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The Marks of Humility

General Superintendent Williamson

AMONG the Christian graces humility should certainly be named. Its presence in a personality is never proclaimed. It is like a hidden light which transfigures the life. It makes no announcement that it is there, but it illuminates every other virtue. The absence of it is not covered by apology. It cannot be assumed voluntarily. Its possession is unconscious. It is either innate or a miracle of grace.

Humility is not demonstrated in an abject state of mind. A negative or passive attitude is not proof that one is among the blessed meek that shall inherit the earth. Paradoxical as it may seem, humility supports a positive, aggressive, and confident spirit.

A humble soul does not wear an invulnerable shield of self-justification nor does he lay claim to infallible judgment. He rather knows how to use with ease the most difficult words in the English language, to say, namely, "I was wrong." He does not have to be "right" to save his face among his fellows or to keep his ego from being irreparably ruptured.

Humility is a cure for sensitiveness. It saves one from the torment of expecting the recognition, acclaim, and emoluments of others, and helps him not to note their omission. Even when reminded by others that he has been overlooked or discounted, he can brush it off with unassumed charity.

Humility will not permit any trumpeted announcement of either wisdom or piety. It begets a lowly concept of one's own spirituality and sees in others the signs of devotion to God and the love of His law. It makes one severe in his judgment of himself and charitable toward the faults and shortcomings of others.

Indeed humility requires that God be placed in His right place of supremacy—to be revered, worshiped, and obeyed. And in a sound philosophy of life "others" come next to God and selfish considerations are last and least. This means that one readily trusts his fellow men. Humility drives out suspicion and invites love unfeigned. It very naturally gives credit to others when recognitions and rewards are meted out. And he who is humble can see through the eyes of others in sympathy and understanding if not in full agreement. Love of God and love of men are the springs from which a life of humility flows out in selfless service.

November 27, 1950

"The Mid-Century Crusade for Souls"

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"

TELEGRAM

Knorrville, Tennessee—District Superintendent Victor E. Gray organized new church at Louisville, with fine class, Sunday, November 12. Campaign sponsored by District Church School Board; 101 in Sunday school on day of organization. This makes three new churches since the district assembly in September; 19 new churches since division of district two years ago for East Tennessee.—W. L. ELKINS, *Chairman of District Church School Board.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

On Friday afternoon, November 10, the Publishing House branch office and store in Pasadena, California, was closed as a tribute to Dr. Orval J. Nease; also at Kansas City, the Publishing House employees stopped work for prayer, during the time of the funeral, as a silent tribute to Dr. Nease.

Evangelist Harold W. Gretzinger is sponsoring a fifteen-day air tour of Israel: Palm Sunday in Rome, Monday in Athens, a week in Israel, Easter in Jerusalem, two days in Paris, and two days in London en route home. Total expense, including plane ticket, hotels, meals, taxi, sight-seeing tour, admission to all shrines, all expense New York City back to New York City, only \$990. Travel will be by TWA Constellation, with a few seats still available. Party will leave New York City Friday, March 16. If interested write at once for folder to 1115 East New York Street, Long Beach, California.

Early in November, the church board of First Church, Louisville, Kentucky, Rev. A. J. Frank, pastor, voted unanimously that their church should be a "ten-per-center" for missions. As this action was taken, the blessing of God fell upon the members of the board. This means that each month one-tenth of their total income will be sent in for missions through the General Budget.

Rev. Lyle K. Potter is the newly elected Sunday-school promotional secretary of the Los Angeles District, chosen by unanimous vote of the district church school board. Also, he will be the director of the boys' and girls' work of the district. As of January 1 (1951) he will serve full time for nine months out of the year; the remaining three months will be spent in Sunday-school conventions and tour work off the district. His duty
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150,000 HERALDS in 1950!

Wisconsin: Dr. Charles A. Gibson and his Wisconsin District are making plans for their HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign. Rev. Alfred Silvernail of Menomonie is to be the chairman of the drive.

"I want to tell you how delighted I am with the HERALD OF HOLINESS and the great work you are doing. I believe the paper is having a greater ministry than ever before. We use Wednesday evening meetings to promote the HERALD by taking an offering that goes entirely to the cause of getting the paper to our friends in and around the city. We feel that it is not only a mighty fine advertisement for the church but a wonderful way to get the full gospel out to many who would not otherwise hear it."

—Clipped from a letter to Dr. White from Mason, Michigan

The pastor of one of our Florida churches once passed an old car parked at the curb. He was impressed by the Holy Spirit to place a copy of the HERALD OF HOLINESS in it. The next Sunday there was a new face in the church congregation. After the evangelistic message, this stranger who sat near the rear responded to the invitation and prayed through to salvation. The following Sunday he brought his family, consisting of his wife and two children, to church. Within a few weeks the entire family had been saved and sanctified and later joined the church.

In relating the incident, the pastor stated that when the man first appeared in the congregation he was dressed like a bum. In a short length of time, however, both he and his family were as well dressed as anyone in the congregation. A few months following the man was, without warning, ushered into eternity—another case of an "eleventh hour conversion." He was saved through the influence of the HERALD OF HOLINESS.

And so go many, many letters from those whose testimonies reveal the good being accomplished by your HERALD OF HOLINESS. Surely in a world as needy as ours, we must not be lax in using "all means" to save some. You no doubt can think of someone for whom you are praying and in whose salvation you are intensely interested. Have you sent him the HERALD OF HOLINESS?

THANE F. SANFORD,
Sales Promotion Manager

How to Get Sanctified

By General Superintendent Vanderpool

GETTING sanctified should not be a difficult task for the genuinely sincere. Race, time, or place are not factors in securing this experience. I will make four suggestions which should give guidance into the sanctified experience:

I

Check carefully the essential groundwork. The new birth by which we become personally acquainted with Christ is a prerequisite to being sanctified. The born-again experience opens our spiritual eyes to the holiness of God and His attitude toward all sin. Isaiah pronounced woes upon the grosser sins of life, such as drunkenness, idolatry, and covetousness, which he saw in the lives of others. It was not until after he saw "the Lord . . . high and lifted up," and beheld His holiness, that he saw the uncleanness of his own heart and pronounced the woe upon himself. We need the new birth to bring us into a relationship where there is a genuine heart hunger for inward holiness.

In some cases, after the new birth, the struggle with outward sin and inward depravity becomes so great that the glow and joy of the new birth become dim, if not entirely lost. In such cases, the clear consciousness of full restoration must be sought, and any failure to obey God or to walk in the light must be forgiven. The candidate must be in the full assurance of all sins forgiven.

II

Confess the deep need of heart cleansing. To come to grips with the inner self and acknowledge a need that may or may not be apparent to others is of paramount importance. After sensing a need for a deeper experience which will cleanse the heart of stubborn, inbred depravity, and then confessing that deep need to God and possibly to those about us, there is but another step to becoming an open seeker for the sanctifying experience. The active, open, fearless seeker can be satisfied—"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

III

The third suggestion in guidance is to *consecrate self, substance, and service to God*. Paul said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren [not sinners, or rebels], by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." There must be no reservation in this consecration. My will concerning self and everyone over whom I have control or for whom I am responsible, must be yielded to God. *Our substance*—all that we have and are must be placed at His disposal, and we must stand ready to give or use it as He may require.

Our *service*, with time, talent, and possibilities, must be unconditionally consecrated to His great plan. There is no need for fear or anxious care. Trust Him! Let Him have everything. God loves us too much to request us to do anything that will not ultimately work out for the good of all concerned. He is too wise to err. We can safely commit our all to Him. Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Now that your *groundwork* is complete, you have *confessed your deep need*, and have *consecrated your all to Him*, for Him to send you, use you, live in you; and you have reached an inner conviction that you have done all that you know to do, and that you stand ready to do anything He may reveal to you in the future, this brings you to the fourth and last suggestion.

IV

Claim the promise! His promise is, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son *cleanseth* us from all sin." You are walking in the light; claim the promise—claim it NOW! When the disciples obeyed, the Holy Spirit came; when Cornelius obeyed, the Holy Spirit came. God put no difference between them, purifying their hearts by faith. Why not

His Answer

By Frances B. Erickson

Why no boughs rich laden with Thy fruitage?
Why no finny shoals to break our nets?
Why no hand-picked fruit to fill our baskets?
Why, instead of progress, just regrets?

With burdened heart, I pleaded for the answers,
As I tarried at the Saviour's throne of grace.
So quickly did He answer at my asking
It seemed that I could almost see His face!

"I am the Vine, My child; ye are the branches.
He that abideth in Me, and I in him,
Shall bring forth fruit; without Me ye are
nothing."

There was silence—then He spoke again:

"When Zion travailed, she brought forth her children;
Her children were not born *before* her pain.
The corn of wheat could never bear without first
dying—
Nor could it reach the harvest without rain!"

reach up your hand of faith, claim the promise?—and He will purify your heart as He purified the hearts of the disciples in the yesterdays.

Then you can sing with the hymn writer, "The cleansing stream, I see, . . . I plunge . . . It cleanseth me, yes, cleanseth me!"

Best of All, God Met with Us!

By General Superintendent Williamson

OUR first assignment on our long journey is completed. At noon today we sail from Honolulu to Sidney on the "Aorangi," a ship of the Canadian-Australian Line. Incidentally, it will take eighteen days to make the trip with brief stops at Suva, Fiji, and Auckland, New Zealand.

These ten days in Hawaii have been packed full of interesting experiences. Our superintendent and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leo Baldwin, have given us their undivided time and attention. They have left nothing undone to make our visit pleasant and profitable. They and the pastors and their wives have shown every possible kindness and courtesy. All the Nazarenes have been generous and cordial. The sights of natural wonder and the warm hospitality have made these days most pleasant.

But the greatest encouragement comes to Mrs. Williamson and myself in the knowledge that God has walked among us and given us His blessing. In the second service we had one of those extraordinary manifestations of God's blessed presence. There were singing, praying, shouting, weeping, and some candid confessions of need. As always when God moves in, problems were solved and difficulties dissolved away. The work of God continued until last night the tide of victory reached a new crest.

Superintendent Baldwin remarked in one service, "In these ten days we have had an assembly, a preachers' meeting, a holiness convention, a camp meeting, a preachers' retreat, and a district tour." In a modified sense he was right. We have set up a preliminary district organization in anticipation of its completion on the occasion of the next general superintendent's visit. I have lectured to the preachers, and Mrs. Williamson to their wives. Holiness has been the theme of every message. A camp-meeting spirit has prevailed, and souls of many have been definitely blessed. We have enjoyed two potluck dinners, one in the Welches' *langi* and the other under a monkey-pod tree in a beautiful setting. Besides, we have been in a service in each of the four churches and have visited four islands in the chain to spy out the land for more churches. Along with the other duties and pleasures, we have dedicated three babies and one church. Withal we have found time to eat and sleep and write a few letters.

We are aware of the fact that many prayers are ascending on our behalf. They are much

appreciated and their continuation is solicited.

The progress of the work here in the Islands is encouraging. Brother Baldwin and his co-workers are doing well. In four and one-half years we have two churches organized. Both are paying their pastors' salaries and all current local obligations, and one of them carries its property payments also. Two other groups have buildings of their own with growing Sunday schools running from 60 to 80 in attendance. Another Sunday school has an attendance of 50. In all the schools there were 525 present last Sunday.

This field is ripe for the harvest. We should move forward with all speed. If we delay, the false teachings will take over in a rapid advance.

The General Budget is the life line for this undertaking!

Forty Years Ago This Month!

By Mendell Taylor*

REPORTS—

Africa: "Another week has been spent in the blessed Master's service and we are not weary, for we know we shall reap a harvest in due time if we faint not. Hallelujah! . . . We are now very busy getting ready to start for Swaziland, where we expect soon to build a lighthouse in the midst of the darkness there. . . . This place is 150 miles from a railroad . . . God has sent enough for the building, so we can begin our work and be free from debt." Signed, Rev. H. F. Schmelzenbach.

Blossom, Texas: "The Dallas District Assembly which met at Blossom, Texas, was great in every respect. The attendance was large, the accredited delegates numbering something over a hundred. The harmony was unbroken, there not being a jar, nor a break in fellowship. In the selection of the officers of the district for the following year, there was an utter absence of wire pulling and scheming. . . . Rev. B. F. Neely was chosen district superintendent." Signed, District Secretary.

Buldana, India: "Brother Fritzlan writes that they are very busy and active in the Lord's service, and He is showing them some of the fruits of their labors which encourage them to push on joyfully. The priest that we mentioned some time ago, who was saved and baptized, but fearfully persecuted by his people, has returned and brought his wife, who seems anxious for this wonderful salvation."

