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"An Ecstasy Fell upon Him"

General Superintendent Powers

THE KING JAMES VERSION says that the Apostle Peter, while praying on the housetop at Simon the tanner's home, "fell into a trance." But the great commentator, Adam Clarke, says it literally means "an ecstasy fell upon him." He indicates that the blessing of God was so great that the Apostle became oblivious to his surroundings and was overwhelmed by the wonderful presence of God.

His blessing was so great that he forgot the weariness of body and mind occasioned by his arduous evangelistic work, from which he was no doubt resting at this time. He was so blessed that he lost sight of the trivial annoyances of life such as a meal long delayed. God was so precious near and filled him with the ecstatic joy of His presence. Peter talked with the King!

He came away from this experience to serious tasks. God had chosen him as the human instrument to inaugurate the Gentile Day of Pentecost at the house of Cornelius. He was equal to the demands of his responsibility on that occasion because of the spiritual preparation received on the housetop. This glorious blessing which prepared him for his task *came while he prayed.*

God will use the prayerful man. God will use the man who has tarried in His presence until God is blessedly real, until heaven's atmosphere envelops the soul, until the trivial annoyances of this life are forgotten in communion with the Lord. The man who has enjoyed such an experience constantly prays, "I want, I want, that kind of blessing; that saves and keeps, and satisfies the soul!"

December 25, 1950

"The Mid-Century Crusade for Souls"

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

TELEGRAMS

Kankakee, Illinois—Mrs. Ralph Rice, wife of the district secretary, passed away Thursday, December 8. A saint of God, a most exemplary preacher's wife, she will be greatly missed by her family, her church, and her host of friends.—E. O. CHALFANT, *Superintendent of Chicago Central District.*

Spokane, Washington—Organized church, *Sunnyside*, Washington, twenty-two members, November 28; Rev. Ray Kellom, pastor. Rev. Charles Elam and Grandview church instrumental.—E. E. ZACHARY, *Superintendent of Northwest District.*

Kankakee, Illinois—Chicago Central has had her best three months in her history. All college budgets presented in each church on Sunday; \$3,500 provided for furnishing of college parlor. Dr. G. B. Williamson secured pledges of \$150,000 on the new church at First Church, Chicago; \$36,000 lot is bought. Fifty-five thousand contacts made on the district; two new churches. District Superintendent Edward Oney gives a push to \$10,000 home mission budget. Raised \$3,000 for pews at First Church, Kankakee. Dr. Samuel Young gives us a great push on the pledges for the \$150,000 new church at the college. Gilman basement completed; Mt. Greenwood nears completion; buy parsonage at Fairmount Avenue; building new parsonage at Argo; East Bradley enters new church building; West Side Kankakee makes progress in erecting new church and providing parsonage; dedicate new church building at West Side Danville. We seem to be going into high; one hundred per cent for the Crusade for Souls. On with the battle!—E. O. CHALFANT, *Superintendent of Chicago Central District.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Word has been received from District Superintendent Otto Stucki of Alabama: "Sgt. Lawrence Edward Mathis, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Mathis, of Pensacola, Florida (Nazarene pastors), died November 30 of wounds received in Korea while serving with the first marine division."

Pastor A. L. Dennis reports: "One-week revival at Belton, Texas, with Evangelist J. E. Moore very successful. An outstanding conversion, a lady eighty-three years old, and nine others found help at the altar, with

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150,000 HERALDS in 1950
NOW, EVERYONE. BOOST!

As we approach the new year, we usually take a backward look to appraise the work of the year just past. It is appropriate that we do so in respect to our HERALD OF HOLINESS promotion program.

We began the year by hanging up a high goal—"150,000 HERALDS in 1950." That was a euphonious slogan and a worthy objective. The General Board adopted it unanimsously, and we proceeded with posters and promotional materials for district campaigns. Everyone co-operated beautifully; campaigns were pushed with unprecedented vigor and new highs on district after district were reported.

Though, of course, it will take a few weeks to make the complete count of subscriptions and to give you an accurate statistical appraisal, some facts are already evident. We know the goal proved an incentive for district campaigns and churches. A number reached or exceeded their share of it, as the final "Over the Top" list will show; and, no doubt, this goal is largely responsible for the increase in subscriptions.

The list of subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS has grown until now every week copies are going forth in sufficient quantities for every Nazarene family and 35,000 additional families. In reaching this assumption we used the national figure that the average family consists of 3½ persons.

Really, that is a wonderful subscription list! Commendations and thanks to everyone who has helped to make it so!

OVER THE TOP!

Buffalo, Kansas, church joins the ranks of the "Over the Toppers." The pastor, Wesley Harmon, reports a subscription percentage over membership of 220 per cent. Congratulations!

Leavenworth, Kansas, a church which until recently has been a home mission project, reports that they have reached their goal of two-thirds of the membership taking the HERALD OF HOLINESS. We commend the pastor, Rev. Norman Bloom, and his church!

THAINE F. SANFORD,
Sales Promotion Manager

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A South Pacific Voyage

General Superintendent Williamson

IT WAS NOON on November 9 that the "Aorangi" sailed away from Honolulu. We were waved an affectionate farewell by the Baldwins and by all the pastors, their wives, and a few other friends. Tomorrow, November 21, we are due to land in Auckland, New Zealand. After a two-day stop there we will proceed to Sidney, Australia, where we should land on November 28.

It has been thrilling to sail over the wide expanse of the South Pacific. We have crossed the equator and the international date line. We went to bed Wednesday night and awoke the next morning and it was Friday. The sea has been calm, until today.

The most interesting experience since we left Hawaii was our stay for one day at the port of Suva. It is the capital of the British Crown Colony of Fiji, located on the main island of Viti Levu. We were sailing between islands of the group for more than twenty-four hours. The "Aorangi" (the "Cloud Piercer") covers about four hundred nautical miles per day. We were informed that there are 320 islands in the Fijian chain. Only ten are inhabited.

The total population is approximately 275,000—124,000 Fijians, 130,000 immigrants from India, 6,000 Europeans, 6,000 part-European blood, and several other races are represented with a few thousand each.

To all the inhabitants of Suva the landing of the "Aorangi" was an event extraordinary. They began to wave their welcome long before the ship docked, and they were there to pay their tribute at the embarkation.

We inquired as to the religious life of the inhabitants. It seemed that the Methodist church was most active in ministering to the spiritual needs of the islanders. The Church of England, the Presbyterian, and the Catholic churches were also represented.

Again it was manifest that wherever the long arm of the British Empire has reached the gospel has been carried by missionaries either before the colonizing of the country or soon thereafter. In a small park in the central part of Suva there was a monument bearing several significant dates. By far the earliest was the coming of Missionaries Cross and Cargill in 1835.

Churches and mission schools have made an imprint on the life of Fiji. We were told that a large majority of the youth attend mission schools. The law requires that all children of proper age shall give attention to education.

The progress of civilization in the islands is marked. The people were for the most part well-fed, well-clothed, orderly, and friendly. They

were pleased with any attention given them. They waved and smiled whenever it was appropriate for them to do so.

The cordiality of the people and their spiritual needs which were evident made us wish that by some means the Church of the Nazarene might carry the banner of holiness to the Fiji Islands. That thought caused us to pray more earnestly that the Thanksgiving Offering would be a generous one, and that the support of the General Budget would become sufficient to justify the opening of new fields as well as the adequate support of those already entered.

THE PATH TO POWER

By S. T. Ludwig*

Ye have not, because ye ask not (James 4:2).

OUR WORLD is "power-struck." It measures its success in terms of power—power that is fed by lust and greed and hate. And the result of such carnal craving is war, starvation, devastation.

But there is power that supersedes all claims of earthly power. It is to be found in the realm of the spirit. It is greater than the combined forces of evil. It is power that stems from God.

The body of Christian believers—the Church—is commanded to demonstrate this power and make it available to the needs of men. And while there are many forces in the world developing power of one kind or another, the Church of Jesus Christ is the only organization that is divinely commissioned to be God's channel of power through which lost humanity can be brought back to God.

James makes a bold assertion and a daring implication. "Ye have not, because ye ask not." He is saying that we as Christians suffer loss because we do not "ask." And he states that we could have much more than we receive if we would "ask" God for it with pure motives. It is clear to us all that the "path to power" is not by means of carnal might. The political intrigue of the statesman, the strategy of the military chieftain, will not accomplish it. The kind of power that leads to the heights is born of submission to God's will, of obedience to His Word, of prevailing prayer. Prayer that ascertains the will of God, pleads the promises of God, dares to do the work of God—that is *the path to power*.

It is significant that our Board of General Superintendents has asked the Church of the Nazarene to go to her knees in a great watch-night service, December 31, 1950. They have challenged us to make the first week of the new year a time of intercession. At a time like this we can do no less. How better could we begin the second half of the twentieth century? United in prayer, God will empower us for our task!

*General Church Secretary

A Watch-Night Prayer

By Ponder W. Gilliland*



I will be on my knees at midnight. I can imagine that the noise of the city will break through the walls of the church as the crowds jam the streets to "ring out the old and ring in the new." I am not sure I can be so joyous about it. I am afraid that I will hold on to 1950 with regretful fingers. I wish it were not so soon over. I wish I could recall it, at least part of it. I know that the page must fall from the calendar, but I wish I might tear it more slowly. I had many good intentions marked on this old calendar. Some of them were made vivid by resolutions of a year ago. *But time moves so swiftly.* I didn't get around to many of those things I intended to do. Failure is so distasteful! That is why I wish midnight of December 31 would approach on slower feet. I need to crowd so much of work into so little of time. Yesterday's postponements have caught up with me. The tomorrows on which I counted in 1950 are all gone. The bells are about to toll. I wish they could be silent for yet a while.

