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The Day of Salvation

Behold, now is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2b). To many, "the day of salvation" designates the gospel dispensation. It is the era of time in which the good news is to be preached as a witness to all nations. It is the age in which all men may believe and be saved. God is disposed to show mercy. Christ has provided full and free salvation by His death on the cross. The Holy Spirit is present now to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

The day of opportunity is now. It is far spent; the night is at hand. The Lord delays His coming in judgment because He "is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9b). While mercy rejoices against judgment, Christ still intercedes with God for man. The Holy Spirit pleads with man for God. Oh, that men would seek the Lord while He is to be found!

It is a day of great and grave responsibility for the church. Every

minister and every layman ought to know the urgency of a divine imperative. We are "ministers of the reconciliation"; we are "ambassadors for Christ"; we are "workers together with him." *Behold, now is the accepted time* (II Corinthians 6:2b).

In this day of unparalleled challenge and unmeasured obligation, we approach another Thanksgiving season. This year of unprecedented prosperity hastens to its close. We face the world in its appalling need. We shall soon face the Judge of all the earth. What will we do for world evangelism in the thank offering soon to be gathered?

From burning and burdened hearts the Board of General Superintendents sends forth this urgent call for a record-breaking offering of thanksgiving to God and of sacrificial love for earth's perishing millions. God has done His best for us; let us do our best for others.

The response of the church will set the pattern and the pace of our advance in 1952.

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TELEGRAMS

Jasper, Alabama—Mrs. Amanda Hooker went to her heavenly reward on Monday, September 24, at 7:55 a.m. Some days before her passing, she said to her good husband, "When the end comes, it will be glorious." Write Brother H. H. Hooker, P.O. Box 832, Jasper, Alabama.—M. E. PERKINS, Pastor.

Valparaiso, Indiana—Dr. R. V. DeLong returned to dedicate church edifice at Rensselaer, the church he organized eight years ago. Church and parsonage valued at \$50,000, constructed in last three years under pastorate of Rev. Kenneth Coil. Offering of \$5,160 was raised in cash and pledges on indebtedness. Truly a great day, with 174 in Sunday school, and revival spirit on.—GEORGE J. FRANKLIN, Superintendent of Northwest Indiana District.

Norman, Oklahoma—The third annual district assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District in session at Duncan re-elected Rev. W. T. Johnson district superintendent on nominating ballot. \$12,000 raised for home missions in great inspirational service; General Budget of \$36,998 overpaid \$16,578. General Superintendent Samuel Young guided the assembly with wisdom and grace.—RAYMOND W. HURN, Reporter.

Red Deer, Alberta, Canada—Registration at Canadian Nazarene College approaching that of last year at the same time. Faculty strengthened with new professors; student body of splendid quality; prospects good. Rev. Wm. Summerscales able and helpful in opening convention.—E. E. MARTIN, President.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. John R. Ferguson, Jr., of the Nazarene Theological Seminary is the new pastor of the church in Nocona, Texas, beginning on September 30.

Evangelist Dick Littrell is leaving the field to accept the pastorate of our church in Waco, Texas.

On Sunday afternoon of September 30, the University Avenue Church of the Nazarene of San Diego, California, dedicated their new church and religious education building. Rev. Nicholas A. Hull is the pastor.

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Consider the Rainbow

By Dorothy Boone Kidney*

AFTER THE NEXT rainstorm, while it's still raining slightly and the sun is shining, run out and look at the rainbow—that lovely sweep of the Master's brush in pastel colors.

The rainbow is something to be excited about. God told Noah that He would set a bow up there in the clouds as a promise to him and to all generations that never again would He destroy the earth by flood. When you see the rainbow, I will be thinking about My promise, God said. Talk about God speaking in a voice aloud! Talk about your visions, and miracles, and wonders being performed—take a look at the rainbow!

For a miracle, for a "visible" sign from heaven, for a divine sledge hammer against so-called atheists, it's right up there in the number one class! The rainbow is a tinted semicircle of faith binding us closer to our God.

Look at the rainbow and have a reason to get excited! It's been there for years, and will be there for the rest of time—just like God, and just like all the rest of His promises. Take a look at it. The rainbow is one of the most beautiful paintings in God's earth and sky art gallery.

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I Saw a Miracle

When I first met him he was in jail on a charge of drunkenness and disturbing the peace. I took a personal liking to him the very first time I interviewed him. He told me then that drink had gotten the best of him, his faithful wife of many years had left him, and that his only son had disowned him.

But I knew that Joe Meyers was redeemable. The same Lord who had washed my sins in His own blood could do the same for Joe; and so I began to pray for him and asked my church to do the same. He was in and out of jail four more times, but we continued to pray.

Today, he is out of jail, walking straight due to the grace and mercy of God. He has a good job that one of the members of our church enabled him to get; and he is attending the services of the church regularly. I believe in miracles! I saw this one performed right before my eyes!—*By a Nazarene Pastor in Texas.*

Our Blessed Hope!

By J. Kenneth Grider*

"Hey! Hello, Joe!" Those are the words which I heard ringing through my church one Sunday morning several years ago, while Sunday school was in progress. Dr. E. O. Chalfant, my district superintendent, had "just dropped by," and had let it be known in a manner characteristic of him.

I mentioned that had he let me know of his coming I would have advertised it widely and would have had a bigger congregation for the day of his contact. He responded by saying, "I like to drop in and see how my boys are doing when they don't know I'm coming."

The return of Christ will be like that. He will come at an unannounced time. He wants to catch away His Bride at a time when they will be serving Him for sheer love rather than for expediency. Although divine wisdom has ordained that we should not know the time of Christ's return, we are nevertheless informed of other truths regarding it. We know, for instance, the *fact*, the *manner*, and the *purpose* of His coming.

THE FACT

In a court of civil law witnesses are brought to the stand in order to attest to matters to be proved. Many witnesses could be brought forward in order to establish the fact of the second coming of Christ. Three will suffice.

Angels attest to it. At Christ's ascension, two of them declared that He would return. "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11).

The *writer of Hebrews* also attests to Christ's return. He declares, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (9:28).

The *Master himself* promises that He will come again. We who are His followers would have been happily anticipative had He said, "I hope to return," or, "I might come back." The promise which He actually gave us, however, is far more encouraging than these would have been. He declared, "I go to prepare a place for

you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again . . ." (John 14:3).

THE MANNER

Some say that Christ returns repeatedly, during seances. These seances are conducted for select groups, and in near darkness. The Bible says, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him . . ." (Rev. 1:7).

Others affirm another type of repeated return; they say it occurs when each person accepts Christ into his heart. Christ does spiritually enter individual hearts when they repent and believe the gospel, but this is not His second coming. Accompanying that coming will be evidences witnessed by all; many passages substantiate this. One is, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:27).

Our Lord himself describes His return. ". . . and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matt. 24:30b-31). The Apostle Paul describes it similarly when he writes, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17).

THE PURPOSE

One purpose of Christ's second coming is the completion of redemption. In regeneration we receive initial salvation; in entire sanctification we enter into full salvation; in glorification, which will take place at the return of Christ, the final aspect of redemption will come. Then, our bodies—maimed and halt, diseased and bedridden—will be made every whit whole, and the dead in Christ will be raised without a single bodily blemish. This is taught by the passage in Hebrews, referred to above. It declares, ". . . and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Without a sin offering, that is; and unto the salvation, not of our souls—that was accomplished provisionally during His first appearance—but of our bodies.

Another purpose of His return is in order that, having completely redeemed us, He might take us to where He is, so that we may live with Him forever. After telling us that He was to go away and prepare a place for us, He



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says, “. . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:3). It is therefore not only that we want to be with Christ; it is that He, the Bridegroom, is even wanting us who were rebels and sinners, but who have been redeemed by His blood and consequently made members of His Bride, to be with Him. Glorious thought!

In days like these when there are wars, and rumors of bigger wars, when there are atom bombs, and rumors of hydrogen bombs, the Christian has hope! In days like these when temporal existence is in the charge of willful men and when those men persist in their willfulness, the Christian nevertheless rejoices. He maintains a hope, and is found rejoicing—even while he seeks to bring about peace and righteousness—because he knows that one glad day, in the Father’s good pleasure, Jesus is to return and consummate this temporal existence. And, longing for the beginning of that eternal and more intimate fellowship with his Lord, the Christian’s prayer is, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).

EPHESIANS (Art. XXII)

By H. Orton Wiley

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness (Eph. 4:17-19).

THE APOSTLE is describing the effects of sin in the world. Originally pronounced good, there are now poison in the plants and disease in the atmosphere, while slumbering in the earth are the elements of combustion that shall someday cause it to melt with fervent heat. In man, the effects of sin are still more disastrous. Almost every page of history is stained with the blood of conflict. Is it any wonder that our Lord became a “man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,” as He looked out upon the sinful world which He came to redeem and purify?

In this brief section, the apostle describes the heathen world from which the Ephesian church had been redeemed. He finds in it the five following characteristics:

1. *They walk in the vanity of their mind.* They made the idols which they worshiped and from which they expected blessings. All this is folly and vanity. The idols are lying vanities, for they can neither protect nor bless their votaries. The true nature of God and His perfections are strange to them; hence, not knowing the One

greater than themselves, they become vainly puffed up. Macknight translates the word “vanity” as “foolishness.”

2. *Their understanding is darkened.* They have no knowledge of a personal God from whom nothing is hid, and therefore to them life is corrupted at its very source. It is well known that among the best of the ancients lying was not regarded as a crime, and it was not considered necessary to tell the truth if it ceased to be to their advantage.

3. *They are alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them.* Expositors have differed widely as to the meaning of the expression “life of God” as here used by the apostle. Calvin held that it means regeneration, while Olshausen maintained that it means the life that every creature has while he remains in communion with Him. Graham says that the word life signifies happiness and glory (Matt. 19:16-17; John 3:15-16). From these they have been alienated by ignorance, for life eternal is to know the true God and Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent (John 17:3).

4. *Their blindness of heart.* The word “blindness” as used here can equally well be translated “hardness” of heart. It is a reference to the hardening of the skin until it becomes callous—indicating that the Gentiles have turned to insensibility the heart which God gave them with which to love and serve Him. This is the “heart of stone” so often mentioned in the Scriptures. Those who possess it recognize neither the needs of their own hearts nor the claims that God has upon them. The moral sense has been extinguished. This is the awful fate of those who continuously reject the truth of God.

5. *They are past feeling.* The Greek word for “past feeling” signifies a “grieving out” or a state in which the sinner no longer grieves over his sins. All shame is lost. Since shame is one of the first feelings of childhood and one of the strongest of manhood, when this is extinguished, the moral state is all but hopeless. This is the fearful picture of the effects of continued sin. The good and the beautiful no longer attract, and hence they give themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. This is the sad picture of the heathen world.

But the picture is equally true, in a measure, of those who live in gospel-enlightened countries. We may say, then, that in this brief passage of scripture the apostle gives us “The Marks of an Unregenerate State” when unmodified by the rays of gospel truth.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his (Num. 23:10).

To depart this world holy in heart, and victoriously over all sin, is a passing away that should be the passion of every child of God.—EARLE F. WILDE.

Why I Believe in Sanctification

By Paul H. Garrett*

ALTHOUGH I was reared around a family altar, I realized at an early age that there was something in me that did not want to be subject to any sort of authority. That spirit that was "not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," was a source of definite trouble to me for many years. At intervals, I would find myself agreeing with the idea of living better and, for a while, I would try desperately to reform my way of life and to conform to the way of righteousness. This effort was always short-lived, for I would soon come up against the age-old trouble of relationship and attitude, and soon my banners would be trailing in the dust of defeat. Thus, I'd always lose all the ground I imagined I had gained by my honest reformation. *Always, I knew to do better than I did!*

Also, I was conscious of the fact that a righteous life could be lived, for I had seen illustrations of it in the lives of the members of my own family and in the living of my friends. Many years ago, when my mother was sanctified, I remember that she shouted over the length of the three-room home in which we lived on the farm. Her life was under constant observation, so that I was convinced that her profession was indeed a glorious possession. My younger sister lived a beautiful life before me, and that influenced me in a tremendous manner.

My older sister, in later life, found the Lord precious to her heart in His sanctifying power and lived victoriously to the end. Her victory over a paralyzed body has made me ashamed often of my small complaints. My father, who prayed for me more than I know, died in the triumph of a faith that reached beyond the confines of time and earth. He loved the Lord, the church, and his family, and he gave to me a gracious heritage of a godly example. My friends, by the score, have added the weight of their testimony backed up by consistency in practical living. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," I purposed that if any sort of change were ever made in my life, it would be along the line of full salvation.

Pretension has been no conscious part of my personality, for I have always despised any sort of appearance that would tend to be misleading. If men testified to the sanctifying power of the Lord in their hearts, then it was supposed that the evidence of it would be made manifest in a practical manner. The inner life would have a way of putting itself on exhibition before the eyes of the public. As I remember it, the emphasis was strong along this line in the preaching and teaching in the early days of the Church of the Nazarene.

