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Lengthen That Altar!

General Superintendent Young

SOME MONTHS ago one of my colleagues, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, was lecturing a group of ministers in the Northwest concerning the slump in response to the evangelistic appeal in the Sunday night service. As a practical plan, he suggested to the ministers that they might try shortening their formal discourse or message and lengthening their altar call, and make their appeal an impassioned one. When I presided at a district assembly in that area soon after, I heard several pastors testify that they had followed this advice and that it worked. The point was well taken.

Now I am wondering if there is not a definite need in our Zion today of lengthening the altar itself; that is, of extending the altar call to areas of our spiritual defeat that are too frequently ignored. How easy it is for us all "to shout loud on safe subjects," and even be guilty of "playing to the galleries" by accepting the well-accepted shibboleths that are not too dangerous because they do not touch the sins of many in our congregations! It is relatively easy to be

down on the sins our people are not up on. Possibly even in an effort to preach principles rather than things, we may omit a well-chosen illustration or two, lest we be guilty of being "personal" in our preaching.

Why not extend the altar call to include the whole scriptural range and revelation of heart need? Include covetousness as well as worldliness; envy and jealousy as well as drunkenness and gambling. Likewise in our effort to uphold the divine standard of holiness may we be ever on our guard through prayer and a careful study of God's Word lest we give the impression that holiness in practice is a form of smugness. Let us openly acknowledge by word and attitude that our cleansing springs from the atoning death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our gospel is more than a reaction to sin; it is a deliverance. The altar speaks not only of spiritual need and confession; it speaks also of divine intercession and deliverance.

Jesus Christ is our true Altar (Hebrews 13:10). His atoning death is more than adequate for all our sin.

September 3, 1951

TELEGRAMS

Dillwyn, Virginia—Tenth annual assembly, Virginia District, just closed (Aug. 15). Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presided with grace and efficiency. Rev. V. W. Littrell re-elected district superintendent by overwhelming vote. Substantial gains shown in all departments; general over-all budget overpaid more than 50 per cent. Paid \$47,000 more than last year for all purposes. Great home missionary rally with \$5,000 pledged to establish new churches. District united and happy.—M. RICHARD JONES, Reporter.

Valparaiso, Indiana—Northwest Indiana District Assembly, conventions, and camp meeting have concluded with record of advances in all departments numerically, financially, and spiritually. District officers re-elected with splendid votes as follows: Rev. George J. Franklin, superintendent; Mrs. George J. Franklin, W.F.M.S. president; Rev. Kenneth Coil, N.Y.P.S. president; Rev. K. V. Bateman, secretary; Rev. U. D. Dibble, treasurer. Challenging missionary addresses were given by Dr. Orpha Speicher from India, Dr. H. C. Powers, and Dr. Russell V. DeLong; devotionals by Miss Mary Scott, secretary of general W.F.M.S., and Mrs. R. V. DeLong, council member. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presided over the assembly with grace and dispatch which were appreciated by all. Six pastors were ordained in an impressive service. Rev. J. E. Williams, evangelist, did wonderful preaching which resulted in many seekers at the altar.—K. V. BATEMAN, Secretary.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Gertie Hamric, wife of Evangelist Lee L. Hamric, died August 15. Prayer is requested for Brother Hamric and the family at 706 Sycamore Street, Abilene, Texas.

Evangelist Roy A. Bettcher has left the field to accept the pastorate of the First Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Daggett have resigned as pastors of the church at Kewanee, Illinois, to enter the evangelistic field.

After seven years as pastor in Oskaloosa, Iowa, Rev. Harvey C. Miller has accepted a call to pastor Central Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. Charles M. Harrison has resigned as pastor of Garden City
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DEAR SIR:

In a recent revival one of the many seekers was a man of possibly sixty-five years, who, after getting victory at the altar, testified that someone had been sending him the HERALD OF HOLINESS for two years, and as he had read it he became hungry for the blessing. Seeing an announcement of our revival, he attended for the first time and was saved. Truly in giving the HERALD OF HOLINESS we are giving the gospel.

Sincerely,
I. F. Y.
Huntington, Indiana

DEAR SIR:

I am enclosing \$1.25, for which please send me the HERALD OF HOLINESS. I belong to another denomination, but I found what my heart was hungry for in your paper that a neighbor gave me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. A. D. S.
Boswell, Indiana

DEAR BROTHER:

From time to time I read your report—"Over the top."

My church, the Williams Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, now only eight months of age, had a quota of 52 HERALD subscriptions to get. We actually secured 92.

We went "over the top." In fact, we went over the top in everything. Organized November 5, 1950, averaged 175 in Sunday school in June, and 181 in July, 1951.

Your friend,
FRANK MCCONNELL, Pastor

THAINE F. SANFORD,
Sales Promotion Manager

One of the dangers in temptation is that the enemy will endeavor to make our case look hopeless to us. He will contend that to fight on is useless. He will whisper that others would not endure either if their trials were as severe as ours. But Satan lies. God says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man" (I Cor. 10:13). Therefore, Christian, fight manfully on! Swing your shoulders to the oars! Others before you have sailed these rugged seas. Harbor lights gleam in the distance! God will see us through.—WARD B. CHANDLER.

GUEST EDITORIAL:

By Ralph Earle*

Sin Is Selfishness



IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL, clear night. About ten o'clock three of us left the air lines office in Athens and climbed to the top of Mars' Hill. There we sat for an hour or two, each of us by himself, meditating in the moonlight. It was a heavenly experience.

As I sat thus alone I heard in the soft whispers of the night echoes of Paul's preaching on this spot exactly nineteen hun-

dred years ago. For it was in A.D. 50 that Paul stood on Mars' Hill, speaking to the Athenian philosophers, and now it was A.D. 1950.

Looking down below I saw spread out before me the great city of Athens, with its teeming two millions of people. I thought of all the sin that was going on right then, in contrast to the holy atmosphere of the mountaintop where we sat in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, and I said: "It is all caused by selfishness." That night, as never before, I realized that sin is selfishness.

This morning I sat in the lovely library of our home in Kansas City. The twelfth chapter of Romans was the scheduled devotional reading. As I knelt to pray, again I felt the impact of the truth: sin is selfishness.

In three ways sin manifests itself as selfishness. The most obvious, perhaps, is *self-assertiveness*.

There is nothing much more offensive than a self-assertive individual. He is a public and private nuisance. No one enjoys hearing a person blow his own horn all the time. The boastful talker is always an unwanted guest.

So is the one who is stubborn and wants his own way. Many capable men have made themselves unacceptable because they are too self-important. Here is Paul's exhortation: "I would say to every one of you not to estimate himself above his real value, but to make a sober rating of himself" (Rom. 12:3, Williams' translation). When one does that conscientiously and intelligently, he doesn't find his thoughts going into any inflationary spiral; rather, they are apt to take a tail spin.

The world says: "Assert yourself." Jesus said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." Since Jesus himself took the path of self-denial, we cannot follow Him unless we walk the same way. The self-assertive, self-aggressive

person is not a true disciple of Christ, even though he may call himself a Christian.

But sin also appears in the form of *self-centeredness*. This, while not so obvious, is just as real and just as selfish.

There was a time, in the ignorant folly of youth, when I thought that a quiet person was *ipso facto* more Christlike than a loud, boisterous type of personality. But a few years of pastoral work soon disabused my mind of that misconception. I found that I often had more real trouble with the introverts than with the extroverts. At least you usually knew what the extrovert was thinking, for he did all his thinking aloud! But what went on in the mind of the introvert only God—or Satan—knew.

I remember one young lady who would hide over in a corner or slip out quickly after service and then complain that no one would shake hands with her. There is nothing more pitiful than selfishity, and most introverts have an overdose of that commodity. How often have I felt like saying: "Forget yourself!"

No, I think self-centeredness is the most selfish of all sins. It is a sin against God, against others, and ultimately against one's own soul. The consecrated Christian is Christ-centered. That way lies peace and happiness.

A third way that sin manifests itself is in the form of *self-dependence*. There is a self-reliance which is altogether necessary and wholesome. But an attitude of absolute self-dependence is both unreasonable and wrong.

The neo-orthodox school has made a real contribution in our generation by emphasizing the fact that the essence of sin is a spirit of independence toward God. They have done well to remind us that the very heart of real religion is an attitude of utter dependence upon God. No one who reads Paul's epistles can fail to see the centrality of this truth.

The vast masses of people today are not wicked criminals according to the world's standards. But they are guilty of what is basically the worst of all sins—ignoring God. Not many people are intellectually atheistic. But most of your neighbors and mine are practical atheists. Some of them never pay any attention to God, religion, or the church. Many more pass the six days between Sundays without thinking of God even once. No private devotions, no Bible reading, no family altar, no grace at meals, no God at all. To all practical purposes they are saying: "There is no God."

Is there a cure for the sin of selfishness? Thank God, there is. The blood of Christ can cleanse our hearts from sin and self.

The fact that the essence of sin is selfishness makes necessary "the double cure." It is not enough to have our sins forgiven, the stain of sin washed away, and a new nature imparted. There is still left within the converted Chris-

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The Director of Christian Education

By A. F. Harper*



Would your church have a better Sunday school if you had a well-trained leader? Would you accomplish more for God among young people if you had a devoted Christian who could

spend more time with them? Would your Sunday-school teachers do more and better work if they had someone who could show them how? Could you solve your perplexing Sunday-school problems more easily if you had the guidance of someone who had met and solved similar problems before? If your answer is Yes, then you should give consideration to a director of Christian education.

A Church of the Nazarene with a membership of one hundred and fifty should have a Sunday-school enrollment of three hundred, but many of them do not. The smaller church often runs a Sunday school twice the size of its membership, but as the church grows larger the Sunday school tends to shrink to the size of the church membership and then to fall below it. One basic reason for this diminishing effectiveness in the Sunday-school program is that in the small church the pastor can give adequate time to his Sunday school while in the larger church, with increasing pastoral duties, he cannot do so.

If the pastor of a church of one hundred and fifty members prepares his public messages and cares for the pastoral work in the community, he has a full-time ministry. If such a pastor gives adequate attention to his Sunday school, he must neglect his preaching and pastoral work. On the other hand, if the pastor does not give effective leadership and time, the Sunday-school and youth work do not show the spiritual results which they should. One answer to this dilemma is the employed assistant in Christian education.

The director of Christian education can give time to helping inexperienced young people plan and prepare N.Y. P.S. services and activities which will promote Christian growth. He can help Sunday-school workers organize departments and classes so as to secure maximum effectiveness from available facilities and teachers. He can take the initiative in improving the quality of present teachers and in preparing new teachers to fill vacancies or to build new classes.

The director of Christian education is also concerned with reaching more people for the Sunday school as well as with doing better work with those whom we have. He may therefore be expected to direct Sunday-school visitation: training workers to survey the community, showing class members how to interest new people, encouraging teachers to call on prospects, absentees, and regular attendants. The director of Christian education may well be the key person to give guidance in establishing a branch Sunday school to extend the work of God in your community.

Some of our larger churches now employ such full-time assistants, and others are looking for them. Many medium-sized churches could secure valuable help in this field by planning for assistants with multiple responsibilities. Some churches which do not feel that they have need for full-time assistants in either the field of church music or Christian education are seeking persons qualified to serve both as director of Christian education and director of music. In some cases pastors are looking for young women who can give part-time service as an assistant in Christian education and also care for the secretarial work in the church office. If necessary, consideration might well be given to arrangements for the young man director to give part time as caretaker of the property and thus supplement a salary sufficiently to make possible full-time employment by the church. Or the church might arrange part-time employment elsewhere in the community and use only a part of the director's time.

Many of our pastors and churches are feeling the need for assistance in this field. God is laying His hand upon the lives of young people and calling them into this type of ministry in the church. Our colleges and the Seminary are seeking to give these young people the training which they need for this service. Some way must be found to harness these workers to the tasks.