I will be on my knees at midnight. I will be praying. My words may not be loud, but I know they will be wrenched from a soul conscious of its failure. As the bells sound I will have to say good-by to 1950. The mid-century year will be past. Mid-century? That is what will trouble me as I pray. I can't think of the term without thinking of the "Mid-Century Crusade for Souls." When we first heard of it we all felt alike: "God-inspired; just what we need; the hope of our church and this generation!" With eager hearts we accepted it and with anxious and earnest minds we made our plans. I have never known the months to move so swiftly. They sprinted by on winged feet; and I, who intended to make them count for *so much*, have made them count for *so little*. It was the personal evangelism part that especially had made its appeal to me. But alas! Where I thought I might win many, I have won so few. The bells will count them for me, and the number will be too soon exhausted.

I will be on my knees at midnight. Being human, I know that I shall try to justify my failures. But it is hard to make excuses on your knees. I will tell God that I didn't actually have too many real opportunities to witness for Him and win souls; but through my words will come drifting the long parade of my daily contacts to whom I did not witness. I will plead many things to establish the case of my excuses. I shall remind God of my natural fear and timidity that makes me more than hesitant in approaching people one by one. But I am sure that even before I have completed this excuse I shall hear Him

saying, It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord." I will tell Him that I am better at praying for others who can work more efficiently at this than I. I am sure to hear Him say that the labor shortage is in the harvest field, the actual reaping of the grain. I shall point out to Him that I have been exceptionally busy with a multiplicity of important details in Christian work—but my own conscience will tell me that none of them were as important as winning souls. All my excuses will fall with my tears. They are not sufficient. Yes, I shall watch 1950 go with real regret, sorry that I cannot turn back the clock.

I will be on my knees at midnight. Nineteen fifty-one will come while I am there. It may come with a rush, or on quiet feet; I know not. But I shall watch it come with a wistful longing in my heart. I want to treat this year better than I did the last one. I don't want so many intentions to fall with the leaves of this calendar as formerly. I have hopes for it. But I have learned something of my own weaknesses; and if this year is to be better, I must earnestly seek God's face for His help. I am timid, and afraid, and I know so little about the work. But I want to learn! I must pray.

While I pray my faith will grow stronger. I know that my best will be little enough, but I will refuse to give Him less than my best. *I will think of the Apostle Paul.* I thought he spent all his important hours preaching sermons. But I will recall that when he faced the hostile crowd on the stairs, when he faced Felix at the throne, when he confronted Agrippa, he did it not with the eloquent words of oratory nor the persuasive words of logic. Rather, he faced them all with a very simple, forthright personal testimony. He said, in effect, "This is what I used to be—but this is what God has done for me. I am happy in Him." That was about all. It was enough. It silenced a crowd, made Felix tremble and ask for a more convenient season, and it almost persuaded Agrippa. When I remember that, I will say to my soul, "No, you can't convince men with your logic, but you *can* testify. You can tell how happy you are in Christ. At least do that!" And I purpose to do it. I too shall find that it will be used of God.

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The approach worries me. I don't know how to start talking to people in trying to win them to the Lord. I am afraid I will say the wrong thing. Then, I will remember the woman of Samaria who tasted of the Water of Life. In less than one hour she had returned to the city and had caused others to come to Christ. How did she do it? Simply by telling them that she had met the Master and that it was a wonderful experience. Some believed because of her testimony; others were made curious and went to hear Him—then they also believed. Perhaps God will help me win some, and still others may be made interested enough by my testimony that they will come to church, and hear for themselves and yield to Christ. Yes! I can at least brag on my Master like this woman did.

Suddenly I will feel better. I shall think of Andrew, Philip, and Aquila. I shall think of people I have known and remember how God has used them. I believe that He can use me also.

I will be on my knees at midnight. And before I rise to face the new year, I will have made some promises to God. I will have asked Him to spare the tree one more year to see if it may not yet bear fruit. I will have promised Him that by His help I shall make this a year of soul concern, soul burden, and, please God, soul winning!

While I Am on My Knees—

WHILE I am on my knees, I come to know most certainly that God really wants to use me.

It is not a battle between Him and myself, trying to persuade Him that I am usable. It is not a tug-of-war, in which I pull hard and long until God comes over onto my side.

No, it is a realization that God is very anxious to use me, that He is doing everything He can possibly do to make me a useful instrument in His hands, and that He is right now using me to the very limits that I am allowing!

Thus faith for results becomes stronger. I pray with positive assurance that my every move and word is used of Him. I become lost in His great program of evangelizing those about me, and I see others turning to Him.

Thus results become more common, and I go on acting as if it is the normal pattern to be a soul winner—for it is!—**PAUL Z. HOORNSTRA, Pastor at Howell, Michigan.**

She . . . worketh willingly with her hands (Proverbs 31:13).

A grief-stricken husband standing beside his wife's casket was heard to cry, "Oh, such beautiful hands! I never knew before that she had such lovely hands."—**EARLE F. WILDE.**

Memories and Moments

By Peter Wiseman*

THE JOY of Christmas, then the stern fact of the passing of another year, leaving its indelible memories! In this regard, what we have written, we have written.

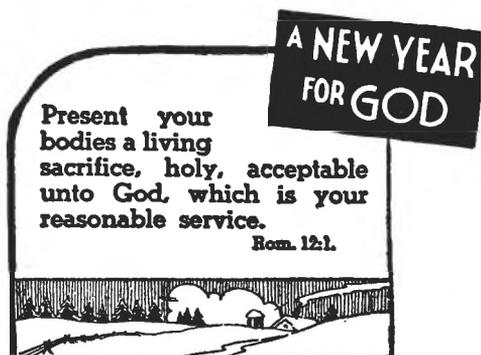
The past: "Thou shalt remember" (see Deut. 8:2-3); remember the mercies and favors of God through another year; through dangers seen and unseen, God has brought us. Many thousands have passed into eternity because of the lack of the necessities of life; many thousands have passed away without ever hearing the good news of the redemption through Jesus Christ. God alone knows the sorrows and bereavements of the past year. The question is, What have we done about it? Have we done anything to relieve human suffering? Have we spent the past year in selfishness or sacrifice? For self or for others? Have we given that "cup of cold water" in His name?

The present: "Thy years" (see Gen. 47:9). How many? Is there yet another? or may it be said to us as it was to one of old, "This year thou shalt die"? Whatever may be the order, let us "number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." In an old painting there is the head of a fawning dog, representing time to come; the head of a stirring lion, representing the present; the head of a biting wolf, representing time past. The meaning is that if we fancy our best days are to come and bestir not ourselves in the present we shall be bitten in the future. Time is for human beings. Time belongs to life, and it means mercy, opportunities; soon they shall be gone forever. Think of this: "Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

The past has been a prophecy of the present, and the present is a prophecy of the future! What we are today argues what we shall be tomorrow.

The probable: We know not what may come to us this year; to each and all of us may come

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the inevitable—death. But Jesus Christ our Lord may come! How wonderful the thought! Should we be spared, what will history record of us? It is recorded of the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament that “he went about doing good.”

The promise: “In the beginning God.” In like manner, we may begin the year with God; that is the way to begin a year. It is the way to begin the day; indeed it is the way to begin any task: the promise, the pledge of God!

First, the promise of *pardon* on the condition of faith: “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God.”

Second, the promise of *purity* on conditions of obedience and faith: “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.”

Third, the promise of *protection* on condition of dwelling “in the secret place of the most High” and abiding “under the shadow of the Almighty.”

Fourth, the promise of *paradise*: “Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.”

*Standing at the portal of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear,
Spoken through the silence by our Father's
voice,
Tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.*

*I the Lord am with thee; be thou not afraid,
I will help and strengthen; be thou not dismayed;*

*He will never fail us, for He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant He will never break.
Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient for the coming year.*

(Author unknown)

The Spirit of New Year

By Norman C. Schlichter

*I like the spirit of New Year,
With its challenge clear and strong
To tighten anew God's armor
As we battle our way along.*

*It's the time of times to examine
Our methods of work and prayer,
To be sure they are such as to bring out
The best in us everywhere;*

*To grasp the Sword of the Spirit
With a firmer, surer hand;
Against the wiles of Satan
To take a more certain stand.*

*It's the time for a bolder witness;
For redeeming the time to be
With joyful, earnest proclaiming
Of the gospel mystery!*

New Year's Meditations

By Charles A. Gibson*

JUST at the stroke of twelve, and amidst the ringing of bells and the shriek of whistles, Mr. Hope appeared on the scene to announce a new arrival. He made his announcement in true Hope fashion, and laid the background for his remarks in a shroud of gloom.

He said that his announcement came in the midst of much unfinished business; that work had been started on a number of important enterprises; but that, as of this hour, few of them had been finished. Also, many of them showed little or no progress, although many hands had applied themselves in nearly every hour of the last twelve months.

Mr. Hope seemed most interested and alarmed over the political situation at this midnight. He was concerned with the financial condition of the country, and he was alarmed at the human relations predicament of his immediate community and also the world as a whole. It was evident that he was excited, but also it was evident that he had centered his concern in matters that were of secondary importance. For while he talked, and while the commotion intensified on every side, it was evident that mankind, at this midnight hour, was in greatest darkness where it hurts the worst—the soul!

Mr. Hope finished his background and made the important announcement that at this hour a new year was born! It was of little importance what might have taken place in the past days so long as we had opportunity to change these things and forge a new year to our liking. As for finances, there need be no worry, for the prospects were as bright as they ever had been. As for politics, any wrong that had been done could and would speedily be corrected, and those at the helm of this new, untarnished year would see to it that every correction was made, and that in haste. All we needed to do was to put complete trust in the year that was new. As to human relations, he was sure that every plan that had failed would be discarded, and that the new ones which were sure to take their place would be foolproof and acceptable to all! Mr. Hope continued his argument with much excitement over the joy of making the announcement of this “wonder child” of the ages.

