would lay her work-worn hand on my head, clasp me close to her warm, familiar bulk, and I’d feel relaxed and comforted. She, too, had suffered many times both physically and mentally; therefore was able to understand my plight.

“Since I’ve known the joys of salvation, You have been my Comforter, Lord. Were You not affrighted in the garden when You prayed for the cup to pass from You, and in agony sweat as it were great drops of blood? Did You feel just a twinge of lonesomeness when twice You found Your three best-loved friends sleeping as You agonized alone for the sins of the world? I know Your dear body was tired many times, as, in striving to save the world from sin, You were forced to spend long, weary, sleepless hours preaching, counseling, and healing. Even yet, when the familiar scriptures are read or quoted concerning the breaking of Your precious body and the spilling of Your very life’s blood, I cringe physically and spiritually at the thought of the keen suffering necessitated by my sin. And yet, in spite of the fright, the weariness, and the pain, I remember how You bowed Your head while hanging on the cross, and submitted yourself even unto death to the will of the Father.

“Frightened? No, I must not be frightened, for through the words of the Prophet Isaiah, You have spoken to me: ‘Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the

*Excerpts from the letter of Rev. Joseph N. Speakes, retired Nazarene elder.

waters, I will be with thee . . . ' (Isa. 34:1-2).

"Tired? Yes, but in my weariness I find strength in the promise: 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest' (Matt. 11:28).

"I am resting, Lord, and waiting for the fulfillment of Your will in my life. I realize now that the summons may come at any moment. My grip upon the things of this earth is loosening; my eyes are fixed upon that City; the record of deeds done

or left undone will soon be read; and I find that with Job of old I can say: ' . . . all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come' (Job 14:14) . . . soon or late.—Submitted by ELIZABETH SPEAKES PAULSON, Daughter of Brother Speakes.

Your Easter offering will link you with God in a real and definite sharing of His work, Sunday, April 5.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Is it right for a Nazarene minister to own a television set? First, there is the cost of the same. The money could be spent for God's work. Second, not much good is put on the screen. Third, there is the redeeming of the time. He could spend the time in prayer.

A. I am sure you are sincere, but I can't understand why you limit your question to ministers. If a Nazarene minister should not have a television set, certainly a Nazarene layman shouldn't have it. The layman's money and time belong to God as well as the money and time of the preacher. Also, he has no more right to look at that which is questionable than the preacher. There is no double standard of living—one for the minister and another and lower one for the layman. Some time ago in an editorial I said that some Nazarenes would lose their souls over television, and I have not yet changed my mind at this point. Some will spend money for it that they shouldn't, others will look at the bad on it, and still others will spend time with the good programs which they should be devoting to God and His work. In these and other ways they will lose out with God in connection with television. This does not mean that I would rule out television altogether, but it does very definitely mean that we must use great care in buying and using television sets—both ministers and laymen. I add that fire is a terrible master but a wonderful servant. The same is true of television. The greater curse it can be if misused only gives us a measure of the blessing it can be when properly used. Finally, I should always remember (and the same is true of you) that it is easy for me to criticize the other person's extravagance while I have an extravagance of another type which is just as bad or worse. Of course my pet extravagance never looks bad to me. We should all be careful how

we spend the Lord's money, and also how we use that for which we spend His money. If we are saved and sanctified, all of our money and time should be used to glorify God.

Q. Was Moses kept from entering Canaan, or the Promised Land, because of sinful anger (of which he could have been forgiven and from which he could have been cleansed), or because he represented the law?

A. Because of his sin in smiting the rock (see Num. 20:7-12).

Q. Is it scriptural for Nazarenes to take their tithe money and support their children in Christian colleges?

A. No.

Q. Isn't the pastor of a Church of the Nazarene required to make at least one call at the home of each member of his church during the year? I know of one pastor who hasn't done it with some of the members and friends of his church who attend regularly and pay tithes and offerings.

A. I am always for the pastor, for I have been one and know something of how many demands are made upon him. Again, I can't remember that I ever have had your experience. So far as I can recall, every pastor that I have had has called in our home at least once a year and in most cases oftener than this. However, I agree with you that those who do not call at least once a year certainly should do it. When a church gets so big that its pastor can't do this, I would recommend that it be divided.

Q. A mother came into our church for the first time not long ago. She had two small children and she and the children were not very well dressed and perhaps not as clean as they might be. The children fretted during the service and two of our women offered to take them to a classroom so that the mother could get more out of the service. Then a member of the church and a regular attendant made fun of the woman and her children and those who helped her. Was this a Christian thing to do?

A. Perhaps you misunderstood the person who criticized. If you didn't, that person is to be pitied and not the woman and her children and those who helped her. God is for the humble and poor as well as the high and mighty (or those who think they are high and mighty), and those who scorn the unfortunate only show their lack of good breeding as well as religion.

Much of the unhappiness of the world is due to loneliness. All about us there are those who feel alone. They are not all old, though some are; nor are they all poor in this world's goods—some quite the opposite; nor do they all live alone, without the intimate companionships of family life. One indeed may feel alone in the midst of a crowd. Who of us has not suffered the pangs of loneliness, even in the midst of a busy, crowded modern city? What all such lonely folk need is friendship, the sense that the riches of someone's love are theirs. That friendship is something that each of us can give. And what a blessing it brings to a lonely soul when it is given in the name and spirit of Christ!—*Christian Observer.*

BE 1 OF THE 100,000!
Who Will Read the Bible Through During
Bible-Emphasis Year

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE EDITOR congratulates the winners of the 1952 HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign. A write-up about them and their pictures appeared in the HERALD for February 11. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, was with them in the picture and it was taken just after he had presented each of the three winners with a Stetson hat. The winning district superintendents and their districts were: Rev. J. H. MacGregor and the Maritime District, Rev. W. H. Davis and the South Dakota District, and Rev. Harry Taplin and the North Dakota District. The campaign managers of these winning districts were Rev. E. H. Brewer, Maritime; Rev. Vearl Fisher, South Dakota; and Rev. Claire W. Kern, North Dakota.

I also commend eight other districts, their superintendents, and their campaign managers for equaling or exceeding their quota with a subscription list of 60 per cent of their total church membership or more. These districts, their superintendents, and their campaign managers are as follows: *Canada Central*, Rev. T. E. Martin, superintendent, and R. Bradley Harrison, campaign manager; *New York*, Dr. O. J. Finch, superintendent (now resigned), and Rev. Harold Kling, campaign manager; *Central Ohio*, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent, and Rev. Joseph F. Nielson, campaign manager; *Albany*, Rev. Renard D. Smith, superintendent, and Rev. L. S. Boardman, campaign manager; *Oregon Pacific*, Rev. W. D. McGraw, Jr., superintendent, and Rev. Edward L. Dowd, campaign manager; *Northwestern Illinois*, Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, superintendent, and James E. Hazelwood, campaign manager; *Arizona*, Rev. M. L. Mann, superintendent, and Rev. J. Erben Moore, Jr., campaign manager; *Western Ohio*, Dr. W. E. Albea, superintendent, and Rev. Howard Sylvia, campaign manager.

Also, I express my sincere appreciation of the work done for the HERALD OF HOLINESS in all of the other districts of our church. Several other districts nearly reached their quota and those that did not as a rule put much time and effort into their campaigns for the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Those who deserve the most praise in all of this are the district superintendents and the campaign managers. I hope that it will not be long until all of our churches and people will so rise to the help of these leaders that every district will reach the goal of 60 per cent of its membership.

"The Living Christ for Our Day"

As many of our people already know, the title "The Living Christ for Our Day" is the theme of the special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS for 1953. These HERALDS will soon be coming to your churches. One million, two hundred, and fifty thousand copies of this issue have been sold. I believe that you will like them. I believe also that this issue is by far the best in the way of

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special issues that ever has been published. Much time and talent on the part of many people has been put into making them what they are. By all means use them, that is, distribute them. The purpose of this special issue is to help especially in the reaching of new people. Every copy will function as a home missionary, and you must give it hands and feet by getting it out into some home. Don't let any copy of this special issue lie around the church and finally be thrown away or burned.