Skillful and aggressive Sunday-school leadership has often doubled Sunday-school attendance within several years. A spiritual educational leadership has brought a new day to many an average church. More time, greater knowledge, and better educational leadership from a spiritual man or woman will inevitably mean more progress in the work of God. Has your church seriously considered an associate of this kind for your pastor? Write to the president of the college of your educational zone, to the president of the Seminary, or to the Department of Church Schools if you would like to get in touch with persons interested in such positions.

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Christian Education And the Graded Principle

By Roy E. Swim*



Christian experience and Christian learning are not synonymous. Yet they are closely related. Paul puts it succinctly when he says:

Who so ever shall call upon the

name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
—Romans 10:13-14.

The very essence of good learning is effective, responsive hearing. And the fruit of any Christian education worthy of the name is personal response to God and acceptance of Christ as Saviour.

This means two things. First, the teller and the hearer must really communicate with each other. Second, the hearer's response must be his own, fitting to his temperament, his personality, and his stage of maturity.

If the teller, or teacher, and the hearer, or pupil, really communicate there is a sharing of understanding. That means that the language of communication, whether in words, deeds, or example, must be within the scope of the learner's comprehension. Furthermore, there must be a common ground of experience between teacher and pupil. The teacher who teaches so that a pupil learns, stays within the range of the pupil's understanding and experience.

All of this adds up to the principle of grading in Christian education. If teachers are to teach in any truly effective way and if pupils are to learn so that their learning ensues in any vital, life-changing results, teaching must be geared to learning by intelligent grading of the teaching-learning program. One teaches children as children, not as pint-size adults.

Paul recognized this principle of grading when he sought to describe the process of growth toward Christian maturity.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child: when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.—I Corinthians 13:11 (R. S.V.).

For nearly thirty years the leaders in Christian education of the Church of the Nazarene have recognized the validity of the graded principle in Sunday-school lesson materials for children's classes. In 1922 the Department of Church Schools launched the first of our graded courses for the Primary age group. Since that time, an increasingly large portion of time and thought has gone into the improvement and expansion of graded course materials. Courses for the Beginner (ages four and five), Primary (ages six, seven, and eight), and Junior (ages nine, ten, and eleven) have been provided for a number of years. These have been planned, written, and edited by our own staff, tailor-made for Nazarene Sunday schools. In addition, a course for the Nursery

class has been selected from another publisher. Finally, a course is now being planned for Intermediates (junior high, from twelve to fourteen). This will be launched following the next General Assembly, with the autumn quarter.

There is one major obstacle to the use of graded lesson materials. This obstacle is not in the nature of the children in the classes. Children are graded—God made them so. Nor is it in limited space, equipment, or number of pupils; for small schools all over the country, with limited space and equipment, are successfully using graded materials. The major obstacle is time-honored custom. Habit, plus unfamiliarity with a new method and approach in Bible teaching, adds up to resistance on the part of some teachers. But would it not be fair for even the most conservative teacher to give the new method one year's good trial? Then if the graded principle proves inapplicable in that particular case, the old ways are still in reserve. Let's give the graded principle a chance to prove its worth.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy (Psalms 132:16).

Every minister of God filled and anointed with the Holy Ghost cannot help but cause his hearers to be gloriously blessed.—EARLE F. WILDE.



**Christian Education and Christian Teaching
Materials Go Hand in Hand**

**Use ALL of the Teaching Materials
Provided by Your
Department of Church Schools
and
Nazarene Publishing House**

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Literature Improvement

By Erwin G. Benson*



Christian education and Christian teaching materials go hand in hand. This is true in the church school classroom as well as in the college classroom. Secular literature in

It has long been recognized that the total influence of the use of Nazarene literature in the Church of the Nazarene far outweighs any temporary and dubious advantage of using literature from other sources.

Another important factor in providing Christian teaching materials for the church schools of the Church of the Nazarene is the ability of the Department of Church Schools to sense needs and meet them. This it has consistently done. Two decades ago it sensed the need for graded Bible lessons. That need was met with the provision of Nazarene Graded Bible Lessons for children under twelve, which are now used by about 70 per cent of our pupils. The need for a promotional magazine was felt, which was met with the presentation of the *Church School Builder*. The need for adequate courses for Vacation Bible Schools resulted in material second to none. A program of Christian Service Training was launched more than two decades ago, and new texts by Nazarene writers have been consistently offered. The need for weekday activity for boys and girls has resulted in splendid material for this purpose.

Needs for literature have been felt in three new areas, and the supply is now in the process of production.

church schools would defeat the very purposes of Christian education.

Fortunately, the Church of the Nazarene has long sensed this need and provided its own literature for church schools early in its history. Editors and writers were chosen who could provide lesson material in harmony with the evangelical position of the church.

Our publishing house began, in a very modest way, to supply the demand, and has gradually added to the list of periodicals until today there are 36, with a total of 1,193,042 subscriptions.

A vital part of the plan of the Department of Church Schools and the Nazarene Publishing House is to improve the literature. Every effort is made to do this with existing periodicals and to add new ones as needed.

In a very real sense this material forms the very beginnings of Christian education for those who attend the church schools of the Church of the Nazarene.

Now, there are a number of important factors involved in providing Christian teaching materials.

It is vitally important that the group for whom the material is intended use that material. Otherwise it would be impossible to produce it. The present record of periodicals is made possible only because the Church of the Nazarene has loyally used the literature produced by its own people. This has made possible the improvements that have been made. Leaders of the church have long realized the impact of a unified effort to provide literature "True to the Bible and True to the Church." Field Secretary, Department of Church Schools

The first of these is a completely graded course for the younger teenagers in Sunday school. This course is well under way and is expected to be introduced at the General Church Schools Convention next June. The second of these needs is a children's songbook. The compilation of such a book is well under way and will be ready late next spring. The third need is for closer co-operation between the home and the church. This is being met by a series of manuals which will provide guidance for Christian education in the home.

PACE-SETTERS

In every place where people work together we find pace-setters. They set the pace of labor, and others either keep up or fall behind.

Churches have their pace-setters. Certain lay members set the pace in labors and giving, and others follow. If the pace-setters are energetic and generous, the rest of the flock is apt to be likewise. New converts especially are easily led in pace.

The pastor is not the pace-setter. What he does is only attributed to the fact that he is the pastor. Only a layman can be a pace-setter for the other laymen. When a layman gives of himself and his means, the others are given a firsthand example and good results always follow.

Who are the pace-setters in your church? Are you one of them? Are you setting a fast enough pace?

—CHARLEY B. MCCAULL,
Bethany, Oklahoma



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**HAVE YOU
BEEN MISSING
SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

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to get started
**BACK TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL**
during
this September
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Church of the Nazarene

Planning for the Future

By S. T. Ludwig*



The educational institutions of the church have been responsive to the needs of the denomination. They have trained hundreds of ministers and

missionaries to meet the needs of our rapidly growing church. As more and more young people have matriculated in our institutions, the college leaders have broadened the curricula to give our lay people basic foundation in a variety of vocations.

Now, again, presidents and college deans are looking ahead. A comparatively new and important field is opening for lay workers, a field that promises to give full-time service to laymen in the years ahead.

The interest of the church in Sunday schools and the effective promotion of them by the Department of Church Schools have helped to create a demand for trained personnel to carry on this important work of the church. Obviously, if we are increasing steadily the year-around attendance in our Sunday schools, if we are doubling the number of Vacation Bible Schools, if we are increasing the number of weekday activities for Sunday-school scholars, then we must plan to do something constructive with the children, youth, and adults who attend these ministries of the church.

Growing out of a desire to do effective teaching and more adequately to indoctrinate our people with Bible truth, pastors and church boards are beginning to look for leaders who have been trained in the specialized work of the church school and its departments. Such persons will serve as directors of religious education or ministers of Christian education (as sometimes called). Thus both laymen and laywomen, qualified for this area of the church's work, may find a field of service that challenges their very best.

*Executive Secretary, Department of Education

In the smaller church, it sometimes is practical to combine in one person leadership in the music work of the church and assistance in promoting the work of Christian education in the local church. In either case, the next twenty-five years promises greater opportunities for full-time lay workers within the scope of the church itself.

Foreseeing this trend, college administrators are quick to help meet the need. Already religious education courses are being offered in all of our colleges and the Seminary. Some have inaugurated a wide enough range of subjects to offer a "minor" in religious education. No doubt this is a step toward a "major" in the field

We Are Workers Together

By Elizabeth B. Jones

"I don't know what is wrong with Johnny lately; he's such a problem," sighs his tired mother as she unburdens her heart to Miss Hanson, his Sunday-school teacher.

Working eight hours a day besides caring for a home and children is almost too much for this mother's strength, and her problems seem greater than she can solve.

Miss Hanson listens sympathetically, for she is deeply interested in everything that concerns Johnny. She knows that his home life is the key to his behavior on Sunday morning. That is why she takes time to call regularly in Johnny's home and in the homes of her other pupils. Her time and strength are limited too, but she regards home visitation as most important to her success as a teacher.

Miss Hanson is keenly aware of the problems of the home today as she visits from time to time. In her class of ten boys, three of them come from homes broken by divorce; three of the mothers are obliged to work away from the home; and perhaps only two of the homes could be called genuinely Christian.

Who knows better than Miss Hanson the tremendous pressure against the

leading to a degree in religious education.

With a desire to implement this program, Dr. A. F. Harper, executive secretary for the Department of Church Schools, called a conference last December of religious education teachers from our colleges. General guidance was given and mutual problems were discussed. Out of this conference came the heartening news that our college men were willing to work together on the problem and plan for an effective training program that would assure the church trained and impassioned leadership as we seek to save, train, and build men and women into the work of God's kingdom.

Again we say to thousands of our Nazarene young people—ATTEND OUR OWN NAZARENE COLLEGES if you want to invest your life where it will count the most for God and holiness.

Christian home today as she sees families upset by divorce and economic pressure; as she sees truly good homes weakened by a constant flow of godless entertainment through the radio, television, and reading material? Who discerns more readily than she the tide of secularism crowding out the spiritual values of the home? No wonder she goes from home to home with a prayer burning in her heart that parents may realize more deeply the great need for Christian education in the home as well as in the church. No wonder she constantly asks the Holy Spirit to guide her in inspiring parents to be more concerned over spiritual values in the home.

Miss Hanson spends more time on her knees and more time in study than in other years. Besides knowing God and the Bible, she must know the child and be able to sense his needs. She must be loving, sympathetic, and helpful in all her associations with the child. She must be ready to make helpful suggestions to worried mothers, and be able to put into parents' hands books and reading material that will help them. She must encourage each family to worship to-

gether. She takes time to pray with them over problems and illness.

Miss Hanson is ready to outline the lesson material of the Sunday school to the parents. She explains something of the aims for the next few weeks and of her plans for developing them. She makes suggestions for things to do in the home that will strengthen and enrich her teaching. She suggests songs and stories to use in the home. She outlines additional memory work and ways of learning it in the home.

She invites the parents to special events at the church, and urges them especially to attend the parent-education classes held each year. With other workers, she helps plan Christian Family Week, where the parents come together at least once for a discussion of their mutual problems and for inspiration. There are discussions of the importance of Christian education in the home; good books are reviewed and offered for the parents' reading; there is a warm time of fellowship between parents and teachers.

While Miss Hanson has a gigantic task, she is not working alone; and

in many ways her problems are less than they were in other years. Parents have become alerted to the great need of Christian education in the home. They realize the short hour spent in Sunday school once a week is not enough to teach their children the great truths of the Christian faith. What can we do to strengthen and enlarge that teaching in the home? parents are asking. How can we teach our children more about the Bible? How can we make our home truly a workshop for carrying out the teachings of Christ? How can we help the church and Sunday

school bring our children to a saving knowledge of Christ?

Thus parents welcome these visits in the home; they eagerly grasp any helps and reading material; they respond readily to parent-education classes. They realize it takes time, determination, and full devotion to God to have a Christian home in these days; but many are willing and ready to pay the price.