But Mr. Hope continually forgot that at the seat of government there must be a recognized presence of God; that in finances, as in all other pursuits of life, it requires divine guidance to bring to final success any plan made by any year, or any month of the year.

At this point *Caution* stepped up and, as the whistles grew more dim, this man raised his voice in admonition. He suggested that the time

*Superintendent of Wisconsin District

was ripe for real joy and that those present should rejoice; but if the joy was to be real, it must be in the Lord. He expressed alarm at the lack of concern for things divine. He looked with disfavor on the feast with their wine and strong drink and suggested that, if we were to have a ripe, joyous harvest, there should be a spirit of prayer and dependence upon God. He seemed to think the fullest joy was that rich with the presence of the Lord, and suggested we pray immediately. Thus, from the first, we were to seek the guidance of Him without whom nothing of real and lasting good could be accomplished. Thus, in the early morning, and in the presence of the newborn year, *prayer was offered.*

This cautious man suggested that the year, even though young and unharmed, was nevertheless freighted with danger, seen and unseen. Self-confidence, while justified if used aright, is a needed asset; yet it is very dangerous in the hands of those who have not learned that in the Lord alone is real confidence.

Possessions fool the weak, said this man of cautious nature, for it is so easy to put trust in these rather than in the Provider of all good things. Then he suggested that *Defeat* was a foe of much size, and that many had failed in the very early part of the past year because of this giant. This cautious man had a clear head and apparently a warm heart toward the things that really count, like divine guidance. Trust in the people who are humble and prayerful and a willingness to work together to bring to pass a better world are needed assets, and all too often they are used but little.

This good man—with an apparent insight into the passing moment that would finally bring this newborn year to maturity and the grave—suggested a last warning, a warning against *Delay*. He listened as Mr. Hope and all the rest told of their vision and their plans. All of these were so well stated, and seemed so filled with the spirit of Mr. Hope, that it would seem there could be no successful opposing force. But this cautious man said that delay was the big weapon that the enemy of success would use to win his battle and bring this newborn year to its death with a record number of failures written across its brow.

It seemed that all plans had been made, and all seemed so sure of success, that they might have started up the whistles anew and had a celebration twelve months long.

But *Delay*, the warning said, will find unfinished in July the plans for January, and *Delay* will find wrecks beside the highway of life where repairs are promised as the bells of the new year ring out. When this is studied, it is seen that the suggestion of caution must be taken if the year is to be finished with joy and gladness.

But *Encouragement* stood to suggest that the work of a year could not be performed on New



Year's night. In order that the year could close as it should, every person should gather from Hope all he had to offer, and add to that all that Caution had suggested, and then go at the job—not for one day, or one month, but for the whole twelve months. And see to it that, with the aid of the Lord, acknowledging Him in all that we do (whether it be large or small), and by keeping at the job until the curtain of time should fall on this year, there would be just fruits of a year well spent.

There is a time to plant, and certainly that is the early moments of a newborn year. But just as surely there is an increased length of time needed for cultivating and bringing to fruition the harvest. Thus while a year comes to pass—and pass it will—it has given to us twelve golden months to plant, cultivate, and finally reap a just harvest. If we have planted in the vineyard of the Master, and have tilled well the crop, and sought His help in protecting the same from the dangers of the passing months, we may be well assured that we can come to the close of the year without serious regrets. Then we can place at the feet of the Master twelve months of faithful service and the fruits thereof, which will be forever stored in the granaries of the Lord for our reward at the close of our last passing year.

Think on These Things!

*If you think on things that are true,
Blessings they will bring to you.*

*When you think on honest things,
Evil thoughts will fly on wings.*

*If you think on things that are just,
Others in you learn to trust.*

*If your thoughts are clean and pure,
You've an anchor that is sure.*

*While on lovely thoughts you dwell,
The good derived no one can tell.*

Whatsoever things are good—

Think on these, because you should.

*If you want virtue, if you want praise,
Think upon these all of your days.*

*If you expect to hear heaven's choir sing,
The Bible has said, "Think on these things."*

—EMMA E. FRENCH, Los Angeles, California

A New Experience

By Evangelist C. Helen Mooshian

JUST a few days ago it was my privilege to have a brand-new experience—none like it in all my travels through fifty-eight countries. While in the downtown office of the N.W. Airlines in Manila on November 9, I was informed that our plane en route to Tokyo would be the very first to stop off at Seoul, Korea, since the outbreak of the war on June 28. You can be assured I was delighted to be in the war zone, and had I known previously I would have made every attempt to stop off for a few days to see if I could contact any of our dear suffering people. My understanding is that a permit would have been granted to me had I applied.

We left Manila at 9:30 p.m. and landed in Okinawa, where we stopped for two hours. There was a former Olivet College graduate to greet me there at the airport, where we had a grand visit in the wee hours of the morning. Our next stop was Seoul, Korea. Our good Mormon pilot had to circle the airport three times before landing in that bombed-out area, for there were literally scores of jet fighter planes whizzing around, behind, and under us at the rate of 600 miles per hour, going to the fighting area only 120 miles north.

Yes, indeed, Seoul had been recaptured less than one month before, but what a devastated and horrible condition the city and airport were in! The lovely, large terminal building was completely wiped out; a number of tents (army) were put up in order to transact the necessary business. The place was filled with American and Korean GI's. I talked personally with a number of them who told me that even then there was shooting going on in the city and things were in quite a stir. People were holding their breath; they were terror-stricken. "Men's hearts failing them for fear."

We passengers came out of that giant plane onto an old Korean army truck with large planks carefully placed in a slanting position. Never before had I been so close to a war zone and seen the debris. Without any equivocation we are liv-

ing in the last days, and it will pay every soul to be ready and watching for His imminent return, and to influence as many as possible for Him. May God help the Church of the Nazarene to be fulfilling her commission to give the gospel to all the world.

My heart is simply thrilled at the tremendous challenge and opportunity which are ours here in Japan. I am so thrilled to be here for one month to give my time to several of our missions and churches. Japan never was more eager to accept the "Christ way" than now. Let us all faithfully pray that we shall not fail her, and our God who desires that we fail not. May we all give, pray, and sacrifice more than ever before to make this possible. We shall be happy in "that day" that we did. Amen!

Why I Believe in Holiness

By John L. Knight*

IN DISCUSSING the subject of holiness it is well to keep in mind that various terms may be used to describe certain phases of the same experience. Sanctify means to set aside for a sacred and holy use or purpose. This is man's part, and is commonly spoken of among holiness people as consecration. But the definition continues: "To be made free from sin; to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution; to make holy." Sanctification is defined as the act of God's grace whereby one is sanctified and alienated from sin and the world, and his heart is exalted to a supreme love to God.

Now take the term "perfect love." Some object to the use of such a term; but go back and read again the definition of sanctification and you will see that it means one's heart is exalted to a supreme love to God. That is, the motives are no longer mixed, but the believer loves God with a perfect love.

This brings the believer into a spiritual relationship with God described by the term "Christian perfection." Keep in mind that this is exactly what the term states: Christian perfection, not absolute perfection. Only God is absolutely perfect. It is not angelic perfection, for the angels never have known sin. Neither is it Adamic perfection; that is, not as perfect as Adam was when he came from the creative hand of God. It is simply Christian perfection!

The human race has come down through six thousand years of sin-twisted, sin-warped, sin-dominated affections, but can be so redeemed and regenerated and sanctified and made white through the blood of Jesus Christ that one can love God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might. That is Christian perfection!

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OBEDIENCE

"Behold, to obey," said the prophet of old,
"Is better than burnt sacrifices untold."

As a principle, none is more certain and sure
Of reward than obedience, simple and pure.
From obedience stream all the virtues of life,
While self-will produces rebellion and strife.

All those who would serve well must learn to obey.

There's no other recourse; there's no other way.
So it isn't the "how" whereof some may boast;
It is always the "now" God counts uppermost.

—JOHN E. STADLER

The term "holiness" to me is simply all of the above-mentioned experience lived out in everyday life. It means that one has set himself aside to be wholly God's and has experienced the new birth, plus the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, and is enjoying the continual fellowship with God as he goes about his daily tasks. Now, I believe in such an experience of holiness because:

First, *it is one of the oldest doctrines taught in the Bible.* "According as he hath chosen us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:4). In God's creative plan holiness was on the agenda!

Second, *God has willed us this experience.* "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3). So far as I know, I have no wealthy relatives who may will me anything. But God has willed me a clean heart, and by His grace I now enjoy fellowship with the blessed Trinity! Christian friend, you may come into the possession of your inheritance too, if you will.

Third, *Jesus died on the cross to provide this glorious experience.* "... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27). Yes, Jesus died to meet a direct need in your heart and mine. Thank God, the Blood has been applied to my own heart and life, and in the words of another I can sing:

*The cleansing stream, I see, I see!
I plunge and, oh, it cleanseth me!
Oh! praise the Lord, it cleanseth me;
It cleanseth me, yes, cleanseth me!*

"Think on These Things"

By Evangelist F. Lincicome*

THE two most outstanding faculties a man possesses are imagination and influence. Imagination is the instrument of faith with which he lays hold on God; influence is that with which he lays hold of people. Your life is not a solo—it is more like a chorus. No man lives to himself; we live in relationships from the cradle to the grave. Your unconscious influence is your most sacred possession; it is the effect you have on others that you had not planned to have. We do our greatest work either for good or bad in the realm of unconscious influence. We all accomplish more in what we are than in what we say or do. You will accomplish more with your radiations than you will with your exhortations.