Hampton, Arkansas: "This leaves me well and with victory through the blood of Jesus. I am abundantly satisfied with this uttermost salvation. Praise God! The way grows more delightful as I travel on. . . . Our last meeting was at Thornton, Arkansas, and we had a good meet-

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ing. . . . We are now at Hampton, Arkansas, and God is giving victory. . . . Your servant seeking the lost."—Signed, Lee L. Hamric.

Lynn, Massachusetts: "God is surely smiling upon the work in Lynn, and our services are 'seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.' Bless Him! The fruits of righteousness and true holiness are manifest on every side, and are increasing and abounding, and of course there is an increase of faith and the spirit of prayer. . . . On the other hand, Satan is active and successful enough to cause us many heart aches."—Signed, John Gould, Pastor.

East Liverpool, Ohio: "I organized a good class of 21 charter members into a Pentecostal Nazarene Church a few days ago at East Liverpool, Ohio. This place is a thrifty little business city and will be a splendid field for our work."—Signed, C. A. Imhoff, District Superintendent.

THEY WERE SAYING—

Evangelist J. B. McBride: "We see it, we feel it, we realize it, more and more, that we as a holiness movement, both in the ministry and laity, need a greater burden for lost souls and a deeper concern for God's cause at large. We talk about the good days and great revivals and almighty power we had in the early days in the holiness movement, and we wonder why it is that there is not the manifestation of God's power in our meetings now as then."

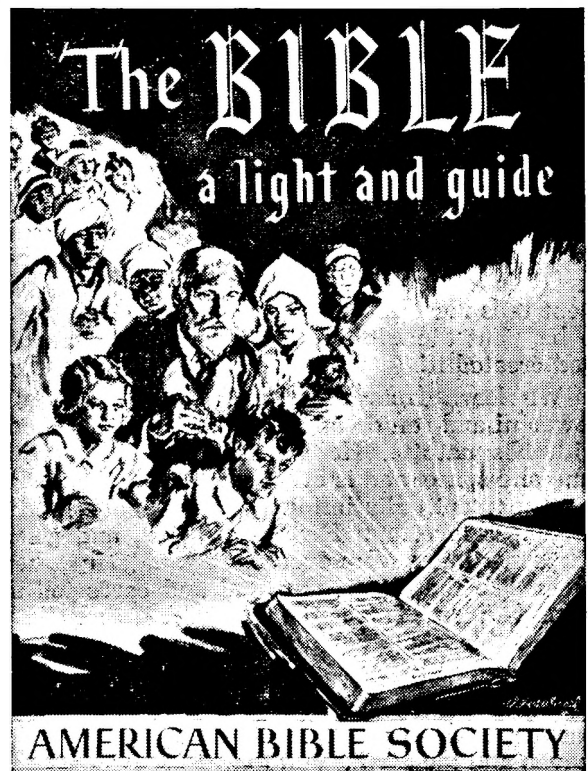
C. A. McConnell: "Nowhere in the Book is the life of a Christian depicted as one of ease, indulgence in rest, or slothfulness. It is a stern, earnest, strenuous life to which we are called; a life of purpose, of labor, of achievement. That great human exemplar of Christianity, the Apostle Paul, has left us many figures expressive of that life. 'Endure hardness,' says he, 'as a good soldier,' and 'I press toward the mark.'" (editorial in the *Pentecostal Advocate*, of which Dr. McConnell was editor).

Rev. Lucy P. Knott: "When God puts the shine of holiness upon a people, they must 'arise' or the glory will depart. . . . God's great purpose for this dispensation is that the full gospel be preached, and the whole world evangelized. In the deepest humility, we are fully persuaded that the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene is a part of God's omnipotent plan, and is in the Kingdom for such a time as this."

Rev. C. P. Lanpher: "If we ever as a movement get where we are not rejected and turned down by formalism and a godless world, it will mean that our head has found some Delilah's lap and our locks of strength have been shorn. Not courting or seeking to bring the frowns of the world or worldling, but moving in the orbit of holy people, will insure the disapproval of that spirit which does not love God in truth and sincerity."

W. G. Schurman: "No one would care to deny that the banks would rather do business with any corporation other than a church. There is

a reason. . . . Is it not time that we as a Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene cease our foolish argument that we are holiness people and have perfect love, and because of that do not need to do our business in a legal way?"



USE IT OR LOSE IT!

IN THIS country and many other countries around the world, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day) will be the starting point for the seventh annual World-wide Bible Reading Program, sponsored annually by the American Bible Society. The number of those who follow the suggested list of scripture readings grows each year, according to the Bible Society's records.

It is certain one must use his Bible or he will lose it. Your Bible is of worth according to the amount you use it. You lose its inspiration and the value of its helpful guidance if you do not allow its message to enter your life by regular, planned reading. One must use it right along, or else he will miss its needful vitality for daily living.

Participation in World-wide Bible Reading will help you, your friends, your church. It will impart added vigor to the ongoing program of the church, its classes, its societies, and the lives of its members. There is no substitute for Bible reading personally, Bible reading in the home, Bible reading in the church. Use it or lose it—starting with you. (editorial, by the *American Bible Society*).

Why Read the Bible?

By E. D. Simpson*

GOD always has sought to reveal himself to mankind, and the fullest expression of that revelation was the sending of Christ—the Living Word—into the world. The “written Word”—the Bible—is God’s anticipation, record, and promises concerning the “Living Word,” and of His relation to us. The “written Word” is the only sure foundation upon which my faith can rest. The Bible alone answers the great questions of life.

It tells me of God: In a universe of design, it is only reasonable that there must have been a Designer, and where there is order there most surely is a Cause and Sustainer. My own judgment tells me that the world didn’t “just happen to be,” but the Bible tells me how it was made. God created it!

We learn from the Word that God is all-powerful and can do anything which is consistent with His nature. He is not handicapped with time and space, and is everywhere at one and the same moment. His infinite wisdom matches His boundless love, and He is holy, just, and good. These attributes seem even more wonderful when we realize that He is personal and cares for us as individuals. This is the God of the Bible, the one true God.

It tells me of the origin of man: The Bible is clear in its teaching that “God created the heaven and the earth,” and that man is the greatest of all His creation. How thrilling it is to read that we are created in the very image of God; that we—all of us—have the capacities for truth, love and holiness!

Little wonder that the Psalmist exclaimed: “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well” (139:14). Wonderfully made, for we may commune with God; and fearfully made in that we may choose to disregard our high estate and shun His love and mercy. My destiny is in my own hands now, for God has made me a responsible individual.

It tells me of my fallen nature: It makes clear my relation to God not only from the standpoint of original creation, but also that which exists at the time of my birth. Only the Bible explains that tendency within us which makes us prone to break the laws of God. It tells us that sin entered into the lives of our first parents, Adam and Eve, that they fell from their high state of grace and became mentally, physically, and spiritually depraved. Since that time we as a race have been under the condemnation of sin. Not only

are we born with the principle of sin within us, but such finds expression in our actions. Thus, by birth and by our own choice, we are sinners.

The Word is also faithful in telling us of the consequences of sin. It is not only a tragedy to be a sinner, but the penalty for the same is death. Only the Bible warns me of this terrible condition.

It tells me of a remedy for sin: It is one thing to diagnose a disease and tell of its horror and fatal consequences, but the measure of greatness comes in prescribing a cure. Thank God, the Bible does just that.

It tells of a way we may return to God, a way of forgiveness and peace. That way is through the Son of God, who paid the penalty for sin and offers us forgiveness and adoption into the family of God. He died that we might live. He abased himself that through His sacrifice we might be exalted. He became poor that we might be rich. God so loved man that He sent His Son, and Christ so loved us that He came to perfect a plan of salvation whereby every one who believes on His name may be saved. Christ is the Balm of Gilead for the sin-sick soul.

We cannot have peace with our fellow men, and with ourselves, until we have peace with God, until the remedy for sin has been applied to our own souls. Only then do we really begin to live. The forgiveness of sins not only brings life, but it also gives meaning to life. He came that we “might have life,” and that we “might have it more abundantly.”

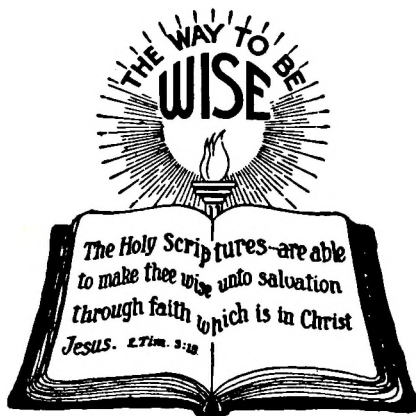
It tells me the right way to live: The Bible is our guide. Indeed, it “is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” It shows us how we ought to live and in so doing meets one of humanity’s greatest instinctive needs—the desire for guidance.

The times in which we live certainly try the souls of men. Many are fearful of today, to say nothing of the tomorrows.

With gladness, the Christian can turn to the Bible, for in it he finds the divine plan for human living. It marks out a clear pathway for us. To some the commandments of God are grievous, but to the Christian they are instructions for happy, holy living.

It tells me of eternity: God’s Word is faithful in warning us that we are not here to stay; in a world of transition, that is not hard for us to believe. We see our friends pass on, and we know that one day we too must go the way of all the earth. We must die!

But in the truest sense, we are not going to die. Our spirit shall live on. Life here is for preparation to determine just where we shall live in eternity. The Bible teaches us that there are only two places—heaven and hell; there is no third alternative. We shall go to one of the two,



*Superintendent of Missouri District

and that will be determined by our faith in God and our obedience to His will.

All of us want to be prepared to die—we don't want to be lost. But the only sure preparation for death is a preparation now to live; for only those who live well die well.

Only the Bible gives us a full picture of life. This is why I believe the Bible.

The Bible Likened unto Seed

By A. Milton Smith*

THE WORD OF GOD AS SEED

THE PSALMIST said, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:6). Isaiah said, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters" (Isaiah 32:20). Hosea said, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground" (Hosea 10:12). Jesus spoke parables along this line, comparing the Word to seed. Three of the seven parables of Matthew 13 center about seed; the three are: The Sower, The Mustard Seed, and The Tares. Jesus said the kingdom of Heaven is like unto these. In interpreting the Parable of the Sower, He said, "The sower soweth the word" (Mark 4:14). This gives direct statement to the Scripture being likened unto seed.

SOWING THE SEED

Teaching the Word of God is like sowing seed. Like seed, the Word will germinate and grow into fruitage in the lives of people. That is why it is so urgent that the Word be planted in the hearts and minds of people everywhere. It is obvious that the seed must be planted before the harvest can be had. No seed planting means no harvest, while seed planting implies a harvest eventually.

Whatever is taught is seed to some condition. Thoughts and ideas are seeds which lead to full fruitage. We hear the word "ideology" these days. An ideology is the fruitage of an idea. Teaching democracy is sowing the seed of democracy. Teaching Communism is sowing the seed of Communism. Teaching Christianity is sowing the seed of Christianity. When once the idea that is taught has become the pattern of life, it then is bearing fruit; the harvest is had.

We do well to remember that the Word sown results in fruitage like the seed we sow. If we sow wheat, we reap wheat; if it is cotton, we reap cotton. Just so, if we sow discontent, that is what we reap. If we sow Communism, that is what we reap; and if we sow righteousness, that is what we reap. Christianity does not result without the seed of Christianity being sown. It

is unthinkable that wheat seed will produce cotton, or that corn seed will produce beans.

This shows in an unmistakable way that we must sow the seed of our holy religion if we would see its fruitage. Secularism, humanitarianism, or education do not generally produce Christianity. Christian seed must be sown if we want Christianity. We cannot neglect sowing Christian seed and expect to reap a harvest of Christian living. How necessary it is, therefore, that we diligently "sow by every stream"!

HOW WE SOW THE SEED

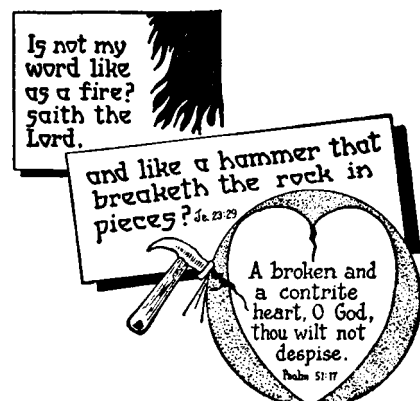
This seed sowing is done in various ways. It is done by teaching the Bible, by making the Scriptures available, and by demonstrating the spirit of the Bible in life. We send missionaries who not only take the Scriptures to those who do not have them, but who also teach the Scriptures to the people. We have our Sunday schools, daily vacation Bible schools, and home circles for the purpose of sowing the Word. What important work this is!