As parents and teachers, all of us realize that we are living in strange and confusing days. What the future holds for us and for our children we cannot know. We are living in a time of unprecedented perplexity, danger, and distress. The very pressure of daily living is a threat to eternal values.

But the picture is not all dark. This great desire on the part of parents and teachers to work together as never before is our hope in these days. It is a beacon light in the darkness. It is our God-given opportunity in the days of *whitened harvest*. Let's not fail to make the most of it, as parent and teacher, in the great work of Christian education.

ARE YOU USING THIS?

There are suggestions for the opening devotional service of the young people's and adult departments in the *Bible School Journal*. Let these suggestions help you plan a better devotional service.

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Moses and the Exodus

By A. Milton Smith*

Moses was born in Egypt during a time when the Hebrew population was being limited by the slaughter of the male children. His mother hid him for three months. Not being able to conceal him longer, she put him into an ark of bulrushes, placing him in the edge of the river where Pharaoh's daughter would find him. The plan worked; and Miriam, his sister, who was on guard to see what happened, was sent at her own suggestion to get a Hebrew nurse to take care of the child for Pharaoh's daughter.

Moses grew up as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. But when he was grown he went among his own people, and slew an Egyptian whom he saw smiting a Hebrew. This led to his fleeing the land, and going to Midian. There he married the priest's daughter, and was a shepherd for forty years. While tending the sheep, he saw a burning bush out of which God spoke to him, calling him to lead Israel out of Egypt.

When Moses went back to Egypt he met Aaron, his brother, and they gathered the elders of Israel and told of God's dealings with him. Moses and Aaron sought permission from Pharaoh for the Hebrews to go into the wilderness to worship. Pharaoh's unwillingness brought on the plagues

of Egypt. Finally, with the death angel claiming the first-born of every home in Egypt, Israel was allowed to go.

Soon Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army to bring Israel back. The Red Sea was before them and they were being pressed by the pursuing foe behind them. The sea opened miraculously and they went across dry shod, but the Egyptians who followed them were drowned.

Israel wandered in the wilderness forty years. Moses saw the Promised Land, but he never reached it. He died, and God buried him on Mount Nebo.

Aaron and Miriam were associated with Moses. Miriam was called the "prophetess" and Aaron was Moses' spokesman. Pharaoh and Jethro are also remembered with Moses. Jethro was Moses' father-in-law, who gave wise counsel and guidance during the wilderness experience.

There were at least four events connected with Moses that we usually remember. They were: (1) the plagues of Egypt, (2) the crossing of the Red Sea, (3) the wanderings in the wilderness, and (4) giving of the law at Mt. Sinai.

LESSONS TO BE REMEMBERED

1. God does not forget His people. He saw their afflictions and heard their cries. Moses was sent to deliver them from their burdens and bondage. They may have thought that God had forgotten, but He had not. God is faithful to His own. We should trust and wait, for He will send relief in time.

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2. One is never cheated when he follows the Lord. Moses chose to suffer afflictions with God's people rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; yet it turned out that Moses was the winner. He was willing to suffer loss, but God more than made up the loss to him. He became the leader of a nation, his life and works have been known through the centuries, and he has enjoyed the recompense of the reward of heavenly splendor these centuries.

EPHESIANS (Art. XVII)

By H. Orton Wiley

A Prayer of Intercession

WE POINTED OUT in a previous article that the prayers of St. Paul in this epistle are like a *Scala Santa*, in which the apostle not only prays but leaves us a record of his prayers at each level of spiritual attainment. In the "Prayer for Spiritual Progress" (1:15-23), the apostle was brought to a view of Christ as an Intercessory Presence at the right hand of God. With this enlarged view of Christ as Mediator, there comes the possibility of entering into sufferings with Christ for the salvation of others. All through these two prayers there are new visions of Christ, and consequently "new departures" in the life of grace. We may add that the first prayer appears to have been offered at the altar of incense, the second before the blood-sprinkled mercy seat in the holy of holies.

The First Step: *Intercessory prayer is crushed out of us by heavy responsibilities.* "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (3:14). The preceding verses reveal something of the heavy burden under which the great apostle labored to "preach to the Gentiles," and "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery." The weight of responsibility placed upon him brought the apostle to his knees in intercessory prayer, and it is a like burden for the salvation of the lost that brings us to our knees. Intercessory prayer is crushed out of us.

The Second Step: *The fading of the boundary lines.* "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (3:15). Here there is a fading of the boundary lines between our present state and the spiritual realm which lies out before and above us. The real communion of saints lies in this, that both those on earth and in heaven form one spiritual family. "Part of the host have crossed the flood and part are crossing now." We never pray an intercessory prayer until we reach out beyond the things that are seen and lay hold of the spiritual forces in the realms above us. We must come to the throne of grace in the celestial temple—we must let loose of all

earthly trusts and rely fully upon the spiritual power supplied by the Holy Spirit if we are to become true intercessors.

The Third Step: *The strengthening of the Spirit.* "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (3:16). With this deeper insight into spiritual things comes a fresh incursion of divine power. St. Paul prays that God will give us—it is a divine gift, not a human acquisition—of His might and power, on a scale and in a manner which accord with the wealth of His glory; and this through the Holy Spirit, the Gift of God to the Church at Pentecost.

The Fourth Step: *The consciousness of the indwelling Christ.* "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (3:17-19a). Here St. Paul prays that Christ may take up His lasting habitation in the hearts of His people by faith, coming in a sense so great and deep as to constitute a continuous consciousness of His presence. In the earlier stages of Christian experience, we must learn to walk by faith in the absence of all feeling; here faith has so triumphed that Christ continually abides in consciousness, not as a guest, but as the Master resident in His own habitation.

The Fifth Step: *All the fulness of God.* "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (3:19b). Here is a knowledge marvelously developed, and yet a love which gloriously transcends it—forever inviting and alluring us on in what we call knowledge, for it is infinite. Whatever is grace in the Giver can become grace in

Praise the Lord!

By Frances B. Erickson

*When you are overwhelmed with care,
And Satan tempts you to despair,
Look up! God still will answer prayer,
So praise the Lord!*

*If you are suffering crucial test,
Forsaken by those loved the best,
Flee to Him who giveth rest,
And praise the Lord!*

*If you are feeling down and out—
So helpless you are prone to doubt—
Plead God's promises and shout,
"Oh, praise the Lord!"*

*If every sorrow, trial, pain
Shall not have been endured in vain,
And you would turn each loss to gain,
Trust, and praise the Lord!*

the receiver. Here love is likened to a pyramid—the height depending upon the base laid in the breadth of our love for others, the length of our love in patience and forbearance, the depth of our love in suffering—all contributing to the height of divine love possible to man. The entire prayer culminates in a gracious ascription of praise: “Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen” (3:21).

The Church of Jesus Christ

By Peter Wiseman*

My church (Matt. 16:18). Jesus never said, “My money,” “My property,” “My army,” “My denomination”; but He did talk about His Church, “My church,” “My sheep.”

The Church of Jesus Christ is His mystic body, of which He is the Head; although mystic, it is a living body (I Cor. 12:13-27; Eph. 1 and 2).

The expression of the text suggests the daring of Jesus. A young Man, without wealth, army, prestige, yet He dared to say, “I will build my church”; and He did.

There is the construction of the Church, “I will build.” The material which He would use is humanity; the method would be moral attraction—He would draw them into His building.

There is the character of the Church: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” The Church of Jesus Christ is thus built upon the deity of Jesus Christ.

There is the conductibility of the Church, “I will give unto thee the keys.” Conductibility means the ability to transmit the gospel of Jesus. Key signifies secret, to lock and unlock. There is in this connection, and by way of illustration, the key of prayer: “Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 18:18, 19).

The conquest of the Church is revealed here. “The gates of hell shall not prevail.” His Church is His own divinely originated saving and sanctifying institution in the world, and it cannot fail. “The gates of hell shall not prevail.”

*'Mid toil and tribulation.
And tumult of her war.
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest.
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.*

THE CHURCH'S

Responsibility and Opportunity

By J. M. Butchart*

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain (James 5:7).

JESUS said, “My Father is the husbandman.”
J The precious fruit is the saved souls of men.

Practically all Protestants believe that the return of our Lord to earth is very near. All signs point to this fact, including the fig tree sign. Jesus showed what would happen to Israel when He cursed the fig tree (Matt. 21:19). Later, He said, “Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: so ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it [His coming] is nigh, even at the door” (Mark 13:28-29).

We all know that the fig tree (Israel) is putting forth its tender leaves in Palestine now; so His coming must be very near.

But there is a great responsibility resting on us, His people. As we are in the closing days of this age and rapidly nearing the time when the days of grace will end, we should be greatly concerned about our unsaved loved ones and the multitudes who are marching on to hell.

Where the latter rain is promised in Joel 2:23, we are told that “the floors shall be full of wheat” (v. 24); and in the passage quoted above, the Husbandman is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth. But why does He wait? Why does He not send the mighty deluge of His blessed Spirit, beside which the great outpouring at Pentecost will be moderate? (See Joel 2:23.)

He waits for His people to obey His command given in Joel 2:15-17: “Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.” Where can we find a church, minister, or people, as earnest and desperate as that? No wonder that our precious Lord has to have long patience and wait!

At Pentecost they were all in one accord, in one place. So we also must be of one accord, especially regarding the promised blessing, and the necessity of obtaining it. But it is impossible for us all to be in one place, because His people are all around the world. Here is our opportunity! Any church, anywhere, which will pray through for the promised blessing will obtain it; for He is faithful that promised! We need not wait one for the other. The church that first

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will definitely prevail for the latter rain will be the first to obtain it, and others will follow. If you find that you have no burden for this, ask God earnestly to put the burden on you.

Some may think that the great revivals under Billy Graham and others indicate that the latter rain already has been given; but let us see what place these have in Joel's prophecy. Joel, first chapter, shows that the dearth of revivals has prevailed for many recent years, so that people everywhere were saying the days of revivals were past. Joel describes this condition and the cause of it (read verses 9, 12, 16, and 17 in chapter one). Note verse 20, "The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness."

In Joel 2:22, just before the promise of the latter rain is given in verse 23, we read, "Be not afraid . . . for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength." That is what we see in the many revivals prevailing now; but God plans greater things yet.

Shall we keep Him waiting, or shall we come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

We have a mighty adversary who will hinder us in many ways if we let him. Some may say that God has promised, so why need we rend our hearts with fasting and weeping and mourning? There is a good answer to that in the Book of Daniel. When Daniel knew that the seventy years were up, which Jeremiah had foretold would be the length of the desolation of Jerusalem, he did not say, "God has promised, and I will trust Him to fulfill His promise"; but, "I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes" (Daniel 9:3).

Read his prayer (Daniel 9:4-19). While he was praying, the archangel Gabriel (v. 21) came to instruct and encourage him and probably to work on Cyrus, the king, to induce him to issue the decree to send the Jews back to rebuild Jerusalem. "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days" (10:13). Daniel held right on in prayer until God had to send another archangel, Michael, and together they defeated the devil and prevailed on Cyrus to issue the decree.

Brethren, I beseech you to come up to the help of the Lord. Let us really wrestle. Pray earnestly for the mighty deluge of the latter rain with the resultant great harvest of souls. The devil would like to bring on a world conflict now and destroy all with the hellish bombs before they have the chance to be saved, the chance which this final outpouring of the Holy Spirit will give. Are we going to let him have his way? God forbid! Take courage from the fact that "the pastures of the wilderness do spring," now; and pray, pray, pray!

SOWING THE SEED

By Ernest Moore, Jr.*

ACTING AS CHAPLAIN of the Bexar County jail here in the city of San Antonio has afforded me the opportunity of praying with many hardened criminals, among them a colored woman called "Straight-Eight Oliver," who has killed three persons, and is scheduled to die in the electric chair in less than one month. She will be the first woman to be electrocuted in the state of Texas.