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It would make no essential difference to me if death ended it all; for the compensation in this life given to a Christian is great. If there were

*Garry, Indiana

no future life, nevertheless it has a present. Wipe out the idea of a life beyond the grave, and I shall go on living the Christian life because it is better. It works out best because of the "hundred fold" we get in this life. Someone asked an old saint what would happen to her if when she got to the gate of paradise they would refuse her admittance. She said she would shout all around the outside of the city over the wonderful time she had coming there.

Immortality or no immortality, the Christian way is the best way to live. One does not lose anything by being decent. There is more joy to the square inch in Christ than there is to the square mile outside of Christ. Christianity is not, as some would have us to think, a joy-killer; it is a joy-creator!

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Youth is always the time to begin things. If a thing is worth doing, the sooner we get at it, the better. Youth has been called "the savings bank of life," and what you put in that bank in youth you will have to draw out in old age. Or, in other words, the house you build today you will have to live in tomorrow. Youth also has been called the springtime of life—the time for planting the seed. You and I are sowers, the span of years we call life is the field, our actions are the seed, and reward or punishment will be the harvest. Old age has been called the harvesting time of life, and your harvest is sure to be like the kind of seed you sow. If you sow to the flesh, you shall of the flesh reap corruption. You can't sow hell, and hope to reap heaven!

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There are two principles in every breast—a progressive principle and a retrogressive principle. When the progressive principle ceases to work, then and there the retrogressive principle begins; hence you are either going forward or backward, upward or downward. Someone has said we need not stay where we are, and I say we cannot stay where we are. There is no stationary position in life—physically, mentally, or spiritually. We are incapable of permanence; we are living souls and never twice the same. Life is not built on a level; it is built on an incline, so that when you stop climbing you are liable to slip and that slip may result in a slide.

There are always two forces at work, the force of construction and the force of destruction. There is always an upward pull and a downward drag. So if you succeed in going forward you will have to do two things: you will have to help yourself, and also fight yourself. Everything that goes up has to be pushed; everything that goes downward will go of itself. Gravitation is all on the side of downwardness.

The great thing in life is not so much where you stand as it is in which direction you are moving. One of the first questions to settle is the question of direction: Which way am I going, forward or backward? The world usually pushes a man in the direction he makes up his mind to go.

General Statistics for 1950

Church of the Nazarene

Church Members

United States	226,684	
Canada, British Isles, and Australia	5,861	
Overseas Home Missions Areas	375	
Total (Domestic)	232,920	
Net Gain	8,433	(3.76%)
Foreign Mission Fields		
(Full and Probationary)	25,411	

Churches

United States	3,480	
Canada, British Isles, and Australia	144	
Overseas Home Missions Areas	14	
Total (Domestic)	3,638	
Net Gain	142	
Churches on Foreign Missions Fields	506	
Main Stations and Outstations		
on Foreign Mission Fields	407	
Ordained Ministers	4,552	
Licensed Ministers	1,914	
Missionaries	210	
Native Workers	888	

Church Property

Church Buildings	3,502	
Value of Church Property (Local)	\$51,460,287	
Number of Parsonages (Local)	2,349	
Value of Parsonages (Local)	\$13,496,375	
Total (Local)	\$64,956,662	
Number of Parsonages (District)	40	
Value of Parsonages (District)	\$ 528,100	
Value of District Centers	\$ 2,315,500	
Value Other District Property	289,958	
Total (District)	\$ 3,133,558	
Value of Headquarters Property	\$ 75,000	
Value of Nazarene Publishing House	453,521	
Total (General)	\$ 528,521	
Value of Educational Institutions	\$ 5,894,286	
Value of Hospitals and Homes	201,990	
Total (Institutions)	\$ 6,096,276	
Value of Property on		
Foreign Mission Fields	\$ 1,837,817	
Grand Total (All Property)	\$76,552,834	
Indebtedness on Church		
and Parsonage Property (Local)	10,394,099	
Indebtedness on Educational		
Institutions, Hospitals, and Homes	\$ 698,473	
Total Indebtedness on All Property ...	\$11,092,572	

Church Finances

Paid Local Interests	\$20,708,689	
Increase	\$881,251	
Paid District Interests	1,664,038	
Increase	53,981	
Paid General Interests	1,980,642	
Decrease	72,661	
Total Paid All Purposes (Domestic)	\$24,353,369	
Increase	\$862,571	
Total Paid All Purposes by		
Foreign Mission Churches	\$ 221,826	

Analysis of Grand Total

Paid by the Church	\$20,973,464
Paid by the Church School	1,722,872
Paid by the Junior Society	34,248
Paid by the N.Y.P.S.	409,553
Paid by the W.F.M.S.	1,124,945
Paid by the C.M.S.	35,997
Gifts Undesignated	52,290
PER CAPITA GIVING	
Local Interests	\$ 88.91
District Interests	7.15
General Interests	8.50
All Purposes	\$ 104.56

Sunday School

Number of Sunday Schools	3,541
Increase	146
Number on Foreign Mission Fields	737
Enrollment:	
Active Members	387,080
Officers and Teachers	37,854
Cradle Roll Members	47,280
Home Department Members	6,944
Total (Domestic)	479,158
Increase	25,745
Enrollment on Foreign Mission Fields	32,760
Average Weekly Attendance	313,606
Increase	22,608
Attendance on Foreign Missions Fields	23,780

Vacation Bible School

Number of V.B.S.	1,801
Increase	229
Membership	128,550
Increase	20,934

Junior Society

Number of Societies	1,454
Decrease	2
Number on Foreign Mission Fields	162
Membership	27,025
Increase	428
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	4,001

Nazarene Young People's Society

Number of Societies	2,755
Increase	160
Number on Foreign Mission Fields	312
Membership:	
Active	63,922
Associate	11,327
Total	75,249
Increase	3,271
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	6,193

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Number of Societies	2,905
Increase	63
Number on Foreign Mission Fields	343
Membership:	
Active	63,353
Associate	16,696
Total	80,049
Increase	2,368
Membership on Foreign Mission Fields	7,424
Members Prayer and Fasting League	66,555

Church Missionary Society

Number of Societies (Increase—81)	208
Membership (Increase—1,983)	5,292

NOTE: All figures for foreign mission fields are for the year 1949. S. T. LUDWIG, General Church Secretary

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

The Call to Prayer

We heartily concur in the Call to Prayer issued by our Board of General Superintendents to begin with the watch-night service, December 31, and to continue at least through Sunday night, January 7. Our world situation is indeed serious. Much more is involved than the threat of World War III. The Christian basis of our entire civilization is at stake. We must pray for the peace of the world.

Our tremendous missionary responsibilities and opportunities in our present fields have engaged our attention and called for sacrificial giving. Perhaps we have not prayed as much as we should that God would make it possible to send the gospel to the peoples behind the iron curtain, which encloses a great portion of our world. "Go ye into all the world" certainly includes these areas.

Let us pray also for the General Board meeting, the Superintendents' Conference, and the Conference on Evangelism that meet in Kansas City from January 5 to 11. Divine wisdom is essential in solving problems to be faced, and a great outpouring of God's Spirit is earnestly desired, so that fires will be kindled in the hearts of our evangelists and leaders that will reach to the farthest corner of our church. Let us pray!

Change of Address

Miss Dorothy Bevill is being transferred to Acornhoek to relieve Miss Schultz while on furlough. The address for Miss Bevill will be Acornhoek, East Transvaal, South Africa.

FAMINE!

Famine conditions here are rather alarming just now. I saw a starvation case last evening—a little child about four years old lying on the ground with no clothes on and practically dying of starvation. The mother sat close by with a horrid look of desperation on her face. She, too, was ill because of lack of food. So many of the poorer classes just do not have money to buy the necessary food. With such a picture before my eyes, I am afraid I slept very little last night. There is such a little we can do in such cases. The child was too far gone to take food. Oh, how heart-rending! Our hearts go out to the poor as never before.—
RUTH FREEMAN, India.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We heartily congratulate the following districts which have reached the 50 per cent goal during the recent OTHER SHEEP campaign:

Chicago Central
Eastern Michigan
Idaho-Oregon
Indianapolis
Northeastern Indiana
Northwest Oklahoma
Virginia
Western Ohio

This brings the total of 50 per cent districts up to twenty-three. A number of districts plan their special emphasis later in the year. If you have not reached your goal, why not join them?

Garrett, Indiana

This church recently has wholeheartedly endorsed the 10-per-cent-plan of giving to the General Budget of the church. The pastor and people have marveled how the Lord has so wonderfully helped the church, so that today for the first time the church has been able to build up a balance in its treasury—this in spite of the fact that the local church has taken on a greater obligation on all its budgets and is now working on the 10-per-cent-plan. Once again we are seeing demonstrated the truth, "You can't outgive God."

In this service we were able to secure eight new subscriptions to the *Other Sheep*. This gives the Garrett church a total of fifty-five subscriptions out

of a total membership of ninety-two members.—DON DEPASQUALE.

Christians of Guatemala City saw in the choice of their home town as the site of the Sixth Central American and Caribbean Olympic Games an unexcelled opportunity for presenting the gospel of Christ to thousands who might not otherwise be reached. A tent was erected adjacent to the Olympic Stadium and the co-operation of more than seventeen evangelical groups was secured. One hundred and thirty-two souls gave personal testimony of having received Christ as their Saviour during this brief period. Others came back to Him in a new dedication of themselves.—
The Latin American Evangelist.

The Missionary Spirit— What Is It?

WHAT IS THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT?

"Is it an ordinary interest in, or a kind of general concern for, the heathen abroad or at home?

"There must be love, it is true; but then let us remember it must be:

Love on fire;
Love intensified;
Love absorbing;
Love all-controlling.

"It is the Missionary Spirit that:

Breathes missions;
Bears heavy burdens;
Challenges adversaries;
Imperils precious life;
Laughs at impossibilities, and cries,
'This must and this shall be done.'