Bible-centered preaching and teaching cannot be emphasized too much. Bible reading and study should be encouraged. Parents and teachers of children should plant the Word in the minds of the children; no soil is more fertile or more ready for the sowing of the seed. It will produce an abundant crop in their lives if proper care is exercised.

Good literature which is scriptural and religious in content and design is a fine way of sowing the seed also. Nothing will substitute for the Bible, but good literature will supplement the Scriptures. Sometimes the attention is gained and one becomes interested in the things religious through supplemental studies; often the Scriptures are explained and made clear by such writings. The important thing is to get the seed sown in some way. Hence, we should use every means we know, and constantly be on the lookout for more effective ways of sowing the seed.

THE SEED IS PRECIOUS

This seed is so precious! It is precious because it is God's Word to man. God has spoken, and here is His Word. We should revel in the Word and hold it in great regard. It was said of old,



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"The word of the Lord was precious in those days." Probably this means it was scarce in those days; but now we have it written down in the Bible, and it is circulated widely; yet it is precious truth. What a treasure it is!

It is precious because of its message; it tells of dangers, and instructs how to avoid them. It teaches us how to live, and tells of the results of such living. It tells what will happen if we live in sin, and also it holds out wonderful promises to those who follow righteousness.

It is precious because of what it does for humanity. It makes wise unto salvation—it leads away from sin, and leads to the Saviour! It guides us in the way of life after bringing us to new life in Christ. How enriched life becomes through the Word of God! How precious is this Book that leads us to the Saviour, and then guides us on our way to heaven! Let us help to sow this Word in the hearts and minds of people at home and abroad.



Notice to Pastors and Youth Leaders

DECEMBER 10 is "Bible Sunday" throughout the Protestant Church world. At this time the American Bible Society features publicity and promotional literature concerning the great work which that organization is doing. It is a good time to note the important contribution the American Bible Society is making to world evangelism.

As authorized by the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, each church in the denomination is urged to take a freewill offering for the American Bible Society sometime during the year. For several years now, it has been customary to make this a part of the Youth Week emphasis which is sponsored and directed by the general N.Y.P.S. office under the leadership of Dr. L. J. Du Bois, executive secretary. Consequently, instead of taking our offering on "Bible Sunday," pastors are urged to co-operate with N.Y.P.S. leaders and take your American Bible Society Offering sometime during Youth Week—January 28 to February 4, 1951. Dr. Du Bois has sent out material to all youth leaders emphasizing this feature.

Be sure all money for the American Bible Society is sent to Mr. John Stockton, general treasurer, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 10, Missouri, and marked "American Bible Society Offering." All checks should be made payable to our general treasurer. These contributions are mailed to the American Bible Society each month, and the general church gets the proper credit in this manner. Thank you for your co-operation.

S. T. LUDWIG, *Representative*
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PRISONERS READ BIBLE

Among the requests received by the American Bible Society last year for its daily reading program of scripture passages was one from the warden of San Quentin Prison, Calif., for 500 of the reading lists for the men under his care.

Worth-while Tributes

By Norman C. Schlichter

NO ONE who loves the Bible, who studies it and believes it, needs the tributes to it by others to increase his devotion to it. But such tributes often are guides to its readers to find constantly more and more beauty and wisdom in it.

To have the Bible give more and more spiritual power to one's own life, the best thing to do is to pray, as one reads it, that God shall increase its power in one's life. People who have done this—with no learning from other books and in the humblest and hardest places in life—have accomplished marvelous spiritual works for God and their fellow men.

Here are a few tributes to the Bible that have helped me much in my experience with the Book:

Andrew Jackson said, "The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests," and John Adams, "The Bible is the best book in the world." His son, John Quincy Adams, once said, "My practice, since I was thirty years old, has been to read in the Bible the first thing I do every morning. This practice I have followed with few interruptions for fifty years." None of our presidents loved the Bible more than he did.

Coleridge, the great poet, said of the Bible, "I know the Bible is inspired, because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book."

Scott, that other great and beloved British poet, when on his deathbed, asked his son-in-law to read to him. "From what book?" he was asked. "There is only one book, the Bible," Scott replied.

Goethe, one of the master poets of all time, referred to the Bible as "the Book of eternally effective power."

Sir Isaac Newton, the famed philosopher, said, "I account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy."

Now I want to cite two tributes to God's Book that should be of exceptional value to every reader, and which should set us all to giving all the attention we possibly can to the Bible. First, note carefully what a powerful Southern preacher has told us about his experience with the Bible: "I suppose there is no book written on any subject, or in any language, that I could not master in one year if I set myself to do it. But I have made the Bible a special

study for thirty-four years, and I have never opened it that I did not discover something new."

Recently I heard something that clearly corroborates this view of Dr. R. J. Breckinridge, the Kentucky preacher I have just quoted.

I was attending a church service with a minister who is in his eighty-third year, and in excellent health and mental condition. The preacher we heard spoke with great wisdom on a very familiar text. My companion had himself preached many, many times on this same text; but as we left the service, he said to me, "That man taught me a number of new things about that text."

This remark was indeed a great tribute to the Bible, and also a fine illustration of how wonderful it is to have a learning mind at the ripe old age of eighty-three.

READING RECORDS FOR THE BLIND

There are about two hundred and fifty thousand blind persons in the United States. Many of these cannot read any of the embossed systems that are published for the blind. For these handicapped people the American Bible Society has issued the complete Bible on 169 Talking Book Records. Thousands of these records have gone out to the sightless.

WE THANK YOU!

ONCE AGAIN we have put out a special "Crusade" issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Counting our regular subscriptions, 950,000 copies of this special issue were printed and sold. Certainly, this was an unusual achievement, and we heartily thank those who made it possible. The general superintendents, district superintendents, pastors, evangelists, and the people—members of our church and our friends—supported this enterprise wholeheartedly. Without this remarkable co-operation, the task could not have been accomplished. Also, we thank those who contributed to this number or in any way helped to create it and its contents. This includes those who helped to print it and thus assisted in making it what it was mechanically. It shows again what we as a church can do if we all work together and have the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

ROY F. SMEE,
Secretary of the Crusade Commission

M. LUNN,
Manager of the Nazarene Publishing House

S. S. WHITE
Editor of the HERALD OF HOLINESS

The Book of Books

By Norman C. Schlichter

*Book of law, of light, of love,
Inspired by the Mind above;
The holy Mind, the mighty
Mind,
Who with this Book all men
would bind*

*Together in true brotherhood;
Would guide unto eternal good;
Would stir by its divine ap-
peal
Our witnessing with fervent
zeal*

*Unto the good news of the Son,
Lowly Bethlehem's Holy One.
The Book of Books forever
true!
The Book of Books forever
new!*

*The Book of Books because
divine!
The Lord's own Book, your
Lord and mine!*



Do We Read the Bible?

By A. S. London

IT IS astonishing how little the average person reads the Bible—the Book that has held the world's best interest, stood the test of almost continuous assault from every quarter, and the more damaging tyranny of neglect and indifference. It has weathered many storms, and the nations that dared forget it are forgotten.

The Bible needs no traditions, no creeds, nor ecclesiastical commands to establish its authenticity; and it always appeals to the highest and best in man. When one faces it fairly and honestly, he is forced to say Amen to all that it teaches, for he must recognize its eternal, universal, and ever-distinguishable truths.

The Bible presents Jesus, the God-Man, and authenticates His claim to divinity by His life and teachings. This Book has stood the test of time, the scorn of kings and pagans, the scoffings of infidels, the inconsistency of professors, and today remains unalloyed, unharmed, and more popular than ever in its history.

The Bible speaks for every civilization, and has brought comfort to millions down through all ages. It has laid the foundations for success to

every one who has lived up to its standards. It is the lamp and the light to the pathway of life; it reveals God to man, and proclaims immortality.

Through the sacred pages of the Bible we see the beginnings of humanity in a garden, the unfolding of personality, both good and evil. We watch Abraham cross the desert with his flocks and herds, see Moses march out of Egypt at the head of six hundred thousand fighting men; we hear Job chanting a sweet poem of sorrow and faith, and we see a king as he tunes his harp and sings his matchless songs. The stately prophets pass by bearing torches that light up the darkness, and this light is consummated when these men—marching across the centuries—yield their torches into the hands of Him who is the Light of the World. Why, oh, why, do we not read the Bible more?

The Bible is the most beautiful storybook in the world. It has the world's finest poetry, and the most stirring tales of warfare and conquest. It tells of the best hymns that breathe the emotions of the people, a prophetic gleam that lights up the darkness around about.

History is not the purpose of the Bible, yet it is the framework of all history. Its purpose is not to teach philosophy, but all true philosophy is based upon its teachings. The most beautiful storybook in the world is the Book of Genesis. The Bible concerns itself not with science, but science finds its inspiration in its sacred pages.

The New Testament is the greatest love story in the world. It is God's love for the human family; it breaks the fetters of the slave, takes the heat out of the fever, the pain out of parting, the sting out of death, and unbars the door on the other side of the grave. Dying Christians throughout all ages and in all climes have pilowed their heads upon its sacred truths.

The Bible is fragrant with memories. Lips now silent have whispered its promises; hands now folded have reverently fondled its pages; eyes that are closed have read through tears the comforting words, and when those individuals came down to the shores of time, they clasped their hands (and hearts) around this Book as the only safe chart across the silent sea which they were to sail.

The Bible has traveled through every century in the world, in every age of the world. It is deathless in its plea to a world that is broken with sin and suffering. It offers the only remedy for every ill of the human race. The greatest men of all ages have revered the Bible, and pointed out its value to mankind. It sets forth man's sinfulness, and the only way out of the darkness into light, and from sin unto salvation. Why, oh, why, do we not read the Bible more?

Broken covenants are man's invention; God never lies.—HENRY BEYER.

The Two "Pearl Harbors"

By E. Wayne Stahl

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl (Revelation 21:21).

PEARL HARBOR! What memories dark and horrendous

For us will revive, when we mention the name!
That tropical port meant disaster tremendous,
And death and destruction, and mourning and shame.

Yes, indignity infinite, sorrow eternal,
On the day of Pearl Harbor our country must know;
Then the enemy struck with timing infernal;
The Republic was reeling from treachery's blow.

In the Bible we read of another "pearl" harbor;
'Tis the Heavenly Port, and its entrance is pearl.
There victory's vintage from life's shining arbor
They gather forever, joy's banners unfurl.

No grief or disaster that city can enter,
While death or destruction are never there known;
Of everything holy it is the bright center:
Triumphant "pearl harbor" where God has His throne!

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Snee, Secretary

Pastors Hold Home Mission Campaign

THE PASTORS on the Vermont Zone of the New England District organized themselves into an evangelistic team with the purpose of starting a new church. The pastors and their wives did everything incidental to the meeting, such as pitching the tent, advertising, canvassing, preaching, praying, singing, and the financing. The churches on the zone gave offerings and sent in delegations on appointed nights. The pastors also pooled their personal expenses for the meeting, boarding and rooming together.

God blessed this united home missionary effort in many ways, including the details of the meeting. The mayor gave permission to pitch the tent on the city park free of charge. The fire department provided seats free. The newspaper gave all the free space asked for, printing resumes of the evangelistic messages. The piano and lumber for the platform were donated. Following the tent meeting, the city library auditorium was granted to the pastors for Sunday night rallies with janitor service free of charge for two Sundays. Pastors involved were Rev. Arthur Allen, Rev. DeWitt Dickson, Rev. Philip Chatto, Rev. William Houghins, Rev. Arthur Hughes, Rev. Irving Jones, Rev. Neal McLain, Rev. John Nielson, Rev. Merrill Ladd, and Rev. Julian Jackson.

An important reason for the success of the meeting is in the group of praying saints in Newport, who prayed for a revival for some years. The district superintendent, Rev. J. C. Albright, wrote that Sunday services averaged over one hundred in attendance after the close of the meeting, and he expects to organize a new church at Newport soon.

One of the pastors who co-operated in this campaign gives some interesting side lights of the experiment:

"A spirit of home-mission consciousness has developed in our churches which was not present before—for home mission moneys contributed by the churches produced immediate results in our own zone and state. The people of the churches have likewise felt a direct responsibility in the success of the meeting.

"The city received us with all generosity. We believe this is due to the fact that we were not some new organization forcing ourselves into a strange territory, but Northern Ver-

monsters ourselves. All opposition faded and everything opened to us when the city officials knew that we were Nazarene pastors of this locality trying to help their community.