Recently, however, I was called upon to deal with the spiritual needs of three young people from Houston who were involved in a robbery here in which one man was killed. They were not hardened criminals, but juvenile delinquents associating with the wrong crowd. I talked to each one of them personally, learning of their background, and found these facts to be common to all four: a broken home, no one to love them and care for them, and nonattendance in any religious service.

It has been my experience that in nine cases out of ten in which juveniles are involved in crime these elements will all be found in their background. At this writing, one of the quartet in crime has been led to accept Christ as her personal Saviour, and we are still working with the other three.

I am reminded over and over again of the words of our late general superintendent, Dr. H. V. Miller, who said, quoting the Psalmist, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:6).

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Sin Is Selfishness

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tian the old self, the carnal nature, the being of sin—that self-assertive, self-centered, self-dependent self which is enmity against the will of God, which is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Deliverance from sin means deliverance from self. As long as there is self, there will be selfishness. Christ came to save us from sin. Thank God for the cleansing Blood; for the purging fires, not of purgatory, but of Pentecost.

In a day when selfishness is again dragging our world into war, when our boys are suffering to save our freedom, we cannot afford to be selfish. Let us "make a decisive dedication" of our bodies as a living sacrifice to God and for the service of others.

Adult Religious Education

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE believes in religious education which is genuinely Christian. As a rule, we think of it especially in connection with children; and that is as it should be. Religious education is very important for the child. However, it has its place in the life of the adult, also, and it is this that I wish to emphasize now.

The Sunday school and all of the other instrumentalities of religious education which are open to the adult are particularly needed by the adult who comes to Christ without having had much in the way of religious training. His background has been such as to keep him out of touch with the church and religion. Such an individual will have a very difficult time keeping saved if he is not promptly helped by the teaching agencies of the church. Further, this person cannot be expected to go on and get sanctified unless he is taught what this experience means and his dire need of it. He will get this some, of course, in the regular preaching and devotional services of the church, but this will not be sufficient. What he obtains through these means will have to be supplemented by the work of the religious education agencies of the church.

Another group of adults who need religious education in a special way are those who get saved beyond their teens or in their late teens and who for some reason or other paid little attention to the religious education which they received as children. Perhaps they were raised in Christian homes and attended church and Sunday school as they grew up, but when they were saved they found themselves quite ignorant of the truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. No doubt, some of our religious education enthusiasts would say that this should not be; and I agree with them. Nevertheless, it does happen. Some people just seem not to wake up to religious teaching early enough in life to get much out of it as children. These are the exception, no doubt, but still adult education is needed for them. They will not make it in the Christian life unless they are ministered to by the religious education agencies of the church.

There is a third group of adults which must have religious education. They are those who were saved at an early age and grew up in the church. They should continue to grow in grace, and they cannot grow in grace without making progress in their understanding of the truth. There must be increase in the light of God if there is to be increase in the life which is hid with Christ. Adult education from the standpoint of secular truth is being emphasized today as never before. People are being told that they can and should learn down to the very last day of their lives. This, they say, is one of the best ways to keep growing mentally and retain one's youth. If this is true with reference to ordinary

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truth, it surely ought to be true in regard to the understanding of the truth of God. None of us will ever get too old to learn and develop in the things of the kingdom of God!

Pentecost

The Inauguration of a New Dispensation

AT PENTECOST the dispensation of the Holy Spirit was inaugurated. The dispensation of the Father had come and gone. It began with creation and ended with the birth of Christ, or with the beginning of His public ministry. This dispensation covered a vast period of time and was of a preparatory character. Naturally, it took many years, or even centuries, because it was laying the foundation for the two other dispensations—the dispensation of the Son and the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. God could have taken care of the necessary preliminaries at once, but He had to work through fallen man in the realization of His plans and purposes. Man's dullness and sinfulness slowed up the work of God.

When we think of the dispensation of the Father, our minds turn to Mt. Sinai and the law with their severity. In more than one instance, God had to be harsh and send forth His ministrations of judgment in order to make the necessary progress.

During this period, as has been pointed out by others, the chief sin was idolatry. The long history of God's people, as recorded in the Old Testament, is often darkened by the breaking of the first commandment—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." If it was not the golden calf, it was some other idol which was set up as a rival of God.

THE DISPENSATION of the Father was followed by the dispensation of the Son. It is thought of as beginning with the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem or at the time when He entered upon His public ministry. It closed with the ascension of Jesus or, as some hold, with the Day of Pentecost. It seems to me that the latter view is better. The dispensation of the Son in contrast to that of

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the Father was very brief, but it must always be remembered that brevity does not determine value. In the case of the dispensation of the Son, God came down to earth and became incarnate in human flesh. Because of this, what God did during this dispensation was much more direct than it was during the dispensation of the Father. Therefore, everything was speeded up. Humanity did not have quite so much opportunity during this age to hinder and slow up the plans and purposes of God.

Further, the dispensation of the Son was foundational, or preparatory, in a different sense from that of the dispensation of the Father. The former was provisional and potential as well as foundational and preparatory. The dispensation of the Father was the foundation upon which the house, or dispensation of the Son, was built; but the dispensation of the Holy Spirit was not the addition of a second story to the house which had been constructed. It was rather the moving into and living in the house that had been erected. Its business is to realize the potentialities which have been provided for by the dispensation of the Son. If looked at in this light, one can easily see that the length of the dispensation of the Son is in no sense a measure of its significance. One becomes aware of the supreme importance of the dispensation of the Son when he realizes that the dispensation of the Father looked forward to it, and the dispensation of the Spirit looks back to it. The dispensation of the Son is the dynamic center of the whole dispensational scheme.

Just as the ever-recurring sin of the dispensation of the Father was that of idolatry, so the primary sin of the dispensation of the Son was unbelief as to the deity of Jesus Christ. "What think ye of Christ?" was the chief question before the minds of men during the dispensation of the Son. It was not enough to believe that He was some great man come back to earth, a teacher of unusual brilliance, or even a prophet. Salvation could come only to those who believed that He was the Son of God indeed and in truth.

PENTECOST inaugurated the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. The dispensation of the Holy Spirit began with Pentecost, and will end when Jesus returns to earth again to set up His kingdom. This is the climactic dispensation in

that it stands for the realization of what has been provided before. In spite of all the sin in the world, men, through the Pentecostal baptism, can now get closer to God than ever before in the history of the world.

As the Son during His dispensation exalted His Father by communing with Him and often indicating His subservience to the Father's will, so the Holy Spirit makes it His only and constant business to glorify the Son. This close relationship between the work of the Holy Spirit during His dispensation and the Son is brought out in many scripture passages. His coming is prayed for by the Son, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit is sent by the Son—"but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7), and ". . . whom I will send unto you from the Father" (John 15:26). The Father sends Him in the name of the Son, "whom the Father will send in my name" (John 14:26). He is sent to take the place of Jesus—"and he shall give you another Comforter" (John 14:16); "I will not leave you comfortless" (John 14:18); "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

The chief work of the Holy Spirit during His dispensation is to guide Jesus' disciples into all truth. This is implied by one of the titles which Jesus applies to Him three times in His farewell address—the Spirit of truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13). Jesus also said of Him, "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). This Truth is Jesus, for He is the Truth as well as the Way and the Life. For it is of Jesus that He will testify and not of himself, "for he shall not speak of himself" (John 16:13), but "he shall testify of me" (John 15:26). Again, Jesus says of the Holy Spirit: "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26); and also, "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:14-15).

The sin of this dispensation is the rejection of the Holy Spirit—the Pentecostal baptism which sanctifies. There is a sense in which this is the most serious of all sins, for the whole Godhead functions through the Holy Spirit. Someone has declared that the Holy Spirit is Almighty God in action. He has also been called the Executor of the Godhead. This is in harmony with the fact that the Holy Spirit was promised and sent by the Father, and makes it His only business to witness to the Son. In no other dispensation has the Triune God been able to deal so personally and fully with man; and it is the Holy Spirit who, as He indwells us through His Pentecostal baptism, makes this possible.

In the light of this truth, how can any Christian dare to cut himself off from this supreme fellowship with the Godhead through the Holy Spirit? Idolatry and the rejection of the deity of Jesus

Christ were dangerous; but to turn down the Godhead by refusing to permit the Holy Spirit to come into your heart in all of His fullness is not only the sin of this age but also the sin of all ages.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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September Schedule For Missionaries

- Alexander, Mayme
August 28—Sept. 12 Florida
Sept. 17—Oct. 4 E. Michigan
- Chung, Robert
Sept. 14-16 Seymour, Indiana
Sept. 18-23 Individual services
- Darling, Jean
Sept. 3-16 Wash.-Philadelphia
Sept. 17—Oct. 4 E. Michigan
- Flood, Neva
Aug. 27—Sept. 12 Florida
Sept. 16-30 K.C. Dist.
- Freeman, Ruth
Sept. 3-16 Wash.-Philadelphia
Sept. 18—Oct. 3 N.E. Indiana
- Hopper, Ivis
Sept. 5-11 Wash. Pacific
Sept. 17—Oct. 4 E. Michigan
- Hunter, Earl
Sept. 3-16 Wash.-Philadelphia
Sept. 18—Oct. 3 N.E. Indiana
- Johnston, Lester
Aug. 26—Sept. 9 Wash. Pacific
Sept. 16-30 K.C. Dist.
- Mosteller, Earl
Aug. 26—Sept. 12 Florida
Sept. 16-30 K.C. Dist.
- Youngblood, Leona
Sept. 18—Oct. 3 N.E. Indiana*

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Language School Ahead

Rev. and Mrs. Armand Doll, missionaries under appointment to Portuguese East Africa, sailed for Lisbon, Portugal, on August 16. They will be studying the Portuguese language in Lisbon until the time that they sail for Africa, sometime in 1952.

Twentieth Century Africa

My field of service has been mainly in the hospital and the outlying dispensaries; and while many things have been as I expected them, yet I have seen many other things which are much worse than anyone could have expected. I find that the darkness of the people is much worse than I thought it was. In our hospital work we come up against many of the tragedies that mark their lives

It has caused me to see in even greater measure how much they need the freedom-giving power of the Holy Spirit which will release them from the destructive power of Satan. One comes to know more of what Paul spoke about when he spoke of Satanic powers. We see evidence of this every day.

One of the greatest curses of this sin-stricken land is the beer-drink, when they all gather at a kraal and take in this wicked fluid. It seems that just a little of it is enough to start a fight. Coming to my mind right now is a recent case we have had in the hospital. From a place about forty miles away came two bodies, one alive and the other dead. The husband of these two women had a little beer, and without warning he took out a small knife and cut through the neck of one of them from the front. She died in a few seconds because he cut the main blood vessels. The other woman was in another part of the kraal and did not know what had happened. He came to her and cut right through the muscles of the back of the neck as far as the bone, and when she got here it was as though her head was hanging on by a thread. Fortunately, he did not cut the main blood vessels and this saved her life. She has now gone back home feeling strong again after we managed to sew her head back on again, as it were. This is only one case of many that we have every week, and I am becoming used to this type of thing. When I first came, it shocked me, for it seemed so terrible; but it is now an everyday episode.

In spite of that, there is another picture, and it gives one some inspiration to attend our services in the church and in the outstations associated with the main mission station here at Bremersdorp. It is inspiring to see these people gathered together, the young boys and girls, the young men and women, and the older men and women who have all come out of this tragic atmosphere, have been changed through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and look clean and in their right minds

The work of the hospital is very much a part of our evangelistic work. No patient can come into the hospital without knowing that we are a Christian hospital. Come with me every evening at about six-thirty and you will hear singing coming from the wards. You will hear praying; and when a Swazi prays, he believes in letting the whole world know, because they all pray aloud. Just a few nights ago one woman was still praying after the others had stopped, and I could not help but stop and listen. She was praying that Christ would release her and give her a new start in life, that He would make her a new creature. I could not help joining her and praying that God would make it possible if she would give her life over to Him. Just today in the church there came to the altar a young woman who had been touched while she was in the hospital. She has been living a very low life and that of a prostitute; yet I remember her so clearly, how we spoke to her in the hospital and she would refuse to talk about God and Christ. She seemed hard, but there in the hospital I believe we started something in her heart, and today she came to church and was at the altar praying that the Lord would reveal His paths to her, and I believe something happened in her heart. Now we have to try to keep her straight, so please join us in our prayers that this will be so.—SAMUEL W. HYND, Africa.