"It is the Missionary Spirit that gives and bears sacrifice, and dies, if it were necessary, and if it were possible, a hundred thousand deaths, if, like the divine Exemplar, it might be going about doing good; and there cannot be a Missionary Spirit where there is not a conscientious, Christlike liberality."—*World Conquest.*

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Please explain the first part of *Ephesians 4:26*, which reads thus: "Be ye angry, and sin not."

A. Sometimes we joke about righteous indignation, but we should not do it. There is a place for righteous indignation, or anger. However, righteous indignation, or anger, although legitimate, is dangerous. It can easily lead to the desire for revenge, and thus to sin. Someone has stated the truth implied in the words before us as follows: "Do not let anger lead you into sin." One may be indignant, or angry, about a wrong which has been done and not sin.

Still, if one is not careful, he will let this anger develop into sin by permitting it to become vengeful. In accordance with this interpretation, some scholars would hold that the latter part of the verse is given to us as a warning. We should not allow the sun to go down on our anger, or wrath. In other words, anger, if held in the heart long, will likely lead to sin, or be changed into vengeful anger. Others would interpret the last part as indicating that wrath is not allowable at all because it really is anger which has become vengeful

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How to Begin the New Year

EDIT

Stephen

Begin it with God. In a world where there is so much confusion, misunderstanding, sin, and uncertainty, I am glad that I can begin 1951 with God. He is above all, over all, and will finally triumph. If you are not sure that you are now in personal touch with God, today is the time to make sure. I cannot understand how anyone can go along at present without the companionship of God. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and through Him the Father can be known. Begin 1951 with God.

Begin the new year with faith—faith in man. Many men are not what they should be. They are devilish, and there is no use to deny this fact. Nevertheless, we should not lose faith in all men. There are more than we think who have not bowed their knee to Baal. Moreover, we should believe that there are those who now follow the devil who can be reached for Christ. They have not crossed the dead line—there is a possibility that they will accept Christ and be transformed by His power.

All of this implies faith in God. He is still on the throne and continues to search for men who will yield to Him. He not only knows that He has devoted disciples, but He also knows that there are others who will yet pledge allegiance to His rule. Faith in men and faith in God go together. As His disciple, I cannot deny that there are others who are genuinely co-operating with Him, and also that there are others who may enlist in His army. Yes, I should begin the year with faith in the goodness of some men and the possible goodness of others. This carries with it faith in a God who joins us in this faith in man.

Begin 1951 with hope. In spite of the world picture with its darkness, we can have hope. This can be done if we know God personally and join with Him in faith in man. Despair, then, should not be our lot as we enter the new year.

Begin the new year with love: love even for our enemies. We should bless them that curse us and pray for them that spitefully use us. Hatred must not be allowed to live in our hearts. It destroys those who are dominated by it far more than it does those against whom it is directed. Love is the fulfillment of the law, and we should give it full right of way in our hearts in 1951.

Begin the new year with prayer. Nothing else can stay our hearts in these trying times so much as communion with God. Stop as soon as possible and get alone with God. Tell Him about your determination to go all the way with Him in 1951. Ask Him for His constant leadership. Sin-

cerely beseech Him to make you a blessing to others as you walk along through the new year. Above everything else, tell Him to help you to be a soul winner for Him. Never was it more needful for Christians to rescue the perishing and care for the dying than today.

Begin 1951 with a determination to give yourself to practical Christian living. Jesus went about doing good; and we must do likewise. His business was to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of men as He walked among them in Judea, Samaria, and Galilee. The disciple's life must conform to this pattern to such an extent that when people see him they will think about Christ.

O God, I face 1951 poor and needy. Help me as never before. Give me constant fellowship with Thee. Give me faith in Thee and in men. Give me hope in a world beset by despair. Give me love, even though there is hate on every hand. Help me to live in a spirit of prayer, of communion with Thee. Help me to give myself to others, in spite of the selfishness manifested by many. Make me more like Thee day by day. Amen.

Does Stalin Need a Psychiatrist?

WE are living in an age when people are very wise and sophisticated. Study, learning, and scientific advancement were never so much in evidence as now. Nevertheless, human beings were never so helpless as now—according to certain views. They are not really to be held responsible for their misdeeds.

Passing the Buck A young man goes on a drunk and kills his sweetheart; but nothing should be done about it, for drinking is a disease which cannot be helped. Admonish him a little, pity him a whole lot, and let him go free to kill someone else. He was born so that he cannot drink without excess, and, therefore, society must put up with him. It may be that the next time he will inflict death on three or four as he drives his car down the highway while intoxicated. As a last resort, he could be sent to a psychiatrist, who might finally declare his case hopeless and recommend that he be placed in an institution for the mentally diseased.

What I have said is only a beginning. There are kidnapers, rapers, murderers, those who were

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undoubtedly responsible for the death of a score or more of people in train wrecks, and other types of criminals who excuse themselves on the basis that they suddenly "blacked out" mentally. Thus many of them escape all responsibility for the tragedies which occurred. The courts and society acquit them of the charges which are brought against them.

Then there is the latest school of theology which makes man a sinner because of the way God created him. His very nature as he came from the hand of God was such that his fall into sin was inevitable. Thus Adam and Eve fell, and every human being since then has fallen. The dilemma of man's likeness to God and unlikeness to God, or creatureliness, always results in man's sinning. Thus God is really the cause of man's entrance into sin. Add to the situation this same school's emphasis upon the complexity of the motivation of man's conduct and man's helpless ignorance in the face of this complexity, and the only possible outcome is a constantly sinning individual. His every deed is necessarily a compromise between the worst and that which is not so bad. This also results from the very nature of things, which is to be traced back to God.

Thus all sin is due to a condition for which society or God is responsible, and not the sinner. Add to these groups the liberal in theology who either eliminates sin altogether or makes it good in the long run, or the instrument of the good, and we are relieved of blaming anyone for what he does. In that case, we should stop talking about how bad Mr. Stalin and the Russians are. They are either mentally sick or have been driven into what they are doing by the way God has created them or society has environed them. It might be well to make an appointment with a psychiatrist for Mr. Stalin and his immediate associates and emissaries. It may be that they have just had a "blackout."

ENOUGH of this kind of talk! I do not believe the views which I have been setting forth. Most of the people who kidnap, rape, murder, or commit other crimes do it

Facing the Facts because they choose to. Even when it comes to drinking, a man can avoid it by never beginning. There is no sure safety in any other course of action. I would not charge drink, blackouts, or God with the crimes of men. I would charge the

men themselves with these crimes. They are free moral agents. They are the arbiters of their own destiny. In a world where there are Christ and His cross and the grace which flows therefrom, I would not give too much blame finally to the devil or even to the carnal mind. I believe in a personal devil, and I am confident that he is ready to thwart every good purpose of man if possible. But he can be overcome by the help of Christ if we will only choose Christ; and we can choose Him, and do it now. Even after we are saved, the carnal mind is still in the heart, and it is all out for sin; but it can be eradicated by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ if we will to let go of everything and let Christ have full sway. In the last analysis, the human will is the determining factor. Any other supposed solution of the problem is a dangerous delusion.

What I have said about you and me, I now and henceforth forever declare as to Stalin and his crowd. They are what they are because they are sinful and want to be sinful. They are what they are because they have made themselves what they are by their own selfish choices. But let us remember that they have as much right to hide themselves under the cover of "blackouts," mental disease, and divine or societal causation as we have. But they cannot logically escape responsibility for their conduct by these or any other means; and neither can we. Men walk on their own feet in the moral and spiritual world and must face their own misdeeds. To make any other claim is to fly in the face of the Bible and the facts of life and undermine the moral and spiritual structure of society.

Unmoved by Tragedy!

THE *Minneapolis Morning Tribune* for October 21 had a large picture on the front page. It set forth graphically an accident which sent a little two-year-old girl to the General Hospital in a critical condition. The child started across the street to play with some friends a block away and was struck by a truck. The picture shows one shoe five feet to the left of where the accident occurred, and the other more than sixty-nine feet ahead. The body of the child was dragged thirty-five feet and then thrown under a parked car to the left. The truck that hit the child is shown where it stopped, sixty-five feet from the accident.

As I looked at this picture, I tried to imagine myself in the place of the father and mother of the child. What a shock it must have been to them! What a tragedy for a beautiful, healthy, happy child to be placed on the brink of death in a moment of time without any warning to it or its parents! Too often we read these things and are not moved by them in the least.

But what happened there on that Minneapolis street does not compare with our Korean casualties. How few of us who are not directly touched by the Korean War have stopped to think of and pray for those who have been! Tragedy stalks in the wake of accidents and wars.

More tragic than accidents and wars are the consequences of sin. "The wages of sin is death"—death to the highest and best in man here, and everlasting death hereafter. All about us there are those who are in a critical condition because of sin. And if something is not done quickly, it will be too late. An ambulance rushed to the scene of the accident referred to above and took the child immediately to the hospital. There she is now receiving the best of care. But what are we doing for the sinners all about us who are on

the brink of hell—loved ones, neighbors, friends, and the strangers within our gates? Too often we are complacent and unconcerned. We leave them injured and dying along the highways and byways of life, and thus say by our actions, "Let them die." The Crusade for Souls hasn't even touched—much less moved—us, even though we profess the highest experience of grace God can give in this life. God help us to catch the vision and go out to rescue the perishing and care for the dying!

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

440 New Churches

ON December 1, two and one-half years had passed since we began the count of new churches for this quadrennium. By that date, our total had reached 440. The past six months have seen the largest increase of any six-month period so far, and we give praise to God for the great home missionary movement throughout the entire church. From June 1 to December 1, 1950, there were 124 new churches organized. This is an average of more than twenty churches each month, and for the first time we are having new organizations at the rate of 1,000 for the quadrennium.