"The Holy Spirit in Life"

The above caption is the theme of the special issue for 1954. We are already beginning work on it and expect to make it the most attractive and valuable special issue yet. We live in the Holy Spirit dispensation, and no emphasis is more needed today than the fact of the Holy Spirit's presence and work in the life of the world. Please pray that God will help us in planning this special issue for 1954.

Two District Superintendents Honored

ONE VERY impressive occasion during the Superintendents' Conference which was held in Kansas City in January was the honoring of Revs. O. L. Benedum and J. W. Short. The former is superintendent of the Akron District and the latter of the Indianapolis District. These men have served the Church of the Nazarene for many years in the district superintendency as well as in other capacities. They have wisely and successfully given of their time and energy to the church and God. I have personally known these men for many years and can testify that they know God and are among the finest Christian gentlemen that you will find anywhere. They have the old-time religion and have not been afraid to serve God and the church even at the cost of great sacrifice to themselves. Their wives have stood faithfully by their side across the years. With a religion that is true and vital they have been real helpmeets. At their next district assemblies these men will have reached the age of retirement from the strenuous duties of the district superintendent's office. This will not mean that they have retired from the ministry. They are both still in very good health and no doubt God will continue to greatly use them in the pastorate or in evangelism.

In the last evening service of the Superintendents' Conference, Brothers Benedum and Short were brought to the platform and asked to speak briefly of their work across the years. This they

Stephen S. White

did with great blessing to the large company of people who were there. At the close of their remarks both men were presented with a Stetson hat as a little token of the church's appreciation for them and for their many years of devoted and successful work for the kingdom of God.

"In God We Trust"

NOTHING else is so needed in the Christian world today as faith in God. Our nation as well as some other nations has been built upon this principle. For this we thank God and rejoice in the fact that a few of our leaders at least seem to be moving back to trust in God. President Dwight D. Eisenhower began to go to church as soon as he took up his residence in Washington, he opened his inaugural address with a prayer for divine guidance, and then he joined the church (a Presbyterian church) with his wife—she by letter and he by profession of faith. He took this last step quietly and unostentatiously but with all of the marks of sincerity. After all of this he recently attended, with some of the other leaders in Washington, a breakfast meeting where the emphasis was upon the need and value of prayer. Here is the report of this gathering as given in the *Kansas City Star* of February 5:

"The efficacy of prayer to meet the trying problems of our times was advocated by President Eisenhower this morning at a meeting of the International Council for Christian Leadership. 'Free government without a foundation of deep religious faith makes no sense,' the President said. Comparing the confused world situation today with the obstacles faced by the founding fathers in 1775 and 1776, Mr. Eisenhower said, 'If we recall those things and if we can back off from our problems and depend on something outside of ourselves I think we can bring these problems into focus. Prayer today is simply a necessity. I have a profound belief that if we remind ourselves of the basic truths, we can hold up our heads and preserve the principles of free government and pass them on as free and sound as ever.'"

Best Disciplined and Most Dedicated

LAST NIGHT I heard one of America's leading news reporters tell of General Walter Bedell Smith's view of the Russian spies in this country. During World War II General Smith was General Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief of staff in Europe. After the war he served as United States ambassador to Russia. He ought to know Russian communism. According to this news reporter

General Smith said that the people who are working for the Soviet leaders in this country are the "best disciplined and the most dedicated" of any citizens of any nation. It is no wonder then that they are helping Russian communism without any regard for their own welfare.

I wonder if there are any followers of Christ who are as devoted to His cause as these spies are to communism. Could anyone say of any group of members of the Church of the Nazarene that they are the best disciplined and the most dedicated in the world? Could they watch them as they go to church, give themselves to visitation and soul winning, pay their tithes and offerings, live holy lives, pray, and read their Bibles, and then conclude that they are the best disciplined and the most dedicated people in the world from the standpoint of their relation to the kingdom of God? In the last analysis the only way the Christian nations are going to defeat the Communistic countries is to match their devotion to communism with a more thoroughgoing devotion to the cause of Christ. Atom bombs will not do it if we give only halfhearted allegiance to the Christ whom we claim to love while the followers of Sovietism champion their way of life with a dedication which is complete.

Paul sets the standard for us when he says: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2).

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The Stand of British Lawmakers

RECENTLY Britain's House of Commons voted 281 to 57 in favor of keeping *the ancient blue laws*, as the newspapers stated it. Some mighty good things were said in connection with the debate which preceded the vote. It will be worth while for all of us to read and ponder them. A part of the account of the discussion is given in these words by one of our American newspapers:

"The bill for revising the law was proposed by John Parker, Labor member. It would let people play any sort of game they wanted to on Sunday, and go to soccer games, cricket matches, and the theater.

"Conservatives and Laborites alike ganged up to give a firm, puritanical answer and closed the door on any prospects of fun in public on Sundays, voting down a plan to have a commission study changes in the laws, some of which date back to 1625.

"Parker said the Lord's Day Observance Society is going around trying to make Sundays even more miserable. They're even trying to unearth

some old law that will enable them to ban television on Sundays, he added.

“He said a law enacted in 1871 bans use of any house for public entertainment if tickets were sold at the door. He cited the closing of a ping-pong club that had held a tournament on week ends for twenty years. Suddenly the society’s squads turned up and told club officials they were charging admission to spectators and would have to cease. The club couldn’t finance the tournament any more and had to fold, Parker said. Parker didn’t get much support in the Commons debate.

“Nigel Nicholson, a Conservative member, said the bill would empty the churches and introduce ‘Mediterranean manners.’ Another Conservative, Cyril Black, said people needed one day for rest, meditation, and worship. A Laborite, George Thomas, said Britons ‘must cherish our Sunday, rather than throw it overboard.’”

I thank God for the stand which was taken on this matter by Britain’s House of Commons. It would do a lot of the citizens of our country good if they had more respect for Sunday as a day “of rest, meditation, and worship.”

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Testimony

LAST month Mrs. Browning was in Guatemala at the American Hospital for a small operation. She has made a good recovery and seems to be quite fine. We have now moved back to Benque Viejo. I am happy to be here. I love my church and desire to see it prosper. I pray that each day I will be able to serve its interests more perfectly.—DAVID F. BROWNING, *British Honduras*.

A Rainy Welcome

At last we were nearing Enderingeni, the Schmelzenbach memorial station, after a long ocean voyage of nearly 6,000 miles, followed by some 1,200 miles overland by car, train, and bus. Miss Jester and Miss Thomas met me at Mbabane, Swaziland. After a short stop at Bremersdorp, where we saw Dr. and Mrs. David Hynd and a number of our other missionaries, we proceeded on toward Enderingeni, where I am stationed while still awaiting permits into Portuguese East Africa.

As we neared the Komati River, we could see the hills far beyond. Crossing the river on the pont (a one-car ferry), we began the sixteen-mile ascent to the mission station. Clouds settled down over us, and it began to pour before we were halfway up the mountain. The native driver got out and put on the chains. We continued upward slowly, sometimes going forward, sometimes zigzagging back and forth. At times we could see only a few yards ahead. But at long last, we turned into the mission driveway. From the car, we each made a dash for the house. How good it was to feel ourselves under shelter, and to know a good warm meal awaited us! The hot, dusty trip through the bushveldt, the sudden downpour of rain on the mountain, and now the shelter found in the mission home—all reminded us we

were once more back in Africa, the land we love, and to which God has called us.—LORRAINE O. SCHULTZ, *Africa*.

Missionary Nurse Prepares

These three months that I have been in Peru have been three very busy but very happy months. It is wonderful to be on the mission field. More clearly than ever I can see why God has led me to this needy people in Peru.