Good News from Poptun

I am just home from a revival effort in Poptun in which the Lord gave us a total of ten seekers. Four were baptized the last day by immersion. Two couples who have been living together were legally married and then had their ecclesiastical wedding ceremony in our church—thus becoming candidates for baptism and church membership.

The high light event in Poptun was the inauguration and dedication of the newly completed chapel. It is a frame building twenty by forty feet with an aluminum roof. It is beautifully whitewashed inside and out, and has a floor finished with a light coat of cement. To have such a building built there would certainly cost over a thousand dollars. This church, having been organized less than a

year, has raised over two hundred dollars in cash on this project and has received about 160 days of gratis labor. The last service we took an offering of \$50 to cover the only remaining indebtedness.

The mission council had previously helped this church with the framework for a smaller building and had maintained a pastor in Poptun for a number of years because it was a strategic point due to a government agricultural colony located there. This new church is now more than supporting their pastor and is paying a good district budget. The mission helped in this recent remodeling project with about \$150 worth of roofing.

Poptun is in a center of a large population of largely Indian villages. Out from this fine church should go the gospel to all of the surrounding places. As other towns in Peten, it is isolated except for airplane service and some jungle trails connecting it with the surrounding villages during the dry season.

There were thirty-seven participants at the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday morning in June. God mightily owned this new church with His presence during the dedication service. The chapel seats about two hundred, and in several services we had overflow crowds. How different from four years ago, when we had the first services in one end of the

little hut where the pastor lived! Praise God!—EARL D. HUNTER, *Guatemala*.

Progress!

While Brother Egen has been gone on his vacation, I have been getting my initiation in preaching in Creole. Last night I actually preached for a half-hour to my surprise. That is really too long to preach the way I "murder" Creole; but it is encouraging to me to find that I can now speak that long. I am quite dependent upon my notes, but more experience should give me a little freedom. We still hope to start some Bible instruction in October.—PAUL R. ORJALA, *Haiti*.

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Be an Example

SOME YOUNG PEOPLE counter with the defense that they are following the example of older folks. They say, "But Brother so-and-so whispers during prayer," "The folks on the platform work out their program while the song service is going on," and like indictments. Yes, young people, I will defend us in that we have had a poor example, a *very, very poor example*. I must admit that even the preachers and other workers have contributed to our delinquency. But we must remember that some of them have not had the training that we have had. So, let us *set the example*. Let us do what we know is right. Perhaps as we do, it will help others to show the proper reverence in the house of God.

We must not forget that irreverence soon permeates throughout all of life. If we are careless at one point, it affects us at other points, and soon carelessness and irreverence become a part of character and personality. On the other hand, the practice of reverence in worship will develop a like attitude in other areas of life as well, causing a lift in character and a development of personality which is far-reaching. Let us now pledge ourselves and covenant with God that we will be reverent in all areas of life.

News of Youth

Recent new and re-elected district N.Y.P.S. presidents are: Alabama, C. L. Chilton; Arizona, Calvin G. Gipe; Canada West, A. E. Airhart; Colorado, E. L. Cornelison; Los Angeles, W. Shelburne Brown; Maritime, H. M.

Burgess; North Dakota, A. E. Gerdes; Rocky Mountain, Mendal Collins; Oregon Pacific, Lawrence H. Bone; and Pittsburgh, A. Alan Gilmour.

Prayer Tower Requests

August 26—September 1

District N.Y.P.S. Program

Detailed plans have been laid by your district for the coming fall and

winter. Let us pray for these plans and projects, for our district president and council members, that this will be the greatest year known.

September 2-8

Our Educational Institutions

Our eight colleges, seminary, and school of nursing will be opening within a few days for the fall term. Let us pray for these general institutions and for the college on our own zone and for their leaders. Problems will arise out of a decrease in enrollment. Pray that God will make this a year of real spiritual uplift and blessing to every student.

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Home Missions Builds a Church

Rev. Robert Goslaw, pastor of our church at Richmond on the Northern California District, tells how the Richmond church has been able to start another church.

"The Richmond church is enjoying the blessings of God and the romance of home missions. This last year God gave us a most healthy increase. The Sunday school increased in average attendance from 230 to 322 in one year. The membership began with 127, and we received 85 members into the church during the year. We had 350 seekers at the altar, over half of these in the regular Sunday night services. This presented us with a very crowded condition, and so we were led of God to look for a location to start another new church. We located a lot in San Pablo, a suburb of Richmond. The District N.Y.P.S. gave \$1,000 on the lot. District Superintendent George Coulter was a

great inspiration to this work and brought district home-mission money in to build a beautiful new church building. Rev. N. Warren Haines is the excellent pastor and doing a wonderful work in building the church and leading this new congregation. Rev. George Coulter organized this new church at 'the altar of our church,' and they now have 35 members from our church and will be getting more. They had 58 the first Sunday. Last Sunday was their fifth Sunday and they had 82 present in Sunday school. We had 294 here in our church.

"It is heartening to notice that a year ago we had 264 in just one church. Now we have 294 and a second Sunday school of 82! Home missions doesn't hurt productive churches! In fact, this was ordered of God and we cannot lose. We are thrilled with the romance of sponsoring this home-mission church and have committed ourselves to God to

look for another location this year. This is God's way, and we are finding His blessings sufficient."

Notice to Local Church Treasurers

Please do not send money that is intended for the district home mission budget to Mr. John Stockton, general treasurer. We are glad to receive specials for General Home Missions, but to get credit for money on your home mission budget, it must be sent to your district treasurer, and not to Kansas City.

Fall Visitation Evangelism

Children and young people are returning to school all over the country, and families are getting back on their regular schedule after summer vacations. Now is the time to enlist the help of the whole church in the various phases of visitation evangelism. Perhaps a community enrollment should be held to discover children and adults not now attending anywhere. Perhaps door-to-door literature distribution would be of value in bringing your church to the attention of the community. No doubt friendship visitation should be used to bring into the church some who are interested or reachable, but have never started to attend regularly. Soul-winning visitation is always in order.

You will be interested in next week's **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. It will have six pages of fine articles on visitation evangelism. Don't miss General Superintendent Young's message, "Those Who Know Should Speak."

"He That Winneth Souls"

This book of illustrations of personal evangelism, particularly during the present Mid-Century Crusade for Souls, continues to be in demand. If you have not read it, order a copy now from the Nazarene Publishing House (only 50c).

He That Winneth Souls contains many thrilling stories of people won to Christ. It is a splendid supplement to either *First Steps in Visitation Evangelism* or *Soul Winning Through Visitation Evangelism*, which may be used as Christian Service Training texts. *He That Winneth Souls* is not a Christian Service Training text. Some have written in wanting to use it as such, but it is a book of inspiration only and is not a textbook.

Lord, help us to govern our lives, that the verbal testimony we give in behalf of holiness may never be contradicted by any inconsistency in our daily living.—MARY SANDERS.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

(Continued from page 2)

Church, Roanoke, Virginia, to accept a call to the Southside Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Rev. Orval L. Seago has resigned as pastor at Shafter to accept a call to the church in Merced, California.

Rev. Kenneth J. Grandy has resigned as pastor at Spencerville to accept the call to the church in Sidney, Ohio.

Rev. Raymond L. Hayes writes: "We entered active evangelism on July 1. God has blessed and we have a good slate for this fall. We preach, sing, direct the song service, and carry the full program wherever desired. We shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead. We have some open time for the winter, and an open date this fall, October 1 to 14, which we'd like to slate in the Midwest or East. Write us, % General Delivery, Hawthorne, Florida."

Wichita, Kansas—Through the ministry of Rev. J. T. Drye and the Rushing Trio, God came to us in a special way in the meeting at West Side Church. During the two-week meeting, fifty-two seekers were at the altar. The Rushings sing in the Spirit, and their musical talent helped to bring in goodly crowds from night to night. Brother Drye presents scriptural truths in a straightforward manner and quotes much scripture. We give God praise for the good results of this meeting.—John C. Sutherland, Reporter.

Evangelist Loran Irby writes: "Am enjoying some fine days in the Lord. God gave Wife and me the privilege of working with the Sioux Indians for a few days this summer. It is a blessing to preach the glorious gospel in the Church of the Nazarene. In the last few months we have seen many souls seek and find God. I have some open time in January and February, and will be glad to go anywhere. Write me, P.O. Box 108, Kokomo, Indiana."

Boswell, Oklahoma—Recently we had a revival with the C. R. Baldwin Evangelistic Party, using his forty-by-sixty-foot tent. We had good attendance throughout the meeting. Brother Baldwin is a Bible preacher, and God gave a great number of souls praying through to victory at the altar. Also, several people were healed. We appreciated the ministry of these workers, and praise God for His blessings.—A. G. Harder, Pastor.

Lougheed, Alberta, Canada—August 10 saw the close of a very successful vacation Bible school in this little town of 187 souls, with the church being filled to capacity for the demonstration service. The enrollment for the school was 90, with an average attendance of 72 for the two weeks. Miss Leona Graff, of Lockwood, Saskatchewan, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, supervised the school in a most excellent manner. We are grateful to God for the almost unbelievable progress made in these past two years: in 1949 the Sunday school averaged only 28, while our June average was 74.—N. Grainger, Pastor.

Evangelists E. Everett and Irene Kimball write: "Since last reporting, we have been in labors abundant. At First Church, Van Wert, Ohio, with Pastor D. H. Replogle, God met with us night after night, and some seventy-five souls found definite victory in God. Pastor and wife were given a love offering, and a nice class was added to the church membership. At Birmingham, Michigan, with Pastor William G. Ardrey, we had 113 in Sunday school on the closing Sunday. This is a home-mission church, and Brother Ardrey has been on the field only six months. At Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Rev. Ruby McNulty is the capable pastor, again God met with us and gave wonderful victory. At Benton Harbor, First Church, with Pastor Lester Hale, we saw pentecostal outpourings night after night, with no preaching on some nights, and nearly one hundred people praying through to glorious victory. The pastor was given a nice love offering. At Pataskala, Ohio, with Pastor A. E. Beckwith, the Lord met with us again and again in wonderful scenes of old-time victory around the altar. Next we went to Portage, Wisconsin, for a home-mission revival with Pastor Kenneth Burton. God gave some good victories, with thirty-four in Sunday school on the closing Sunday, and forty in the evening service. During our vacation we preached and sang at our First Church in Grand Haven, where Pastor Lemunyon is doing an outstanding work; then on to Muskegon, for a visit with Pastor Hendley and wife. It was our happy privilege to sing and preach in the Sunday morning service, August 5, at Spencerville, Ohio, where Rev. Kenneth Grandy is pastor. We go next to Mt. Lookout Camp, Waynesfield, Ohio. We love God, our church, and lost souls. We have two summer dates and two fall dates open in 1952. Mrs. Kimball plays the piano, accordion, vibraharp, leads the singing, and sings solos; I play the violin and do the preaching; also we sing duets. We travel with a house-trailer. Write us, 1220 Waverly Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan."