"The local churches are prospering, probably through the effect of the meeting on us personally."

It is our hope that this will be more than an experiment—that it will be continued by the Vermont Zone in other localities and by other zones on the New England District. And it would be splendid if zones on many districts would catch a similar home missionary spirit and set out to start new churches. What district superintendent would not be thrilled to have the pastors of all the zones on his district working to open the door for new churches?

The Los Angeles District reported a new church at Palmdale in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* last month. This is the seventh church organized on this district this quadrennium. The following is from the district super-

intendent's column in the September *Los Angeles District Challenger*:

"The Department of Home Missions at Headquarters in Kansas City has come up with a request that the new Los Angeles District organize six new churches by June 1, 1952. The original quota for the old Southern California District was 20. Of these in two years 13 were organized. We will accept this quota and do our best to reach it. And as the new Southern California district has adopted its slogan '62 by 52,' or six new churches, if on both districts all are organized, it will make a total of 25 new churches for the area formerly embraced in the old Southern California District."

We are glad for this splendid spirit of co-operation on the part of Dr. A. E. Sanner and the Los Angeles District Nazarenes.

Rev. William G. Ardrey, pastor of a home mission church at Birmingham, on the Eastern Michigan District, writes that he does not have any good Nazarene songbooks for his church, which is unable to buy new ones at present. Anyone having fifty good used Nazarene Hymnals, *Songs of the Sanctuary*, or like songbooks, may write to him, 295 S. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for December 10: The Stewardship of the Gospel

Scripture: Acts 8:4-8; II Cor. 5:17-20; Phil. 1:12-28

GOLDEN TEXT: *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful (I Cor. 4:1-2).*

When we speak of mysteries we usually mean something that is beyond explanation and fanciful. But when Paul spoke of "mysteries" he meant something that God was pleased to reveal to His people. "The mysteries of God" were not truths that God was jealously guarding from men; rather they were being unfolded to men as fast as God could entrust men with the knowledge.

Totally apart from the basic plan of salvation, which the Bible makes plain to all, there are precious truths that lie like nuggets awaiting discovery. As we companion with the Holy Spirit, He will turn His light upon these gems of knowledge; and He only does it as we are able to

understand them, and are spiritually worthy of possessing them.

But one more thought. Having learned from the Spirit, we are now "stewards of the mysteries of God." They are not now private property: we are to make these truths known to others as the Spirit leads. And faithfulness in this stewardship is requirement number one!

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NEW BIBLE DEPOT

Something new has been added to the oldest city in the world—Damascus! The American Bible Society recently opened a Bible center there, where Scriptures translated into many languages may be bought at cost. This is only the latest of many of such Bible depots which the Bible Society maintains all over the world.

The Saint's Sword

EDIT

Stephen

YES, the saint has a sword. As a follower of Christ, he is a soldier. He is fighting in the battle of righteousness against sin. The sword which he uses is not made of metal, for the saint's weapons are not carnal but spiritual. The Word of God is the sword of the saint!

This truth is given to us in Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

THIS Word of God is quick and powerful, or living and energetic. There is nothing dead or lazy about the saint's sword. If the saint will only release the Word,

Quick and Powerful it will move upon those who hear it. This is proved by the next statement. The living, energetic Word is sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates that which it strikes. No one can listen to the Word of God without being pierced by it. With razor-blade sharpness, it cuts both ways.

The really great evangelistic preachers have never failed to employ the saint's sword, the Word of God. Paul's exhortation to Timothy was "Preach the Word." Other materials may be used in the sermon or by the personal worker, but nothing is so effective as the Word of God. The Word of God, the saint's sword, is the special instrument of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing else which He can drive home as he can the Word of God. He wants us to know the Word, or have possession of this sword, so that He can thrust it into the hearts of men through us.

IN Ephesians 6:17 we are told that the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Beginning with the tenth and concluding with the eighteenth

An Offensive Weapon verse of this chapter, Paul says: "Finally, my brethren, be strong

in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of

God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

I quote this long passage because it emphasizes the fact that we are in a fight, gives us some idea as to the nature and strength of our enemies, declares our need for the whole armor of God, and outlines the parts in this armor. Please notice also that the chief offensive piece in this armor is the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit, or the saint's sword. But someone may ask, "How can it be both the sword of the Spirit and the saint's sword?" Because the Spirit can only send forth the Word through you and me. He does not have anything to press home to the hearts of men if the saints do not spread the Word of God. The American Bible Society is the Holy Spirit's right hand in this world, but it cannot function in disseminating the Word of God throughout the world unless we as members of the various churches support it. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and it is also the sword of the saint.

THUS FAR, I have been discussing the saint's sword as living, energetic, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It is the saint's principal offensive weapon as he battles against sin, and the Spirit's special instrument in reaching the lost through you and me. Still, we have not exhausted the meaning of the verse before us. What does this Word of God, which is living, energetic, and sharper than any two-edged sword, do to the sinner? It pierces, or penetrates, to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow. It cuts and slashes deep into the individual's personality until the inner self is laid bare, until the sinner sees himself as he is. If a person wants to get a true picture of himself, let him contact the Word of God. The Word of God, the saint's sword, is a telescope which reveals the outermost limits of the soul. It is also a microscope which brings to light the infinitesimal recesses of the soul. The Word of God mirrors every need, condition, and state of sinful man, and every aspiration and possibility of the Christian.

Dividing Asunder

AND the end is not yet. The sword of the saint discerns or better judges the thoughts and intents of the heart. Thus revelation

Judges the Thoughts and Intent is followed by judgment, or evaluation.

The Word of God, the saint's sword or the sword of the Spirit, not only uncovers the hidden; it also judges, or evaluates, that which it brings to light. It helps the sinner to realize how worthless the contents of his heart are. In other words, the sinner is weighed in the balances and found wanting. The living, energetic, and cutting Word of God reveals and judges the exceeding sinfulness of the human heart.

IN THE FIRST chapter of Isaiah, there are a revelation and judgment as to a sinful nation. This portion of the saint's sword lays bare and evaluates the people of Israel.

Revelation and Judgment on Sin people of Israel. Let's begin reading with the second verse and continue through the sixth: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." What a revelation of a nation's sinfulness! And there is certainly the suggestion of judgment here in these words: "They have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger."

Another part of the saint's sword exposes the awful depths to which sinful men may degenerate, and warns of the wrath of God, which is "revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). Those who have gone to such depths in sin are not ignorant of their terrible condition, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them" (Rom. 1:19).

And now for the actual description of the sordid sinfulness of these people: "Because that,

when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Rom. 1:21-25). Such a picture is revolting. It reminds us of the barnyard.

BUT let us turn from such dark scenes in the Word of God to revelations and evaluations which are on the side of righteousness. The saint's sword divides asunder here, also, and gives us glorious

Revelation and Judgment on Righteousness glimpses of the way of God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:17-20, we are told that the law is not destroyed, but still holds up a high and holy standard, which, if we shall live and teach, will bring us to greatness in the kingdom of Heaven. And this we can and should do, for our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.

Then in Matthew 5:38-42 we are exhorted not to return evil for evil, but rather good for evil, to follow the principle of "the other cheek," "the cloke also," and the "second mile." This is not an impossible goal, but a criterion by which the Christian must measure himself day by day. From the Sermon on the Mount we turn to I Corinthians 13:1-3 for a final revelation from the saint's sword. The sanctified should often measure themselves by these truths. They make charity, or divine love, the supreme virtue. The gifts of speech, prophecy, understanding and knowledge, and faith, even though they be raised to the highest degree, are worthless if we do not have divine love. The same is true as to sacrifice. We might give all of our goods to feed the poor, and our bodies to be burned, and yet it would profit us nothing if we did not have divine love.

The saint's sword, the Word of God, "is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Some Impressions

From a Great Convention

THE Northwest-Area Preachers' Convention already has been excellently reported, and it is my purpose to mention only a few high lights which especially impressed me. It was a large gathering—hundreds of preachers and their wives were there from the various districts represented, and also many visitors from neighboring sections.

The Canada West District had one of the largest delegations present.

The program of the convention moved forward without a hitch. This was due largely to the superintendents of the sponsoring districts—Dr. B. V. Seals, Dr. W. W. Hess, Rev. J. A. McNatt, Rev. E. E. Zachary, Rev. A. L. McQuay, and Dr. Edward Lawlor—who planned the gathering and then efficiently presided over its sessions. Another factor which helped in this was the exceptional work of the entertaining pastor, Rev. George Taylorson.

No one could have attended that meeting without being impressed with the messages of General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, the main speaker for the occasion. He emphasized holiness and the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls in such a way that it will not be easy to forget the truth which he presented. Dr. Roy F. Smee and those who

were chosen by him to appear on the program gave us much material on the Crusade for Souls which was informational and inspirational. The dynamic leadership of Dr. Smee in this field was appreciated by all.

The school services were unusual—Dr. L. T. Corlett representing Northwest Nazarene College, and Dr. Hugh C. Benner speaking for the Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. Corlett was given a veritable ovation when he finished his address, and Dr. Benner moved all of us as he presented the unusual growth and pressing needs of the seminary.

October 17 to 19, 1950, will stand out as red-letter days in my memory. I shall not soon forget the messages, music—instrumental and vocal—the fellowship, and inspiration of those days. Once again God has honored His people with His presence and blessing.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Good-by, India

VERY soon we leave your shores, O India, the land of our adoption, for America, the land of our birth! The leave-taking is hard!

India, we love you; land of villages, overcrowded; land of ancient culture and religions; land of kindness to foreigners; land of many problems in a topsy-turvy world; land of material need; but most of all land of spiritual need. You have given us a challenge to present our Christ and left the doors open to us. You have been good to us, and we love your people. Good-by to our friends among the Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus. Good-by to our own India Nazarenes to whom we have given the most years of our service in the Church of the Nazarene. Good-by to our co-workers and missionaries with whom the bond is close. Our hearts throb with the leaving.

We shall pray for you; we shall work for you; and, please God, we shall return.

Good-by, India!—MARY E. ANDERSON, *India*.

Saving the Swazi

Saving the soul of a Swazi is not an easy job. One young man has just passed now as I sit here on the veranda. He is dressed in skins and carries his knobkerries. He looks, like so many of them do, quite happy in his heathen ways. To convince this man that Christianity is not only a better way than his, but the only right way to live, is the missionaries' difficult task.

When I was working in the office one evening about two weeks ago, I

thought I heard the sound of heathen dancing. As it grew louder and came nearer to my window, I looked out and on the veranda of the office I saw a young Swazi woman going through all the motions of the heathen dance. She looked wild and distracted as she swayed and pointed first one way and then another. I felt a great sorrow for her soul rise in my heart. She was dressed with a thin piece of cloth around her waist, and her hair was twisted so that it looked like little spikes sticking straight out of her head. When she was completely exhausted, we could do nothing else but hand her over to the native police, and we learned later that she broke every window within her reach in the jail. One of our native nurses told us that this girl was learning to be a witch doctor.

We want you to make a real business of praying. The devil would like to see us give up and say the struggle is too hard and that it is impossible to win these men and women to God and holy living. But Jesus, who dealt with the demon-possessed at Gadara and who changed sinners into saints wherever He went, is still able to do, through you and me, "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—MARY S. MCKINLAY, *Africa*.

Outstanding Conversion

One morning this week we were called to pray with a young lady who is very sick. The mother is a widow and has been saved only a few weeks. She and her grown son and daughter have been staunch Catholics all their lives. We anointed the daughter and

prayed, and it seemed so easy to pray.

As we were rising from our knees, Brother Encarnacion noticed some images of the Holy Family on a shelf and said to the mother that she should burn them. Then he read Deuteronomy 7:25-26. The mother suggested that she would give them away, for there were other Catholics who would be glad to get them. But Brother Encarnacion protested that it would not be right to give what God has cursed to someone else, for it would bring the curse of God upon them. Then the woman suggested that she would put them on the grave of her deceased husband, for he died a Catholic. We all joined in showing her that they would not help her deceased husband, and certainly it would not be doing what God had said to do. We insisted that obedience would be better than that kind of sacrifice to her husband. (The Catholics teach that every home should have a Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and the Infant Jesus in it. If a home doesn't have a set, it is a heathen home; and if it does have, many curses will be warded off, and God will send many blessings upon the home that is honored with a Holy Family. When a young couple are married, one of the first things they are given by relatives is a Holy Family.) It was hard for this widowed mother to consent to burning her images as the Bible requires. The grown son, who has been wonderfully saved, was in favor and had been trying to get his mother to dispose of them, but the daughter cherished them. But the daughter was dreadfully sick, and we had just prayed for God to heal her. We showed the mother that God could not do this if she were disobedient to Him. She could see this and consented to burn her precious images. But she was so poor that she did not have fuel enough to burn

them, so Brother Encarnacion asked me to go after some fuel, which I did.