We are pleased with the type of new churches that are being started. Our district superintendents are not organizing just for the sake of numbers. Nearly everywhere careful attention is given to starting new work with a good pastor and a suitable place of worship. The history of home missions shows that without these the new churches have a serious handicap that often leads to an early death.

Occasionally we hear someone exploring the "overchurched" conditions in some areas. There are no doubt some towns that are overchurched, but we have not yet found a place that was over-evangelized. God has raised us up to proclaim to all men everywhere the glorious news that the Holy Spirit can bring freedom from sin and all inner condemnation. We intend to be faithful to our mission.

We thank God also for a great band of sacrificing, pioneering pastors that are manning these home mission churches. Upon their prayers, toils, and tears the church of the future is being built. God bless them and the faithful laymen that are standing by them!

Superintendent E. O. Chalfant has organized new churches at Des Plaines

and Orland Park on the Chicago Central District. They now have twelve organizations this quadrennium.

Superintendent Edward Lawlor has organized a church at Tweedsmuir, Saskatchewan. The Canada West District has eight new churches this quadrennium.

On December 6, Superintendent J. H. MacGregor organized a church at Humphreys, New Brunswick. Prospects are good in several other places and the Maritime District is pushing out in an aggressive program that we believe God will bless with genuine results.

Superintendent R. C. Gunstream has organized a new church in El Paso, Texas. This is the fifth for the New Mexico District this quadrennium.

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Remembering Our Servicemen

ONCE AGAIN our young men are being called upon to lay aside their personal pursuits to enter military service. While we all shrink back from the terrible world conditions which make this step necessary, we must not let our fellows down by not keeping in close touch with them as they go and as they serve their country. Your church, through the Nazarene Service Men's Commission and the Nazarene Publishing House, is doing everything that it can to assist you in keeping in contact with the men. However, we cannot succeed without the co-operation of parents, pastors, and friends. Here are a few ways you can use our services.

1. Free subscriptions to the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Conquest*, *Come Ye Apart*, and *Standard* are sent to servicemen for whom a request is sent with the name and address. We must also have address changes as up to date as possible.

2. Billfold identification cards to introduce the serviceman to pastors and chaplains, filled out and signed by the local pastor, are available to pastors without cost.

3. Our pastors located near military bases are anxious to do all they

can to contact servicemen and get them into their services. This information is automatically sent by the S.M.C. office when requests for periodicals (above) are sent in. However, if more contact than this is desired, the S.M.C. office will forward letters from pastors and parents to these military pastors and to our chaplains when they are located near one of our men. Urge your men to make contact with our pastors and churches and to show themselves friendly.

4. Reports which we have received indicate that pastors near military bases are doing their best in contacting men. However, parents and home pastors should realize that there are many problems involved. For example, during the first several weeks of training, men are restricted to the base. Also, military duties require irregular hours. All are urged to be patient. Mail from home—encouraging, interesting mail—is one of the best means of contact.

5. Local societies should provide a regular plan of letters, gifts, and contact with their own servicemen.

6. For those churches who wish to re-inaugurate the service roll for the auditorium, various grades of plaques are available through the Publishing House.

7. Address communications to Nazarene Service Men's Commission, Lauriston J. Du Bois, Secretary, 2923 Troost, Box 527, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

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Prayer Tower Requests

December 31—January 6

General Meetings

Pray for all of our general meetings in Kansas City, the first and second weeks of January; the General N.Y. P.S. and W.F.M.S. Councils, the General Board and its departments, the Superintendents' and the Evangelists' Conferences. Pray that God will inspire and bless and give of His leadership in all plans and problems.

January 7-13 India Camp Meeting

One of the major projects of our India field is the camp meeting each January. Pray that the camp this year will be unusually blessed of God and that it will see many hundreds saved and sanctified. Pray for our missionaries and native workers in India.

THE QUESTION BOX

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and, therefore, sinful. Whichever interpretation one may accept as to the latter part of this verse does not change the explanation which I have given as to the first part of the verse—Do not let anger lead you into sin by permitting it to become vengeful.

Q. *What is meant by the "remnant" as referred to in the Bible in many places?*

A. Many somewhat different ideas, or theories, have gathered about this term, but I think that all that can be said about it here is to give its general meaning in prophecy. It undoubtedly refers to the "holy seed," "spiritual kernel," or that portion of the people of Israel, the chosen people of God, who survived God's judgment and will become the nucleus, or germ, of a new Israel, which will come fully into its own when Jesus returns. This remnant which has been scattered among the nations will then develop into a new Israel which will be holy and loyal to God, and defended and blessed by Him. Some identify the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 7 and 14 with this remnant of Israel. They also hold that these will turn to the Lord when the veil is taken away from their hearts after the Rapture has begun. God will protect them during the Great Tribulation, and they will become a part of the bride of Christ and will share in His kingdom on the earth. They also claim that during the Tribulation they will proclaim the

gospel truth, and many through them will be instructed in righteousness. I am not in any sense an expert in this field and, therefore, will not go further into this question.

Q. *When God saves a person, is he required to pay tithes on the money or bonds that he has in the bank, or is it only on what he makes after he is saved?*

A. I do not think that this matter of paying a tithe of one's income is retroactive. Sometimes a person may be so elated over the fact that his sins have been forgiven that he wants to do more than pay on what he makes in the future, but that is wholly voluntary. Be careful to pay the tithe of your income after you are saved and also give offerings, and I believe that God will bless you.

Q. *A problem has arisen in our church in connection with our girls' and boys' organizations. The question at hand is this: The church at this time is financially unable to support these clubs, and, besides, some feel that they should be self-supporting. Therefore, to raise money to obtain uniforms for the boys and girls, they have been selling Christmas cards from door to door, holding a bake sale away from the church property,*

having a paper drive, etc. Because of this, there has been quite a controversy among the members of the church whether to sell or not to sell. I am sure that you realize that only about one-tenth of the boys and girls come from homes where the parents attend church, and this means that they cannot or will not support the work among the boys and girls.

A. I certainly believe in the work among the boys and girls, but I believe that supporting it in this way is moving in the wrong direction. I am opposed to supporting any part of the work of the church by any kind of sales. Once this gets started in our church in connection with one department, it will be easy to permit it to be used in some other department. And when it becomes a part of our church as it has in many of the older churches, tithes and offerings will go out the window. Then we will have a lot of members who will think that they have done their duty by the church when they have given a few dollars to the church each year. I believe that if you will pray about this matter and get in touch with those who have this part of our church work under their direction, they can help you in meeting this situation by other means than by going into the selling business.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for January 7: Jesus Begins His Ministry

Scripture: Mark 1:9-20

GOLDEN TEXT: *Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men (Mark 1:17).*

For some weeks now, we will journey through Mark, a book that fairly bursts with activity and is characterized by burning phrases that will never die. Three of these glowing phrases appear in today's lesson.

"The spirit driveth him" (1:12)—and the words literally throb with meaning. They tell of a divine urgency even when the path lies through a bleak, forbidding wilderness. God would have us as eager to walk into the dark valleys as the sunlit plains, just so long as they are in the will of God. This phrase also implies an intimacy with the Spirit. Remember it was the Spirit as a dove that came upon Jesus at Jordan; now with an invisible hand upon His back Christ is urged into the wilderness. The Holy Spirit brings both peace and pressure into the human heart.

"Tempted of Satan" (1:13)—reminds us that there was no unclouded morning in the ministry of Christ. Right at the outset storm clouds appear and angry thunder claps shake the wilderness, as the devil launches his attack. You ask, Was Christ really tempted? If not then explain Hebrews 4:15. This was no sham battle; this was a real struggle with tremendous issues at stake. Even as David faced Goliath, now David's Greater Son came to grips with Satan. David won by throwing a smooth stone; Christ was Conqueror by hurling the Book of Deuteronomy at the devil. Scripture is always a winning weapon to have ready when a satanic attack is likely.

"Wild beasts; and the angels"—(1:13)—and you have a picture in con-

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trasts. The mention of wild beasts is Mark's distinctive contribution to the temptation scene, and adds the element of stalking hate and stark reality. The nearness of angels reminds us that our spiritual battles are all fought amid unnumbered hosts of invisible forces. At God's behest they sweep down to strengthen and help. But they do not fight our battles for

us; God wants us to be soldiers and determine our own soul-destinies by throwing ourselves into the conflict without reserve. Yes, wild beasts and angels are not far apart. When the night of spiritual conflict seems darkest, listen and you will hear the swish of angel wings; look up and you will see the first bright streaks of dawn in the eastern sky.

Ardmore, Oklahoma—The first twelve days of November was a real harvesttime for the Lord. For weeks before the revival started, our people prayed that God would give us a mighty, Holy Ghost awakening; there was earnest, intercessory prayer. God answered prayer in an unusual way. Rev. W. M. Tidwell was our evangelist, and he and Mrs. Tidwell endeared themselves to our people. We cannot begin to tell what the ministry of this good man meant to our church; God greatly used him in our midst. Brother Tidwell preaches the old-fashioned Nazarene message of holiness in a unique manner, and, as pastor, I never have met or worked with a more sweet-spirited man. Mary Dixon Shilling was our song evangelist; she carries a burden for souls and sings with the anointing of the Lord. She rendered a real service in this meeting. Most of the seekers were adults; nine were men, five of whom were delivered from the tobacco habit. Attendance in the day services averaged about forty, and was especially good in the night services. More than seventy-five local people visited us during the meeting. Twelve new members have been added to the church. Our people are stirred over a lost world, co-operating to do something about it, and the church is in splendid spiritual condition.—Earl C. Darden, Pastor.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

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the church encouraged. Revival spirit still on, with several new friends made for the church. Mrs. Moore present for last few services, and gave us a good boost. The spirit of the Moores and their burden for souls meant much to us."

Rev. Charles Zink has resigned as pastor at Menomonie to assume the pastorate at Madison, Wisconsin.