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We always felt, in western Oklahoma, that if men were sanctified, the pigs in the pen, the chickens in the coop, the cattle in the corral, the horses in the lot, and the family in the house would sense a change of disposition, and so we watched new professors to see if the experience would work around the house and barn. If it didn't work there, we scratched the name from the list of "possessors" that we carried in our minds.

No one had to sell me on the Bible doctrine of heart holiness, for I grew up believing in it with all there was of me. Even when living a sinful life (in my younger days), I would have fought for the good name of holiness in the community. The fact that I did not possess it did not put me in the camp of holiness opposers. I knew that, if ever I made a move toward God, I'd never be satisfied until He had finally sanctified me wholly. It's little wonder then that, when the Lord forgave me of my sins on Thursday night, on the following Sunday morning I sought Him to baptize me with the Holy Ghost and fire.

When I prayed to God in earnest, He came and sanctified, bless His name! In the twinkling of an eye, the work was accomplished and the Lord verified His promise to me by cleansing my heart of its dross and taking up His abode in my heart. There have come times of testing in battles fierce and raging. There have been desperate days with the tendency to stampede in the face of circumstances, but the sweet peace that Jesus gives has held steady. There have been times when actions have been questioned and motives judged, but within the sacred precincts of my heart there has been a triumph that only I can know and appreciate since only I know what once I was, under sin. No person can know the calmness and serenity of soul until he has found this "abiding place in Jesus." This peace is not moved by the surface storms.

It has not been my privilege to shout or show much outward demonstration, except to cry when

NO CITY HERE!

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*We have no city here that is secure;
Earth has no haven for its fear-bound throng;
No man-made walls or towers can long endure
When nations march and chant their battle-song.
But that white city that is built foursquare,
Beside the tideless sea, will never know
The sound of battle, nor the burning flare
Of searing bomb as conflicts ebb and flow.
That city has foundations laid by love,
And often through the darkness of life's way
We catch a gleam of glory from above,
Reflected from that land of perfect day.
Our Father bids us hold to His strong hand
And journey safely to that morning land.*

the Lord blesses; but I have found such a peace in His sanctifying power that I am content to abide in Him and to do His will.

I, who was so guilty, now walk with Him who is guiltless; I, who was an outcast, now have fellowship with Him from whom came all things. I have been blessed with the graciousness of His presence, encouraged almost beyond human containment by the glory of His smile, comforted in all the ways of life, knowing full well that as I walk in the light I shall have Him come and identify himself with me in all that I shall face. I do not walk alone, nor do I win victories except as I trust in the arm that is stronger than mine. He is my Saviour, my Sanctifier, my Comforter, my Lord, and my coming King.

He will sanctify every believing heart that will seek to be sanctified. He provides a completeness that none other can supply. His holiness imparted to a believer's heart fits that soul to live here and also qualifies it for the home He has gone to prepare.

Holiness is God's answer to the whole problem of sin. By the two works of grace, God proposes to deal effectively and adequately with every man's need. He saves the sinner and sanctifies the believer. Seek to be saved, and God will forgive you; consecrate your all to Him, and the fire of the Holy Spirit will refine so that your heart will be cleansed of every stain of sin. It is not a matter of growth, but can be received instantaneously. None needs to die (except to sin) to enjoy its benefits. Purgatorial fires cannot bring this blessing, but it comes by a "hunger and thirst" after God. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3).

"There Is That Scattereth, And Yet Increaseth"

By E. E. Wordsworth*

(Proverbs 11:24)

DR. GEORGE D. WATSON says: "I met a very eminent lawyer who had been forty years a member of a certain church in Buffalo who never had sense enough with all his education to know that the word tithe means one-tenth of your money. Think of that! He said he never knew it until he went to a Methodist camp meeting and got saved."

There are literally thousands of people today who profess to be Christians who do not know that they owe God at least one-tenth of their income. The tithe means your material treasures—money, corn, wheat, cotton, potatoes, cream check, employee's pay check, your income from any and all sources. One-tenth of all such is definitely and sacredly the Lord's to be placed

in His storehouse regularly and joyously. May we now give a few illustrations of the blessed working of the tithing principle and practice.

The writer knew a holiness evangelist by the name of Rev. F. W. Cox. He was my personal friend and preached for me in my pulpit when pastor at First Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Cox tells this interesting story. Dr. George D. Watson was holding a revival with Rev. Cox when he was pastor at Bradford, Pennsylvania. A farmer was invited to eat dinner with them one day at the parsonage. While around the table, Brother Cox said to the farmer: "See here, Brother ———, I wish you'd tell Brother Watson about those potatoes—great big white potatoes, of which we were partaking."

The farmer said: "Well, I got saved about eight years ago, and began to tithe all my crops to God. Last year, at the beginning of the year, the potato bugs broke out awfully in our community. I prayed about it and said, 'Now, Father, You know I am Yours entirely. All I have is Yours—wife, children, horses, cattle, and potatoes. Now rebuke these bugs, and take care of my crops.' The farm adjoining mine on one side was literally devoured. The man had expected one hundred bushels of potatoes, and had only three bushels. On the other side, the man had only five bushels. My place was right between these two farms which were devoured by potato bugs, and I did not see a bug on my patch. Hallelujah! We had potatoes in abundance, and peddled around loads of God's potatoes to poor folks, widows, and preachers; and these potatoes are God's potatoes. I put God to the test, and He has proved to me that He will rebuke the potato bugs for my sake."

A farmer in Iowa got sanctified. His wife also was a Christian, and she said, "Now, Husband, we owe \$2,000 on our farm, but let us begin to tithe."

He said, "No, I am in debt; I cannot begin tithing."

"But, Husband, you must not take God's money to pay your debts. We must give God His tenth, and He will help us to pay the debt out of the nine-tenths."

The husband would not agree to it, and the next year he was a little deeper in debt. She kept on trying to get him to give the tenth to God, but he refused. The following year, the third one, he was still deeper in debt, and the fourth year was worse. So the good wife said to him, "I do believe you will lose the farm unless you do as I tell you." He had a hard time that day down in the barn, but he died out, and agreed to pay what He owed God. The next year he had a good crop, and in three years' time the entire mortgage was paid off and they had money in the bank. God rebuked the devourer.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty, saith the Lord.

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Resentment and Ill Will

By A. S. London*

A LEADING PHYSICIAN in one of the great hospitals of our nation has made a statement worthy of the attention of every thoughtful Christian person. He says: "Among my patients who have had breakdowns, a large percentage showed definite signs of resentment, grudges, ill will, and irritation." This noted physician says that "these things contributed to the disorganization of their lives." Their energies were depleted.

He goes on to say that "if we could keep people from getting worked up on the inside because of resentments, a lot of physical breakdowns would be prevented, and all those concerned could preserve their strength and do a better job of living."

The Bible is not wrong in the statement, "Love one another." It is love on the inside; or confusion, ill will, and resentments which upset the whole being. It is poor business to hate. It is physical suicide to hold a grudge and harbor ill will against any living soul.

Knute Rockne, of football fame, said, "You can't have energy unless you love one another." A noted baseball player says that "a fundamental factor in being a success in baseball is to have a deep sense of friendliness for every other player. I can't get the most out of a man," say this noted player, "if that man hates another man." If this be true in the field of sports, is it not doubly true in the realm of religion?

"How do you account for the efficiency of that man?" said a man relative to a great business executive. The answer was, "He practices his religion."

Personal grudges, hates, jealousies, and resentments cause any person to lose mastery over his emotions. A clean heart has no room for ill will. Purity and ill will cannot both live in the Christian life; when one goes in, the other departs. This is true, regardless of profession, outward demonstration, or place in the church. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

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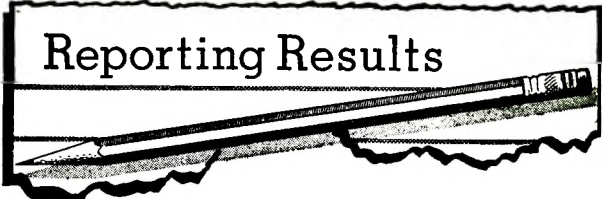
The Lord hath kept thee back from honour (Num. 24:11).

Many a person who has failed to achieve worldly honor and acclaim does not really know how good God has been to him.

Thou shalt not kill (Rom. 13:9).

One does not need to use a gun to kill another; just fiery blasts from a carnal and wicked tongue will do it.—EARLE F. WILDE.

Reporting Results



Quoting from a letter, Pastor Harold Mongerson of Moline, Illinois, makes the following statement: "All I could say is that we feel good in our souls when we follow this [10 per cent] plan, and believe it to be right. As far as our attendance and financial figures show, we have been having good increases on all points."

Yes, it works! At least that is the testimony of many pastors whose church boards have voted to pay a tithe of the church's monthly income to the cause of world evangelism through the General Budget.

GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Think on These Things

By F. Lincicome*

WE MUST NOT fail to discern between mistakes and sins. We can never reach a place in this life where we will not make some mistakes. No amount of grace changes one's essential nature, and one's essential nature is limited, restricted, and finite; and, as such, we must be creatures of error. Holiness does not carry with it the gift of omniscience. There are only three classes of people who never make any mistakes; they are those who are dead, those who are yet unborn, and those who never have tried to do anything. I know of only one person in the whole world who claims infallibility, and he does not live in the United States.

Whatever our experience of grace may be, the liability to error will cling to us until this mortal shall have put on immortality. Sin has so perverted our mortal and spiritual powers that we shall never in this present life be free from infirmities of human nature. God knows we all have infirmities; and if some of you want to know how many you have, ask someone who does not like you very well. However, I'd advise you to have a good big stock of grace on hand before you ask him.

"Infirmities have their roots in our physical nature, aggravated by intellectual deficiencies. They are the outflow of our imperfect moral organization, the scars of sin which remain after the wound has been healed. Before Adam fell he was complete in his mental structure, in the enthronement of his moral sense and in the harmony and balance of all his faculties." But through lack of knowledge, defective memory,

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fallible judgment, slowness of understanding, and numerous infirmities we are liable to err.

Holiness will not produce a perfect conduct. Infallibility is not a fruit of holiness. Holiness is only love made perfect and not judgment made infallible. It is judgment that graduates conduct; so if you are astray in your judgment you will likely be astray in your conduct.

I can hear someone ask, "Does not the Bible demand perfection of us?" Yes, it does, but the perfection of the Bible is a relative perfection, and in the realm of relative perfection there are different grades. The highest state of perfection is what theologians call "absolute perfection." None but God lives in that realm. The next highest state of perfection is "angelic perfection," to be had only by angels. The third is called "Adamic perfection," enjoyed only by Adam and Eve.

There is another state of perfection, and that is "Christian perfection." This is lower than absolute, angelic, or Adamic. Christian perfection is all we are expected to have, and it is not expected to exempt us from mistakes and infirmities. Perfect love will not produce a perfect body, nor a perfect mind, nor a perfect conduct. The only perfection possible on earth is the perfection of love, of motive, and of intention. God looks not so much at what we do, but what we meant to do. He looks for right motives and right intentions.

Let us keep in mind that sanctification has to do with our carnal nature and not our human nature. While a sanctified man is not carnal, still he is very human and subject to mistakes; but a mistake is not a sin, and a sin is not a mistake. A mistake comes from the head, while a sin proceeds from an evil principle in the heart. There are a wicked choice and bad motive back of a sin, but neither of these is back of a mistake.

TWO HOUSES

(Matthew 7:24-27)

By Francis B. Erickson

*Builded upon the Rock! The wise man knew
His house of faith would weather all the gales;
And when the storm lashed wildly, and floods had
risen too,*

His trust was in the Rock that never fails!

*Builded upon the sand! Ah, foolish soul!
On the fleeting sands of time, he staked his all;
When storms assailed his house, and floods did
o'er it roll,*

How tragic, and how fatal was its fall!

*Where buidest thou? Oh, wisely choose
The Rock to undergird thy house of clay!
Life's storms may rage against thee, but never
shall subdue;*

Christ—the eternal Rock—will be thy Stay!

The Times Have Changed

By James M. Miranda*

OUR WORLD IS constantly in the process of change. Through modern communication distance has been annihilated. Changes in the economy of nations are affecting the laborer, the farmer, and the housewife. Social patterns are constantly reorganizing. Political changes are particularly noticeable as men hold the future of our nation in the palms of their hands in times of crises such as we face today. The former generation knew Roosevelt as our president, and now Truman stands before us as another leader. We have seen nations such as Germany, Italy, and Japan rise and fall. Still history marches on.

The supreme question which should interest us most is—"Has the Church changed?" Many people regard the church as a particular denomination or building in which to worship. This is not the true Church. These are only means in which to further the work of the Church. The true Church resides in the people. For what is carried on in these buildings is determined by the people who occupy them. Technically speaking, the Church has never changed; for those who are true Christians abide by the laws of God today as the founders of our denomination did in the past.