Brother Pattee put it in order, and the mother set fire to it. This fire was kindled in the front yard, where the neighbors could see it. Then the mother went back into the house to get the images. One was a silver image of Christ on a cross which belonged to a deceased son. This one she especially dreaded to part with.

The sick daughter began crying as if her heart would break. When the fire was burning good, the mother piled them on the heap. Some were made of chalk and would not burn, so Brother Encarnacion took a stick and pounded them in pieces. As they burned we sang a song.

The Catholic neighbors were attracted and came to their windows to

watch this strange and dreadful sight. (It was a dreadful sight to them, but glorious to us.) To them it meant that this widow and her children were breaking with Catholicism completely. We praise God for this, and pray that God will help us to turn many more from their images and from their sins to a true worship and service of Christ.—JOSEPH PITTS, *Philippines*.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. *If the word sanctify means to cleanse, to purify, or make holy, as the dictionary says, what did God cleanse Jesus of when He sanctified Him and sent Him into the world? John 10:36 declares that God sanctified Jesus and sent Him into the world.*

A. The word sanctify does mean to cleanse, purify, or make holy; and this is the primary New Testament meaning. However, it is not the only New Testament meaning of this word. The dictionary will tell you that the term sanctify also means to consecrate, or set apart. This is exactly what is meant in John 10:36. Christ did not need sanctification in the sense of being made holy, and, therefore, God could not have sanctified Him in that sense. This interpretation can easily be seen to be correct if you will read John 10:36 with consecrated, or set apart, instead of sanctified. "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath consecrated, or set apart, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

Q. *Please tell me if there is a scripture which states that the soul will live somewhere forever. Also, give me a scripture which states that man will live in the flesh forever.*

A. In Matthew 25:46 we have these words: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." If you will read the preceding verses, you will readily see that the words of the first half of this verse have to do with the wicked, and in the last half the righteous are named as the ones who are referred to. Since the wicked and the righteous constitute all men, then we know that all men will live forever. There are few who doubt that the righteous will live forever, and certainly the Bible teaches this truth in many places. Here are a few of the scriptures which state or imply this fact: Luke 16:22; 23:43; John 11:

26; Rom. 6:23; and II Cor. 5:1. As to the everlasting existence of the wicked, I would add two very important passages to the one mentioned above: Mark 9:48 and Rev. 20:10.

For centuries the great thinkers of all peoples have contended for the immortality of the soul. Plato and Aristotle, who lived before the time of Christ, set forth some of the greatest arguments for the immortality of the soul that have ever been offered.

John 5:28-29 reads thus: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." Acts 24:15 states the same truth. And many scriptures imply the resurrection for all men, whether good or bad. In I Corinthians 15:35-50, Paul discusses the resurrec-

tion of the body, with special reference to the righteous. However, there is reason to believe that here and elsewhere the resurrection of the bodies of the wicked is implied.

Q. *How many departments are there in a local Church of the Nazarene, and what are their names? Some of our people think that the Hi-N.Y., the Intermediates, and the Juniors are church departments. Please set us right on this question.*

A. Every church should have a Sunday school, a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society or a local Church Missionary Society, and a Nazarene Young People's Society. These are the major departments of the church, and the other organizations are connected with or come under them. As far as I know, there is no fixed number of departments that any local church must have, but every church should have at least the major departments mentioned and as many others as are needed because of its size.

Q. *What does the word sanctify mean in John 17:19, which reads as follows: "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth?"*

A. It means consecrate, or set apart. God not only set Jesus Christ apart and sent Him into the world, but Jesus also set himself apart, or consecrated himself. This is exactly what Jesus meant in the words just quoted above. He could not cleanse himself of sin, for He had no sin; but He could set himself apart to go to the Cross, which He was then facing. John 17:19 is a renewal of His determination to go to the Cross and give His life a ransom for many.

KOREAN SCRIPTURES

The American Bible Society has published a special edition of 50,000 copies of Korean Scriptures for distribution to the South Korean Army, Navy, and Air Force. The books were printed at the request of the Korean Bible Society, whose headquarters is in Seoul. The books, bound in black Fabrikoid, contain the four Gospels and the Book of Acts.

He Tells Me!

By Goldie F. Muller

*Jesus tells me that He loves me;
He tells me that He cares;
He tells me that He's with me
When I go to Him in prayer.*

*He tells me not to worry,
But to cast on Him my care;
And that He always listens
To the true and honest prayer.*

*He tells me that the Holy Spirit
Is working day and night
To convict and save the sinner,
Who does not realize his plight.*

*He tells me to be faithful
And to ever do my part.
He tells me that He hears me
And He understands my heart.*

*He tells me to believe Him,
Although I cannot see
The many prayers He's answered,
Until His face I see!*

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Bible Society Project

FOR the past three years the Nazarene Young People's Society has sponsored the offering within the church for the Bible Societies. The churches in the United States contribute to the budget suggested by the American Bible Society. The churches in Canada, the British Isles, and Australia contribute to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

While there will be some attention given to the work of translating, printing, and distributing the Scriptures to the world during December, yet most of the pastors and young people's leaders will wait until Youth Week, January 28 to February 4, to receive the offering for this project.

We appreciate sincerely the way that our young people have stood back of this project. We appreciate the way that the older folks have responded to the appeal of the N.Y.

P.S. in giving to this great need. We know that this year will be no exception.

The United Bible Societies are doing a work which the church would have to do if there were no interdenominational agency doing it. Their task is inseparably linked with the task of world-wide evangelism, which is the heart of the church's mission. Hence, we should feel that as we give to this cause we are giving to a worthy cause and one upon which our work on the mission fields depends and without which our missionary work would be seriously hampered.

We urge every young person to take part in the Thanksgiving-to-Christmas Bible-reading program. This can be of unusual blessing to your hearts and lives.

News of Youth

District-wide youth rallies are proving very popular on a number of

districts. Kansas and Colorado feature rallies Thanksgiving night and all day Friday. The Northwest Indiana District recently had a rally in Hammond with J. Fred Parker, *Conquest* and *Young People's Journal* editor, as the special speaker. Other districts have rallies planned for the year.

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Prayer Tower Requests

November 26—December 2 American Negro Work

With the opening of the Bible Institute, our work among the colored people of the United States has entered a new day. Let us pray for our leaders, our pastors and churches, that the message of holiness will be taken effectively to these people.

December 3-9 British West Indies

God is helping our leaders get a real foundation laid in these islands of the Caribbean. The young people are catching the vision of our world-wide youth movement and are taking hold of the program like Nazarenes everywhere. Let us pray for these workers, for the leaders and for the churches.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

(Continued from page 2)

will be to visit the various churches, and promote all phases of the Sunday-school work. Brother Potter has served as pastor fifteen years and also done successful home missionary work, including building five Sunday schools.

Miss Mary Scott, general W.F.M.S. secretary, was on the Los Angeles District, November 9 to 19, for a tour in the interest of foreign missions, including an all-day convention at Pasadena First Church, also at Santa Ana.

Houston District, with Rev. V. H. Lewis, superintendent, sponsored five zone rallies, November 13 through 17, with Rev. Honorato Reza, editor of Spanish publications, as the special speaker.

First Church, Hammond, Indiana, Rev. L. L. Zimmerman, pastor, has purchased a very fine parsonage at 37 Midway Court, Hammond, Indiana.

Rev. Clifton Norell has resigned as pastor at El Dorado to accept a call to pastor the church at Newton, Kansas.



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Evangelist M. V. Bass writes that he has an open date, February 20 to March 4, which he'd like to slate as the Lord may lead; also, has some open time after May 30, '51. Write him, 18616 Riverview, Detroit 19, Michigan.

Castle Hill, N.S.W., Australia—On November 5 we concluded a five-day holiness campaign at Northmead, with District Superintendent Berg as the evangelist, and Brother D. Higgs as the song leader. "Happy Hour" sessions every afternoon for the children were blessed, with a number publicly accepting Christ as their Saviour. A tent campaign had been planned, but during the first children's meeting a sudden gale struck the tent and seriously damaged it. However, every meeting was held as planned, and Brother Berg's messages, charged with the Holy Spirit and delivered with unction, were owned of God. Several souls sought and claimed the blessed experience of sanctification. Northmead is still in its "swaddling clothes" numerically, with a membership of

approximately thirty. But this campaign caused roots to strike deeper, faith to grow stronger, love to burn brighter, and it appears that the membership will be increased. Outside interest has been quickened as a result of this meeting.—Hector C. Spratt, Pastor.

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "We have an open date January 16 to 28, also April 24 to May 6; shall be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. We carry the whole program—preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children's work. Write us, 307 S. Delaware St., Mt. Gilead, Ohio."

Evangelist Bertha Crow writes: "For the past eight weeks I have been confined to my bed at the home of my son; I have been very sick, and it will be several weeks before I'm able to be on the field again. The past year has been a good one, and I have seen souls saved and a number unite with our Nazarene churches. God is good to me and my faith is in Him. At present my address is 638 Greenwood, Wichita, Kansas."

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma—Our people were helped, encouraged, and blessed by the ministry of Evangelist C. L. Henbest in our recent revival. Several souls sought God at the altar of prayer, and six new members were added to the church. God is blessing our church in many ways. Last year we had a gain of 100 per cent in our Sunday school over the previous year.—Floyd Scroggins, Pastor.

Evangelist J. D. Havener writes that he has an open date, February 14 to 25, in '51. Write him at Box 401, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Evangelist William Barnes writes: "I'm glad to report victory now. I am making up my slate for the winter months, and shall be happy to go anywhere God can use me to help advance His kingdom. I am available for revivals, week-end meetings, and home mission campaigns. Write me, Route 2, Harold Avenue, Franklin, Ohio."

Evangelist P. L. Liddell writes: "I have appreciated the wonderful acceptance of my ministry in the many districts and states where I have served during the past year. Have been kept constantly busy, and the Lord has been most gracious. I am leaving the evangelistic field to pursue graduate study, and hope that when this study is completed (also the handicap that my voice has presented in recent campaigns has been cleared up), we shall be able, the Lord willing, to return to this capacity of service."

Pastor M. E. Haynes of Hurdland, Missouri, writes: "My church has granted me the privilege to hold a few revival meetings during the year. I am a licensed minister on the Missouri District. Write me, Box 125."

Sandusky, Ohio—Our fall revival, closing on Sunday, November 5, was the best we have had for several years. Members and friends in cottage prayer meetings, Saturday night prayer meetings, and in the regular services, prayed faithfully for several weeks prior to the revival to prepare the way for forty-nine people to be saved or sanctified during this campaign. Rev. Warren C. McIntire was the evangelist, with Harry Fagan and wife in charge of the music. God used Brother McIntire in a wonderful way; his messages were sound, sincere, and spiritual, with the anointing of the Spirit upon preacher and people. This man of God challenged me and my people by his prayer life, saintly character, and searching messages. Our church is moving forward for God and souls.—J. N. Lakin, Pastor.

Pastor Eugene Stowe reports: "After three happy years with the good people of First Church, Oakland, California, last August 1 we accepted the call to our church in Salem, Oregon. We found a united, spiritual church and have been given a most warm reception. Our predecessor, Rev. Orville W. Jenkins, did an outstanding work here. Through his vision, two new churches are being sponsored this year by the Salem church: one in the Keizer district, and one in the nearby city of Stayton. Recently we concluded a far-reaching revival with Evangelist J. C. Dobson. His ministry was anointed of the Holy Spirit and resulted in a number of wonderful victories at the altar for pardon and

heart purity. In the closing service, more than thirty people sought God; a number of these were answers to prayers prayed across the years. It is a joy to work with District Superintendent W. W. Hess, a member of this church and a brother beloved. Professor Ronald J. Lush heads the musical program of the church, and is doing a great work with the choir and instrumentalists. A loyal corps of department heads are leading our Sunday-school, youth, and missionary groups in an aggressive program of advancement."

Evangelist Maurice Turner reports: "Since we began our evangelistic labors in September, the Lord has given Mrs. Turner and me some outstanding victories. We labored at Westside Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma, with Rev. Earl Cotton and his fine folks. Pastor W. D. McGraw and the First Church people stood by in a marvelous way, and God gave a revival. At Peabody, Kansas, Rev. C. R. Manners is new on the job, but is getting a good foothold, and God gave some old-time breaking up. We had a good revival at McPherson, Kansas, where Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Hantla are our fine young pastors. In this meeting we had many visitors, and some great altar services. At Winfield, Kansas, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hoyt are greatly beloved of their people. This congregation recently completed a beautiful new building with full basement. In these four meetings twenty-six people were received into membership in our Nazarene churches. At this writing we are in a hard battle at Wellington, Kansas. These good folks, under the experienced leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Cook, have started work on a new building. The revival had a real break last night, with ten seekers at the altar, and most of them were not members. For all these victories we give praise to Jesus Christ. We love our fine people and our church."