Pastor C. Neal Hutchinson sends word that the "final count on the Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$940 for First Church, Cumberland, Maryland."

Evangelist Walter J. Smith writes that he is leaving the field to accept the pastorate of the church at Dayton, Kentucky.

Evangelist George McElvain writes that he is leaving the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Monterey, Tennessee.

Pastor James H. Jones sends word: "Canton First Church (Ohio) very grateful for largest Thanksgiving offering in her history, \$1,814. On with the conquest!"

Evangelist Jimmie Fuller reports: "God has given us a fine and full assembly year with twenty revival meetings; altars have been filled, and members added to the church. The fellowship with pastors and people has been choice; no finer people to be found than among the Nazarenes. This year's work included meetings in New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, and Georgia. We have three open dates in the early months of '51: the last two weeks in January, the first two weeks in February, and the first two weeks in March. Would be glad to slate this time anywhere; write me, 124 Spencer Street, Fort Valley, Georgia."

Los Angeles, California—Glassell Park Church had a fine seventeenth-day meeting this fall with Evangelists A. F. and Leonora Balsmeier as the special workers. The attendance was the best we have had in a long time, and there was some remarkable "digging down" among the members. About sixty seekers were at the altar. We especially appreciated Brother Balsmeier's holiness messages, which helped to get some of our folks established in that grace. This year our church reported a 10 per cent increase in membership, and a 22 per cent increase in the Sunday school. A great mass of unchurched children come in on our three busses.—Elwood W. Munger, Pastor.

Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write that they have an open date, January 3 to 14, which they wish to offer some church between Missouri and Indiana. Write them at Lamar, Missouri.

Indio, California—The work of Evangelist Arthur W. Gould was outstanding in our recent twelve-day meeting. He is an unusual preacher, and presents the gospel without hesitation, covering all phases of teaching as held by the Church of the Nazarene; and he does it with unction, love, and understanding. The Lord used Brother Gould's ministry to bless the church, and to give us more seekers than we have had since I came here as pastor eighteen months ago. This is not an easy field, but the Lord is blessing and helping.—K. Hawley Jackson, Pastor.

Guymon, Oklahoma—In November this church was blessed with one of the greatest revivals of its history. Evangelist Ellis Lewis did some outstanding holiness preaching. Counting as they came, 87 people came forward, with 30 new members coming into the church. On the closing Sunday we had 224 in Sunday school. Rev. and Mrs. A. Barkley were in charge of the special singing, and their work was greatly appreciated. Brother Lewis and the Barkleys are choice workers, and we appreciated their ministry. Our people are moving forward with a progressive program for God.—Eugene W. Scroggins, Pastor.

Marengo, Iowa—In November our church had a good revival with Evangelist Thomas Hayes and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Little as the special workers. This meeting was very profitable to the church, with new people being saved and believers sanctified. Brother Hayes preaches with the unction of the Holy Spirit, and his ministry was blessed of God. This is the third meeting Brother Hayes has held for our pastor, Rev. W. E. Heizer. The special music furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Little was very commendable; they have a sweet and wonderful spirit.—Ed Lietzman, Secretary.

Tullahoma, Tennessee—Recently we have had one of the best revivals I've ever been in. Rev. Ray Cloer, our pastor at First Church, Columbia, South Carolina, was the evangelist; he preached with unusual power. Our local quartets did the special singing. There were more than eighty seekers at the altar, with seventeen members added to the church on the closing Sunday. Our church is showing a steady increase in all departments, and we are now in a building program for our Sunday school; before long we will have about fourteen new Sunday-school rooms, with gas heat. Also, we are installing a gas furnace in the church, and plan to brick-veneer the entire building. God is helping us here and we give Him all praise for what has been accomplished since we came here nearly five years ago.—A. A. Forsythe, Pastor.

Rev. R. F. Tink reports: "After a pastorate of four years in Parkhead Church, Glasgow, Scotland, we have accepted the pastorate of the first Church of the Nazarene to be organized in London, England. Every department of the work at Parkhead was built up, and the membership increased from 142 to 182. The work was very interesting, and gave us an opportunity to bring the message of full salvation to many other churches beside our own denomination. From the first time we visited London, we prayed that God would raise up a church in the largest city in the world. Last year, the headquarters of the League of Prayer (an organization about sixty years of age) was purchased, and the local congregation became the nucleus for our first church in London. There are fine people here, and a tremendous opportunity for extension. We would solicit the prayers of Nazarenes in Canada and America for this great field of labor. Our address now is 48 Speke Road, London S.W. 11, England."

Odon, Indiana—Recently our church had a wonderful revival with Rev. Cletus Franklin as evangelist, and Harold Breeden doing the singing. These men were mightily used of the Lord to give us the greatest revival our church has experienced in years. About sixty persons sought God at the altar for pardon or heart purity. The church is moving forward on all lines. We are in our third year here.—Robert E. Davisson, Pastor.

Rev. Mrs. Elsie Grimes writes: "After having spent about nineteen years in the pastorate, I have gone into the evangelistic field, feeling definitely that God is leading into this field of service. Please pray for me, and if you can use my services write me: 630 N. Oakcliff Boulevard, Dallas, Texas."

Evangelists Harry and Joan Olin report: "Our hearts are made to rejoice in the service of the King, in seeing needy hearts finding God. Truly, it is wonderful what the Lord has done. Shortly after our assembly this year, we were with Rev. T. E. Snyder and people at Herrin; at Auburn with Rev. G. H. Burton and church; and in a new church at Edwardsville, Illinois, with Brother Howard McDonough. God gave us souls in these meetings. At Mountain Grove, Missouri, we had a young people's revival with Rev. H. Calhoun—this pastor is nearly eighty years of age, but his strength and zeal are remarkable. Then back to Illinois for a meeting at Bethel church with Rev. D. L. Leathers and people, and with Rev. G. A. Smith and church at Mount Carmel. We appreciate the fine Illinois District and the inspiring leadership of Superintendent W. S. Purinton. Our new address is Coulterville, Illinois."

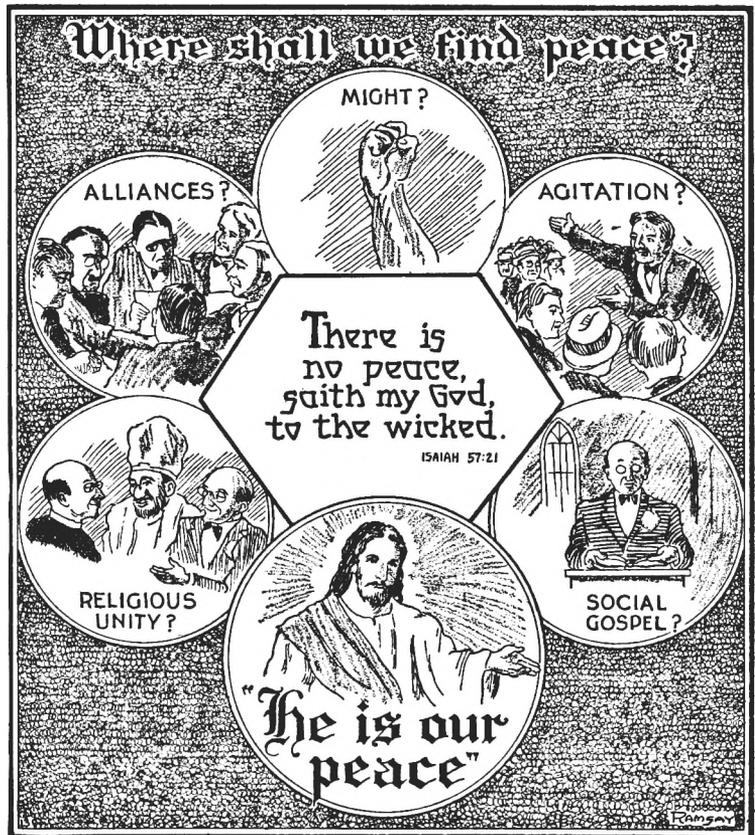
On Friday after Thanksgiving we had a zone rally at Riverton, Wyoming. Twenty-four people were present from Casper, and other churches represented were Sunnyside, Mills, and Lander. In the afternoon we heard inspirational talks on the work of the W.F.M.S., the Juniors, the Lamplighters, Camp and Caravan, and the Sunday school. Each church had a part in this, as well as in several special songs and instrumental numbers. The teen-agers had a sing-spiration led by District N.Y.P.S. President Keither. Since the Riverton church was in a revival campaign, the special speaker for the evening service was Evangelist Dixon, who brought a stirring message. God was present, and the altar was lined with seekers.—Mrs. Dale Farlee, Reporter.

Loudon, Tennessee—Our church has been blessed with a very successful revival. Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep were especially used of the Lord. Brother Estep preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, resulting in a number of seekers at the altar to be saved, reclaimed, and sanctified; most of them were happy finders. Eight new members were added to the church. The Esteps are good workers, and make a fine evangelistic party, with their preaching, song leading, and special singing.—A. C. Madison, Pastor.