We who are Nazarenes do not want our church as a denomination changed from the truths upon which it was founded. Therefore the people who assemble themselves together to worship as Nazarenes are the ones who must not change from those truths. The sinner reads and learns of our God through us. What he sees in us determines a part of his conception of God. It can truly be said that more harm is done to a church through a professing church member inside the church doors than the worst sinner on the outside. Realizing this, let us keep our churches clean.

There are a few things which we should observe and about which we should be careful if we do not want our church to change. It's not the big things but the small things that creep into the doors of the church that cause it gradually to deteriorate.

1. *Indifference*—This is the most dangerous evil of all that is trying to creep into the church. We face this enemy in various ways. There is indifference expressed toward the pastor, Christian friends, toward sinners and the altar. There is an indifference expressed by some who literally do not care what happens in the church service. We have all attended revival meetings where the preacher has delivered a moving message, the Holy Ghost could be felt by all, and still no response. Some people have let gospel preaching no longer move them toward seeing the eternal value of a lost soul. They have become unconcerned and indifferent.

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2. *A departing from basic convictions*—As a result of indifference among the individuals in the church there comes a tendency to depart from basic convictions. At this point we wish to make a definite distinction as to what we mean by basic convictions. We include both the convictions that we as individuals accepted when we became Christians and those convictions that our church has laid down in the General Rules collectively for all of us. The tendency is first to violate our own personal convictions and then the rules of the church. These violations are not done directly and openly. They come through rationalizing and reasoning until we compel our minds to see our own way. As a result many become lax in personal living and can do almost anything without asking for the approval of Christ. We can all see the danger here of becoming too careless and the results if we depart from our basic convictions.

Bear in mind that we are not advocating that the church never change. There must be material changes in the church if we expect to be efficient in spreading the gospel. And we thank God that our church has changed materially since its organization. We also thank God that it has not changed spiritually.

But, in order that these evils do not creep into our church and vitiate it, let us observe a few things that will make it impossible.

Prayer—We can never overemphasize prayer. When everything else fails, prayer succeeds. We must learn to pray by listening, acknowledging, and obeying God. This type of praying creates fire. A church on fire is an active church. There is no time for members to be sitting around doing nothing. Idleness is thrown out the window, and indifference with it. There is no time for one to find fault when he is busy. A church on fire is not only an active church; it is a friendly church. But most of all, it is a growing church. Prayer will keep the church in the will of God.

An emphasis on a holy and clean life—Someone has testified: "The Bible taught it, Jesus brought it, the devil fought it, but I've got it!" Jesus brought redemption, and along with it came a holy and clean life. Jesus stated that He came that we might have life and that more abundantly. When we receive the true Life, then we begin to learn how to live. There is no need for our churches to compete with the world. After having experienced this true Life within, even our young people will discover that no pleasure of the world satisfies. In receiving this Life, or Jesus, we become like Him, clean and pure. As Christians continue to grow, many snares cover our path and it becomes a temptation to let up in our clean living. In order to avoid a falling away from convictions, a new and stronger emphasis must be placed upon holy and clean living. May our preachers preach it more, may our singers sing it more, may our exhorters exhort it more, and may we all live it more. As the song writer

put it, "We will sing it, shout it, preach it, and live it—holiness forevermore!"

To keep up with the times we do have to use modern machinery. We can't use equipment fifty years old and still be progressing. Yes, some things have to be changed, but the central purpose—never! Let us renew our efforts, push the banner of Christ higher, until all may see the flag of salvation and know that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob still lives and has not changed. Yes, shout it out across the ages to this chaotic and confused world, "The times may have changed, BUT GOD HASN'T!"



Are You Bigger than God?

By Earl C. Wolf*

HOW RIDICULOUS and absurd! "Certainly not," you say. But what about your ways, which count more than your words? In your creed, God is high and lifted up; but in your deed—your day-by-day living—He is not exalted. You haven't been living by faith. An operative faith has been unrealized. Only a productive faith can make a vital difference.

Daily you live as though you did not need Him, as though He didn't exist, as though you could master life, as though you were able to meet all life's problems and challenges with sufficient strength of your own and as though you did not need a higher power, beyond and greater than your own. How many times have you stepped out into the day with its storm and stress without having paused for even a moment's meditation and communion with God? In a practical way, though perhaps not fully aware of it, you have said with W. E. Henley,

I am the master of my fate:

I am the captain of my soul.

A few years ago, Robert Kirkland, my friend of college days, took me on a tour through a patrol craft of which he was then the commanding officer. The compasses of the vessel made a lasting impression upon me. The auxiliary compass on the bow was controlled by the master instrument in the ship's heart. It has seemed to me that too many people have endeavored to live without any connection between or without harmonizing the auxiliary with the Master Compass. Is it any wonder that so many have been lost in

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the storms of the pathless ocean or run aground on the dunes or shoals along life's sea?

Could it be that you look over your human estate as though it were the result entirely of your own powers? You earned the money to buy land and to build a home. With the toil of the hands, sweat of the brow, and ingenuity of the mind you have obtained those perishable elements of human treasure and turned your dreams into acquisition and accomplishment. Then you look over the kingdom you have built as though God had no part in it. You have forgotten that Babel's tower was buried in the dust because men attempted to thwart the designs of God; that mighty Babylon lies in musty ruins because Nebuchadnezzar in arrogance lifted his head too high; and that the prosperous farmer was called a fool because he left God out of his thinking and planning.

Do you acknowledge God's ownership in your life by the giving of the tithe? Do you admit your trusteeship by the dedication of your time and talents to the Master? Do you give offerings which symbolize your gratitude for His unfailing love and goodness to you? Do you actively share in God's great project of redeeming men? Do you live each day in God's world or are you the god of your world?

Faith makes the difference! It means power for daily living; it honors God; it puts Christianity into practice. A productive belief changes our lives. Only a faith that brings us into fellowship with Christ, that transforms our thinking and being, and that motivates our doing is sufficient to save us from distorted living and to enable us to walk humbly with our God.

The Successful Handwork of God

By Milton Harrington*

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand (Isa. 64:8).

THE CHRISTIAN is successful only inasmuch as he is in the will of God. "Is it safe to work among lepers?" someone asked Sam Higginbottom, missionary to these outcasts in India. "Yes," he answered, "it is safer to work among lepers, if it's my job, than anywhere else." We can be the successful handwork of God if we will follow the formula given.

Thou art our father as a holy God. In religious and philosophical movements which minimize the sinfulness of man, there is also a minimizing of the holiness of God, or at least of the awareness of God as holy, as a God of love. Modify the holiness of God, and the love of God too is modified. The Biblical view of the God of holy love cannot be tampered with; as soon as one tampers with it, the Biblical God vanishes. There

must be a decision as to which camp or household we belong to.

We are the clay. We need never fear the consequences of obeying God. Clay is obedient to the touch of the higher power. Watch a child as he works with clay. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan states that apostasy begins with some disobedience to God's will in the life—failing to be pliable clay. The tenth commandment of the law is, literally, Thou shalt not desire. Thou shalt have no other will or choice or secret longing after anything but the will of God—what He wills you to have, and because He wills you to have it.

Thou our potter. Thou art our Potter by redeeming us. To redeem means to buy back out of the market place, to meet the occasion, to seize the opportunity, to avail oneself of every means of good. Thou art our Potter by perfecting us—in spite of the fact that some people say, "There is nothing perfect in this world." It is God's desire to chastise us and mold us.

We all are the work of thy hand. The word workmanship comes from the Greek word which means "that which has been made—a work," or "a poetical work," or "a poem." Therefore, it is very clear that we are to be God's poems.

Jonathan Edwards said in one of his resolutions: "On the supposition that there never was to be but one individual in the world at any one time who was properly a complete Christian, in all respects of a right stamp, having Christianity always shining in its true luster, and appearing excellent and lovely, from whatever part, and under whatever character viewed;—Resolved, to act just as I would do, if I strove with all my might to be that one, who should live in my time."

What would be the results if every Nazarene made and kept the same resolution?

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, a hand through which Christ helps, and a life through which Christ lives.

Are you the successful handwork of God?



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Back Home to the Akron District—

EARLY IN September I spoke at the Akron District Preachers' Meeting. This was the second year in succession that I had had this privilege, and both times it was like going back home since I once pastored within the bounds of this district. The convention was held in our First Church in Youngstown, Ohio, where Rev. E. S. Barton, the pastor, and his people made us feel very much at home. This church is enthusiastically backing the Crusade for Souls, and their work is rapidly moving ahead.

I preached the two nights, spoke especially to the preachers and their wives four times, and held three question-and-answer hours during the two days. The people of the Akron District certainly must be above the average, for they were still courteous to me after having listened to me as much as they did during these two days. God bless their patient souls!

It was a blessing to fellowship again with Rev. O. L. Benedum, the superintendent of the Akron District, and Mrs. Benedum. For more than twenty years these good people have been wonderful friends to me. Brother Benedum has brought together on his district one of the most capable groups of pastors and preachers that I have ever met. I wish our people everywhere could have heard the reports of what had been done and of the plans for the future in the various departments of our church work—Boys' and Girls' Camps by Rev. Robert Shoff, Church Schools by Rev. Milton L. Bunker, Nazarene Young People's Society by Rev. Carl Hanks, and the Nazarene Missionary Society by Mrs. D. D.

Palmer. The men join with the women in the foreign missionary work on this district, and the records show that they are doing an outstanding piece of work under the leadership of Mrs. Palmer. The singing during this convention had been carefully planned for and was unusual. The leaders in the various song services were Rev. Edward Barton, Rev. Charles G. Finney, Rev. Bernard Younce, Rev. C. J. Haas, and Rev. Lawrence Walker.

Rev. Kenneth Pearsall presented the work of Eastern Nazarene College to the preachers' convention, and when he had finished we all felt like saying again, "Thank God for Eastern Nazarene College." Good literature was kept before us during the two days by Rev. Carleton Jones.

On my way back to Kansas City I stopped at Canton, Ohio, on Friday night and spoke at the monthly missionary meeting of our First Church of the Nazarene. It was a joy to fellowship here with the pastor, Rev. James Jones, and Mrs. Jones and the others who were present at the meeting, many of whom I had known when I was pastor there some sixteen years ago. This church has just bought land for a new location and is beginning to lay plans to build.

Saturday night and twice on Sunday I spoke at our church in Wooster, on the Central Ohio District. Sunday afternoon I preached under a tent at a home missionary campaign near Wooster, which is being sponsored largely by the Wooster church. Rev. W. O. Blue, who has made a record for himself as a booster for the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, is doing things for God in Wooster. Altogether, it was great to be in Ohio once again!—
THE EDITOR.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. What do you think about Halloween celebrations?

A. Every year just before and after Halloween, I receive questions and letters about Halloween. Some people who write are opposed to Halloween because they are against merrymaking or social gatherings, period! Others want to rule out Halloween because it has, as they say, a heathen origin. If you belong to either of these groups, I respect your views and believe in your sincerity. I strive never to make light of any person's ideas of right and wrong. However, I do think that all of us must be careful that we do not raise every idea of right and wrong to the level of a God-given conviction. I might be mistaken sometime, and the same might be the case with you. By this I do not mean that we should not have convictions, and very strong ones. Most of us err more in not

having convictions these days, I fear, than in having them. Nevertheless, we must all realize that no finite being is infallible—beyond the possibility of being mistaken.

But back to the question. I am not opposed to Halloween celebrations. I have participated in them more or less ever since I can remember and without any thought of their being heathenish. Of course, I am now no longer as young as I used to be and, therefore, must confess that I do not have the enthusiasm for them I once had. This, however, does not prove that they are bad.

No, I would not rule out Halloween celebrations, but I would certainly speak out against certain kinds of them. I am just as decidedly against them as anyone could be. Further, I think that every member of the Church of the Nazarene and every other self-respecting individual should

speak out against them. These are the Halloween celebrations which countenance or indulge in lawlessness, or the destruction of property. There has been far too much of this at Halloween time. In addition, I cry out against Halloween celebrations which so-called Christian and even professing sanctified people use as a moral and religious holiday—when they dress and act in such ways as would be considered sinful if not immoral, under any other circumstances. We should not lose all sense of propriety, refinement, and righteousness just because we happen to be participating in a Halloween celebration. Some of our Halloween celebrations should be lifted to a higher level or else be called off.

Q. Recently I was taught that a person who has been saved and has met all of the other conditions for the baptism with the Holy Spirit may have to wait a while for it just because it is not God's time to give it to him. Do you agree with this?

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A Formula for Solving Problems

A FORMULA for solving problems may be outlined thus: First, *never act hastily*. It is always better to say or do nothing than to speak out of turn or do the wrong thing. Time may solve the problem; and even if it does not, it is never so harmful to wait as it is to act unwisely. When you do not know what to do, certainly it is best to do nothing. Of course, this advice does not exclude prayer to God in secret. Waiting on the Lord is the highest type of waiting, and it is the surest way to prevent hasty, or unwise, action.