Clarence, Missouri—Recently this church enjoyed one of the best revivals in many years, with Evangelist C. C. Rinebarger and wife as the special workers. We had the largest crowds we have seen in our two and one-half years of ministry in Clarence. The Rinebargers sing and preach under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the Lord honored their ministry with souls. We greatly appreciated having Brother and Sister Rinebarger with us. We thank God for our good people who pray and hold on to the Lord. A nice love offering was given to the pastor and family.—Ralph LaChance, Pastor.

Charleston, West Virginia—South-east Church is rejoicing in a blessed revival campaign with Evangelists Paul and Marie Uhrig as the special workers. This meeting reached out among many new friends. The Uhrigs, with their musical instruments and inspiring singing, received a warm welcome in our junior high school,



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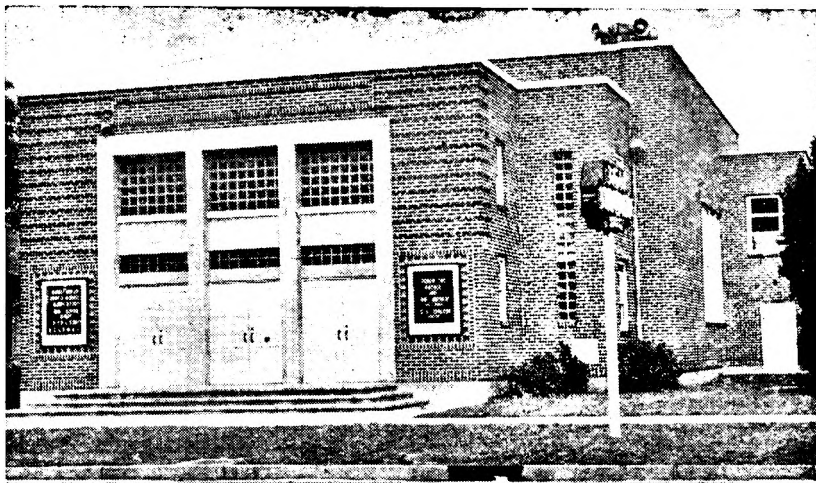
I mused a little more and the statement seemed to say, "But I put myself in the way of help." How many of us fail to put ourselves in the way of help! Thus inspiration and blessing pass by and we struggle on. "If any man . . . open the door," then it is that Jesus comes in to sup with him. His Word, the Bible, is silent until we give it a chance to speak to us. His ministers and His music cannot give us a lift if we are not there. "Showers of Blessing" cannot be yours unless you tune in and let it "hit your home" with force and inspiration.

Put yourself in the way of help. Tune in to God in prayer—tune in to His Word through Bible reading, and tune in to "Showers of Blessing." It may arrive just when you need help the most.

and a good number found Christ within our own Sunday-school classes. A fine class of twelve members was received, and their enthusiastic testimonies blessed the entire church. Southeast Church is marching on in the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls.—Ralph Schurman, Pastor.

First Church, Mobile, Alabama

Pictured here is the beautiful structure erected under the outstanding ministry of Rev. Otto Stucki, who served from 1941 to 1947. This 60 x 90-foot modern church edifice is a credit to the Alabama District, having a seating capacity of five hundred, and is well equipped with classrooms, pastor's study, secretary's office, nursery, balcony, and the best quality pulpit furniture and pews. It is a tribute to the wise leadership of Brother Stucki, also an example of the devotion and sacrifice of these good people. On either side of the church are the Sunday-school annex and parsonage. Strategically located on one of the main thoroughfares, this property is appraised at above \$75,000 with a present debt of under \$15,000, which is being liquidated in quarterly payments. Organized in 1928, following a six-week tent campaign conducted by Rev. E. B. Galloway, the church has been faithfully served by Pastors F. O. Bell, Robert Spear, Felix Miller, Otto Stucki, and Lawrence B. Hicks. In the past six years two other congregations have been organized from this church—Prichard and Riverside. Ten years ago, there were 70 in Sunday school in one church; today the three Mobile area Sunday schools average about 350. Since our coming from California some twenty-eight months ago, God has blessed our work, and progress has been made along many lines; we have some of the "salt of the earth" in our membership of 155. We have 310 subscriptions for the HERALD of HOLINESS, and help to sponsor "Showers of Blessing" each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. A beautiful



neon sign has been erected, and a PA system with tower chimes added. Since the close of World War II, 103 members have been transferred out, but God has sent replacements and 50 new members have been added since we came. Evangelists laboring with us have been Rev. C. M. Dunaway, Rev. Mason Lee with Professor A. C. Wakefield, Rev. C. C. Knippers, Rev. A. J. Gunter, and recently Rev. Harold W. Gretzinger, preacher and musician, with Rev. Peter Jurich in charge of the prayer meetings. The attendance in this last revival was perhaps the best in the history of the

church; scores of new people attended, many found Christ as Saviour and Sanctifier, and some received bodily healing. Night after night the crowds came to hear the unique, practical, and prophetic preaching of Brother Gretzinger, who also gave nightly organ concerts and directed the choir. Mobile First Church is up the road spiritually. It is a privilege to work on the Alabama District under the progressive leadership of Superintendent Stucki. If you have friends at Brookley Air Force Base here, write us at 658 S. Broad Street.—C. L. Chilton, Pastor.

Plymouth, Michigan—In our recent revival we had Rev. C. E. Moran, pastor at St. Louis, Michigan, as evangelist, with Ted and Dorothy DeBolt as the singers. Brother and Sister DeBolt were well liked because of their sincerity and wonderful spirit in prayer, as well as in their singing. Their song selections were very fitting, and God blessed their efforts. Brother Moran is a rugged preacher, and preaches what the people need. Our people feel this was one of the deepest and most far-reaching revivals they can remember in this church. Prayer meetings were held at 6:00 and 10:00 a.m., and many of those prayers were answered during the revival. We praise God for victory. We are in our sixth year here, and God is blessing. Our people are back of the entire program of the denomination.—Wm. O. Welton, Pastor.

still attending and helping to carry the burden. We have had five pastors: Charles W. Bowman, Eupha D. Beasley, J. V. Lankford, Glenn E. Miller, and our present pastor, E. H. Sanders. From our doors have gone ten young men and women as pastors, evangelists, singers, and students in our colleges preparing for special work for the Lord. Under the splendid leadership of Brother Sanders, now beginning his third year with us, all departments of the church are moving forward. We greatly appreciate Brother Sanders, his wife, and two boys; they are a consecrated family. Plans are made to start, in the near future, on an enlargement of our Sunday-school annex to house our school, which has outgrown its facilities. We praise God for His marvelous blessings on Fort Smith Central Church.—Mrs. Lloyd Young, Reporter.

is a splendid children's worker. The Willis' work for the interests of the pastor and church, and co-operate in a beautiful way; they were a great blessing to us.—T. B. Gray, Pastor.

Brighton, Ontario—God's Spirit is still striving with the souls of men. The Holy Spirit brought deep conviction to souls in our recent revival under the preaching of Evangelist R. Lanterman and the singing of Mrs. Robert Woods of Hamilton. Although we did not see all the results we had hoped for, our people are praying and fasting, and believing God. We feel refreshed and strengthened in the Lord.—Elmer Schrag, Pastor.

Fort Smith, Arkansas — Central Church recently had a revival campaign with Rev. C. C. Burton as evangelist, and Robert Carroll as the singer and musician. The Holy Spirit moved in a marvelous way, with thirty-eight seeking God at the altar; not once did the altar invitation go unheeded. On October 10, Central Church celebrated its eleventh birthday. Of the twenty charter members received by Rev. Holland London, then district superintendent, six are

Crawford, Nebraska—Our church has been greatly benefited by a wonderful revival with Evangelist Harold J. Willis, wife, and daughter. Outstanding was the prayer life of the evangelists, and the Lord was able to use them in a marvelous way. Their messages on sanctification were clear and to the point, and earnest seekers prayed through to victory in God. There were more than thirty seekers, and this was the best revival the church has had in years. Sister Willis

Spencerville, Ohio—Our church recently had the best revival it has been my privilege to be in for over ten years. God blessed and manifested His presence in every service, with sinners praying through in the old-time way, and then going on to be sanctified wholly. Scheduled for two weeks, the meeting continued five extra days—and the last week was the best of all. Rev. E. Everette Kimball, pastor at Wapakoneta, was the evangelist. He is a straight gospel preacher, yet preaches with love, and God honored his messages and spirit. Never have we had finer evangelistic singers than Gerald and Donna Lou;

they carried their part of the program well, and manifested a fine spirit. As the result of this meeting, six new members were added to the church. God has been blessing the work here and we give Him praise for all achievements. Last year the church had more than 10 per cent gain in membership, with an increase of twenty-four in average attendance. Since August 1, we are averaging twenty-six above the same period of last year, and have had a 10 per cent gain in church membership. On Sunday, October 29, our church and the Wapakoneta church, with Pastor Kimball, had a joint baptismal service. We are happy in our second year of service here—the first year on a unanimous three-year call.—Kenneth J. Grandy, Pastor.

Evangelist Fred Thomas reports: "It was a real joy to be in a revival with Pastor G. Edward Gallup and the church at Clinton, Illinois. Brother Gallup is a Bible scholar, and under his Spirit-filled ministry this church has made marked progress. The music and singing furnished by the local church the first week were far beyond the ordinary; and the second week of revival was blessed with the ministry of Song Evangelists Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith. Scores of people sought and found God in this meeting. The Lord gave us a most gracious revival in Red Deer, Alberta, with Pastor A. Richard Gongwer and First Church, and our Canadian Nazarene College, with Dr. E. E. Martin, president. Time and again the altar was filled with people praying through; and in two chapel services, without preaching, the altar was filled with people praying through to victory. First Church is enjoying the blessings of God, under the leadership of Brother Gongwer; and under the wise leadership of President Martin, Canadian Nazarene College is making the best progress of her history. The revival was blessed with the singing of the large College choir, and also the large First Church choir, with Professor Taylor in charge. Truly, we never shall forget the revival in our First Church, Spokane, Washington, with Pastor J. G. Taylorson, and Associate Pastor Jerald D. Johnson. Brother Taylorson is a prince of pastors—now serving his tenth year with this great church. Brother Johnson had a great choir every night; this was of untold blessing to the revival campaign. God gave very definite victory, with the altar well filled time and again. It was a joy to have District Superintendent E. E. Zachary in the revival. Northwest District is making remarkable progress under his leadership that is marked with a passion for world evangelism, both at home and abroad. God gave an old-fashioned revival at First Church, Phoenix, Arizona, although Pastor Andrew Young had been there only six weeks when the meeting began. We had a chain of prayer, 4:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. until

midnight every day. Time and again the altar was filled, and on the closing Sunday thirty-five people prayed through to glorious victory; in the closing service there were shouts of newborn souls and saints all over the church. Last Friday night, under the leadership of Pastor Young and District Superintendent Mann, the church board voted to tear down the old church building, and they hope to be in the new building by next summer. The God of revivals still lives!"

Montpelier, Ohio—Our church has had a very successful revival with Rev. D. A. Glaze as the evangelist, and Miss Twyla Pittenger as song evangelist and children's worker. Counting as they came, there were fifty-seven seekers at the altar, with many happy finders. God honored the faithful preaching of His Word in message and song, and many souls prayed through in the old-fashioned way, making restitution, and building a straight road for the Lord to come and bless. The closing service was like an old-fashioned camp meeting with the saints shouting and praising God. Both Brother Glaze and Miss Pittenger endeared themselves to our Nazarenes and friends. We have some good prospects for church membership. A good love offering was given the pastor and wife.—O. W. Bowsheer, Pastor.

Evangelists Laten E. and Loura Teare write: "We have greatly enjoyed our work during these two and one-half years in the evangelistic field. Our schedule has taken us to numerous states, and God has given seasons of refreshing and blessing, as well as some outstanding victories, for which we give Him praise. In most of our engagements, we have served as preacher and singers, but in some as song evangelists only. It has indeed been a privilege and pleasure to work with our fine pastors and people over the country. We deeply appreciate them. We will be

in the south-central section prior to the holidays and during the spring, and have some open dates between December 15 and April 1 we'd like to slate in that area if possible. However, we shall be glad to go as the Lord may call, and are available for revivals or holiness conventions. Write us, % Box 527, Kansas City 10, Missouri."