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By *Norman R. Oke*

Topic for September 16: Good Will Among Churches

Scripture: Luke 9:49-50; Acts 11:22-30; 15:1-35; I Cor. 1:10-13; II Cor. 9:1-5; Phil. 1:15-18 (Printed, Acts 11:27-30; 15:1-2, 22-23, 28-31; II Cor. 9:1-5)

Song Evangelist E. Bruce Wade reports: "The Lord has blessed during this past assembly year on the Dallas District. Some of the churches with whom I have been privileged to labor are: Terrell, with Rev. Harold Davis, pastor, doing the preaching; Hampton Place, Dallas, with Rev. Emma Irick; at Trinity Church, Dallas, with Evangelist Paul Gray; Central Church, Dallas, with Rev. Paul Garrett; Meade, Kansas, and El Paso, Texas, with Evangelist Joe Norton; Austin and Sweetwater, Texas, with Evangelist H. D. Burson; and at Lamesa, Texas, with Rev. O. C. Weigel. The Lord saves and sanctifies, and I find joy in doing the work He has called me to do. I have some open dates, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 2547 Ann Arbor, Dallas, Texas."

Buffalo Lake, Minnesota—In August we had a wonderful revival with the A. C. Rowland Evangelistic Party. Many new people attended the services, and we saw the largest number of seekers in several years finding their way to God. On the closing Sunday the all-time Sunday-school record was broken. The ministry of the Rowland Party was greatly appreciated: their wonderful spirit and messages in sermon and song touched the hearts of the people. We came here in July and appreciate so much the fine people with whom we are laboring. We praise God for His blessings.—Henry Hartberg, Jr., Pastor.

Evangelist E. L. Striegel reports: "I thank God for His blessings during recent months as I have preached in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. I was at Roswell, New Mexico, in July, where we now have two churches; splendid love and harmony between pastor and people of both churches. First Church helped and boosted in every way to get the other work going. Some six weeks ago Rev. Lee Ellis, our fine pastor at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, was taken suddenly ill, and we were called to preach for him and his good people. A good spirit prevails in the church, and we had four young people pray through to God while we were there. The people love Brother Ellis and his good wife, and stood by them in every way while he was in the hospital for three weeks. I am now in the field again full time; write me, 229 S. Findley, Norman, Oklahoma."

Barber, Arkansas—Pine Log Church began a revival on July 29 with Miss Joyce McMullen as the evangelist. All those attending the services enjoyed her wonderful messages. We feel that seed was sown which will bring forth a harvest, and we greatly appreciated the many preachers and laymen that visited us during the meeting. This is a small rural community, and we want to reorganize our church soon; new people are looking our way.—Mrs. Zelma Blythe, Reporter.

GOLDEN TEXT: *He that is not against us is for us* (Luke 9:50).

Some people delight in the number of their enemies. They think it a sign of personal piety if they are generally opposed. In fact, if they think opposition is thinning out, they make up straw enemies to battle against. Among this number are preachers who glory in the negative votes they receive in recalls, and there are also laymen who pride themselves in being opposed in matters relative to the church business.

Jesus seemed to delight in the number of His friends; and relative to enemies He preferred to pride himself in the kind of people who opposed Him, rather than the number. The disciples were inclined to mark everybody off as an enemy who did not operate just as they did. They thought that difference in methods constituted an enemy; Jesus insisted that enemies were only those who differed in basic policy. Christ made it plain that those who were striving for the same final result were friends even though their methods differed, or were less effective, or might even be distasteful.

Evangelist Ira E. Fowler writes: "In August was in a great camp in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. In every service the power of God was felt in an unusual way, with many souls happy finders of God's saving and sanctifying grace. On the closing Sunday night, God breathed upon us, the Holy Ghost came with Pentecostal fire, and waves of God's mighty power swept the place. Souls lined the altar, and others wept and prayed through to victory outside of the tabernacle. Due to a cancellation, I have an open date in October; write me, Hollywood, Maryland."

Ventura, California—We are glad to report a victorious revival with Evangelist H. D. Burson. Every message was powerfully delivered with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A goodly number of folks sought God for salvation, and others for heart purity. A unique phase of the meeting was the victories gained outside the altar services, and the casting out of an

Let's not make enemies unnecessarily. It is actually a compliment when wicked people oppose us; but it is not a sign of piety when you cannot get along with good people who do things on a bit different pattern from what you do. It may mean only that you are eccentric or difficult to work with. All those who do not scatter spiritually are actually gathering with us.

In my early years of preaching some of the best friends I had were Seventh-Day Adventists. They knew I differed radically with them in doctrine and in emphasis. But they attended the little country schoolhouse where I preached and even invited others. I accepted their assistance and even thanked God for their help. Whatever else they might do to hinder the cause of full salvation, at that particular time they were helping me gather, and I linked hands with them in the endeavor.

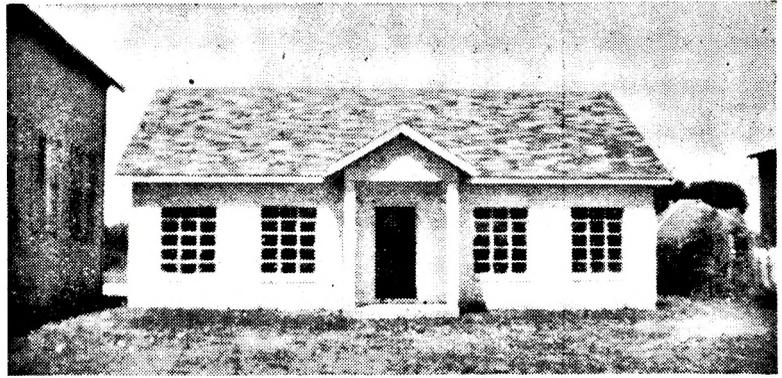
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evil spirit. God's presence was with us, and the meeting closed in a wave of glory and shouts of victory and praise. Prayers were answered; the church was encouraged, strengthened, and fired with new zeal; and with our good pastor, Rev. B. Johnson, we look to God for greater days ahead.—Ida M. Attebery, Reporter.

Russellville, Arkansas—July 1 was a great day for this church, as it marked the opening of our new church building, and the beginning of a revival with our pastor, Rev. Oscar Stallings, and District Superintendent W. H. Johnson as evangelist. This is a home-mission church, with a small but loyal group of Nazarenes. The church is not yet completed, and the attendance during the revival was not large; but we do give God praise for His blessings and the souls that prayed through at the altar. This is a new work, and we need your prayers.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, Secretary.

Hatfield Memorial Church San Antonio, Texas

Here is shown the picture of our new educational unit for Hatfield Memorial Church in San Antonio. We have just recently completed this building, and are now in the process of furnishing it. We plan to dedicate the building on September 16, when our district superintendent, Rev. Hadley A. Hall, will be with us. God has been gracious to give us this building, as we greatly needed more Sunday-school rooms.—Ernest Moore, Jr., Pastor.



Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon report: "In August we had a fine revival with Rev. Ernest Smith and the good folks at Farmington Falls, Maine. God broke in on us, giving eighteen seekers on the first Sunday, with fourteen more lining the altar on Tuesday night. On the closing Sunday night we again saw people seeking and finding spiritual victory. Brother Smith is a most aggressive pastor and has done fine work in this section of Maine. We were given a call to return next year. God has blessed us with a fine slate, and we are happy in His service."

Belington, West Virginia—Our church has had a profitable revival with Evangelist C. H. Dobbins and wife. Fifteen young people were saved, two sanctified, and the church revived. Some young people said they never had been in a meeting like this before. Fifty-five registered in the vacation Bible school—boys and girls from churches all over the city. It was truly a success. The Dobbins' are capable leaders. In spite of hindrances during the meeting, God manifested His power in blessing upon the music and the preaching of the old-fashioned gospel.—Lida Strickland, Pastor.

Troy, Ohio—Summing up the accomplishments of the assembly year, we rejoice in the goodness of God, and also the loyalty, co-operation, and devotion of the wonderful members and friends of this church. Our per capita giving for the year was \$117; our General Budget was set at \$2,800, and our good people paid \$4,270, or \$1,470 above the goal. The total paid for all purposes was \$23,715, and of this amount 18 per cent went for general interests. We had three good revivals: with Evangelist A. B. Carey, Rev. H. C. Frodge, and Rev. Russell Bowman. The work of these splendid evangelists was greatly appreciated, and God blessed in giving a number of seekers and happy finders. To help us reach more people with the gospel, we began last November a fifteen-minute radio program each Saturday at 10:00 a.m., over Station WPTQ, Piqua; this program has been

a blessing to our church. We have enjoyed our labors with this fine church for the past six years, and have accepted a call for another year.—C. B. Clendenen, Pastor.

Santa Fe, Tennessee—In July the Mt. Wesley Church was blessed with a good revival, with Rev. Paul Gray as the evangelist. He has a burden for souls, and preaches with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God met with us, souls were saved and sanctified, and six new members were added to the church. It was a glorious time of revival and, best of all, the fires continue to burn.—E. P. Boyett, Pastor.

Elmsdale, Prince Edward Island—Our church had a twelve-day holiness convention in August, with Rev. Roy T. Sellick as the special worker. God blessed us from the very first, and the work which Brother Sellick did was marvelous; he is a man of God. Several souls found the Lord in salvation and heart purity, and the church as a whole was much strengthened. We thank God for His blessings and the ministry of Brother Sellick.—W. C. Wilcox, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "The Akron District, under the leadership of Superintendent O. L. Benedum, and Church Schools Chairman Milton Bunker, saw an average attendance in Sunday school last year of nearly nine thousand. It was a pleasure to be on this district for eighteen days. We were with Pastors Rogers of Jefferson; Brumagin of Geneva; Underwood of Rosemont; Freese of East Liberty; Bunker of Akron Kenmore Church; Palmer of Warren; Rodda of East Liverpool; Gardner of LaCroft Church in East Liverpool; Finney of Greentown; Jones of Lisbon; and James Jones of Canton; also with Pastor Barton of Youngstown. We cannot forget the kindness of these brethren, the co-operative spirit of the laymen, and their response to help build better and bigger schools. Rev. Paul Baxter, of East Palestine, and the McClungs, of Warren, were kind in helping to

entertain us and get us to the different churches on the district. We saw agitation, visitation, inspiration, and salvation with these Ohio pastors and laymen."

Rev. Roy A. Bettcher writes: "I have been serving our church in the ministry for twenty-two years: seven years as a home missionary pastor, and fifteen years as an evangelist. Under the blessing of God, I have helped in the organization of fifteen churches, and have seen thousands of souls seek God at the altar of prayer. In the providence of God I have been brought to serve as pastor of our First Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We find the church well organized, with a splendid people. Please pray for me, as I do my best to serve God and the people here."

Arizona District Camp

In the eighth annual Arizona District camp God answered prayer to give us the greatest camp the district has had. The cool, mile-high climate of Prescott, where the campground is located, adds much to the enjoyment of the camp meeting, and this year attracted approximately nine hundred Nazarenes and friends.

The ministry of Dr. M. Kimber Moulton and Professor Earle Anderson was indeed of the very best as they preached and sang under the anointing of the Spirit. Seeking at the altar was definite and victorious, and several services were marked with unusual manifestations of God's presence.

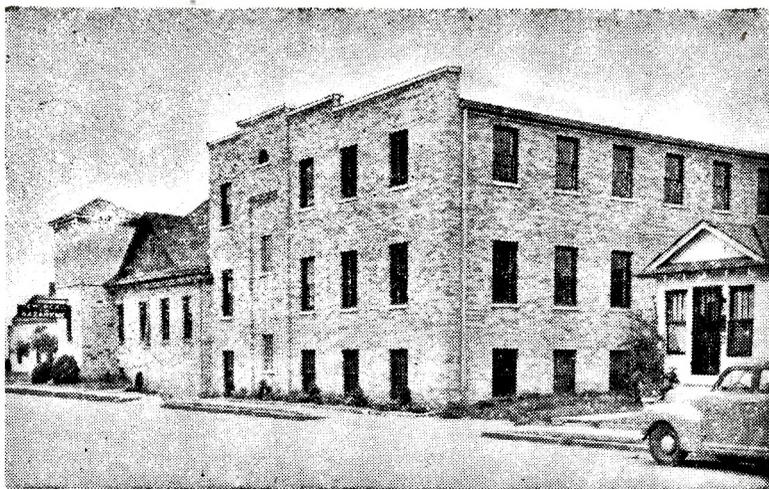
Finances came the easiest in our history, and all camp-meeting expense was underwritten the first Sunday. On the second Sunday the people quickly and generously subscribed money to erect cabins on the grounds to replace the tents used thus far.