Second, *pray*. As Christians, we should always pray about a perplexing situation. Sometimes the only thing that we can do is to pray. Again, often the chief result of our praying will be a demand for readjustment on our part. God answers our prayer by sending us out to do something which we do not want to do. Through divine leadership we find out that the problem can be solved by us as we properly relate ourselves to God and others. Finally, our prayers may reach out and bring about changes in others through the power of a prayer-answering God. This is usually what most of us expect when we begin praying, but often it is not what happens. As we have already indicated, God either gives us grace to stand what cannot be changed or else He removes the difficulty by means of what we do under His guidance. When we face problems, we should always remember the Psalmist's exhortation, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalms 27:14).

Third, *think about the problem*. This will make it easier for God to answer your prayer and direct you as to what should be done.

As a rule, God gives us time to pray and think about a problem before we try to solve it. However, occasionally we may have to do something about a difficult situation at once. In that case, we should do the best that we can and not worry. The same should be said as to actions which have been preceded by prayer and thought. We should not be anxious about them once they have been done. Leave the results in God's hands.

A Walk

Through God's Universe

LET'S START with the earth, a planet, which revolves about our sun. It is 93,000,000 miles away from the sun, around which it circles. It should also be remembered that

The Earth the sun is many, many times larger than the earth or any other planet which belongs to its system. Besides spinning around on its axis each day, the earth makes a complete circle of the sun in a year's time. In this latter journey the earth travels

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1,000 times as fast as an express train, and during the year covers a distance of 600 million miles.

AS WE WALK along through the universe, let's follow the suggestion of Jeans in his book, *The Universe Around Us*, and use the head of a pin as a measuring rod. It is 1/16 of an

Nearest and Farthest Stars

inch in diameter and represents 600 million miles, the distance that the earth travels in a year as it goes around the sun. According to this scale, the sun would shrink to a speck of dust 1/3400 of an inch in diameter and the earth would become such an infinitesimal speck that it could not be seen by the most powerful microscope. Again, on this basis, the nearest star, Proxima Centauri, which is four and one-half light years away (the time it would take a light ray to come from this nearest star to the earth traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second), would be only 225 yards from us, or about 1/8 of a mile. Each pinhead in this 225 yards would stand for 600 million miles. This comparison helps us to grasp a little more the vast distance between the earth and even the nearest star. But this is hardly a beginning. Recently the astronomers with the new 200-inch lens telescope on Mt. Palomar in California have seen stars which are a billion instead of four and one-half light years away. Such stars would be fifty billion yards from the earth—each pinhead distance, or 1/16 of an inch, of the fifty billion yards being 600 million miles. Finite minds cannot comprehend such prodigious figures; they stagger the human imagination.

WE HAVE OVERSTEPPED ourselves, however, in jumping from the nearest to the farthest star yet discovered. Now we must consider what lies between. Our solar system is a part of the Milky

The Milky Way Way galaxy, or family, of stars. As Jeans points out, if we would include the hundred stars, or suns, nearest our sun in the Milky Way, we would have to inclose our

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sun in a cube which would be one mile long, one mile wide, and one mile deep with each pinhead distance in these miles counting for 600 million miles. This does not begin to tell the whole story as to the size of the Milky Way, the family of stars to which our solar system belongs. In its totality, it is 5,000 miles across, with each pinhead distance counting for 600 million miles, for we are still thinking in terms of our measuring rod. Further, our sun, the center of our solar system, is only one of a billion stars in the Milky Way.

AFTER COMING to the outermost limit of the Milk Way, we would have to traverse from twenty to thirty thousand miles, each pinhead of this distance

Millions of Island Universes actually being 600 mil-

lion miles, before arriving at the beginning of another galaxy, or family, of stars. This vast distance would be an empty section in the il-limitable spaces of God's universe. Then we could cross this new galaxy, or island universe, which would mean that we had covered approxi-mately another five thousand miles in our travels, with each pinhead of that distance equaling 600 million miles. This could be kept up until mil-lions of empty spaces with as many galaxies would have been encompassed in our travels. Island uni-verses bounded by empty spaces four to six times as large as they are would be found until their numbers would reach into the millions. In ad-dition, each of these galaxies, or island universes, would have billions of flaming suns in it.

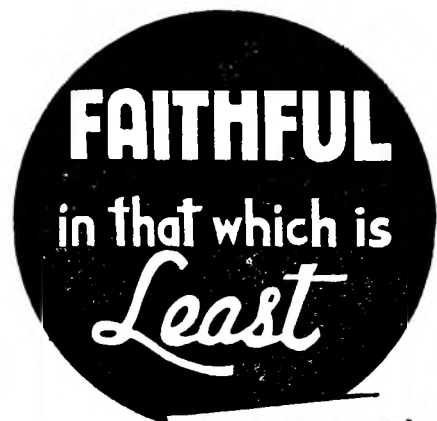
SOMEONE MIGHT THINK that these island uni-verses are crowded with their almost count-less number of stars, or flaming suns, and other heavenly bodies; but as-

No Overcrowding tronomers tell us that this is not the case. Jeans says that if Waterloo Station, one of the large railway stations of London, were emptied of everything except six specks of dust, it still would be far more crowded with dust than space is with stars

in any one of the island universes. Jeans also says that a single wasp flying around in Saint Paul's Cathedral in London would not have so much room as the stars in a galaxy. Or, accord-ing to another comparison, if the reader could stand the heat and take up a position somewhere near the sun and watch the stars pass by at a speed of about a thousand times that of an express train, it would be a million, million, million years before a star would run into him. Certainly, this part of God's universe is not nearly so crowded as one of our city streets. There is no need for traffic lights in any part of the physical universe, as far as the heavenly bodies are concerned. God has provided plenty of room for them.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night shew-eth knowledge. There

The Psalmist Speaks is no speech nor lan-guage, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (Psalms 19:1-6).



A little thing is a little thing; but faithfulness in little things is a very great thing.

Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

BEARDSLEY RUMI and Theodore Geiger, prominent American business economists, are urging Americans to give not less than 5 per cent of their income to benevolent and religious causes. Such payments are good business; they "more than repay their cost in the future and can be among the most productive and remunerative forms of expenditure." It is a great mistake to overlook the importance of intangible goods. We are reminded in this connection of the famous old Athenian, Socrates, who spent his time trying to teach young men the things that would make them good citizens. He did not work for money, but said that if good citizens were created he would be one of the beneficiaries and would thus be amply repaid.

Southern Baptists, in their annual convention held this year at San Francisco, authorized the church to go ahead with plans for television programs. The plans call for fifteen minutes of religious drama and fifteen minutes of a film presentation of the "Baptist Hour."

Other religious telecasts in prospect include one by the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church and one by the Seventh-Day Adventist. The Lutheran program is said to be the largest religious telecast so far, with \$750,000 appropriated to produce twenty-six half-hour telecasts. Viewers will be guided to an answer of the question, "How do I stand with God?" The program, of a dramatic nature, will point to the Bible and Christianity as the hope of troubled men.

At this writing the only information we have about the Adventist program is the fact that they propose to spend \$375,000 in producing it.

Yale Divinity School's Dean Liston Pope says that churches should maintain religious lobbies in Washington. Twelve are now registered there, and more are needed, he thinks. "Protestantism . . . must influence people who make decisions." It would seem that he is right. Lobbies for all sorts of secular interests are extremely active. We should keep pressure on government officials, that they may not forget the highest interests of all. Some of them are fine religious men, but need support. As the situation now stands, many churches have business with Washington officials, and have no man on the spot who knows his way around, so that it can be transacted easily and quickly. A

wide-awake lobbyist could keep his constituency informed of proposed legislation which affects the churches, and in various ways serve the cause of God.

At Atlanta, Georgia, the biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God set up a commission to review their church's stand on divorce and remarriage. Divorce and remarriage are banned, and many delegates demand stricter enforcement of the ruling. According to it, a divorced person may not remarry while his former mate still lives. Provision is made that persons entangled in mar-

riage problems of this type shall not be elected as church officials. A clarification was requested on this to find whether Sunday-school teachers were included in this ban. The commission will have an important and difficult task.

On the occasion of his installation recently as head of Kansas University, Chancellor Murphy declared that athletic scandals, bad as they are, are like clouds of dust which obscure the basic facts of general moral insensitiveness among America's older generations. Young people have been made the scapegoats to detract attention from corruption at higher levels. Some alumni associations and school officials have used dubious means to entice athletic stars to their schools.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for October 21: Joseph's Part in God's Plan

Scripture: Genesis 37:39; 41-47; 50 (Printed, Genesis 47:1-7; 50:18-24)

GOLDEN TEXT: *We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).*

St. Paul's philosophy of life as offered in the Golden Text for today is the soundest basis for Christian living ever offered. Read the wise words of the greatest philosophers of the ages—Plato and Aristotle, Confucius and Hammurabi—and these are but small hills as compared to the towering pinnacle of truth that St. Paul gave us in Romans 8:28. But, to be true, Paul did not give us a brand-new idea; in fact, Paul was really not the father of that philosophic gem at all. To find the birth of the idea we have to go away back to Joseph. Paul knew the Old Testament scriptures and had undoubtedly lingered long over the wonderful words found in Genesis 50:20, *Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.* For Genesis 50:20 is the Old Testament Romans 8:28; and in the case of Joseph we have a down-to-earth, concrete example of the workings of that grand philosophy of life. *All things work together for good* is the broad statement of the policy, but *Ye thought evil; but God meant it unto good* is the policy in operation in a man's life.

No one has ever doubted the wisdom of Joseph, for he was elevated to the prime ministership of Egypt. And no one ever has found a flaw in his spirit; for when revenge was abundantly within his grasp, he preferred rather to offer the sweet honey of forgiveness. How could he do that away back there before Pentecost and before Calvary? Because he operated on the firm basis that human sight is so short while divine insight is long. The evil that his brothers had worked so savagely had now become alchemized into the gold of God's blessing.

Backed up by the experience of the worthies of the Old Testament, and having dipped personally into the river of human suffering, Paul stepped to the rostrum of the ages and shouted out for men of all time to hear. Romans 8:28 is the cry of triumph!

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And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord (Num. 11:1).

God despises any soldier of the Cross who complains of his or her place in the line of combat.—EARLE F. WILDE.

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Roy J. Smee, Secretary

Nazarene Bible Institute

THE FALL SEMESTER, 1951, opened at Nazarene Bible Institute, our school at Institute, West Virginia, for the training of colored young people, with a good number registering the first day, most of them from out of town. A number of districts have worked at the task of sending one young person to the school, and our colored churches at New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, and elsewhere have been busy getting young people to attend. Rev. E. E. Hale, president of the school, writes that he is encouraged over the prospects for the best year the school has had. Six of the students who registered are studying for the ministry.

Rev. R. W. Cunningham is one of the teachers at the school and also is pastor of our church at Institute. Brother and Sister Cunningham are wonderful people, deeply spiritual, and carrying a burden for the development of the Church of the Nazarene among their people. They are qualified educators, but we know the students will love and appreciate them for the beauty of their spirit and walk with God.

Rev. Clarence Bowman is a new addition to the faculty of the school this year. Brother Bowman has been interested in our school for some time and he will be a great asset to us. He will also engage in evangelistic work and preaching. A tent meeting is now planned for Charleston, in which he will be the evangelist. We hope soon to have a colored Church of the Nazarene in this city.

Pray for the school, its faculty, and the students. We feel it is the key to our responsibility in the evangelization of the fifteen million colored people in America.

Annual Colored Conference

The fifth annual conference for the colored work of the Church of the Nazarene will be held at Nazarene Bible Institute, Institute, West Virginia (a suburb of Charleston), beginning at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 19, and closing at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 21. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool will be the presiding general superintendent and bring several messages.

Pastors of our colored churches are urged to be present with their reports. Those who cannot attend should mail their reports to Rev. Alpin P. Bowes, conference secretary, 2923 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. We

encourage the local churches or others to assist in the expenses of these pastors to the conference.

We would like every district superintendent who has a colored church on his district, or is interested in starting one, to plan to attend. This work is growing splendidly, and we want to be able to know the full extent of it at the conference.

This annual meeting provides a wonderful time of inspiration, encourage-



Colored Home Missions

Mr. Harry M. Winland, superintendent of the Sunday school at First Church, Canton, Ohio, has sent in the above picture of the new colored department of their Sunday school. This was started on July 8, 1951, and when the picture was taken, August 19, there were twenty-nine present. Mr.

ment, and blessing for our colored workers. Our churches are scattered from California to New England and always enjoy this time of fellowship.

Teaching Becomes Practical

An Intermediate Sunday-school class studied about race relations a few Sundays ago. They became so interested that they wanted to do something to help get the gospel to colored people in this country. They took up an offering for Nazarene Bible Institute and sent it in to Headquarters. We express our appreciation to the Intermediate Sunday-school class at Olton, Texas, on the Abilene District, and to Mrs. W. R. Aldridge, the teacher.