My first few months were spent in the capital city, Lima, studying Spanish. Besides my Spanish classes I taught a Sunday-school class of girls in our national Nazarene church in Lima. Since I had to teach in Spanish, this gave me an added interest in learning my Spanish quickly. It also meant another teacher for the Sunday school, whose teaching staff was small.

After my first course in Spanish I left Lima for Moyabomba, a jungle village of about seven thousand. Here Dr. Lindsay, a British missionary, is teaching me about tropical diseases and emergency treatment to prepare me for my work among the Indians in Chota, where there is no doctor.

The Christ Love

By Nona Keen Duffy

*When I am oversensitive
Or am resentful, He above
Will hear my prayer and fill my heart
To overflowing with His love.*

*And then a joy springs up within,
And I am poised and calm and free;
The love of Christ, divine and pure,
Expresses its sweet self in me.*

*To understand is to forgive;
The Christ love deep within my mind
Enables me to look beyond
Appearances, and makes me kind!*

Hardly a day passes that he does not treat cases of tropical diseases. I am also learning the medical vocabulary in Spanish.

I have also had the added privilege of going into outlying villages to do medical work without the conveniences of a hospital. While we are treating the people of the village, we are also to make contacts for the Lord.

The people to whom we minister are steeped in heathenism and Catholicism. Please pray for your missionaries in Peru that we may through our preaching, teaching, and medical work show the Peruvians that Christ alone can give peace to their sin-sick souls.—NORINE E. ROTH, *Peru*.

New Missionary Reports

The watch-night service began at 9:00 p.m., December 31, 1952. For nearly three hours there was singing of hymns and choruses, testimonies, special singing, and three different messages from national preachers.

A few minutes before midnight Brother Wellmon and I began to administer the Lord’s Supper. The altar and front seats were crowded with believers. As the new year was ushered in the Christians were praying and receiving the bread and wine. It was a glorious experience as men and women, boys and girls, and young people opened their hearts in praise, thanksgiving, and witness to God’s grace.

After the communion service the altar call was extended and the altar was again filled, this time with hungry hearts seeking salvation. The altar was hallowed by the tears of earnest seekers after God. What a glorious way to end the old year and begin the new! Nineteen hundred and fifty-three holds great promise for holiness evangelism in darkened Nicaragua. Pray with us for this needy land.—JAMES HUDSON, *Nicaragua*.

To discover the truth as it is in Jesus is the supreme gain in life; to communicate it to others the highest privilege.—Selected.

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smees, Secretary

Telegram, Hamilton, Ontario: Mountain View Church, Hamilton. This nine-month-old home-mission church has already rendered its present accommodation inadequate with 177 in Sunday school. Regular services very well attended. Just closed successful revival meeting with many new seekers.—ROBERT W. COGHILL, Pastor.

Parcels to Rev. Floyd Perkins

All letters to the Perkinses, our missionary pastors in Lourenco Marques, should be sent to him at C. P. 1011, Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa. However, both for reasons of customs charges and for greater certainty of delivery, all parcels or missionary boxes for the Perkinses should be sent to him, % Nazarene Mission, Box 3, Stegi, Swaziland, South Africa.

Reaching One Million Homes

March 11 is the date of this year's special Crusade issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, with the theme "The Living Christ for Our Day." In both appearance and content it is the finest issue of the HERALD that ever has been printed. It is evangelistic throughout, and more powerful than a tract. In addition to many splendid articles and examples of the regular features of the paper, there are outstanding testimonies from Christians in many walks of life.

Potentially, we can reach one million homes with a gospel impact through this HERALD. Its effectiveness and reach will depend entirely upon how faithfully and prayerfully we see that it gets into the hands of those who need it. Every Nazarene should feel a responsibility to get this HERALD into the hands of his neighbors and unsaved friends. Distribute them at work. Churches can put a copy in each home in the neighborhood of the church. They can be used in a community enrollment in the visitation evangelism program of the church, and in all pre-Easter visitation campaigns. Ask your pastor for the number of copies that you can use. Let not a one be wasted.

Home-Mission Results

Across the church we are spending considerable money for home missions. Does it pay? The answer can be fully known only in the men, women, and children who have been saved from

sin and whose lives and homes have been transformed by the power of God unto salvation. But some idea of the returns from the home missionary program of the Church of the Nazarene can be seen in the statistical report of these new churches. These are the figures from the 1952 district journals on 676 churches organized between June 1, 1948, and the General Assembly in June, 1952. Some of these churches were four years old; others had been organized only a few days before the General Assembly.

Church members in 676 new churches17,365
Average Sunday-school attendance31,972
Amount paid for all purposes, 1951-52 fiscal year\$2,409,335

Value of property owned ...\$5,648,913
Indebtedness on this

property\$1,860,270

How we should praise God for this progress by these new churches! In this short time they have secured property valued at the total valuation of all our church property in 1923, with an equity of \$3,788,643.00. Their giving is almost as much as the giving of the entire church in 1933. Again, we are brought to realize that home missions pays big dividends!

Georgia Crusade Conference

The next "grass roots" Crusade for Souls Conference will be at Ft. Valley, Georgia, March 2-4. The special workers are Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Dr. C. B. Strang, Rev. W. A. Strong, and Rev. Alpin P. Bowes. The district superintendent, Rev. Mack Anderson, has an excellent program. We trust there will be a splendid attendance of Nazarenes from all parts of the Georgia District.

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Plan Your Bible Reading

TWO INSTANCES have come to my attention recently which illustrate the need for each of us to have a definite plan to guide his reading of the Bible. A young lady complained that, even though she was faithful in her daily devotions, she did not seem to get the help from reading her Bible which she felt she should. A young man testified that whenever he needed help from the Word he just opened his Bible at random, expecting God to give him just the right passage.

I am sure that all of us have those times when it is more difficult than others to feel that the Bible lives as we read it. I am sure also that all of us have experienced those times when God did give us a verse or a passage from the pages which "just fell open before us." But we must find a more solid base for our Bible reading. God's Word is not a buffet from which we pick a bit here and a bit there. It is a table set with solid food. We must sit down and eat, "from soup to nuts," taking the courses as they are set before us.

The young lady admitted that she read "a few verses here and a few verses there" as a basis for her daily devotions. Many times she did not finish a complete book in her daily sequence of reading. Sometimes she did not even finish complete chapters.

This pattern of reading just will not unfold the true riches of the Word. The young man, even though he found help at the time, would have available only the "spot" promises and then might be a victim of a flaw in the back of his Bible which allowed it to open at the same place each time.

During this Bible-Emphasis Year all of us should be developing sound habits of Bible reading. Only as we do will the full values of the Word be made ours.

Prayer Tower Requests

March 1-7

Syria
Syria has long figured in the record of God's dealings with His people. Because it is so strongly Mohammedan it is one of our most difficult fields; and yet God has blessed the work of the Church of the Nazarene in its better than thirty years of history. Brother M. A. Thahabiyah and Brother and Sister DePasquale are working heroically with the national staff to preach the message of full salvation. Let us pray for this work, for the three churches and three day schools. Let us pray that God will open doors that the gospel might have an even greater outreach.

March 8-14

Hashemite Kingdom
As in the early apostolic days, the developments of recent years in the Near East have scattered the small

groups of Christians which formerly met in Jerusalem. The Arab-Israeli war and the establishment of the nation of Israeli have complicated the movement of Christian workers and made the progress of the gospel difficult. Rev. Samuel Krikorian and Rev. and Mrs. William Russell are laboring in the Kingdom of Jordan

with the non-Jewish population. We have churches in Zarka, Amman, and the Old City of Jerusalem. Let us pray for our work in this area. God has in times past seen fit to make this part of the world the scene of His unusual visitations. Without doubt He wants to visit these people in a spiritual revival today.

overly tolerant—and we see it abroad everywhere. Iniquity abounds on every hand—both in quantity and subtlety. Sensitivities have been dulled, until tobacco smoke and liquor fumes are supposed to be the accepted atmosphere for all but fanatics and antiques. Once the coarsening habits were almost solely the property of men, but now women have adopted them en masse. And thus the pressures of our age increase.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for March 8: Be Ready for the Second Coming

Scripture: Matt. 24:1—25:13 (Printed, Matt. 25:1-13)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh (Matt. 24:44).*

While I love prophetic study, one thing bothers me: it is the people who are pitifully low in their own spiritual lives yet revel in the speculative phase of the second coming of Christ. They love to place Stalin in the prophetic scheme; and they are quite sure that the Roman Catholic church is pictured in the Revelation. In fact, they can always place others in the prophetic scheme better than they can place themselves—and that is what bothers me.