Bunola, Pennsylvania—On October 22 we closed a revival with Evangelist Clifton T. Thomas and wife. The preaching was of a very high order, and the services were well attended. Brother Thomas is a sincere preacher of the Word. The musical part was also well received, and the children's meetings conducted each afternoon were very profitable. The church was helped, souls were saved, finances came easily, and a fine love offering was given to the pastor and wife.—C. F. Hunt, Pastor.

Yukon, Oklahoma—We are glad to report God's blessings on our church, and a forward move on the part of our people. In October, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London were with us for the church's first Sunday-school convention; it was a success in every way. In an inspirational service, ten young people volunteered as Sunday-school teachers, and the congregation gave or pledged one thousand dollars for additional Sunday-school rooms. (At present a young people's department meets in a hall downtown, a men's class in a residence across the street from the church, a class of Beginners in the pastor's study, etc.) Rev. Joe Bishop, Yukon's own evangelist, just closed a week-end revival with us; more than twenty seekers at the altar, with many of them being new people. On Sunday, November 5, we set an all-time high in attendance, with 319 in Sunday school. Brother Bishop gave a wonderful message to an overflowing crowd, and many responded to the altar call. The pastor has just closed the first year on the second three-year call.—Otto C. Perry, Pastor.

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Jackson, Ohio—Our church has had a fine revival in which more than forty seekers bowed at the altar of prayer, and most of them prayed through to a definite experience of saving or sanctifying grace. Rev. W. W. Loveless was mightily used of the Holy Spirit in preaching the gospel of full salvation. This veteran of the Cross, now seventy-five years of age, is going strong for God and the church. During the revival, Brother Loveless also planned and led a Sunday-school rally which resulted in an attendance of 273; we think this is great for a small church of 77 members. Pastor and church want Brother Loveless to come our way again. The evangelist was well paid, and a love offering of \$83 given the pastor and wife.—A. E. Pusey, Pastor.

Chattanooga, Tennessee—East Lake Church recently enjoyed about the best revival in its history, with Rev. C. T. Corbett as the evangelist, and Rev. Leon Cook, our pastor at Grace Church, as song evangelist. Night after night Brother Cook sang the glory down; and Brother Corbett preached with the unction of the Holy Ghost in the rugged, old-fashioned way that brought deep conviction to sinners and backsliders, lining the altar with seekers. There were eighty seekers during the ten-night revival, and all but one prayed through to God for victory in pardon or heart purity. This was Brother Corbett's first revival in the state of Tennessee, and he fell in love with the country and the people of the church; that love was reciprocated by the people. On the closing Sunday morning as a colored sextet were singing, the Holy Ghost came on the service in a mighty way. Amid the shouts of the people, Brother Corbett gave an altar call and twelve souls

bowed at the altar and prayed through to victory. East Lake Church has enjoyed steady progress during the past three years under the leadership of Pastor A. W. McQueen and the co-operation of a fine people. Two years ago the Sunday-school average attendance was 111; last year the average was 209. For the two Sundays of the revival we had 231 and 234 in Sunday school.—Thomas G. Carson, Reporter.

Walla Walla, Washington—Revival services at First Church concluded on Sunday night, October 29. Rev. Leslie Parrott was the evangelist. For the first time in many years, morning services were held during the week, and the people very much appreciated these services. Seekers found the Lord in every evening service of the revival; no altar calls were given in the morning services. Brother Parrott preached to large crowds, and was greatly appreciated by all. Nazarenes here in First Church enjoyed the wonderful evangelism of this anointed minister of God.—J. Paul Downey, Pastor.

Peru, Indiana—After four years of happy ministry with our good people of Lynn, we came to this fine people one year ago. We are happy with them, and God is blessing. During the past year we have enjoyed an increase of thirty-five in average attendance in Sunday school, and three wonderful revivals. The first was with Rev. Earl Starnes and Paul Qualls—a great team; over one hundred people sought God at the altar. The spring revival was owned and blessed of God with Professor John E. Moore and the pastor as the workers. The summer tent meeting was a wonderful season of blessing, with two services per day. Rev. W. M. Tid-

well preached with the vigor and unction of a strong Christian warrior, local singers aided in the meeting, and several new converts were seekers at the altar. These revivals, plus the regular services, gave 278 seekers at the altar, and 19 new church members. The remodeling program, begun by our predecessor, Rev. H. L. Johnston, has greatly improved our church: hardwood floors throughout, rug, drapes, lights, new ceiling, and complete redecorations. High-lighting the year's improvement program was the installation of a new Hammond organ and a new piano. Recently we purchased the dwelling next door for future expansion purposes. God is leading on, and we praise Him for this loyal and faithful people.—L. E. Tucker, Pastor.

Beaverton, Michigan—God has been good to this church, and the last few months have been marked with several evidences of divine favor. On October 15 we closed a revival with Evangelist Harold L. Kennedy and wife. The faithful preaching of the Word by Brother Kennedy and the chalk drawings and singing of Mrs. Kennedy were blessed to our hearts, and resulted in the salvation of souls. This was considered one of the most profitable revivals ever conducted in this church. Financially, God has blessed us; our budgets are paid to date, all local expenses are being met, and a program to reduce our indebtedness met with gratifying success.—Mrs. Laura Havens, Secretary.

Fort Worth, Texas—First Church recently closed one of the most far-reaching revivals of its history. We were blessed and stirred by the ministry of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool in an eight-day campaign. It had been planned for many weeks, and prayed for, with several special prayer meetings climaxing in an all night of prayer on Friday before the campaign began on Sunday morning. God used Dr. Vanderpool in a wonderful way, and many seekers found help at the altar. Feeling that the revival should not close, and since Dr. Vanderpool could not stay longer, we continued services for three weeks more with the pastor preaching. The church has been lifted to a higher spiritual plane, several more seekers found help from God at the altar, and seven new members have been added to the church. The improvement in spiritual tone is evidenced by increased attendance, greater concern for the lost, and more giving of finances. We begin the second year of this, our second term of service with these fine people, with thanks for what God already has done and greater faith for the future. The Mid-Century Crusade for Souls is the turning point for Nazarenes in this city of nearly 300,000 souls; they can be reached with the gospel, and we are determined to reach them. Pray for us; and send us names of friends you may have here if you want us to visit them.—James McGraw, Pastor.

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Garrett, Indiana—Recently our church enjoyed a good revival meeting with Evangelist Roy Lewis, and local talent doing the special singing. From the beginning, God met with us in a wonderful way. Brother Lewis' messages were along the old-fashioned line, and proved to be just what the church needed. A great group of teen-age youth were saved and sanctified, as well as several young married people. A class was received into church membership. The preaching of Brother Lewis is anointed of the Lord; he stays close to the "old paths," and manifests a wonderful spirit. Our Sunday school is running considerably ahead of last year's attendance. We give God praise for His blessings.—Russell Shalley, Pastor.

Memorial Chapel Service

An impressive memorial service, honoring the late Dr. Orval J. Nease, was held in the Seminary Chapel on November 10. Dr. Hugh C. Benner was in charge of the service. Dr. S. S. White offered the prayer of invocation. Rev. Robert Gray, president of the Seminary Student Council, read the scripture lesson. The congregational prayer was offered by Dr. Roy F. Smee. Rev. Clifford Keys, a student, sang as a solo "We Shall See His Lovely Face." Rev. Roy Swim, representing those who worked with Dr. Nease when he served as editor in chief of church school periodicals, spoke words of tribute. Dr. Albert F. Harper, representing the headquarters personnel, gave beautiful words of tribute to the memory of Dr. Nease. Dr. L. A. Reed, representing the Seminary group, also spoke words of eulogy. The benedictory prayer was offered by Mr. M. Lunn.

REPORTER

British Honduras

Annual Council Meeting

The fifth annual council meeting of the British Honduras missionaries was held in Benque Viejo, October 23 to 27. There were ten missionaries present, with one on furlough. The reports of the past year were very encouraging.

Two new churches have been organized: Crooked Tree with 42 full members and 18 probationers, and El Cayo with 21 full members and 4 probationers. New work has been opened in Corozal and Punta Gorda, the main towns in the northern and southern districts of the colony. Many new preaching points have been opened also. A new chapel was built at Mt. Hope, and plans are under way for the building of a church, clinic, and nurses' home in Crooked Tree.

We have 8 day schools in operation. One of the high lights of the year was the establishment of the Fitkin Memorial Bible College in British Honduras; although in temporary buildings, we have 28 students enrolled.

Our two clinics (Benque Viejo and Crooked Tree) have done excellent

work in treating the sick and needy of the colony; 17,669 treatments were given in home visits or clinic calls.

We have had revivals in all of our churches. God has blessed and souls have prayed through to victory. We give Him all the praise for what has been accomplished.

MRS. W. C. FOWLER, Reporter



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Sunday-School Attendance Report

Districts by Groups	1949 or '50	October	%
PURPLE STAR DISTRICTS (10,000-15,000)			
Northern California	12,119	13,506	111
Western Ohio	11,053	11,857	107
Central Ohio	10,114	10,927	108
BLUE STAR DISTRICTS (7,500-10,000)			
Akron	8,627	9,816	114
Kentucky	8,712	9,122	105
West Virginia	8,046	9,052	113
Indianapolis	7,555	8,322	110
Southern California	7,690	8,309	108
Eastern Michigan	7,443	8,308	112
Southwest Indiana	8,214	8,234	100
Illinois	7,232	7,868	109
Los Angeles	7,140	7,833	110
Michigan	7,372	7,705	105
Eastern Oklahoma	7,004	7,524	107
GREEN STAR DISTRICTS (5,000-7,500)			
Kansas	6,510	7,259	112
Kansas City	6,372	7,068	111
Arkansas	6,466	6,926	107
Alabama	5,908	6,261	106
New England	5,478	6,025	110
Northwest Oklahoma	4,983	5,906	119
Oregon Pacific	5,752	5,901	103
Idaho-Oregon	5,494	5,863	107
Tennessee	5,206	5,840	112
Southwest Oklahoma	5,149	5,762	112
East Tennessee	3,970	5,282	133
Chicago Central	4,507	5,250	116
Northwest	4,420	5,129	116
Northwest Indiana	4,391	5,091	116
RED STAR DISTRICTS (2,500-5,000)			
Abilene	4,650	4,911	106
Dallas	4,462	4,731	106
Canada West	3,761	3,880	106
San Antonio	3,340	3,428	103
North Carolina	2,703	3,154	117
Albany	2,661	2,930	110
Houston	2,674	2,586	97
Nebraska	2,527	2,564	101
WHITE STAR DISTRICTS (Under 2,500)			
Virginia	2,164	2,419	112
Rocky Mountain	2,165	2,329	108
Mississippi	2,104	2,246	107
Minnesota	1,835	2,080	113
Ontario	1,633	1,932	118
New York	1,566	1,872	120
North Dakota	1,363	1,627	119
South Dakota	743	838	113
Maritime	661	781	118
Nevada-Utah	617	696	113
<i>The following districts did not report for October:</i>			
Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Northeastern Indiana, Northwestern Illinois, Pittsburgh, South Carolina, Washington Pacific, Washington-Philadelphia, and Wisconsin.			
Estimated total average attendance for October for all districts	328,117		
Gain	22,482 or 15%		

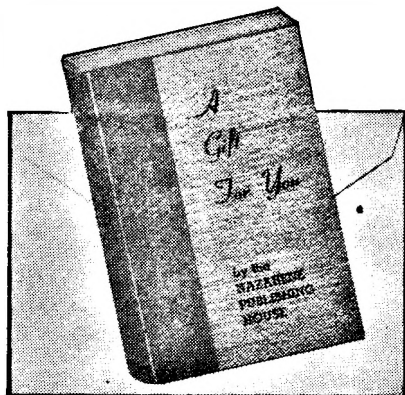
ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary
Department of Church Schools

Annual Council Meeting Guatemalan Missionary District

The twenty-sixth annual council meeting of the Guatemalan Missionary District met at Coban, Guatemala, in October, with the president, Rev. R. C. Ingram, presiding.

Reports of the various departments of our work here in Guatemala brought encouragement to our hearts. Truly, God has been with us and blessed in our work this past year.

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We were especially blessed by the presence of Rev. Bertha Humble and her husband in our council meeting this year. Her Spirit-anointed messages in the devotional periods were a great blessing to our hearts. Brother Humble was a blessing to us, too, especially the children. They quickly fell in love with him, and I am sure will remember with pleasure his visit with us.