Clarence Barrows, Jr., is the supervisor of the department. They are hoping that a new Church of the Nazarene will develop out of the department.

We commend this home missionary endeavor of Canton First Church. They have set an example that others could well follow.

THE QUESTION BOX

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A. Not if I rightly understand what you mean by your statement. I cannot conceive of God's arbitrarily holding back either conversion or the sanctifying baptism with the Holy Spirit. It is His will to save or sanctify you the very minute you meet the conditions. It may take an individual a long or short time to get willing and ready to receive either of these blessings, but it does not take any time for God to get willing or ready to bestow either of them. The ten days of waiting of the one hundred and twenty disciples at Pentecost was a time of preparation for them, and not for God. Any tendency to see God's arbitrariness in the Pentecostal baptism is due to a confusion of the dispensational significance of the first Pentecostal outpouring with its personal function.

Q. I have honestly tried now for some years to live right. Further, I have for many years been very careful about paying my tithes and giving offerings. At the same time there have been those who worked by my side and went on in their sin. They have ignored God and the Sabbath. They have given little if any to the work of the Lord. Still, some of them are getting along much better financially now than I am. How do you explain that?

A. First, we must remember that, as someone has said, God does not pay off every Saturday night. Again, living right here does not necessarily mean material prosperity, but it does mean spiritual prosperity. Spiritual values are far above material values. Peace of mind is more valuable than rubies and diamonds. Finally, no better answer has ever been given to your question than Psalms 37. Read it.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Current Flashes

Dr. Orpha Speicher, Rev. and Mrs. Cleve James and their family, and Miss Alberta Fletcher, R.N., sailed for India on September 6. They are scheduled to arrive in Bombay the first week in October.

Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Briles, from Bolivia, have returned to the United States on their furloughs. Also home on furlough is Mrs. Lucille Broyles, of British Honduras.

Rev. Everett Howard is sailing to the United States from the Cape Verde Islands, where he attended the annual assembly.

Dr. Samuel Hynd and his wife, formerly Rosemarie Ballard, will soon assume their places as missionaries in Swaziland, South Africa.

Report from Africa

Last council I was sent back to our "mother" station, where I worked my first two years in the school with Miss Boggs. This time my responsibilities are much greater, as I'm in charge of the schools on the district, besides carrying a full teaching load myself. Some of my other duties are: teaching the women's class, which meets once a week; in charge of the boys' N.Y.P.S. and the district Y.W.M.S.. On Saturdays the women of my class go out to preach to the heathen.

These women really have been a big blessing to me. How well I remember the first class I had with them! I was all atremble because, you see, many of them were Christians and Nazarenes before I was even born, and to think of my teaching them was frightening. But I soon discovered that they were so interested in the Bible that there was no need for fear. As these women feel it is their obligation to teach us

the native language, they refuse to listen to English. That means I must use Zulu. If I make a mistake (and I do make them), they just help me along; as I improve, they thank and praise the Lord for answering their prayers.

During our past revival at one altar service alone there were more than sixty men, women, and children praying. But I think the nicest service of all was on Sunday afternoon when an old heathen woman stood up and chose Christ. To hear one say, "*Ngi ya keta iNkosi*" ("I choose Christ"), is really the most wonderful thrill that anyone possibly could have. It never grows old. After Mr. Lewis completed his message, this woman came down to the altar to pray, and God graciously met her need. At the end of her prayer she lifted up her head and said she was going to join my women's class and go out to tell others of Christ. This past Sunday she was out in time for Sunday school. She really means to go through with the Lord.

Our young people's services have just been going on since January. Already they have proved to be a great blessing to our youth and even to the church as a whole. Miss Jester had wanted an N.Y.P.S., so when I came up here she asked me to sponsor the boys and Miss Clark to take the girls. It has always been rather hard to get the Swazi boys to take an interest in Christian service, but it would bless your hearts to see them preparing and giving their topics. Oh, they are not all wonderful speakers or singers, but how well it brings back memories of times I had to speak in N.Y.P.S. when I was just starting out! Some of them stand first on one foot and then on the other, wipe perspiration from their foreheads, and stammer for just the right word.

But they are doing well, and they are zealous. All this is preparing them for greater service in the days to come.—LOIS JANE DRAKE, Africa.

Barbados District Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Sunday, August 26, a fine company of Nazarenes, nearly one thousand in number, reached their Mount of Triumph to sing and shout the praises of their conquering Christ. It was twenty-five years to the very day since their pioneer missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Hill, arrived on the island to open officially the work of the Church of the Nazarene.

Despite the downpour of torrential rains, lorry loads of happy, singing Nazarenes came from all parts of the island to participate in this glorious historical event. As they gathered to celebrate their victory, the early-comers met God at an altar of prayer; joyous singing followed, with an extra-special choir number to cheer the heart. The familiar baptismal scene, with thirty-one declaring their faith in their risen Lord, thrilled the soul of every Christian. Then, if the homeland Nazarenes could have witnessed the receiving of eighty-three fine men and women into our great Zion, they too would have shouted praises to their King.

The morning service was at its height when seemingly right out of the blue Dr. Wendell Hendricks and Dr. Neal Norton flew in from Southern California. The Nazarenes of Barbados were blessed beyond measure as Dr. Hendricks sang that much-loved song, "O Love of God." To tell you the truth, the Jubilee crowd nearly shouted the place down! At the conclusion of a very appropriate message by the district superintendent, an altar full of earnest seekers found victory through Jesus their Lord.

The afternoon service was unusually eventful. Special choir numbers were rendered by the three baby churches; their strength and ability proved amazing. Three senior churches also rendered specials honoring pioneer national workers who had contributed much to the progress of the Barbados District. Between these numbers, special greetings were read from our general leaders: Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, Dr. C. Warren Jones, and Rev. Mrs. S. N. Fitkin. Other greetings greatly enjoyed came from Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Hill, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins of South Africa, and Rev. Bertha Pults.

In colorful ceremony the pastors made a beautiful presentation to their district leaders, that being followed by the final, dramatic Jubilee March.

THIS I KNOW!

I may not know what next may come
Across my pilgrim way;
I do not know tomorrow's road,
Nor see beyond today;
But this I know—my Saviour knows
The path I cannot see,
And I can trust His wounded hand
To guide and care for me!

I do not know what may befall
Of sunshine or of rain;
I do not know what may be mine
Of pleasure or of pain;
But this I know—my Saviour knows

And, whatso'er it be,
Still I can trust His love to give
What will be best for me.

I do not know what may await,
Or what the morrow brings;
But with the glad salute of faith
I'll hail its opening wings!
For this I know—that in my Lord
Shall all my needs be met,
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.

—written by REV. CHARLES A. BROWN

While the rain pounded the roof until voices could scarcely be heard, that great crowd of Nazarenes sang and marched, laying their treasures at their Master's feet, bringing their offering of love and self-denial to more than \$2,000.

If it had not rained, there would have been more baptized, more mem-

bers received, and even a greater offering. But, as you well know, real Nazarenes never accept defeat. Today there is a shout throughout the entire district because, with the ingathering of the fragments and the gifts of our precious homeland friends, with flying colors we have passed our \$2,500 goal. We wish you could have

even a faint idea what this represents on this foreign mission district.

The motto of this district through the Jubilee year was "Souls and Silver for Our Saviour." Today every heart is overjoyed, knowing our wonderful Lord has led us victoriously to the Mount of Triumph.—MRS. A. O. HENDRICKS, Barbados.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

The True Meaning of Sacrifice

IT WAS A LONG TIME before I learned the true meaning of sacrifice. I thought for a long time that if I sacrificed I had to do without something which I could not afford or didn't wish to do without. Then I learned that sacrifice means giving up something desirable for a higher devotion. On the lower level of sacrifices, I think I sacrificed once.

It was over twenty years ago now and I was in my last year of college. There wasn't much money left over in my brother's and my school allowances for food, pencils, paper, and such extras as seem always to be popping up when one is in school. Usually, by hook or crook, we managed to have fifteen cents each for lunch. We could buy a good-sized bowl of chili and a glass of milk for that, and it filled us, too. We ate this kind of food usually at the little lunch shop right across from the city hotel. In the basement floor of this hotel was the famous eating place called the "Green Lantern." It cost thirty-five cents to eat a lunch there, but how we did wish we could eat in that fancy place just once.

The desire became so strong that one day we decided we would eat in the Green Lantern. On the way to school we passed, as always, an apple tree. This apple tree must have been planted by Johnny Appleseed, for it was not only old and gnarled but it was standing on the land which belonged to the state highway. The apples had begun to fall. The idea came into our minds that we could easily eat those fallen apples and so not spend our fifteen cents for lunch for a few days and save enough to eat at the Green Lantern. To do this, we had to sacrifice the chili and milk!

Yes, for a week we did without chili and milk. The apples even tasted good. We did not mind at all, for lunch at the Green Lantern looked so inviting to us.

By the end of the week, we had

saved enough for us to invite a friend to go with us on Friday. We walked into the fancy restaurant as if we had been eating there every day. Somehow we didn't even think of the chili and milk we had done without all week. The chicken pie and ice cream were wonderful.

I become disturbed when I hear people talk of their sacrifices for the Lord's work. Their doing without seems to hurt them! A true sacrifice is something beautiful. The greater devotion is so wonderful that one's eyes cannot focus themselves on the desirable things. His eyes are fixed on things above.

Chili was good, but chicken pie was so much better that we enjoyed the sacrificing!

OKLAHOMA DWELLERS:

The Frogs

That Would Not Stay Put

Down at the back end of our lot there was a low plot of ground. When the rains came this low spot always filled with water, and for several days thereafter there would be a most delightful little pond. In this pond we children went wading and catching whatever kind of animals we could find. There were plenty of crawdads, tadpoles, and bullfrogs. There was a queer-looking animal which looked like half fish and half dog. We were always afraid of this creature and stayed away from him as much as possible. All sorts of stories developed about the queer thing. Some said it would stick out its tongue, and if the tongue touched your leg you would be poisoned and die before even the doctor could get there. Others said that if it bit one of the little frogs, the frog would immediately die. Of course, hearing all these mysterious stories made the pond much more interesting and mysterious.

One day after we had been blessed with a pond for a whole week, we noticed lots of baby frogs hopping here

and there. They developed from tadpoles almost before our eyes, and we thought they were so cute that we decided we would build a little pool of clean, pure water near the house, so that we could keep the frogs even after the short-lived pond was gone.

We went to the side of the house and started digging. We dug as deep as we dared, for we felt quite sure Mother would not want too large a hole in the back-side yard. We made a little stick fence around the pool and then poured it full of water.

Once having the new frog home prepared, we returned to the pond and began the enjoyable task of catching the frogs. We filled our skirts, caps, and all available cans. About the time we had our baby frogs nicely settled in the clear pool, Mother called us to lunch.

As soon as lunch was over we children raced back to the pool.

"Come quick," called the first child to reach the clear pool.

But we were all there almost as soon as he was, and all of us were faced with the fact that there were no baby frogs in our pool. They had jumped over the stick fence and hopped all the way back to that dirty pond water. They had returned to the place where they could find proper food and have plenty of space in which to move.

When we Christians find ourselves in the wrong company, let us follow the example of those baby frogs. Even if the fence around us is high, let us jump the fence and go right back to the place where we can be with people who will tell us of God and who live for Jesus day by day. Just because a place is beautiful and new doesn't mean it is always best for you.

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Rom. 8:25).

Patient waiting for the fulfillment of a promise makes a life an inspiration and anticipation instead of just mere existence.

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord (Hosea 6:3).

An aggressive, progressive child of God never becomes digressive.—EARLE F. WILDE.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

CORRECTION: Due to a mistake in the telegram sent from the Kentucky District Assembly, it read, "The Kentucky District elected Dr. L. T. Wells and he is starting out to beat his twenty-five-year record of *two new churches each year.*" The district secretary informs us that this should have read, "*five new churches each year.*"—Office Editor.

Song Evangelist Leland R. Davis reports: "Since reporting in the spring, I have assisted in revival services in First Church, Bloomington, Indiana, with Pastor Franklin Moore, and Evangelist Sammy Sparks; in Copley, Ohio, with Pastor Tom Reams, and Evangelist Trafton Williams; and in East Palestine, Ohio, with Pastor Eugene Baxter, and associated with Dr. Mendell Taylor. God blessed, and it was a privilege to work with such splendid evangelists. Most of the remaining part of the summer was spent in district camps. I was privileged to spend seven full weeks working on the Akron District, as a worker first in four weeks of boys' and girls' camps, then as pianist for the district camp meeting, and finally as a worker in the young people's institute. We had some of the finest and most spiritual camps I ever have been in. I am now in my first meeting of the winter schedule. Write me, 2021—12th Street, Akron 14, Ohio."