So really the first question for all students of these sections of the Bible

that deal with end-time events is this, "Am I ready?" And the closer we come to the time of Christ's appearing the more carefully should we check our own spiritual well-being. For we read, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." This simple but positive statement is one that should stand out in all of our prophetic study. As we approach the end of this age satanic forces shall increase and become more intense. Indeed we are witnessing such a powerful and subtle attack of the devil as has not been seen before. The coarsest evils are now dressed in sleek evening gowns—feminized and glamorized. The harder it is to identify sin, the more likely it will be that spirituality will become vague and

But note another phase of this whole business. As evil forces increase, so must spirituality increase. For if a man is just the same in spirituality as he was ten years ago, while evil pressures around him have increased, he really is less spiritual—at least relatively so. We must be better Christians than were our grandparents or else we will be overwhelmed by the stepped-up tempo of the satanic forces of our times. There is no security in being just as good as we were years ago; the only safety is in a steady growth in spiritual power that more than keeps up with the growth of evil around. I ask the question again, "Are we ready?" Ready to face these evil days; ready to meet our Lord when He comes to claim His own?

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THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

Preparing to Make a Journey

I AM PREPARING to make an extended journey. I will be home but a few days between now and June. It is easy to go traveling when one can take everything he wants. It would seem that, since I will be traveling in a car with only my husband as a companion, I would have plenty of room for all the luggage I would care to take with me. But this is not the case. My husband has traveled for twelve years, most of the time alone. He has learned that a car can carry many samples and all of the clothes he wishes to take, a typewriter, and various other assorted bags. In fact, always he has had a full car.

Upon viewing the situation, I began to wonder just where I would place my bags—and finally it got down to one bag. So the task of sorting began. I could take only what was most necessary. Often I have asked myself, "Do I really need this?" And, strange as it may seem, I have found I really

need very little. As of now, everything I will take with me will easily fit into one suitcase and it will not be heavy either.

Perhaps this is only a preparation for the trip I am taking and of which I complete a little each day. The longer I live, the more I see that the material things do me little good. It is nice to have clothes, houses, and cars, but I cannot take these with me even to a hospital. It is nice to have good friends and associates; it is good to have plenty to eat; but these I can do without where I am going.

The big question which has arisen in my mind is, What may I take and be sure there will be room for on the trip and be of use after I reach that eternal resting place?

There will be plenty of room for love, for kindness, for understanding; there will be room for compassion; there will be room for hope, for faith, for devotion. These are easy to carry as far as weight is concerned. These will take very little room in the way

of area—but they are the really necessities of life. I must take them with me if I am to reach my journey's end properly equipped.

I want to be prepared for every occasion when I reach my destination. My prayer is: "Please, Lord, give me the necessary equipment and the wisdom in gathering it. I want to be fit for Thy kingdom when I get to the end of this day on earth. Give me wisdom, understanding, love, faith, hope, sympathy for all. Give me a heart fit for Thy home. Amen."

Moses Learns of God's Care

(A Jewish Legend)

ALTHOUGH this story is only a legend, yet it brings out the truth that God sees us and will care for us whatever happens. Always He will be our father, our mother, our brother, and our sister, for our God remembers us all.

The story goes that, one day when Moses was an old man, the Lord came to him and told him that he had but one day to live.

"O Lord," cried Moses, "do not allow me to die."

The Lord reminded him that all men

must die. However, He promised that He himself would bury him.

Moses went home to tell his wife.

"Do you mean," his wife exclaimed, "that, after you have done all the wonderful things for the Lord and lived for Him all these years, you must die as all common men die?"

"Yes," answered Moses, "I must die. This is my last day. Where are my children?"

"They are in bed asleep," his wife answered.

"Then go and wake them, for I must see them once more before I die," Moses responded and his wife went into the room where the children lay.

"Awake, orphans," she cried. "This is the last day your father will spend with us here on earth."

The children began to cry and wail, as did the wife. "Oh, what will become of us?" they asked.

Seeing this grief, Moses began to feel sorry for the children; so he, too, began to weep. Then the Lord spoke to him. "Why do you weep? Are you afraid to die?"

"O Lord, I weep for my children. What will become of them? Already they have lost their Grandfather Jethro and their Uncle Aaron. Now they will not have a father."

"In whom did your mother trust, Moses, when she placed you in the bulrushes?" the Lord asked.

"In Thee, O Lord," Moses replied.

"Who gave you the power over Pharaoh and over the Red Sea?" the Lord continued to ask.

"Thou, O Lord," was the second reply.

"Go to the sea once again and cast out thy rod," the Lord commanded.

Moses obeyed. Again the waters divided as they had those many years before. There in the middle of the sea bed was a black rock. "Go, smite the rock," the Lord said.

Moses smote the rock and down in a little cavity in the rock was a tiny worm holding a little green leaf. That little worm was well provided for. Moses felt rebuked. If God would care for a worm, surely He would care for the children of Moses and also for his wife.

THE GREATEST WEAPON:

After long years in the Christian life, I am more convinced than ever that prayer is the greatest weapon we possess. I am not talking about saying prayers, reciting prayers or reading prayers, helpful as that is to some persons. I am thinking about wrestling with God, coming into a vital, personal, living touch with God as a daily habit. —LIONEL B. FLETCHER.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Evangelist Naomi Meadows writes: "We appreciate the revivals God has given us during the past year, and wish to thank every pastor and church for the calls given. I have been in the field of evangelism for the past six and one-half years, and for the past four years have traveled with Miss Eleanore Reasoner as song evangelist and children's worker. Knowing that God has lead us in a different path, we have accepted the church at Bettendorf, Iowa, to serve as copastors. I will be conducting some revivals within driving distance of Bettendorf; am especially interested in youth revivals and week-end services."

Pastor Earl W. Powell of Hollydale, California, writes: "Dr. C. B. Strang, pastor of Chicago First Church, was the instrument in the hands of God to give us one of the finest and most fruitful youth-sponsored revivals we have seen in many years. Dr. Strang's deeply spiritual, yet sane and practical, messages, combined with his anointed, Christlike personality, did something for us that time nor eternity will erase. Sponsored by the combined youth groups of our church, the revival continued through two Sundays. Sixty-six people sought God for pardon or purity, all receiving victory, with a class of eighteen receiving Christian baptism, and sixteen new members uniting with the church. Praises be unto our God."

Evangelist Cloyce Elsea writes: "Because of a cancellation, I have an open date for a three-week meeting, March 3 to 22. Write me, Box 18, Van Buren, Ohio."

Mena, Arkansas—We recently closed a glorious Youth Week revival with Evangelist R. F. Lindley, a dynamic preacher of the Word of God. The revival lasted only one week, but every service was crowned with victory and the presence of God. Thirty-two people prayed through to a definite experience of regeneration or sanctification. In the Sunday morning service of the last day of the revival, sixteen people united with the church, all on profession of faith. That night one young lady prayed through and asked to join the church, making seventeen in one day to unite with the church. The church here was organized in 1909 and we have only one charter member left; she said this was the best revival in the history of the church. The board also met the last day of the revival and voted to give us a ten-dollar-a-week raise in salary. There is a wonderful spirit of unity and love in the church. We give all the praise to God for what has been accomplished. He still hears and answers prayer and gives revivals. —A. R. Johnson, Pastor.