Perhaps the best part of the camp meeting was the rich fellowship, the spirit of prevailing love among the brethren, and the genuine Christian atmosphere which pervaded throughout. We expect this camp meeting to bear gracious fruit across the district this year.

M. L. MANN,
District Superintendent

Sikeston, Missouri

On Sunday afternoon of August 12 Dr. Hardy C. Powers, with Rev. E. D. Simpson, our much-loved district superintendent, met with us in a very beautiful service in which our newly constructed educational unit was dedicated to the work of the Lord. The new unit consists of three floors, is of buff-brick construction, and measures 48 x 63 feet. It contains three large assembly rooms, with twenty classrooms adjoining, and also a large Cradle Roll department; also three large rest rooms. Both upper floors are covered with Kentile. Under the same construction program, the church auditorium was redecorated and an overflow annex added. The entire church and new unit are heated by natural gas. The value of our church and parsonage property is around \$80,000; the indebtedness of about \$30,000 is being cared for regularly and is under good control. Dr. Powers and Brother Simpson secured



additional cash and pledges to the amount of \$3,000 amid a very hilarious tide of shouting and blessings from the Lord. We are now beginning our

twelfth year as pastor of these good people. We love the people, the Lord is helping, and we are all encouraged. —J. W. Hoffert, Pastor.

Kansas District Assembly

The Kansas District recently closed its forty-second annual assembly, and it was one of the best. The assembly was held at the district center, Hutchinson, with Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding. He endeared himself to the Kansas people with his dynamic messages which brought refreshings from the Lord. Dr. Williamson is greatly appreciated on the Kansas District, and highly esteemed for his efficient leadership.

A harmonious spirit prevailed throughout the entire assembly. This was evidenced in the election of the district superintendent, when Rev. Ray Hance received 286 out of the 290 votes cast. Brother and Sister Hance and family are the finest, and they are doing a splendid job in leading the district to new heights.

Brother Hance's report revealed the greatest increase in church membership for one year we have had—an increase of 320. The Sunday school went to a new high in attendance with an average for the year of 6,907. Total giving for all purposes was \$655,366. Three new churches were organized: at Hugoton, Ness City, and Norcatour. General Budget was overpaid for the year by \$11,000; and throughout all departments there were good increases.

Concurrently with the assembly was the camp meeting held in the evenings with Dr. T. W. Willingham as the evangelist, and Professor and Mrs. Paul Qualls as song evangelist and pianist. These workers were used of God and gave a wonderful spiritual atmosphere to the business meetings during the days.

Mr. Elvin Hicks capably represented the Nazarene Publishing House. Dr. Roy Cantrell, Professor Kenneth Robinson, and a male quartet from

Bethany-Peniel College conducted a school service which was of great interest. President Cantrell reported that Kansas had overpaid its school budget for the year. Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts presented the needs of the rescue home at Pilot Point, Texas, and an offering was taken for this work.

The district had increased sufficiently to have six ministerial and six lay delegates to the Thirteenth General Assembly. Those elected were: Revs. Ray Hance, Clifton Norell, Mark Smith, G. A. Gough, C. E. Rowland, and L. J. Minkler; Mrs. Ray Hance, E. W. Snowbarger, Mrs. Vinita Hamilton, Dwight Meredith, C. G. Hornbaker, and Ralph Aller.

The ordination of two men as elders climaxed the assembly in a great service on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Williamson; they were Eugene Verbeck and Thurman Earl Emmert.

Pre-assembly conventions were held on Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31. The N.Y.P.S. held their convention in Peniel Church, with Dr. T. W. Willingham bringing a fine message to the youth. Rev. Edward Hurn was re-elected as the district president, receiving all but one vote on the nominating ballot. The W.F.M.S. held their convention in the auditorium at the district center, and a wonderful spirit of unity was evidenced throughout. Dr. Williamson gave an address on India, a field he had recently visited. Mrs. Ray Hance received a nearly unanimous vote to serve as president for another year. The society is doing well under her capable leadership. The Sunday-school convention was held on Tuesday afternoon with Rev. C. E. Rowland, church schools chairman, in charge; he has ably led the Sunday schools forward to a new high. Rev. E. S. Phillips' address to the conven-

tion was wholeheartedly received and appreciated.

Much credit for the success of the conventions and the assembly is due the host pastors: Rev. Mark Smith, Rev. J. D. Dorough, Rev. Milton Huxman, and Rev. L. D. Sharp; they had everything in order and made it comfortable for all who attended. Rev. John Brockmueller did a splendid job in preparing meals for those in attendance at the district gatherings.

With confidence in God and the efficient leadership of the district, Kansas Nazarenes are marching ahead.

CLIFTON NORELL,
District Secretary

Nebraska District Assembly and Camp Meeting

The thirty-ninth district assembly convened at Hastings in July, with Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding. The pastors' reports indicated progress and increases.

Rev. L. A. Ogden, district superintendent, was re-elected for the seventh term by a unanimous vote. He reported financial and numerical increases, and progress in home-mission work with a large number of new church prospects.

Dr. Roy Cantrell, president of Bethany-Peniel College, preached in an evening service, and the college quartet furnished the music for the assembly.

Near-by district superintendents and evangelists visited the assembly. In an impressive ordination service, elder's orders were given to the following: Paul Beaver, Floyd King, Harry Lawyer, T. B. Gray, Calvin Neal, and Mrs. Goldie Stearman.

The N.Y.P.S. convention elected Rev. L. C. Schwanz, pastor at Grand Island, as president; and the W.F.M.S. elected Rev. Mrs. George Rennekamp, pastor's wife at York, for their

president. Rev. Lorraine Schultz, missionary from Africa, brought a number of messages during the convention and assembly.

A ten-day camp meeting followed the assembly, with Rev. C. W. Davis and Rev. Archie Woodward as the evangelists. God's Spirit and blessing were upon the ministry of the evangelists, resulting in many seekers bowing at the altar of prayer. A number of district "old-timers" said this "was by far the best camp meeting ever held on this district."

W. E. EIGSTI, Reporter

Annual N.Y.P.S. Institute San Antonio District

From July 16 to 20, the Nazarene youth of the San Antonio District met at the old Waco campgrounds for the annual institute, first held separately from other district meetings. Eagerly the folks came from far and near (some as far as four hundred miles) to enjoy the atmosphere of wholesome opportunity.

We were privileged to have Rev. Ponder Gilliland, of Calgary, Alberta, as the special speaker. Professor Kenneth Robinson and a Bethany-Peniel College quartet added much to the institute—singing, boosting, and taking part in the athletic program.

Two credits in Christian Service Training courses were received by each of the 125 young people who registered with Rev. Arthur Payne, registrar. Dean Ernest Moore and his splendid staff of teachers, including Revs. Ponder Gilliland, Spurgeon Lynn, Curtis Smith, Howard Borgeson, Jacob Stands, and Layman Morris Maston, performed commendable work in teaching their respective courses. Much credit goes to Rev. Fred Freedy, institute director, for his careful planning; and to Spurgeon Lynn, district president, who ably served in his providential absence; also to the Revs. W. F. Huber, cook; F. W. Bartholomew, dining hall sergeant at arms and newscaster; and Guy Hall, concession stand manager. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Certainly the presence of our good district superintendent, Rev. Hadley A. Hall, added much to the success of the youth encampment.

A much-prized baseball trophy was presented for Corpus Christi First Church by Pastor Curtis Smith, who also assisted with the recreational program, to teen-ager Douglas Reedy, voted most popular, all-round athlete. In spite of the heat, all phases of the athletic program received generous participation.

The high lights of the institute were the chapel and class period inspirational messages brought by Rev. Ponder Gilliland on the subject of being a Lamplighter. Equally effective were his mellowing, Spirit-filled messages of the evening around the rustic altar campfire, that brought many young people to their knees before God in true repentance. Certainly, God used Brother Gilliland in bring-

ing about the saving and sanctifying of many precious young hearts.

Although not the largest in numbers registered, it was the opinion of many that this was the most successful institute yet to be held on the San Antonio District.

ROY T. POOLE, District Secretary

Northwestern Illinois District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The Northwestern Illinois District N.Y.P.S. convention convened in Peoria, Illinois, First Church, with Rev. Ernest Rice and his fine people as the hosts.

We were privileged to have as the special speaker Rev. Wilford Vanderpool, from Chicago. His enthusiastic and sincere presentation of the gospel was a challenge to each of us. Also, it was our privilege to have with us Rev. Charles Ide, field representative, and the Viking Male Quartet from Olivet Nazarene College.

Rev. H. C. Hatton, district president, presided graciously. The high regard in which he is held by the young people of the district was evidenced by their fine vote of re-election. Reports from district officers, local and zone presidents, indicated substantial gains and progress for the district.

The day climaxed with a great youth rally on Monday evening with Rev. W. Vanderpool speaking. Special recognition was given to last year's district officers and the local N.Y.P.S. presidents. The convention was well attended, and the blessing of God was upon the services.

Under the capable leadership of the district officers, the Northwestern Illinois N.Y.P. Societies are united for Christ and holiness.

EVELYN BOWES, Reporter

Tennessee District N.Y.P.S. Convention

Saturday, August 4, was truly a red-letter day for the young people of the Tennessee District. That was the time of the third annual N.Y.P.S. convention since the old Tennessee District was divided. Both sessions were characterized by a deep spiritual undertone.

At this convention a resolution was unanimously adopted that the district council be authorized to work out details for an institute separate from our annual camp meeting for 1952. This year's institute was the largest we have had, and we feel that next year there will be an even greater gain.

Officers elected for the new year are: Rev. B. G. Wiggs, president; Rev. W. A. Jordan, vice-president; Rev. W. M. Greathouse, secretary; and Rev. Don Jernigan, treasurer.

Throughout the convention our young people expressed themselves as being genuinely concerned to promote the cause of holiness by giving to missions, by visitation evangelism, and by encouraging the reading of our publications. There are wonderful prospects for a great year on the Tennessee District.

EDWARD F. COX, Reporter

Los Angeles District

Annual N.Y.P.S. Institute

In Rev. Roy F. Stevens' personification, "I Am Institute," these words appear: "Come with me, and life for you will be the same no more. I am Institute."

The 145 young people who journeyed to Idyllwild Pines found these to be more than poetic sentiments—for when we came down the mountain we were different. Let me tell you what made the difference.

God was there, and no man can meet the Divine Presence and be the same. Under the Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist Howard T. Lewis, the morning watch on the hillside and the evening services in the bowl were times of spiritual birth and growth. One thing was especially outstanding: several young people were delivered from sinful habits by which they had too long been bound. We knew not only the presence of the Spirit but also the power of deliverance.

In a world and nation that are torn by race prejudice, it was wonderful to see our Nazarene young people of several different races prove the real meaning of Christian brotherhood. In worship, classwork, athletic competition, and community living we were as one family in the Lord. Thank God for our Chinese, Negro, and American youth!

Idyllwild Pines for us is not only a high mountain where the air is pure, the scenery beautiful, and the stars clear and bright. It is also a challenging memory to live high, pure, and beautiful lives, ever led in the paths of true Christian brotherhood by Him who is the Bright and Morning Star!

JOSEPH MAYFIELD,
District Secretary

Missouri District Assembly

The annual district assembly was held again this year at the beautiful Pine Crest campgrounds and district center, near Fredericktown. Truly, it can be said that this was one of the best assemblies we have had. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer, was at his best. The entire assembly was a continuous feast of good things.

Many visitors were with us, among them: Mr. Elvin Hicks to represent our Nazarene Publishing House; President Harold Reed, Rev. Charles Ide, and the Viking Quartet for Olivet Nazarene College; Dr. T. W. Willingham, who spoke concerning the ministers' pension plan; and Rev. Stanley Whitcanack in the interest of the Nazarene Radio League. All these, along with others, were welcome guests in our assembly.