Joliet, Illinois—Under the evangelism of Rev. Mary Latham, our church has experienced one of the best revivals in its history. Miss Latham's intelligent and instructive ministry appealed to all types and ages, resulting in many souls gladly finding their way to an altar of prayer. Also, Miss Latham dealt with and offered helpful suggestions to the different departments of the church, leaving our church stronger. Since the completion, three years ago, of our attractive new building, we are reaching more people than at any previous time during the ministry of Rev. C. B. Armes, our pastor for the last sixteen years.—Bess Cronk, Reporter.

Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "Immediately after our meeting in Laurel, Delaware, we have an open date, December 5 to 16. We'd prefer to slate this time with some church between the East and the Central states. Write us, Lamar, Missouri."

A wonderful spirit prevailed at the Labor Day N.Y.P.S. rally of the Monongahela Zone, held in the church at Monongahela, Pennsylvania. Rev. E. M. Parks, of Salem, Ohio, spoke in the afternoon service, and Mrs. Parks spoke in the evening service. Special music and singing were rendered by members of the various so-

cieties. Canonsburg was awarded the percentage banner, and Waynesburg the attendance banner. The service climaxed with a number of souls praying through to definite victory. Rev. Curtis Morrow is the zone chairman.—June Greenwood, Secretary.

Richwood, West Virginia—On last June 29 a new church was organized here with eighteen members, District Superintendent E. C. Oney officiating. This new church was an outgrowth of a tent meeting conducted by Rev. Chester Acton, Rev. Edward McConkey, and Rev. W. L. King. Over sixty souls were saved in the four-week meeting. Regardless of a poor location, the Lord is blessing the work. We have been able to purchase a good building lot in a nice section, and have started to erect a 30 x 70-foot church of lime-block. In August, Evangelist A. G. Weiss was with us for two days, and eight persons were saved and sanctified. Please pray for us.—Reporter.

Evangelist Charles Ed. Nelson writes: "We thank God for His blessings upon us during the past year. We have seen many seekers and glad finders, and souls have been blessed by our musical part of the program. We have an open date, November 28 through December 2, also some open time in '52. Write me, 208 North 6th, Rogers, Arkansas."

Evangelists Dorrance and Esther Nichols report: "Closing two years of glorious work in the field of evangelism, we thank God for the many seekers He has given at our altars. In these two years we have held forty-four revivals in nine states and two provinces of Canada, working with our good pastors on twelve different districts. As we enter our third year of evangelism, our slate is filled for this year, with only a few dates left open in 1952. Two of those open dates are in January and February (of '52), and we'd like to slate the time in Florida, Alabama, or Georgia, as we will be in that section for other meetings. We travel by house-trailer, and provide a complete program of preaching, music, and singing. Write us, 849 Poplar Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania."

Beloit, Wisconsin—In September we experienced a most gracious revival under the leadership of Evangelist J. R. Erp. A wonderful spirit of tenderness prevailed throughout the whole meeting, and attendance was the best during our pastorate here. Forty-one seekers bowed at the altar, and there was wonderful victory in prayer. The church was greatly helped and stirred by the ministry of Brother Erp. On the closing Sunday we had 131 in Sunday school. We thank God for His blessings.—W. M. Brown, Pastor.

Pastor J. E. McConnell writes from Oakland, California: "We have had a busy and profitable summer at our Elmhurst Church. In late June, Evangelist Whitcomb Harding was with us in a revival. The people responded to his spontaneous enthusiasm and worked with zeal, influencing nearly one hundred 'first-timers' to attend the meetings. A number of good contacts were made, new records were set in the Sunday school, souls found God, and the church was challenged. In July, we were privileged to have Ronnie and Myrtabelle Lush stop over and give us several days. Their ministry of music was a real blessing and inspiration to our church. A very successful vacation Bible school was held, with the enrollment reaching a number almost equal to that of our Sunday-school enrollment; more new contacts were made. Our church greatly benefited by the splendid program carried on by the district at Santa Cruz, through the boys' and girls' camps, and the young people's institute. In September we had a successful fall convention, to start our fall and winter program. Two of our neighboring pastors, Rev. Robert Goslaw of Richmond, and Rev. A. Hanners of Vallejo, gave us inspiring messages and challenged our hearts. District Superintendent George Coulter was with us for the climaxing service of the convention. His appeal for a forward program of soul winning and personal evangelism resulted in a beautiful altar service; all our people were challenged to do more. We are located near Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, and would be glad to contact any of our sailors or marines here."

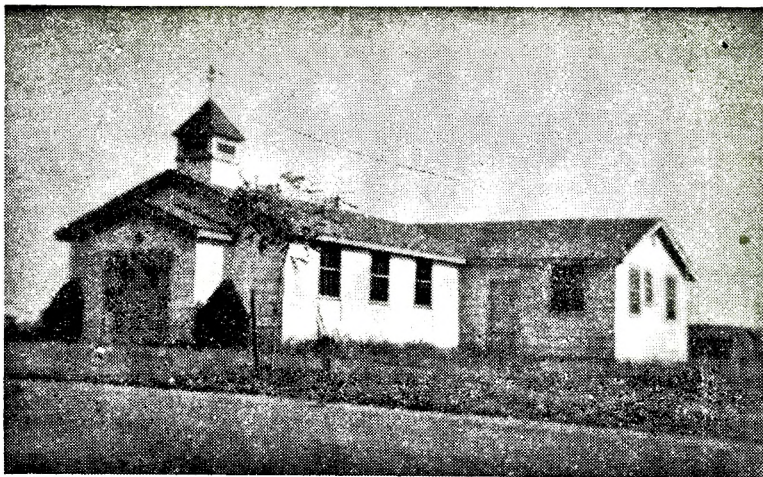
Evangelist Bertha Crowe writes: "These are wonderful days to my soul. Recently had a good meeting at Lula, Oklahoma, with Pastor Hoggett, and a number of souls prayed through at the altar. On September 4 the Lord gave us a fine service at Stroud, and on September 16 we had two good services with the fine people of Stonewall, Oklahoma. The Lord has blessed my heart and I have kept busy for my King since leaving Tacoma, Washington, in July. I am making up my fall and winter slate and will go anywhere for entertainment and free-will offerings."

Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith write: "We have an open date, October 16 to 28, due to a cancellation, as the church is in a building program. Write us, 818 McKinley Ave., Cambridge, Ohio. We carry the whole program, if desired."

Rev. Mrs. Morris Gill writes: "I am closing my local work at McAlester with this assembly year, and am re-entering the evangelistic field. I will go anywhere for entertainment and freewill offerings. This is my forty-first year in the ministry—have had years of experience both in the pastorate and the evangelistic field. Write me, 718 S. Fourth St., McAlester, Oklahoma."

Del City, Oklahoma

The Del City Church was organized July 18, 1948, by the Eastern Oklahoma District. Del City is a housing project which grew into a beautiful city of over six thousand population. However, the planners had not included church sites in the development. The new church was fortunate in getting one and one-fifth acres of land, which was later surrounded by the city; the church is in a good location. Now, after three years, with no outside aid, this "baby" church has property valued at sixteen thousand dollars, which includes a beautiful church that can accommodate two hundred people. Pastor Travis Harrison and wife worked the town for eight months before organization; he then served three years as pastor. He has now resigned to enter the Nazarene Theological Seminary at Kansas City, and Rev. J. C. Andrew is the new pastor.—Reporter.



Evangelist L. M. Payne writes: "The past year has been one of the most successful of my life in the evangelistic field. I have had the privilege of preaching in twenty-one different churches and holding revivals in about ten different states. Souls have prayed through in all the campaigns, and quite a few have united with our church. Where people will count the cost and pay the price, God will come and give revivals. I have had wonderful cooperation from pastors and people. Among my recent revivals was the one at First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, with Pastor Patterson. This was a week-end revival of five services, and we saw twenty-eight souls pray through at the altar, twelve on the last night. My health is greatly improved, and I am giving full time to evangelism. I have two revivals in my home state before Christmas, and my plans are to go West about the

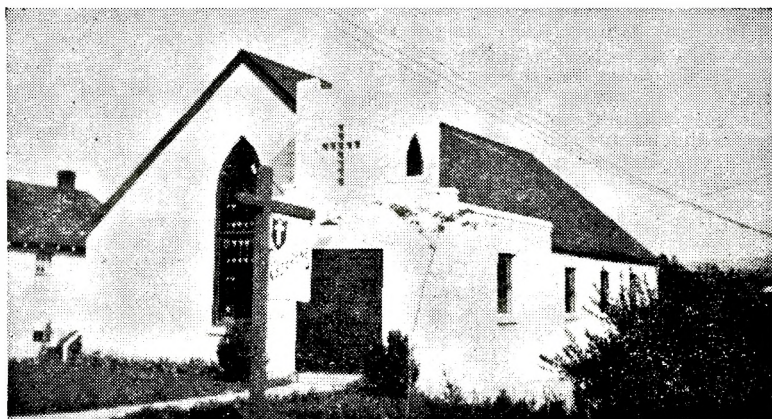
middle of December, to Tucson, Arizona, and on to California. I intend to spend the winter in the West, and would like to slate a revival or two en route to Tucson; also have about three openings from Tucson to California to fill out my slate. I have one open date in October. Write me, 509 N.W. Main, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Dayton, Ohio—Richman Heights Church has had an excellent week-end meeting with Miss Shirley Galvin. The meeting closed on Sunday night with several seekers: a teenage girl saved for the first time, a backslidden husband and wife gloriously reclaimed, and a backslidden church member reclaimed. All these were outstanding victories for the church. During the past year the church has nearly doubled its giving, the Sunday school has had a 25 per cent increase in attendance; and since the first of the year we have raised

more on our indebtedness than was raised during the last two years. When we came last April the people were much discouraged, and we thank God for the excellent spirit which has come on the church during the past few months.—Newman Sheldon, Pastor.

Herrin, Illinois—In September this church had a very profitable revival with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep as the fine and efficient workers. The Scene-o-felt pictures gave a vital message through the "eye-gate" as well as through the "ear-gate." Many of our people said, "This revival meant more to me than any other I ever attended." The solid, gospel preaching of Brother Estep, and the splendid singing of Mrs. Estep, under the blessing of God, gave us a real visitation from heaven. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Esteps with us.—Thomas E. Snider, Pastor.

Marion, Virginia

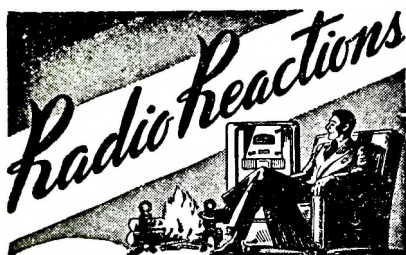


This fine church edifice was dedicated on last July 29, with our district superintendent, Rev. V. W. Littrell,

bringing the message. The church was organized on December 11, 1941, as a result of a tent meeting held by

Rev. A. D. Holt, then the district superintendent. A lot was purchased and a tabernacle constructed which served as the worship center for a time. The present building was constructed under the leadership and ministry of Rev. Robert Rapalje, who served as pastor from 1945 to 1950. This year the church auditorium has been renovated, floors sanded, new drapes made for the windows, and a new altar built. A comfortable apartment has been completed, on the rear of the church, until such time as a parsonage can be constructed. Finances have all been met, and all budgets paid for the year. A conservative estimate of the value of the property is \$10,000, with a debt of about \$700, one-half of which is pledged to be paid within six months. A sacrificial, loyal group of Nazarenes has made this possible.—Allen Richardson, Pastor.

Evangelist Joe Norton reports: "During the past assembly year I have labored on seven districts, conducting twenty-three revivals, with five hundred seekers at the altar, and can count at least sixty-three persons who have united with our church as a result of the meetings. We give God all the glory and praise. I have some open time in '52; write me, Box 143, Hamlin, Texas."



As Received by
T. W. Willingham, Executive Director
Nazarene Radio League

ONE OF THE soldier boys in North Korea writes,

"My heart was filled with gladness when the announcer said, 'We will now bring you the Radio Voice of the Church of the Nazarene.' It gives one a thrill to have radio contact with his church. Thanks for the schedule of the 'Showers of Blessing' broadcast. The Lord has truly been good to help our church to put a radio program around the world. May His blessing ever be on our church." Aren't you glad you helped make this possible?

How is this one for real sacrificial spirit?

"Please use this offering as God directs. I pray you can continue to send out the message so all may know Christ. Continue to pray for us, as we are still homeless. How we need strength and faith in these times."

That was from a lady in Kansas City, Kansas, who lost her home in the July flood.

A man in North Carolina writes:

"I have been listening to your radio program for some time and have thought I would write you and send a small check to help pay for the time on the radio, but never did it. I am going to do it now before I listen to another good sermon."

"I want to say that I have heard lots of people say how much you could put into the short fifteen minutes each Sunday, and I pray that the Lord may give you good health and long life to preach His Word, which means so much to all of us that hear it every Sunday."

Have you asked your friends and neighbors to listen?