Rev. Morris Chalfant writes: "Since, after much prayer, I do not feel clear in returning to Africa just now, after Easter I will be open for calls for revivals. Write me, 116 Kentucky Ave., Danville, Illinois."

New Brighton, Pennsylvania—Late in January our N.Y.P.S. sponsored a revival with Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Ferguson as evangelists. In spite of the flu epidemic raging at the time, the crowds were exceptionally good. There were never less than a dozen visitors in any of the services and usually many more than that. Nearly every service saw seekers praying at the altar. For several months our church has been co-operating with the College Hill Church in conducting a branch Sunday school at Pleasantview. During the youth revival many of these teenagers attended and were saved for the first time in their lives. This is the second time we have had the Fergusons in New Brighton. Their ministry is rich and helpful as well as evangelistic. Young and old alike were profited as the Fergusons preached and sang the gospel.—A. Alan Gil-mour, Pastor.

Cullman, Alabama—Evangelist W. N. Harrington did the preaching in a great Youth Week revival at this church. His messages were scriptural, timely, and to the point. The young people of the church were helped in a great way. In spite of serious illness which was prevalent in the community, excellent crowds attended nightly. This church greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Harrington. He has been asked to come back at a future date.—M. C. Garrison, Pastor.

Evangelist Fred W. Fetters writes: "Due to a change of pastors, I have an open date, April 15 to 26. Write me, % P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

A third annual Indoor Camp Meeting was held at Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 18-25. It was sponsored by 200 churches of greater Indianapolis and surrounding territory. Our excellent workers, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Dr. T. M. Anderson, and Orval Butcher, drew great crowds. It was estimated that total attendance reached 65,000. A total of 2,000 ministers and 22 district superintendents attended the various services. People attended from 20 different states. Other speakers were Dr. Paul S. Rees, Dr. O. G. Wilson, and Bishop L. R. Marston. At least 500 people came forward as definite seekers; others came for healing and spiritual help. Friday evening featured youth night with singing groups from Taylor University, Great Commission Schools of Anderson, Indiana, Frankfort Pilgrim College, Greenville College, Union Bible

Seminary, Olivet Nazarene College, and Marion College. This was a great climactic service. A morning and afternoon broadcast originated from Cadle Tabernacle each day through the courtesy of Paul Billheimer of Radio Station WCBC, Anderson, Indiana, Winter Avenue and College Avenue Nazarene churches and Frankfort Pilgrim Bible College. The executive committee unanimously voted to invite the National Holiness Association to meet here April 29 to

May 3, 1953. Rev. Paul F. Elliot, president of the National Holiness Association, was re-elected chairman.—Gerald F. Mikels, Secretary.

Elkhart, Indiana—We have now been with our First Church here about five months. To pastor this good church longer without giving an expression of sincere and deep appreciation for their kindness to us would not be right. Never have we been more conscious of loyalty and the true Nazarene spirit

in acceptance of gospel preaching and the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the work of the church. We do praise God for the good folk of Elkhart First Church. For the work of all the former pastors of our church here we praise God. To follow Rev. E. B. Hartley was a wonderful privilege. Our only revival was conducted by Rev. Glenn Griffith. Never have I seen anyone more anointed of God, if I may judge. We still sense the spirit he left with us in the services. God is helping us in ways too numerous to mention. We praise God and our good folks.—H. L. Johnston, Pastor.

Sunday-School Attendance Report

	1952	January	Percentage
Western Ohio	12,274	11,367	93%
Central Ohio	10,838	10,207	94
Akron	9,401	8,940	95
Southwest Indiana	8,546	8,237	96
Illinois	7,871	7,743	98
Northeastern Indiana	8,550	7,728	90
Indianapolis	7,770	7,331	94
Kansas City	7,513	7,298	97
Pittsburgh	7,247	7,247	100
Michigan	7,605	7,175	94
Eastern Michigan	7,725	7,118	92
Kansas	7,250	6,933	96
Missouri	6,934	6,567	95
Alabama	6,346	6,455	102
Oregon Pacific	6,236	6,438	103
Florida	5,825	6,354	109
Northwest	5,856	6,175	105
Southwest Oklahoma	5,857	5,680	97
Colorado	5,803	5,649	97
Northwest Oklahoma	5,749	5,514	96
Idaho-Oregon	5,463	5,496	101
Abilene	5,271	5,272	100
Iowa	5,590	5,258	94
Chicago Central	4,837	4,794	99
Washington Pacific	4,276	4,632	108
Dallas	4,744	4,425	93
Canada West	4,237	4,337	102
Louisiana	4,154	4,318	104
Georgia	4,543	4,235	93
Southwest Oklahoma	4,009	3,652	91
Northeast Oklahoma	3,740	3,565	95
San Antonio	3,594	3,548	99
South Arkansas	3,312	3,415	103
North Carolina	3,422	3,357	98
Arizona	2,966	3,192	108
Albany	2,863	2,858	100
Nebraska	2,617	2,630	100
Virginia	2,532	2,539	100
Rocky Mountain	2,348	2,354	100
Wisconsin	2,056	2,049	100
North Dakota	1,579	1,506	95
Maritime	776	787	101
Nevada-Utah	709	701	99
Alaska	301	385	128
Total average attendance of districts reporting	225,461		
1952 average attendance of districts not reporting	101,281		
Gain of	5,019		

Districts not reporting: Northern California, Los Angeles, Southern California, New England, New York, Canada Central, Washington-Philadelphia, New Mexico, Tennessee, Mississippi, Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee, South Dakota, Northwest Indiana, Kentucky, Northwestern Illinois, Houston, North Arkansas, West Virginia, Minnesota.

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

Rev. Charles W. Schardein writes: "To God be the glory for the many privileges and enjoyments that we've known thus far in His service. Jesus has led us through much sickness and we are praising Him for good health now. A real blessing it was to work on the South Dakota District. The close spirit of fellowship there was joyous, and we certainly appreciated the Huron church. On the Northwest Oklahoma District we enjoyed a short period of labor with the congenial folks of Braman. In the good providence of God we feel that He has led us to Freedom to work with a grand group of new Nazarenes in a new church. Rev. Bob Leffel, an outstanding young preacher, has been the capable pastor. We are grateful to God for such a challenge as is ours."

Sheffield, Alabama—First Church has had some great services in the past six months. Rev. W. N. Harrington was our evangelist in September; he did some wonderful preaching, several people sought and found the Lord, and three united with the church. Some Trevecca College students were with us on Thanksgiving Sunday and we gave the largest offering the church has ever given for missions, with 241 in Sunday school. Rev. C. C. Knippers was with us for one day recently, which proved to be a great blessing. We recently closed a great revival with Rev. Fred Thomas. The altar was lined night after night with seekers, and three united with the church. On the closing Sunday of the revival our people pledged \$2,-100.00 on our church note to be paid in nine months. The church recently gave us our second three-year recall. The future looks bright for Sheffield.—Wallace Bell, Pastor.

Ten Reasons Why We Should Attend Church

(Continued from page 2)

will always come before him a vacant pew, where you should have been every Sunday, but where he so seldom saw you because you allowed pleasure, indifference, or love for ease to keep you away.

Jesus will come back for His Church. The scripture says you should attend (Heb. 10:25).

James V. Cook writes: "This is my first report to the readers of the **HERALD** since I began my work in the church as a song evangelist fifteen years ago. For the past ten years I have been engaged as minister of music with three of the finest churches and pastors in all our denomination. These have been some of the happiest times of my whole life. No one could have been treated better and given more co-operation from both pastors and people than I. Over five of these ten years were spent in one church. We have had numerous opportunities to accept other positions as minister of music, but after careful prayer and meditation have felt it God's will to re-enter the field as a song evangelist. I am interested in doing what I can to help the evangelist and pastor have revivals. I am interested in promoting choir music during the meeting, and doing anything I can to join in the Crusade for Souls Now. Write me at the following address: 3965 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis 7, Missouri."