It was a time of blessing in the assembly on Thursday morning when our beloved district superintendent, Rev. E. D. Simpson, gave his report followed by his re-election. His report showed he had been in labors abundant throughout the past year, and not without results. New churches were organized and the general

work of the district was strengthened in a very substantial way. Total property value of the district shows an all-time high of one and one-half million dollars. Total raised for all purposes for the year was \$511,000, an increase of \$81,000 over the previous year. Also there was an increase in pastors' salaries of \$11,000; and \$30,000 was given to general interests, with a net increase in church membership of 392.

The assembly showed its appreciation for Brother and Sister Simpson when the ballot was cast for the district superintendent. Out of nearly 250 votes, Brother Simpson received all but five. A generous cash love offering was given the Simpsons as a further token of our love and appreciation.

A fine class of four young men were ordained to the ministry in a beautiful and impressive service.

F. A. WELSH, Reporter

Iowa Young People's Convention

The Iowa District young people's convention met August 11 at the Iowa campgrounds, Des Moines, and the presence of the Lord was felt from the very beginning.

Rev. Charles Ide, field representative of Olivet Nazarene College, brought the morning devotional message. He stirred our hearts to a closer walk with God and a greater passion for the young people of our district.

The untiring efforts of our district young people's president, Rev. A. Ulmet, has borne fruit; we are glad he was re-elected for another year. The young people's society has gone forward under his capable leadership.

The convention closed with an evangelistic message by Rev. Ray Hance, and many souls found God. We praise the Lord for victory among our Iowa young people.

CHARLES KEYES, Reporter

Youth Camp and Institute New Mexico District

The annual youth camp and institute of the New Mexico District was held August 6 through 10 on the beautiful mountainside campground near Capitan. God's blessings were poured out in a wonderful way as we studied, played, and worshiped together.

Dr. Mendell Taylor, general N.Y. P.S. president, was the special worker. We feel that the young people never can be content to do less than their best after hearing his inspiring messages on the theme, "I Am Debtor." Many of our youth were saved or sanctified, and several settled their call to a special work. Our district learned to love Dr. Taylor, and owes much to his Spirit-filled ministry.

Attendance at the camp and institute was at an all-time high: more than one hundred young people present, besides a number of friends and visitors. Rev. Wayne Hagemeyer, district N.Y.P.S. president, and Rev. Milton Harrington, dean of the institute,

directed the encampment in an efficient manner. Rev. Paul Stanton and Mrs. J. G. Atkinson acted as counselors. The music program was under the direction of Rev. Charles Miller, with Joe Timbrook at the piano. Dr. B. F. Neely, Rev. Ernest Armstrong, Rev. C. F. Sanders, Rev. Hugh Russell, and Mr. E. A. Lane composed our fine teaching staff.

The final service of the camp deserves special mention. Dr. Taylor had been preaching for several preceding services on the theme of debtorship and the spiritual tide was

rising. On Friday morning the Holy Spirit was present in such power that our speaker did not get to preach. Singing, testifying, shouting, and weeping, the people poured out their praises to God, and soon many were at the altar seeking the Lord. Shouts of victory rang out through the pines long after the regular hour for dismissal.

We are truly grateful to God for His many blessings to our district under the leadership of District Superintendent R. C. Gunstream.

ROBERT D. TROUTMAN, Reporter

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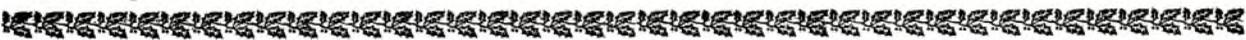
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DEATHS

CHANEY—Mrs. Mary Ella Chaney, wife of Rev. Reeford L. Chaney, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, Raleigh, North Carolina, died on August 13, 1951. She was born October 19, 1918, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Breeden. A devout Christian from early childhood, she was known by many friends and loved ones for her radiant smile and unselfish spirit. On November 20, 1940, she was united in marriage to Rev. Reeford L. Chaney, and for eleven years she was a faithful and devoted companion, giving herself without reserve to the work of the Lord. On June 10, 1947, she was stricken with a partial brain paralysis that seriously affected her speech and hearing. Through this trying ordeal she never once lost faith in the goodness of God. Funeral service was held in Central Church of the Nazarene, with the district superintendent, Rev. C. E. Shumake, officiating, assisted by Rev. Hoyle C. Thomas, pastor.

THORP—Mrs. Orpah Thorp died July 14, 1951, at the Barre City Hospital, where she had been a patient since the first of May. Born in Corydon, Indiana, December 11, 1889, she was the daughter of William and Emma (Lahue) Peters. In Wilmore, Kentucky, she met and married John A. Thorp in April of 1919. He survives her. The family moved to South Woodbury, Vermont, in 1928. She was converted at an early age and lived a life devoted to the work of her Lord. She was Sunday-school teacher and then superintendent for many years, serving in this capacity at the Wolcott Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of the church board, and hostess at the Ithiel Falls campground for several years. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ruby McNally, Mrs. Eleanor Owen, and Mrs. Juanita Chamberlin; a son, Donald; also a brother, Rev. Joseph W. Peters of Decatur; and a sister, Mrs. Helen Heke of Tuscola, Illinois. Funeral service was held at South Woodbury, with Rev. Arthur Allen of Wolcott officiating, assisted by Rev. Edwin Burke of South Woodbury. Interment was at Glover, Vermont.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—I am glad to recommend Rev. T. J. Daggett to the evangelistic field. I have known him for four years and have found him to be genuine and straightforward both in his life and ministry. He is a rugged preacher of truth and a wonderful soul winner; he will give his best in service to God and the church. He spent two years in Olivet, and was pastor for over a year with a good and profitable ministry. His love for God and the church is intense. His address, 207 E. College Ave., Frederickton, Missouri.—E. D. Simpson, Superintendent of the Missouri District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Sammie Martin of Logan, Alabama, a daughter, Esther Louise, on August 15.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar F. Reed of Malden, Massachusetts, are pleased to announce the proposed adoption of Valerie Ruth, born on July 30, 1951.

WEDDING BELLS

Mary Jean Paden, and Leroy P. ("Bud") Hammerstrom, graduates of the class of '51 at Bethany-Peniel College, were united in marriage on July 17, at Central Church of the Nazarene, Omaha, Nebraska, with Professor Jack T. Raizen of the college officiating.

Miss Sally Ann Blossom and Mr. Clair Allen Bennett of Belmont, Michigan, and Miss Nera Louise Bennett of Belmont and Pfc. James J. Racine of Grand Rapids (now stationed at Ellington Air Base, Houston, Texas), were united in marriage on August 10, in a double wedding at the home of Mrs. Frank Smith, Jr., in Belmont, with Rev. Denver Pease of Rockford, officiating.

Miss Dorothy Lee Marie Keen and Mr. Harold Wesley Wilcox, both of Arcata, California, were united in marriage on August 11, in Arcata, with Rev. Harold Latham, pastor, officiating.

Miss Mary Linda Jefferies of Waynesville and Rev. Harley F. Duncan of Fayetteville, North Carolina, were united in marriage on August 14, at First Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte, with the district superintendent, Rev. C. E. Shumake, officiating, assisted by Dr. Raymond Browning.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in Michigan, crippled with neuritis for some time so that she can hardly walk, that God will touch and heal her body that she may be able to attend church again;

by a worried mother in Oklahoma, that her daughter may be healed; also that she may have a closer walk with the Lord; also for the son-in-law in the army and in very poor health, and that he may be saved;

by a remnant of a family in Oklahoma who greatly need prayer;

by a lady in Alabama for some dire physical needs of the family, also several unspoken requests;

by a lady in West Virginia for herself and family, also for a Holy Ghost revival in their midst;

by a lady in Texas for her husband seriously hurt in a car accident in August, that God may get hold of his heart and bring him back into the fold; also that she may be used of the Lord, and for the salvation of her children, and for a holiness church in that place;

by a brother in Indiana for the pastor's wife in that place—she has been ill with a heart attack;

by a lady in Texas for her brother who has wandered away from the Lord and is drinking, for a niece's husband who has lost his mind, and for the salvation of all her family.

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North Carolina September 26 and 27
South Carolina October 3 and 4
Georgia October 10 and 11
Mississippi October 17 and 18

District Assembly Information

ABILENE—Assembly, September 12 to 14, in the Evans Avenue Baptist Church, 1801 Evans Ave., Fort Worth, Texas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. James McGraw, 820 E. Roberts, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

TENNESSEE—Assembly, September 12 to 14, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1024 Washington Street, Clarksville, Tennessee. Entertaining pastor, Rev. W. M. Greathouse, 1024 Washington St., Clarksville. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

ARKANSAS—Assembly, September 19 to 21, at First Baptist Church, corner Dickson and College Streets, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. D. Carlton, 418 Meadow St., Fayetteville. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA—Assembly, September 19 to 21, at First Methodist Church, 14th and Townsend Streets, Ada, Oklahoma. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. E. Lansdowne, 311 N. Oak St., Ada. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA—Assembly, September 19 to 21, at Duncan, Oklahoma, in the Church of the Nazarene, Tenth and Willow Streets. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. E. Cook, Box 727, 1213 Hickory Avenue, Duncan. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

NORTH CAROLINA—Assembly, September 26 and 27, at Greensboro Central Church of the Nazarene, 210 E. Lee St., Greensboro, N.C. Entertaining pastor, Rev. H. C. Thomas, 711 Ashboro St., Greensboro. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Assembly, October 3 and 4, at East Helm Avenue, Naval Base, Charleston, S.C. Entertaining pastor, Rev. W. Boyd Welch, 3972 Frederick St., Charleston, S.C. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

A MOTHER from Lawrence, Kansas, writes about the literature being sent her son, S/Sgt. William A. White. "My son told us when he was home on leave from the air force base in Vienna, Austria, that as he read the periodicals he would place them on the table with other literature. The boys picked them up and read them, and by the time he placed the next bundle the old one would be gone."

"My greatest desire is to please Jesus in everything I do and to win souls in Jesus' name. I love God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. By the grace of God, I'll stay true to Him always. Please pray for me, and I request prayer for all the boys in the service. I thank God for a holiness movement that is concerned about souls all over the world.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Green and his wife. I praise God for two very spiritual servants of God. They treat all of the servicemen just like they were their own children. I never felt out of place at any time I was in the church in Santa Maria, California. All the people gave me a warm welcome in their homes and in their church."

WILLIAM H. MEER, JR.

"Today I received your nice letter telling me of the free subscription. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate this and they will certainly be read, every word. I am a Nazarene and thank God for it. After my term in the service is over, I expect to give my full time preaching holiness.

"I am now here in Denver attending technical school and reside off the base with my family.

"I am sending the address of a very good friend who wants to become a Christian. I wonder if you would send him the copies of material also."

CHARLES BALDWIN

"I received your letter and was most happy to get it. I really love my Saviour, and my life is in His hands. I want to be used in whatever way He may have for me. It's wonderful to have such a wonderful Friend. My only desire is to spend and be spent for Him. My aim is to be a good soldier in this men's army and also a good soldier for God. I am glad to have a testimony for Him."

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Religious education embodies the teaching of those ideals of human dignity and worth which are essential to the democratic way of life. It is of the utmost urgency that we demonstrate to bewildered peoples everywhere not only that we believe in brotherhood, as taught by Christ and the great prophets of the Old Testament, but that we put these beliefs into practice.

We must demonstrate our conviction that every man, no matter what his race or creed, has the best opportunity to make the most of his God-given talents in a democratic, religious society. We must put our religious teachings into practice and show, in our dealings with other nations, that we seek no material gains, but only a desire to reinforce the aspirations of all people to live in peace and freedom.

Not only will education in religious principles help us strengthen our way of life, but it will also give each of us courage and faith with which to face the dangerous days ahead and insight into ways we can best achieve permanent peace.

Very sincerely yours,



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