Sandusky, Ohio—In September we had a very wonderful revival with Rev. Otto and Loa Davidson as the evangelists and singers. Due to much prayer and the deep, searching gospel ministry, about eighty souls sought God either for regeneration or entire sanctification. The Davidsons are all a church needs in evangelistic workers; they are motivated by the Holy Spirit, and are a great blessing to the church.—J. N. Lakin, Pastor.

Evangelist R. M. Banning writes: "I have had two cancellations, therefore have open time, November 6 to 18, and November 20 to December 2. God is blessing us in the field of evangelism, and we will be glad to go anywhere for freewill offerings. Write, P.O. Box 371, Vincennes, Indiana."

Crawford, Nebraska—Our church had a meeting in September with Evangelists Gilbert and Sylvia Anderson. Our people enjoyed the heart-searching messages of Sister Anderson; and the singing of Brother Anderson added greatly to the services, because of the spiritual manifestation revealed in the life and singing of this man of God. God gave a number of souls praying through to definite victory at the altar. Also, to add to the inspiration of the services Sister Anderson showed her Scene-o-felt pictures; this was an attraction both to young and old. The Andersons were a great blessing to us, and a number of our own folk received definite help. Brother and Sister Anderson cooperate beautifully in the program of the local church.—T. B. Gray, Pastor.

Boys and Girls' Camp Southwest Indiana District

One hundred and fifty-nine enthusiastic boys and girls from Southwest Indiana District gathered at Camp Na-Wa-Kwa, McCormick's Creek State Park, for their second annual camp, July 30 to August 4, under the fine leadership of Rev. and Mrs. David Krick, camp directors.

We had a camp staff of approximately fifty adult counselors, teachers, etc. Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Bohannon served as camp pastors, with Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Reese as the splendid cooks.

Our boys and girls attended Bible, mission, and nature study classes, as well as enjoying the wholesome fun and recreation which had been well planned.

One of the outstanding services of the day was the evangelistic service each evening, with Rev. D. F. Steininger as the chalk-artist evangelist. The children were thrilled each evening as Brother Steininger would draw such pictures as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset." The children carried a real burden for those who did not know Jesus as their personal Saviour. Once again, we had a *clean sweep* for Jesus in our camp.

The LuAllen award was again presented to the outstanding boy or girl for co-operation, attitude, spirituality, and behavior while at camp.

On Friday evening we witnessed one of the most impressive sights one could see, that of the boys and girls partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Once again we were made to realize that Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."

CAROL CALLAHAN, Reporter

Southern California District

The Southern California District was privileged to have the Misses Mary and Joy Latham for a district tour in the interest of our church schools. Four services were held at strategic points on the district. Between eight hundred and one thousand of our local Sunday-school workers were in attendance at these rallies.

The Latham Sisters were "tops" in giving us information and inspiration for our Sunday-school task. We were challenged to do more efficient work in the teaching program of our church. Our church schools showed a good increase last year, and we are off to another year of victory with enthusiasm high.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Plumb, district superintendent and wife, were of great assistance during the tour. The constant interest of our district superintendent in the work of the Sunday schools is appreciated.

W. HERMAN BURTON, Chairman
District Church School Board

Northwest Oklahoma District Assembly

The third annual Northwest Oklahoma District Assembly was held in First Church, Bethany, Oklahoma, with Rev. E. S. Phillips as host pastor. Dr. G. B. Williamson presided, and all were delighted with his messages and the spirit in which they were given.

Rev. Mark R. Moore, who has served as superintendent since the division of the district three years ago, brought a most comprehensive and inspiring report. Under his leadership, the Northwest Oklahoma District has had a phenomenal growth in membership and finances. The quota of new churches already has been reached for the quadrennium, and a new goal has been set. As an indication of the esteem in which Brother Moore is held on the district, when the vote was taken he received all the votes except one for district superintendent. Mrs. Moore is a wonderful helpmeet; she serves as the district W.F.M.S. president.

One of the visitors in the assembly was Mrs. Mary Anderson, missionary from India; she challenged us to do more for foreign missions. A recent graduate of Bethany-Peniel College, Miss Alberta Fletcher, was present and spoke to the assembly; she is sailing soon for India.

Mr. Elvin Hicks represented the Nazarene Publishing House, and received orders for 22,000 copies of the special issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**.

Rev. John and Grace Roberts represented Rest Cottage at Pilot Point, Texas; an offering of \$750 was given for the support of this home. Dr. R. H. Cantrell, president, was in charge of the service presenting the work of our Bethany-Peniel College.

Among the many visitors were preachers from surrounding districts, also three district superintendents: Rev. Glen Jones of Eastern Oklahoma, Rev. W. T. Johnson of Southwest Oklahoma, and Rev. Paul H. Garrett of Dallas.

In a beautiful and impressive service on Thursday night, Dr. Williamson ordained as elders seven men and one woman: Danford Alger, Thurmond Davis, Bennett Dudney, Lawrence Gholson, Forest Ladd, Richard Law, Lucille Law, and Melvin Riddle.

Delegates elected to the General Assembly were: Elders—Mark Moore, Roy H. Cantrell, E. S. Phillips, Fred Floyd, and J. T. Gassett. Laymen—Harry Craddock, Mrs. Mark Moore, James R. Garner, C. A. "Uncle Charlie" McConnell, and E. C. Hall.

JAMES R. GARNER, *Reporter*

Northern California District Institute-Convention

Of the 483 registrants for the Institute-Convention held at Beulah Park, August 27 to September 3, few could know or understand what lay behind the scenes.

There were 100 more "first nighters" than last year. Scores of institutors waited in line to be registered and they got tired of it. They did not know that their \$8.50's plus lodge and dining hall receipts ran finances to \$5,500, and that Irving Sullivan had to keep it all straight.

When Rev. Paul Martin was re-elected district N.Y.P.S. president in an all-but-one vote, and in his genial way accepted, few took note that the mantle of responsibility fell again on him. No one thought of the long nights of driving or the flights home, or the agony occasioned when two duties conflict—local and district.

Dr. E. E. Grosse, superintendent of the Washington-Philadelphia District, spoke twice each day. Where was his wisdom born? How come the deft handling of word or situation? Did anyone remember his twenty-five years of ministry, the education wrought by experience, the precious gift of his soul's life?

And Beulah Park itself, strained and bulged at the seams, could scarce contain the offspring of those whose sacrificial foresight envisioned this day.

But when on Sunday afternoon in the home-mission rally Rev. Wilson Lanpher upended a suitcase containing 626 one-dollar bills, and paid San Francisco First Church's pledge for next year and sparked giving which promised the all-time high of \$14,500

for home missions by Northern California young people, nothing else seemed important.

The mammoth map of California which clung to the wall, the miner who crouched beside it with his pick and pan, the prairie schooner which stood beneath the words, "They sought gold—we seek souls," the model home-mission chapel—these all came to life then. Dollar bills were strewn lavishly everywhere, but all who saw knew what sacrifice had brought them, and that was all that mattered; 100 societies proportionately matched San Francisco First's.

Then it was that the myriad details played their part. Forgotten or remembered, they created the raw material of a miracle at Beulah Park. Superintendent George Coulter's words to the convention were true: "Northern California N.Y.P.S. has made home missions live—but home missions make the N.Y.P.S. live, too!"

WILLIAM A. WELCH, *Reporter*

Tennessee District Assembly

The thirty-ninth annual assembly of the Tennessee District convened at Clarksville, September 12 to 14. First Church, Pastor W. M. Great-house, and his good people and friends entertained the assembly royally in their magnificent new buildings and in their homes where delegates and friends were housed.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers presided with the ease and grace which have marked his generalship, and that peculiar something about him which puts all men at ease in his presence. He endeared himself to the people of Tennessee even more than in former years.

The assembly was saddened by the news of the sudden death on the highway of one of our splendid pastors, Rev. Robert Hertenstein, whose funeral was conducted on the second day of the assembly with Dr. Powers bringing the message.

Even with these retarding factors, the assembly was dispatched in remarkable time, closing out Thursday night, one-half day ahead of schedule.

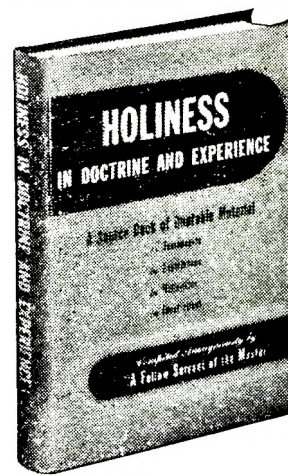
Our faithful and hard-working superintendent, Rev. D. K. Wachtel, gave a good report and was elected with a splendid vote on the nominating ballot; there were 211 ballots cast. This being the final assembly of the quadrennium, it was a time of looking back over the years, and especially the last three since the division of the old Tennessee District. Under the leadership of Rev. D. K. Wachtel, phenomenal progress has been realized. Among the items of interest were:

Advances in General Budget in excess of 200 per cent; yet, these have been overpaid more than \$13,000. In these three years, the giving for missions has exceeded any previous ten years' giving through Tennessee's history. Sunday-school enrollment reached 8,363, with average attendance of 6,003; members received into churches totaled 693, with 23 new

churches organized. Property values have increased from \$613,310 three years ago to \$1,896,386 today. There are 5,376 church members on the Tennessee District, in 60 local congregations. Several home-mission projects are in the making for additional churches in the future.

A district parsonage has been purchased in one of the better sections of Nashville; the district superintendent and family now live there.

The assembly ordered a commission to locate and buy, when found, suitable grounds for a district center. All in all, the assembly was a time of raising our "Ebenezer" with never a thought of retrenchment. The assembly closed with a beautiful ordination



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service, with the following receiving elder's orders: E. J. Osborne, pastor at Lawrenceburg; D. H. Spencer, under appointment as a missionary to Africa; and Wilson G. Cole, pastor at Erin.

Ontario District Young People's Camp

The fifth annual young people's camp, August 31 to September 3, opened on Friday evening with a banquet and great time of fellowship, under the direction of the district young people's president, Rev. S. Roy G. Hall.

We were greatly blessed and inspired by the messages brought to

us by Dr. Mendell Taylor, general N.Y.P.S. president, on the theme, "I Am Debtor." His sincere friendliness and deep spirituality endeared him to our young people.

Music was provided throughout the services by the local young people's societies of the district, under the leadership of Geraldine Blair. We thank God for the fine group of talented young people on the district.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. Ted Martin, our district superintendent, was in charge of a great home-mission service, during which the young people pledged over eight hundred dollars for home missions.

Times of prayer were enjoyed throughout the day, from early morning until late at night, with Roy Austin, president of the Hamilton society, in charge of the prayer services.

Other members of the camp staff were: Rev. S. Roy G. Hall, director; Rev. L. Tattrie, recreational director; Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Martin, camp "Pa" and "Ma"; Miss Doreen Warner, registrar; Rev. Earl Whitmore, billeting secretary; and Rev. Robert Coghill, camp cook.

From the banquet on the opening night through to the closing service, the various activities of the camp moved smoothly along under the capable leadership of Director Hall. We appreciate his service to the district. We praise God for His blessing and presence throughout the camp.

R. BRADLEY HARRISON, *Reporter*

Abilene District Assembly

Words of welcome were given by Dr. W. W. Ward, president of the general ministers' organization, and Mayor J. R. Edwards, as the Abilene District Assembly convened at Fort Worth, September 12 to 14, with Rev. James McGraw as the host pastor.

The efficient leadership of Dr. G. B. Williamson was inspirational and spiritually uplifting. His missionary message stirred our hearts and gripped our souls.

Rev. Orville W. Jenkins, district superintendent, was re-elected on the nominating ballot by a nearly unanimous vote, and given a love offering of more than \$700. His report showed gains in every department. His zeal and spiritual leadership have made his work unusually blessed of the Lord.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, superintendent of the Houston District, was the evening speaker, and there were shouts of victory during the messages for his unique way of opening to us the Word of God.

Dr. R. H. Cantrell, president, brought words of greeting from our Bethany-Peniel College. Mr. John Stockton spoke briefly, giving very interesting information as to how the office of general treasurer operates.

Rev. Thaine Sanford very competently represented our Nazarene Publishing House. More than 36,000

copies of the special issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** were ordered. Laymen volunteered to buy extra bundles of the **HERALD**, and young people's societies agreed to distribute them in towns where we do not have an established Church of the Nazarene.

The Holy Spirit's presence was felt in the giving of reports from the churches because of the visible results of the working of the Spirit across the district this year.

Six pastors were ordained as elders: C. D. Buchannan, Dan Hoover, Geneva Kilgore, Sidney Patrick, Claude Stewart, Jr., and Marshall Stewart.

Our district moves forward with efficient leaders and a spirit of unity.

LEWIS PATTERSON, *Reporter*

East Tennessee District Sunday-School Convention

Inspiring, blessed, practical, vision-giving would be a few appropriate words to describe the East Tennessee District Sunday-School Convention, which met on September 4 at Elizabethton, Tennessee, under the leadership of W. L. Elkins, chairman of the District Church School Board. Messages by Rev. Charles W. Brough, Rev. Joe Tyson, and Rev. Roy W. Phillips were calculated not only to inspire and bless but also to awaken to the needs of youth and our responsibility to and our opportunity in Sunday-school work.