Evangelist Andrew Johnson writes: "I have recently held evangelistic services in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and at this writing am in a revival meeting in Lansing, Michigan. I have two more spring revivals slated in the state of Michigan for Nazarene pastors. Write me, Wilmore, Kentucky."

Dodge City, Kansas—This church recently closed a ten-day revival with Rev. H. D. Burson as evangelist, and our own minister of music, Warren Hayes, in charge of music and singing. The Lord's Spirit definitely was evident in each service as the church was revived, sinners were saved, and believers sanctified. The meeting was one of the outstanding revivals in the history of the church, and a nice class of members was received. Our people responded as wonderful as always in giving the evangelists a nice offering, and a love offering of over \$200.00 was given the pastor, Rev. D. D. Lewis. We thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings. This year the church has already given over \$4,000.00 to home and foreign missions.—Charles I. Hager, Reporter.

Evangelists Dorrance and Esther Nichols write: "Since our return from the island of Cuba, where we had some excellent services with Brother and Sister Lyle Prescott, we have been busy in the great field of evangelism. We had a wonderful revival at New Richmond, Ohio, the first two weeks of January and enjoyed working with Rev. and Mrs. Gail Moorman and their good people. The next revival was at Brooklyn, Indiana, with Rev. and Mrs. Edward McFarland, and God gave us some wonderful victories. We are at Attica, Indiana, at the time of this writing and, although the battle is very hard, God is giving us some excellent victories. We are enjoying working with Brother and Sister John A. Dittmer, who are doing a good

job as pastors. It is a real joy to be working with so many fine pastors and district superintendents. Our slate is full at the time of this writing until the end of June, with the exception of the date May 20 through 31. The remainder of the year is filled except a date in August and one in December. Next year we still have an open date in Florida in February. We travel with house trailer and furnish a complete program of preaching, music and singing. Contact us at 849 Poplar Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Brunswick, Georgia—Sunday night, February 1, marked the close of the second revival in my pastorate of this local church. Our first revival, with Rev. C. M. Kelly, closed with shouts of joy. Our second revival, with one of the former pastors, Rev. James Hamilton, was one of the best that this church has seen. We had very good crowds and many at the altar praying through to definite victory. This revival proved what God can do if we will be faithful. Brother Hamilton brought wonderful soul-stirring messages that touched the hearts of the saved and unsaved. The Spirit of the Lord was felt throughout the whole revival. The people in Brunswick are praying, working, and boosting their pastor to complete the work that was started by this wonderful man of God and his family. God is blessing the work here. New people are coming to the services, and at the present time we have a great group of young people who are faithful to the church.—Jack Dell, Pastor.

Higgins, Texas—For the last six weeks our church has been in a spirit of revival in its regular services. Fourteen seekers have found victory at the altar, and five new members have been added to the church on profession of faith. The Sunday-school average for December and January is above the average of last year in spite of a flu epidemic. The blessing of God upon the church may be attributed to three things: the good foundation laid in our revival last November with Evangelist Buford Battin, the extensive visitation in the community, and the fervent prayers of the church. All departments are well organized and functioning efficiently under excellent leadership. The Sunday school has adopted Graded Literature through the Intermediate level, is now conducting a Christian Service Training class, and has enrolled twenty-four new members in the Cradle Roll Department during the last quarter. Plans are definite for a youth revival in February sponsored by the N.Y.P.S. and for an all-out visitation campaign in March sponsored by the Sunday school. The N.F.M.S., which meets weekly, is aggressive in every respect. On January 11 District Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins conducted the pastoral recall with a unanimous vote. We look forward to another year with the fine people of Higgins under the blessing of the Lord.—C. B. Dicker-man, Pastor.

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When Rev. Harold W. Morris came to pastor First Church, he found not only each room of the parsonage being used for Sunday-school rooms but a church debt of over \$2,200.00—this in the days when that amount looked impossible to a small group. After he had been here a short while, he challenged us with a plan whereby we could pay off the entire sum in a year. With the help of God and the co-operation of the people, in only six months the entire debt was paid and we were able to go to our assembly entirely free of debt. A few months later he laid a plan before us that would provide ten Sunday-school rooms. The people again accepted his challenge, and three months later we had ten new Sunday-school rooms

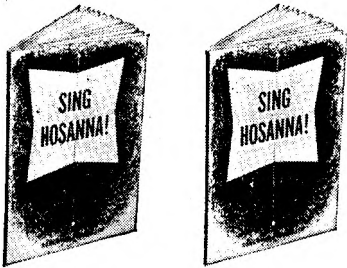
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built and paid for. In 1949 the need for a new church building was absolute. After Brother Morris received the "Go" sign from God, with only \$15,000.00 in cash on hand, we moved out of the building, tore it down, and built a new sanctuary. At this time our Sunday school averaged 184; our average for January 1953 was 313, and already we are in need of more Sunday-school room. Our Sunday-school superintendent is using every available space for an extra classroom. Last Sunday Brother Morris called upon the people to again back him in the purchase of an adjoining piece of property on Alamogordo Street, which will provide for more Sunday-school rooms, reading room for our service-

men, and recreational space for our young people, which we have needed for so long. Upon presentation of this project, the people rallied and pledged more than one-third of the purchase price in just a few moments. In appreciation for and to show our love to Brother and Sister Morris and family, who have pastored our church for eleven years, they were called for three more years. District Superintendent R. C. Gunstream presided, and when the three-year vote was taken there were 96 votes cast—all 96 votes for Brother Morris. We are very grateful that our pastor has chosen to stay with us through these years and thank God for the unity of the people.—Reporter.

Steele, Missouri—God has blessed the work in the new church at Steele during the past year. We now have twenty-seven members in the church, eighty-four members in the Sunday school, and a good missionary society, and N.Y.P.S. Rev. Harold Thompson was the evangelist in our revival which closed February 1. The Lord was present in every service, giving three seekers the first night, and from one to seven every service with few exceptions. The attendance was unusually good, eight converts united with the church, and conviction is still on those who failed to surrender during the meeting. Brother Thompson is a man of God, and was anointed for the meeting in an unusual way. Every sermon was full of scripture and unctonized by the power of God. We praise God for such a spiritual evangelist, one with a tremendous burden for the souls of men. We feel led of the Lord to go to another field of labor, and are sure that the new pastor who comes to Steele will find a field ready for harvest. We appreciate the wonderful people here and all their kindness to us; also the wonderful going-away shower they gave us, and the nice love offering given to us in the last Sunday morning service of the revival. Personally I am enjoying God's presence more than ever in my life and, although I need the prayers of God's people for my health, I want to use every ounce

of my strength in His service for the salvation of precious souls.—Harry H. Doerle, Pastor.

Rev. John Wesley Henry writes: "We closed out our pastorate at El Centro, California, on January 11, where we served for about five years. This church gave us a very fine farewell service and many nice gifts as we left for the evangelistic field. The last Sunday was one that we cannot soon forget, as the church was well filled morning and night. We then went to Orb Bend Community Church of the Nazarene, on the Northern California District, for a two-week meeting with the good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Selden Nutt, two very fine young people. They are doing a fine job, and all love them dearly. We were there three Sundays, and they said it was one of the best meetings they have ever had in the church. The pastor and church were much encouraged, money came easily, and the evangelist was well taken care of. We are now back home and have two open dates for meetings before going to Santa Rosa, California, in March over Easter. We would be glad to go anywhere for freewill offering and entertainment. We are now giving full time in the evangelistic field; have a date open for April and one in May. Any who are interested may write me, 826 No. Van Ness Ave., Santa Ana, California."

Evangelists Ralph and Lillian Mickel write: "Due to a conflict in meetings we have an open date for this summer, July 1 to 12. We'd like to slate this time somewhere between Indiana and the Rocky Mountains, since our next meeting will be in Alberta, Canada. Would be willing to slate it as far south as Missouri, Kansas, or Colorado. Write us, Alum Bank, Pennsylvania."