In the business sessions we were delighted to sense the presence of the Holy Spirit, and His direction in the work we did. There was a beautiful spirit of harmony among the group of missionaries as they worked through several business sessions. We praise God for His leadership at this time.

We have welcomed two new missionaries to our field this year: Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryant and children. We are grateful to God for permitting them to come to Guatemala to work with us.

As we closed the session by singing "We'll Work till Jesus Comes," we felt like going forward to do more for our Lord in Guatemala.

MAYME ALEXANDER, Reporter

Florida District Assembly

The thirty-sixth annual assembly of the Florida District began literally on a "howling pitch" and ended on a victorious note. Zephyr-like east winds which greeted delegates as they arrived increased in velocity until Tuesday night, the eve of the assembly proper, when they reached the proportions of a "howler" of the first magnitude.

Many assembly delegates utilized their enforced stay in their hotels by testifying in the lobbies of the hotels to the keeping power of God as the buildings creaked, and in some instances actually cracked, under the strain of 150-mile-an-hour winds.

The assembly proper got under way the next morning with an emergency dynamo furnishing the power. Dr. Orval J. Nease, presiding officer, brought the minds of the people to bear on the real purpose of the assembly with the first of two inspiring devotional messages. The work of Dr. Nease was highly appreciated by the Florida Nazarenes; through a love offering they made it possible for him to fly back to California rather than by the tiring automobile trip he had planned.

Another feature of the assembly was the report and excellent vote for re-election of Rev. John L. Knight, district superintendent. He has completed four and one-half years of service on the district; in that time sixteen new churches have been organized, and the membership increased 50 per cent. The untiring efforts of this good man were not taken for granted; and a love offering was given to him by the assembly. God is blessing the work of Brother Knight.

In the missionary convention, Mrs. Louise Chapman brought a forceful message, challenging the churches to

adopt the ten-per-cent plan in each local church.

Evangelist C. William Fisher brought the evening message to a large crowd, bringing all of us to an awareness of our responsibilities.

Rev. C. E. Keys, field representative of Trevecca Nazarene College, brought a good report of how God is helping the work of the school to move forward. The assembly closed with an impressive ordination service.

MERLE S. DIMBATH, Reporter

Nebraska District N.Y.P.S. Tour

The Nebraska District received a new and greater challenge in the field of personal evangelism when Rev. Ponder Gilliland, of Calgary, Alberta, was with us as special speaker for a tour in October. The special emphasis was the Lamplighters' League, and in each rally the people responded to the heart-searching messages of Brother Gilliland. He preaches from a wealth of personal experience, and has more to present than mere theories; he has worked the plan which he urges others to carry out.

There were 331 individuals who signed the pledge and joined the Lamplighters' League, thereby indicating that by the help of God they would try to speak to one person each month about his soul.

Nebraska Nazarenes who heard this man of God never can be the same, and we move forward to do more for God in this important field of personal evangelism.

CHARLES W. OGDEN
 District N.Y.P.S. President

Annual Convention

Canadian Holiness Federation

The Canadian Holiness Federation held its annual convention in Ottawa, with Bishop C. V. Fairbairn of the Free Methodist church as the special speaker. The convention was held in the Gospel Tabernacle, with more than two thousand people in attendance at some of the services. The keynote of the convention was an almost unanimous call for a closer fellowship and co-operation in the face of the need of our day, with a call made for a great outpouring of God's Spirit upon all of us.

In the business session, Rev. J. A. Crites, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Owen Sound, Ontario, was elected president for the coming year; Rev. W. R. Schamehorn, of the Wesleyan Methodist church, was elected vice-president; Rev. W. A. McMillan, of the Holiness Movement Church, was re-elected secretary; and Rev. J. S. A. Spearman, of the Wesleyan Methodist church, was elected treasurer.

An impressive memorial service was held in memory of Rev. S. W. Blanchard, who had been president of the Federation for the past two years, and also of others of the represented ministry who had passed to their reward. Rev. J. A. Crites, who had been vice-president, acted as chairman of the convention.

This was one of the greatest conventions for the promotion of holiness ever held in Canada. Waves of glory moved the convention time after time. The singing, under the direction of Rev. Earl Bray and the Henderson Sisters, was of the best.

Other speakers, besides Bishop Fairbairn, included Rev. George Sanders, missionary from Africa, Rev. W. J. Stonehouse, Rev. A. J. Slater, Rev. R. L. Leroy, and Rev. T. E. Martin.

The young people's convention elected Rev. Earl Bray as their director for the coming year.

REPORTER

South Carolina District

Just recently closed the greatest assembly in the history of the South Carolina District, with gains of 19 per cent in both church membership and average weekly Sunday-school attendance. There are 507 more people in Nazarene Sunday schools in South Carolina each week this year than there were last. There have been six new churches organized this year, and each of them is going ahead "full speed." The new church at Pageland (only about six weeks old) worshipped in the new building for the first time on October 8; a nice, concrete-block church, which will be entirely completed soon. The new church at Lancaster was able to buy a nice building, complete with five Sunday-school rooms, furnishings, etc., from another denomination at a very reasonable figure; they are averaging more than fifty in Sunday school, and only three months old. The other churches have lots either given or purchased, and the lumber is on the ground to start building.

This was only the eighth annual assembly for South Carolina District, and the strides made have been phenomenal—only God could have given such an increase. In 1942 we reported 498 members; this year, 1,841. In 1942, the average Sunday-school attendance per week was 740; this year, 3,148. In 1942, the total given for all purposes was \$18,333 compared to \$162,195 this year. The total giving for district purposes at our first assembly was \$813, and this year was \$10,927. The first report of giving for General Budget purposes was \$473; this year, \$8,011.

The week of July 4 past saw the first camp meeting held in South Carolina. Earlier we had been able to purchase about eleven acres, about five miles from Batesburg, with a lake covering about two acres thereof. There were a few buildings on this tract, in a sad state of repair; but with the help of some faithful pastors and laymen, the almost humanly-impossible was done, a dining hall built, hospital tents used for sleeping quarters, a large tent used for the three daily services, and God came upon the scene from the first moment and blessed in an unusual way. Brother and Sister Don Bowman were the special singers; also several song evangelists dropped in; and the week

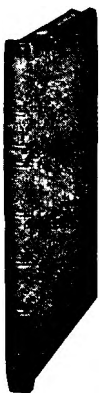
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truly was a time of rejoicing. Also, we held camp for the boys one week, and the next week for the girls; not one girl left the campground who did not testify to being saved and/or sanctified.

We do appreciate the way God has blessed us in South Carolina, and we look for an even greater year. The wonderful vote of confidence shown by the people makes us feel very humble, and more determined than ever to take South Carolina for God and for second-blessing holiness. Out of 112 votes cast, we received 106 for re-election, and we bow our heads in humble thanks for this expression of love and confidence by our good people of the Palmetto State.

C. M. KELLY, District Superintendent

DEATHS

REV. ORVAL R. SICKLER, elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died October 10, 1950, at La Canada, California. He was born October 20, 1887, at Silverwood, Michigan. Converted at the age of twenty-three, he finished his education, and spent thirty-seven years in active ministry both as evangelist and pastor. During this period he won thousands of souls to Christ, and many ministers owe their start to his untiring zeal and fiery enthusiasm. He is survived by his wife (nee Louise Curtiss), and five children. Funeral service was conducted in Pasadena, by Rev. R. V. Steedhead, Rev. E. R. Hall, Rev. Wm. H. Neff, Rev. L. C. Miller, and Dr. A. E. Sanner. Interment was made at Rose Hills, Whittier. At the graveside, his son Paul seemed to feel the mantle of his father in a definite assurance of his call to the ministry; he promised God and his father to be faithful to that call.

MRS. CONNELLY KIRBY was born May 7, 1891, at Melissa, Texas, and died October 3, 1950, at Dallas, Texas. Converted at an early age, she lived a fruitful Christian life until her death. On March 2, 1915, she was united in marriage to Robert Ralston Kirby. She was a faithful member of Dallas First Church of the Nazarene for over thirty-five years, serving at different times as Sunday-school teacher, member of the church board, and president of the W.F.M.S. She was also active in district activities. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and a son Barrett, Nazarene pastor in Eureka, California. Funeral service was conducted at Dallas First Church, with the pastor, Rev. William C. Allshouse, in charge, assisted by Rev. J. E. Moore, Sr.

GAROL G. RHODES, age fifty, died October 14, 1950, in the veterans' hospital at Gulfport, Mississippi, after a long illness. He was a World War I veteran, and had acted as civilian employee of the Pensacola Naval Air Station. He was a good husband, father, and Christian. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Pensacola, Florida, where funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. L. Mathis. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

MRS. NANCY LA NORA SCOTT was born near Hanna, Indiana, and died in her home at North Judson, Indiana, October 12, 1950, at the age of seventy-four years. She was a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene in North Judson, and served as steward for the past three years. She is survived by four daughters, one son, and three sisters. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. William Lutton, and interment was in the Ora Cemetery.

W. M. ZIMMERMAN died June 15, 1950, in a hospital at Bentonville, Arkansas, after suffering a stroke twelve days previously. He was seventy-six years of age. He was sanctified, and became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene at Mangum, Oklahoma, in 1917. Later moving to Bentonville, Arkansas, where there was no Nazarene work, he opened his home for cottage prayer meetings. The Church of the Nazarene was organized at Bentonville in 1921, and Brother Zimmerman became a charter member. He lived a faithful and consistent Christian life. He is survived by his wife and six children. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. G. E. Hawkins, pastor, assisted by Rev. Harvey Rathburn.

NOTICE

The Evangelistic Conference has been called by the Board of General Superintendents to convene at Kansas City First Church beginning Tuesday night, January 9, and concluding Thursday night, January 11. The Superintendents' Conference will meet concurrently with the Evangelistic Conference Wednesday and Thursday mornings, January 10 and 11, although in a separate location.

All persons attending these meetings will be expected to arrange for their own hotel accommodations during the period of their attendance at the conferences.

S. T. LUDWIG,
General Church Secretary

CLAUDE SHAVER was born July 14, 1892, in Portland, Oregon, and died September 17, 1950, at Yacolt, Washington, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hanna Murr. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Shaver; his widow, Gladys Shaver; and a daughter, Mrs. Mae Edwards. Two sons preceded him in death. Also, he is survived by five sisters and one brother. He was married April 15, 1917. Funeral service was held at Longview, with interment at the Hazen View Cemetery at View, La Center, Washington.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Manuscripts are still being considered for Volume V, the forthcoming issue of "Best Sermons," edited by Dr. G. Paul Butler. Clergymen of all faiths are invited to submit a sermon for consideration to Dr. Butler, 431 Riverside Drive, New York 24, N.Y., as soon as possible. December 20 is the final date. Sermons should have been preached between January 1, 1949, and October 3, 1950. Volume V will be published in 1951. All sermons will be read with care; no manuscripts can be returned; each contributor should keep a copy of the sermon submitted; be sure your full name and church connection are given. "Best Sermons" is based upon a world-wide search for the best in contemporary preaching. To date, sermons have been received from fifty-five countries, in fifteen

different languages. Dr. Butler is anxious to give representation to the younger ministers, as well as the men who are in the great pulpits.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Mazie Boone of Anadarko, Oklahoma, and Mr. J. Wilson Ray of Irving, Texas, were united in marriage on November 4, at Wichita Falls, Texas, with Rev. Walter Patterson officiating.

Miss Margaret Kehler and Mr. Melvin Kramer were united in marriage on October 21, in the Church of the Nazarene at Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a preacher in Carolina for himself, also for a special request; by a mother in Texas for herself, also for an unsaved son in California; by a lady in Missouri for her grandson, who is going into the U.S. air corps, also for other servicemen; by a lady in California for her husband's salvation; by a lady in Georgia, a Christian, that God may touch and heal her that she may be strong again—she has been sick for two years; by a lady in Illinois, in a very serious nervous condition, that God may undertake for her in a special way, as she has a small baby to care for and needs the help of the Lord; by Nazarene pastor and wife in California, that their daughter may not make an unwise and un-Christian marriage; by a mother in Indiana for her young son, who is not as well physically as they desire; by a friend in Colorado for a lady suffering greatly from a nervous breakdown and who earnestly desires the witness that she is right with God; by a lady in Colorado for deliverance from a serious spiritual difficulty—unbelief being the principal cause and of some years' standing; by a young man in Arkansas that "I will continue to live a Christian life in the army"; for a lady in Arkansas that God may help and bless in their undertaking to start a new Nazarene work in that town.

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