The average attendance for the past year in the Sunday schools was 5,119; the goal for the coming year was set at 6,000. During the past quadrennium there have been 23 Sunday schools and 7 missions organized.

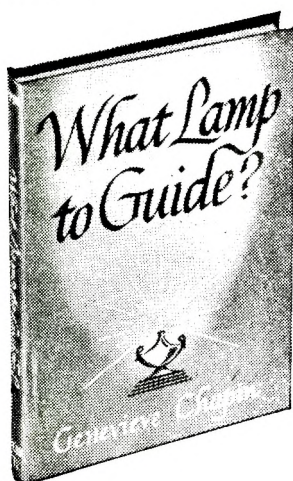
The time and sacrifice of Brother W. L. Elkins in promoting the district Sunday-school program are deeply appreciated. Under his aggressive leadership we look forward to a great year of Sunday-school work.

K. W. PHILLIPS, *Reporter*

DEATHS

MISS LILLES LEUZADER, age seventy, died suddenly on August 5, 1951, at the home of Walter Sabin where she had made her home for the past two months. She was born in Winthrop, Maine, June 15, 1881. She is survived by a few cousins. She was converted when a girl, later sanctified, and lived an unselfish, beautiful Christian life, which endeared her to the hearts of the community in which she lived. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Wolcott, Vermont, also a member of the Ithiel Falls camp-meeting association. Funeral service was held in the Church of the Nazarene of which she was a member, with her pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Allen, officiating.

MRS. ESTHER L. POND was born September 10, 1919, united with the Church of the Nazarene in Livermore Falls, Maine, in 1935, was married to C. Frank Pond in 1946, and died August 10, 1951. Her keen interest in the work of the Lord and passion for souls were manifested in the many duties of the church she performed. For many years she served as secretary of the Northern Maine Zone, and president of the local N.Y.P.S. She was the choir director, junior church supervisor, Sunday-school teacher, and assistant organist and pianist in her local church. She is survived by her husband and infant son, also her parents and brothers and sisters. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. H. Wright, assisted by Rev. L. E. Mann, and Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Shoff, with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Livermore Falls.



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FRED DAVID HAMPTON was born in Ingham County, Michigan, November 19, 1881, and died August 23, 1951, in the home where he was born and spent all his life. He was converted as a young man. In 1905 he was united in marriage to Jennie Brownlee; to this union were born a son and a daughter. His wife died in 1913. In 1915 he was married to Mary Alta Baker, who, with his two children, survive him. He was a man of sterling character, a Christian in word and deed. For a number of years he attended the Church of the Nazarene, giving largely of his means to both home and foreign missions.

WILLIAM PERRY HART was born September 12, 1877, in Danville, Illinois, and died September 9, 1951, in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. In 1909 he was united in marriage to Lille Stephenson. He was converted under the ministry of "Uncle Bud" Robinson, later sanctified, and became a charter member of the LaLande Church in 1914. Later, the family moving to Fort Sumner, in 1931 he became a charter member of this church. In spite of being crippled in both legs all his life, caused by an illness in childhood, he never missed a church service unless providentially hindered. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. For eighteen years he served faithfully as secretary for the New Mexico District. He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, and two brothers. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. C. Gunstream, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. James O. Gordon, local pastor, with interment in the Fort Sumner cemetery.

MRS. MABEL CHAMBERLAIN NEESE was born August 8, 1889, at Opa, Kansas. She was united in marriage to Charlie Neese in 1900. Her husband and three daughters survive her. She was converted when thirty years of age, and died in the faith of Christ, at her home in Hutchinson, Kansas, on September 6, 1951. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Albert R. Neese, with Rev. Milton Huxman assisting. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kansas.

MRS. IDA B. SPARKS, a native of Kentucky, was born August 1, 1883, and died September 5, 1951. She was the daughter of the late I. F. and Mary Yates McGill. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by five daughters and three sons, one of whom is Rev. Sammy Sparks, Nazarene evangelist. Funeral service was held in the Second Methodist Church, Ashland, Ky., with her pastor, Rev. C. F. Frodermann, in charge, assisted by the Rev. Lawrence B. Hicks, pastor, First Church of the Nazarene in Ashland.

CAROLYN COOMBS, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Coombs, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died July 13 in the hospital, after an illness of several weeks. Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Gary and Dickie. The maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. James H. Garrison of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Funeral service was held in the Wilkensburg Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. James B. Armstrong, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. D. R. Nuzum has announced his re-entrance into the field of evangelism, and we are pleased to make the fact known to the "Herald" readers. We feel he will serve well in this capacity, having had several years' experience both as pastor and evangelist. His last work was at Bloomington Eastside, on our district; and his present address is 650 Elma Street, Akron, Ohio.—Leo C. Davis, Superintendent of Southwest Indiana District.

This is to introduce and recommend Rev. Miss Nellie M. Emrick, P.O. Box 362, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania, as evangelist from our district. Any church needing a good evangelist will not go wrong in calling Miss Emrick. She has traveled and preached in most of the states, and in part of Canada. We are happy to recommend her as a talented worker among the young people.—R. F. Heinlein, Superintendent of Pittsburgh District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon C. Wickersham of Kansas City, Mo., a son, John Ross, on September 23.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. House, Jr., of Glasgow, Montana, a daughter, Esther Annette, on September 17.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ansell Scott of Jefferson City, Mo., a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on September 15.

—to Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Gritten of Urbana, Ill., a daughter, Marilyn Louise, on September 10.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ellis L. Martin of Portola, Calif., a son, David LaVerne, on August 28.

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WEDDING BELLS

Miss Mary Katherine Saucier of Coughatta and Mr. Louis Cox of Natchitoches, Louisiana, were united in marriage at the Church of the Nazarene in Natchitoches on September 12, with the pastor, Rev. Marion Edwards, officiating.

Miss Ruth Doris Liverman and Mr. Riley Clarence Ridgell were united in marriage in the Church of the Nazarene at Ballinger, Texas, on September 9, with the pastor, Rev. J. Marvin Harrison, officiating.

Miss Beverly Crites and Pfc. Arthur Jones were united in marriage on September 15, in First Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee, Illinois, with the pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith, officiating.

Miss Louree Sandel and Mr. William Ammonds, both of Natchitoches, La., were united in marriage at the Natchitoches Church of the Nazarene, on September 2, with the pastor, Rev. Marion Edwards, officiating.

Miss Frances Jeanette Ellwanger of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. Richard E. Rowe, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, were united in marriage on September 3, in the Covington First Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. C. Wm. Ellwanger, brother of the bride, officiating.

Miss Charlotte Rice and Mr. Emory Arndt, both of Mosca, Colorado, were united in marriage on September 2, in First Church of the Nazarene in Alamosa, with Rev. James A. Bush officiating, assisted by Rev. Harvey Hartman.

Miss Frances Blanchard of Tillamook, Oregon, and Mr. Vernon S. Campbell of Washougal, Washington, were united in marriage on August 24, in the Hemlock Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Leonard Hanon officiating.

Miss Lois Muriel Brown of Toronto, Ontario, and Rev. Clifford E. Keys, Jr., of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, were united in marriage on August 24, in Toronto First Church, with Rev. T. E. Martin, district superintendent, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a mother in Illinois for a son who is a habitual drunkard, about to break up his home—wants to do better, but so very weak;

by a mother in Kansas, that she and her children may be true to the Lord, and that the husband-father will get to God and want to serve Him;

by a friend in Oregon for very special help from God.

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Assembly Schedule

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SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

BROTHER JOSEPH MORGAN, pastor of San Diego First Church, writes: "You may be interested in knowing that we have from twenty-five to forty servicemen in every service. Then we have as many as will, go into our Nazarene homes for Sunday dinner and afternoon fellowship; sometimes this amounts to twenty-five. We use the servicemen in our young people's services, in our Sunday-school department, and those who can preach or sing are used in our regular worship services. Our church Servicemen's Hospitality Committee has registered over three-hundred different servicemen who have attended our church in the past nine months. Over seventy-five of these have been to our altar to be saved or sanctified or both. We have a Friday night youth fellowship from seven o'clock to ten o'clock for our servicemen and our young people to get together to play games, eat, and have a time of sing-spiration.

"There are many other things which we try to do for the servicemen, such as recognition in the service, mailing our church bulletins to those who have no other church home and have shipped out. We have been blessed greatly by the inspiration and spiritual witnessing of these wonderful fellows."

"I have received several issues of the periodicals and I appreciate your sending them so much. Good reading is at a premium, and I read everything of a religious nature that I can get my hands on.

"My church back home has also been very faithful to me, both with prayers and letters.

"I have been a Christian just about all of my life and have a wonderful Christian home. Of course I dreaded to come into the army. But the Lord promised that He would go with us all the way and He has been my constant Companion and Friend. I have made several friends while here, and the Lord has helped me live a consistent Christian life. Also, with the Lord's help, I was able to lead a needy fellow to real salvation."—JOHN W. BUNDY, *Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.*

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The Miracle of Answered Prayer

By Basil Miller

Getting Things from God Through Prayer

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION: *He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer (Luke 6:12); If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it (John 14:14).*

TIN THE SPIRITUAL realm there are no limitations placed upon the possible achievements of men who will pray. Great men of God have laid the foundation for their accomplishments in prayer. Standing like mighty redwood giants are God's courageous achievers, men who have fibered their souls in the school of prayer.

When John Wycliffe translated the English Bible, he literally did so through the power of prayer. Henry Martyn burned like a brilliant light across the Moslem world, to lay down his life for his Master through the glory of his prayers. Charles Spurgeon affirms that he carried on his college, orphanage, and the extensive outreaches of his ministerial activity by prayer.

Prayer has moved the world. God has taken the limitations from the divine side off its possibilities when He says, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). Jesus declares, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do" (John 14:13).

It is for us to clear the channels of our life that the Heavenly Father may empower us for glorious achievements in His vineyard.

Prayer links the divine with human efforts.

Man labors in God's kingdom, not through power generated by his own activities; rather, by the power of God that channels itself through the human instrumentality. It is not man that brings a revival, but God. It is not man that cuts through the walls of indifference on the missionary field, but the power of the Holy Spirit, working in the hearts of men through consecrated vessels. Whatever our sphere, if we will link ourselves with God, achievements are without end. God has thus used the smallest, the weakest of human instruments, that His glorious arm in all its divine power might be evidenced. If you and I would serve God to the fullest, may we do so through the power of prayer.

Prayer puts man behind the Cross, so that God's power may operate through the Cross.

Running from the mercy seat are avenues, roads of transportation, sluiceways down which the heavenly resources of God are channeled into the world. God's power is illimitable. He that spun the world from His finger tips or spoke life into being can change earth or life at will—provided He finds a human instrumentation to use the avenue of divine transport.

Our part is to prepare our hearts, take out the roadblocks from our lives, remove hindrances, destroy doubts, create belief—so cleanse ourselves through

the incoming of God's Spirit, so bring ourselves into the audience room of the King that there is not one single item between us and God. When we pray, we use the key that opens these avenues. The glorious power of God is channeled throughout our lives. It is this channeling of divine power through man that moves the world.

The modern missionaries have been men and women of great prayer. Roger Winans among the head-hunters of the Aguarunas, Everette Howard in the Cape Verde Islands, Wier Seir laboring among his own people in Liberia, all have accomplished the seemingly impossible. Not that they were powerful men, but that they are clean vessels that can use the key of faith to unlock the doors of heaven.

Everette Howard prayed for a leper, linking his faith with the promises of God. The leper was cleansed and is free from leprosy today. Wier Seir in Africa prayed until the glorious power of God demonstrated itself upon the heathen, even when no Christians were present, and many were saved. These men have become instruments whom He can activate for all eventualities.

Prayer produces undaunted labor in God's kingdom.

The men of prayer have been of great and mighty achievements. God's high-statured men have prayed into existence the impossible. A missionary in China prayed for a well when there was no evidence of water; he instructed the Chinese to dig for three solid months, and against their doubts finally faith took hold, the chisel broke through, and almost before the diggers could get out of the hole the well was two-thirds full of water. John Paton, in the New Hebrides, prayed a well into existence.

Such men have prayed food from the closed skies; they have prayed great revivals into existence, until multiplied hundreds and thousands have been converted. They stood against the iniquities of the world. D. L. Moody was such; he was a man of prayer and valor, and won a million souls to the Master—but he did it by praying without ceasing.

If you would win in God's vineyard, my friend, you will do so through the power of prayer. Pray until the channels are open. Pray until the clouds roll away. Pray until you can look directly into heaven. Pray until no sin remains in your heart to block the power of God. The Bible says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear" (Psalms 66:18). Pray until your soul is in the audience room of the King. Pray until you can command God, and God will work miracles to bring the answer.

CREDO FOR TODAY: I will link my frail, human efforts with the divine energizing of God through prayer.