The third annual Youth Week revival sponsored by the five Nazarene churches in Nampa, Idaho, closed Saturday night, January 31, in College Church in a blaze of Pentecostal victory. Evangelist Paul Martin preached in his inimitable manner to youth, stressing pardon, purity, and a passion for souls. God marvelously anointed him for the week, and in response to his fervent invitation more than two hundred souls knelt at the altar of prayer. The average attendance for the six nights was just at 1,000. Professor Ronald J. Lush was in charge of a great musical program. A youth chorus of eighty voices, and a full orchestra under his direction, added much to the spirit of the services. His beautiful trumpet solos and anointed messages in song were indeed blessed. On Thursday evening, Brother Martin conducted an old-fashioned love feast. God graciously broke in upon the scene—tears flowed freely as confessions were made and appreciation expressed. This week of services has brought the spirit of unity and co-operation among the Nampa churches to a new high. Both Brother Martin and Professor Lush have been invited to return for a campaign during Youth Week in 1955. College Church has been honored and enriched by being host to the Nazarenes of Nampa in this Holy Ghost revival. The spirit of revival continued over on Sunday morning with a gracious altar service and several unusual victories.—Eugene Stowe, Pastor.

Evangelist Robert Mortenson reports: "More than ever before, I believe God hears and answers prayer and still gives revivals! I have just returned from my second campaign at our splendid Lansdale, Pennsylvania, church—a meeting in which, on the last Sunday, we had a veritable Pentecost. Twice during the meeting I never had a chance to preach; and on the last Sunday morning, while I was getting ready to speak, the Spirit of the Lord was mightily outpoured upon us until from all over the church seekers came to the altar, filling it and the front pews. The service continued until one-thirty, and in it outstanding and long-standing needs were met. The people prayed before and after each service the second week, led by their godly pastor. The meeting was under the direction of the young people of the church—an intensely spiritually minded group—spearheaded by their good president. This is an unusual church; they have a splendid plant, the best youth choir

I have ever heard, and are on the air twice every Sunday. Last year, though their membership is only about 135, they gave nearly \$6,000.00 to foreign missions. The people are united under the capable leadership of Pastor Nelson Mink, who is beginning his seventh year with the church."

Dallas, Texas—First Church recently enjoyed a very gracious revival with Dr. Paul S. Rees as the evangelist and Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., in charge of the music. These two fine, spiritual leaders thrilled us with their rich ministry in sermon and song, and God honored their efforts with a great number of souls seeking and finding Christ in saving and sanctifying victory. Attendance during the campaign was the best in the history of the church. We appreciated the visiting pastors, the people from several different denominations, and students from four theological schools who attended the services. The meeting received unusually good publicity in the newspapers, and a number of new contacts were made for the church. A group of ministers representing eleven denominations honored Dr. Rees at a dinner while he was in the city. We are rejoicing in all the blessings of God which He is showering upon our church in this great city. It is a real privilege to pastor such a wonderful group of God's people. They are one of the best groups of Nazarenes in the country. Dallas First Church is forging ahead in the Crusade for Souls Now.—William C. Allshouse, Pastor.

N.F.M.S. General Council Meeting

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, our beloved general president, opened the council sessions on January 5 with devotions, using as her subject the quadrennial slogan: "I Must Work . . . the Night Cometh."

The precious presence of the Lord was manifest throughout all sessions. Devotions were presented by the new members of the council: Mrs. Edward Lawlor, Mrs. Rhea Miller, and Mrs. Gordon Olsen. Other members present were: Miss Mary Scott, Mrs. A. E. Sanner, Mrs. Remiss Rehfeldt, and Mrs. Russell V. DeLong.

The report from our most efficient secretary, Miss Mary Scott, revealed gains and challenges. In brief, N.F.M.S. receipts for the fiscal year 1951-52 are as follows:

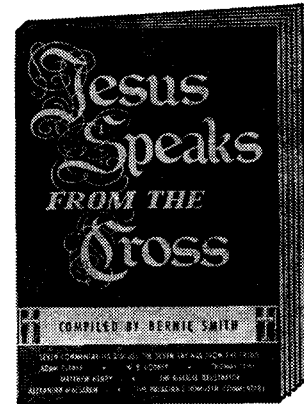
General Budget	\$874,105.49
(Includes \$280,813.28 Prayer and Fasting)	
Alabaster	147,510.29
Foreign Mission Specials . .	37,741.11
General Expense Fund	17,760.33
Relief and Retirement	18,840.64

Total Receipts \$1,095,957.86

This shows an increase over last year's receipts of \$100,703.68. The total membership is now 96,247, which is 38.4 per cent of church membership. The goal of 10 per cent yearly increase in membership should not be difficult.

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Dr. Hardy C. Powers, council sponsor, spoke briefly of his recent trip to Africa and the significance of the merger of the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene in both the British Isles and Africa. This consolidation added thirty-two missionaries to our staff in Africa. Dr. Powers also presented an interesting report of the new Bible school at Potchesfroom, which was purchased with Alabaster funds.

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt spoke to the council commending their work. He

reported we now have 262 missionaries on the field or under contract, not including 55 workers among the American Indians and Mexicans.

Inasmuch as the new council is composed of one representative from each geographical zone, as members we were challenged to feel the responsibility to direct and to keep in close touch with the districts of our respective zones in the propagating of special interests and goals.

MRS GORDON T. OLSEN, Reporter

Preachers' Seminar

The pastors of the Northeastern Indiana District gathered together on January 19 at the Goodwin Memorial Church in Anderson, Indiana, for what proved to be very wonderful and profitable four and one-half days in our first district preachers' seminar.

Dr. S. S. White, editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, directed our study and discussion in a refresher course in doctrine and preaching. He was used of the Lord to make clearer the great doctrine of the church, and to inspire the hearts of the preachers to be "preachers of the Word."

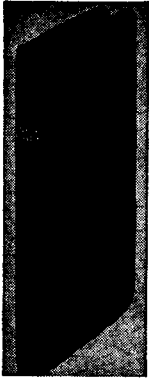
Dr. Paul Updike, our good and able district superintendent, led the pastors in a study of the "Ministry of Prayer" and "Pastoral Problems," using the book *Overseers of the Flock*, by Dr. G. B. Williamson, for the latter course. Dr. White and Dr. Updike both were mightily used of God and the Holy Spirit.

The seminar was characterized by deep, spiritual blessings and great rejoicing. Those attending felt they had touched God anew. Plans were made for a seminar for 1954, and Dr. White was invited to be with us again.

The host pastor, Rev. O. W. Rees, and his neighboring pastors in Anderson, entertained the preachers in a very wonderful way. Two tours were planned for them which proved to be very beneficial. The pastors left the seminar with light hearts and a strong purpose to be the best possible for God and the church.

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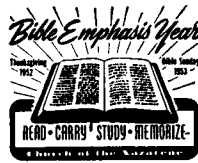
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REV. J. E. SHOULEY was born November 25, 1886, in Henderson County, Kentucky, and died December 13, 1952, in a hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. On January 1, 1921, he was united in marriage to Dillie Lee Hester. He had been a minister on the Kentucky District for twenty-four years, holding pastorates at Science Hill, Lexington, Olive Hill, Irvine, and at the time of his death was pastor at Georgetown. He was a member of the Georgetown Ministerial Association, and teacher of a Bible study course at Garth High School. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Akra and Thurman; and one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Childs; also five sisters and one brother. Funeral service was held in the local Church of the Nazarene, with Dr. L. T. Wells, district superintendent, officiating, assisted by Revs. C. R. Thrasher, Ulla Herron, and W. P. Wilhoite. A second service was held in the Church of the Nazarene in Henderson, with Dr. Wells officiating, assisted by Revs. Oren D. Thrasher, Ulla Herron, and Hugh B. Dean. Interment was in the Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—This is to acquaint Nazarenes with the information that Dr. A. L. Parrott is available for revival meetings and holiness conventions. He has done an excellent work as pastor of First Church, Tyler, Texas; in fact, he has filled every place of responsibility well that has been his. We unhesitatingly urge our people to use this good man, for he will be a blessing to any church or district. Address him, % our publishing house in Kansas City.—Paul H. Garrett, Superintendent of Dallas District.

NOTICE—Indianapolis District Preachers' Meeting, April 14 to 16 (open on Tuesday night and close on Thursday night), at Martinsville, Indiana. Dr. Samuel Young, guest speaker. The host pastor, Rev. George Scutt, 489 E. Columbus St., Martinsville, Indiana.—J. W. Short, District Superintendent.

WEDDING BELLS

Donald Poling and Miss Esther L. Gunneson of Sparta, Michigan, were united in marriage on January 17, in a home wedding, with Rev. Denver Pease of Rockford officiating.

Rev. Roy Hendley of Sikeston, Missouri, and Miss Lois Miller of Garyton, Indiana, were united in marriage on December 29, in the Garyton Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Orville G. Klinger officiating.

Private Lealon Bottom, Jr., and Miss Ethel Strain of Garyton, Indiana, were united in marriage on December 27, in the Garyton Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Orville G. Klinger officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Allen Bennett of Kalama, Washington, a son, Andrew Leon, on February 6, at Longview, Washington.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Swanson of Farmington, Iowa, a son, Kent Robert, on February 4, at Keokuk, Iowa.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in California for her father, a retired Nazarene minister in Oklahoma, also for her mother—both are losing their eyesight—and prayer seems to be their only hope;

by a young man in Ohio who is terribly upset emotionally, that God will strengthen his nerves that he may be able to continue to work, as he has an aged father to support;

by a lady in a state hospital in an Eastern state, that God may clear up the difficulty so she may be able to leave;

by a Christian lady in Arkansas for her health, for a spiritual awakening for her children and grandchildren, as to what it will mean for them to be called to meet God without His grace in their hearts;

by a Nazarene lady in Colorado, that a married son may stay with his family and surrender his heart and life to God, also that a daughter may not make a wrong choice in choosing a companion, for the healing of a man that he may be able to go back to work, and that God will help and prosper a woman in business so she may be able to pay her debts—also several unspoken requests;

by a lady in Idaho, that God will help her both physically and spiritually, and for the salvation of her boys and girls;

by a lady in Illinois for her husband, near seventy years of age, and unsaved—also that he will treat her better, as she has had two operations in five months and is in poor health—that she may have more faith in God for all needs;

by a worried mother in Oregon, that God will undertake in her daughter's home and save and sanctify both of them, give them a Christian home, also that the way may be opened so she can go to church again.

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New England	June 24-26
New York	July 3-4
Maritime	July 15-17
Pittsburgh	July 22-24
Northwest Oklahoma	July 29-31
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Colorado	July 8-9
Central Ohio	July 14-17
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East Tennessee	August 5-7
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Nebraska	May 27-28
West Virginia	July 3-4
Alabama	July 8-10
Minnesota	July 22-23
Kansas	August 5-7
Iowa	August 12-14
Dallas	August 19-21
Northeast Oklahoma	September 16-17
North Carolina	September 23-24
South Carolina	Sept. 30—Oct. 1

'Tis not he who runs and falls who is the victor; but he who walks with a steady, determined, conquering tread will finally reach the goal and gain precious souls for the Kingdom.—**Selected.**



Chaplain Charles M. Crouch writes from Okinawa: "My contact with Nazarenes over here indicates the pastors at home are forgetting their men and women in the service. Keep encouraging the pastors to maintain the church tie with their service people.

"There are service folks who are wanting to join the Nazarenes because of the life and spirit of Chief Linton Drake, Donaldsonville, Georgia. Drake is conducting the Okinawan Sunday-school class which was formerly taught by Sgt. and Mrs. Norman Brumund."

A typical endorsement to Chaplain George C. Laurie's monthly report by his commanding officer is representative of those received frequently by our Nazarene chaplains. "This officer has demonstrated beyond any doubt that he is a conscientious, industrious, and capable chaplain. His diligent performance of duty has raised the religious standards of this regiment to a very high level. His warm personality has aided greatly in increasing the religious service attendance and has been very helpful in solving the many personal problems confronting the men in the regiment. He is a fine officer and a definite asset to this regiment."

"I am happy to report victory in the blood of our Saviour, and do enjoy the many Christian papers sent to me from your office. My wife and son are here with me, and I must admit our real comfort comes from reading the HERALD OF HOLINESS and the other papers that we receive. We find that the devotional magazine is filled with much fine reading and that its guide for daily devotion is the best. Many thanks for the prayers of you good folk; do keep praying for us and all the other personnel here. Also pray that God will help us to learn the language here, so that we may always be able to tell of His wonderful grace. I am glad that we can live so that our lives will speak where we are unable to do so."—FRANK McCLURE, Paris.

"I want to thank you for sending me Christmas greetings and the greetings for the coming year. I appreciate your remembering not only me but all of the servicemen. No matter how far away we are from home we know that God is always near. I want to wish all of you from all of us the best in the new year."—JOHN M. COLBY.

Life in a Nazarene Parsonage

By Paul Martin*

Thirty Days to Live

I WANT to tell you how Mother died—but but I've had trouble trying to put the story into words. Not that the scene is too sacred, but can I tell it as simply and precious as it really was! In a sense the time had come to go: children gone, a glorious record filed away up there. But looking at it from this side, it seemed far too soon, for Mother and Dad had just begun to enjoy their own home. Mother, too, was having the time of her life, preaching the gospel in revivals at night and keeping the family posted, warned, and blessed by hectograph letters by day. She was drawing dividends from friends—in their lives she had invested patience and prayers.

But the Lord began to call her home. Father first heard it from a doctor in the city. He had just returned from a district camp meeting where we had preached—the only camp meeting or revival we preached in together.

He chose an early morning hour and sweetly said, "Arletta, the doctor says you'll live only thirty days." Mother cried. But soon a couple who had prayed every problem through—big, little, and all—prayed clear through! Mother got up from her bed and, waving the tear-dampened handkerchief, shouted the praises of God. "I'm going home! I'm going home!"

Then her organizational faculties began to work. "Edward, take this dress the district W.F.M.S. gave me to the cleaners." Father, dazed, brokenhearted, could hardly obey. A few days later when the dress was returned, Mother exclaimed, "My going-away dress, Edward; come look. Why, they told me when I married you that holiness preachers would die ragged and poor. But, poor though we are, I'm going away in the

loveliest dress I have ever owned."

Then the matter of a burial lot. Unwillingly, like co-operating with the inevitable, Father made arrangements for the funeral, the grave. When these arrangements were explained, she praised God anew. "Who said the Lord would not care for His own? Praise His name, I'm going home!"

She began a life story, and finished the last chapter on the last day of her life. On this day she also wrote her district W.F.M.S. women and told them that, although Old Death was sitting there making faces at her, as she walked through the valley of shadow and death, surely Goodness and Mercy were present too.

At evening, when lights were low, bathed and refreshed by a kindly nurse, Mother called Dad from the front room. "Just stand there a moment; I want to look at you." In that moment she began to die, and these sweethearts ended life together as they began, arms tightly thrown around each other.

But you won't mind if I give my imagination free rein. When the Lord saw it was time for Mother to come home, He sent an interior decorator from heaven, who calcimined the room with the presence of God. Another artist came, and dropped two stars in Mother's eyes, and gave her face a shine of glory. Music soon filled the room, though earthly ears would never hear, and thrilled the heart of all who were there—the music of heavenly spheres.

I may go in a blinding crash, or sickening thud on the ground. I may slip quietly away, or struggle for years with a cancer. Whether it is thirty days or thirty years, or thirty minutes or less, the fun and freedom, life and love of some happy days in a Nazarene parsonage have pointed the way to Home!

*Nazarene Evangelist