1950
SEMINARY ADVANCE YEAR
\$300,000
For Seminary Buildings

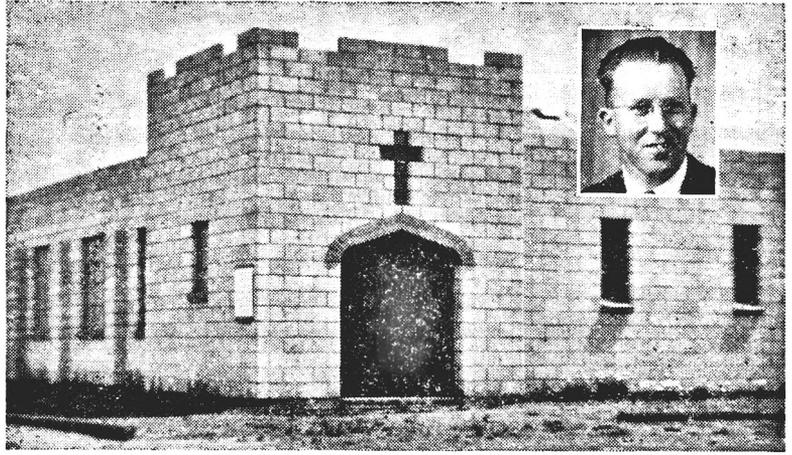
On Sunday, December 10, Dr. H. C. Benner was with the church in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Their quota for the Seminary offering was \$300. Freely and gladly, with splendid cooperation by their pastor, Rev. J. W. Turpel, they raised in cash and pledges an amount of \$1,400. Thank you, New Bedford Nazarenes and friends!

Mountain Grove, Missouri—This is a beautiful mountain town of about four thousand inhabitants. The businessmen have a drawing every Wednesday afternoon in the public square, and this feature attracts people from a radius of fifty miles or more. Our pastor, Rev. H. Calhoun, thought it would be a fine thing to try to have a religious service following these drawings. This has helped us in reaching the people, and they are becoming acquainted with the work of the Church of the Nazarene. Please pray for us in the work here, that we may win souls for the Master.—Reporter.



Culver, Oregon

On Sunday afternoon of September 10 this new church was dedicated, with Dr. W. W. Hess, district superintendent, as the speaker. We came here eighteen months ago; and one year ago in November, with a small membership of only nineteen, but with faith in God, we made plans for a new church. The work was started about Thanksgiving time and continued through the winter months as the weather would permit. The Lord blessed and the people sacrificed. On July 2 we held our first service in the new building, and the work of the church and Sunday school has had a steady growth since that time. Some souls have found God in salvation, and a number of new members have been added to the church. This is a block building, 40 x 50 feet, and will seat about two hundred people. This has been a home mission project, with the district helping to the amount of \$1,500. The value of the building is conservatively placed at \$12,000 and the debt is now less than \$400. We



have a fine heating plant in the building which is all paid for. We praise God for His blessings, this loyal group

of Nazarenes, and we enjoy working with them.—George M. Wilson, Pastor.

Rev. Bob Rutherford writes: "After serving nine years in the pastorate, I feel that God has led me into the evangelistic field. I am an ordained elder on the Florida District. I travel alone and shall be glad to go anywhere that old-fashioned revivals are desired, and will serve for freewill offerings. I play the electric guitar and sing, also give readings and preach the gospel. I am in accord with the full program of our church, and especially love the young people and desire to help them. I am making up my slate for 1951; write me, 2111 South Lee Street, Orlando, Florida."

Carmi, Illinois—Our church has had a good revival with Evangelist Leo Darnell and wife as special workers. Brother Darnell's messages were timely, gripping, and spiritual. The church was greatly helped, and on the closing night we had a great altar service. A fine love offering was given to the pastor's wife. Coming to Carmi recently, we have found a loyal band of Nazarenes who love God and the church.—C. E. Fritsch, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "The two weeks given to conventions in the Akron, Ohio, area never will be forgotten. One week was arranged by Evangelist Israelson, who had organized two growing churches in six months. Cuyahoga Falls and East Liberty of Akron are now averaging around one hundred in Sunday school, with full-time pastors. These stand out as what can be done in the work of home missions, under proper leadership. The brethren were co-operative, had a 'mind to work,' and made our stay most pleasant. It was a joy to be with District Superintendent O. L. Benedum and wife, as they were in Akron. The week given

to Pastor Milton Bunker (district chairman) in the Kenmore Church will linger long in our memories. He has recently completed a \$75,000 building, with a lovely parsonage. This property, and also First Church, under the leadership of Pastor Taylor, stand out as monuments to the courage, faith, vision, and leadership of these brethren and their people. Pastor Bunker has his school well organized, new classes are being formed, the community is being visited. It was a beautiful sight to see forty people come forward and pledge to give time each week for personal visitation."

Hastings, Nebraska—Under the able leadership of Rev. A. A. Schneider, this church has made unusual progress. In Brother Schneider's two-year ministry he has demonstrated his ability as an administrator, organizer, and pastor. The Sunday school has reached a new high; a contest—the best in the church's history—brought in over two hundred new prospects, and a record attendance of 361 on Rally Day. The average for the past two months reached a new high. In a ten-week period, over seven thousand personal contacts were made. During this time, a revival held by Dr. W. A. Carter, and Singers Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nesmith, gave the church a spiritual lift. The people are encouraged.—W. E. Eigsti, Reporter.

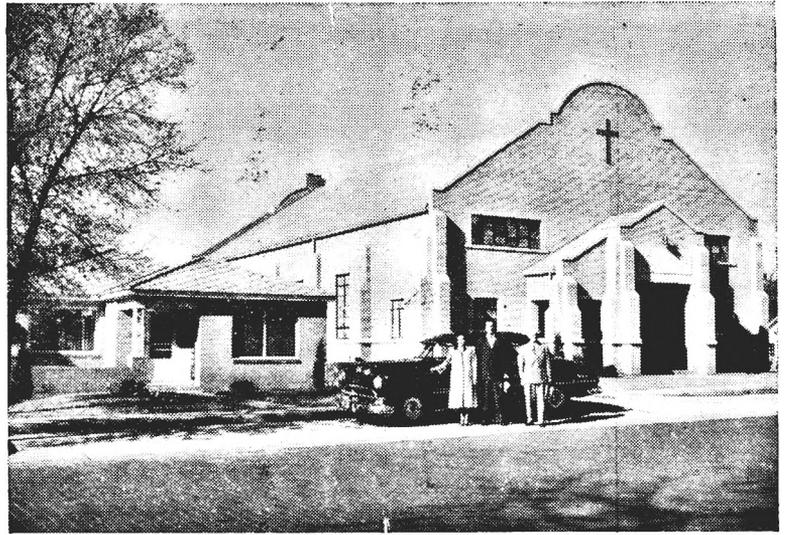
Lake Charles, Louisiana—First Church recently had a good revival, sponsored by the young people, with Evangelist Spencer Johnson and Song Evangelist W. A. Blount as the special workers. The young people prayed, fasted, visited, and carried the burden of the revival. We have a group of about thirty young people who know

the Lord and know how to work. God blessed, and we saw some definite answers to prayer with some definite cases of old-time salvation. The Lord came in saving and sanctifying power. As a result we were all drawn closer to God, and have a new determination to be true to Him. We thank God for the faithful and uncompromising ministry of our pastor, Rev. Paul Pitts.—Audrey Hoffpauir, Reporter.

Rev. Emma B. Murphy writes: "I am glad to report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. Since my husband's death in 1947, I have been handicapped physically as to getting into the evangelistic field. But I have been able to assist in some church services, and have witnessed some good victories in helping souls find God. This past year has been one of test and trial, but I have found God's grace sufficient. I especially enjoy going into neglected fields where people are hungry for the gospel. Write me, 2901 Palmer Avenue, Granite City, Illinois."

Cadillac, Michigan—Cherry Grove Church had a glorious fall revival with Evangelist Loran Irby. He preached with the anointing of the Lord, and his messages were soul-stirring, challenging, and heart-searching. Hearts were stirred, conviction settled on many, and a good number of seekers were at the altar. Most of the seekers were young people, and two were new contacts for our work in a new section of the community. Brother Irby held an American Indian service for us, which was much appreciated; he carried a special burden for the Indian work. On the closing night, ten young people consecrated their lives to the Lord's work as He might call. A good love offering was given to the pastor.—John Cole, Pastor.

Dodge City, Kansas



This church was dedicated by Dr. G. B. Williamson on last May 7; he was assisted by Rev. Ray Hance, our district superintendent. It was a wonderful service with more than seven hundred people in attendance. We came to Dodge City in January of 1949, soon after the resignation of Rev. Robert Morris, who did a wonderful work here. They had been planning and working on the building program, and had about \$30,000 in the building fund when we came. Also, had purchased a lot in a fine location, and two months after we came plans were completed and work begun on the basement of the parsonage. It is of the same brick as the church, has three bedrooms, two baths, and a full basement with two compartments; one is for the use of the pastor, and the other for the use of the church, and is connected to the church by a passageway under the concrete driveway. The church is of light brick and tile construction 83 x 48 feet, and the balcony will seat nearly one hundred people. Both buildings have asbestos slate shingles. The church is finished with birch trim in natural color, furnished with all new furniture, oak pews and pulpit in the sanctuary. The church has a full basement arranged to take care of a departmentized Sunday school; there are sixteen classrooms in the church. The cross on the church is

lighted by neon lights and is on a time clock. We were able to build this plant for a little over \$85,000; it has been estimated by people who know buildings at a value of \$125,000. We had a good construction supervisor, received much help in purchasing materials through one of our members, also received considerable

donated labor. The debt is \$21,000, and arranged so we can handle it well. The Lord is helping us to see souls saved and the work is progressing along all lines. The car shown was given the pastor as a surprise by Mr. A. E. Thomas, a good friend to the church and pastor.—M. L. Turbyfill, Pastor.

Spencer, West Virginia—Recently our church had a good revival with Evangelist Russell Bowman as preacher and James C. Uehlin as the special singer. In spite of the 33-inch snowfall during the revival, the church was faithful, and many souls were saved and others sanctified. In spite of the hindrances of snow and flood, God met with us in blessing.—F. W. Davis, Reporter.

Cedarhill, New Mexico—In November we had a victorious revival with Evangelists Arthur and Vade Lee Barkley as the special workers. God blessed the services, and we saw thirty-six people pray through to be saved or sanctified. The ministry of Brother and Sister Barkley was owned and blessed of God. His chalk work and their singing were instrumental in attracting the people to the services, and he preaches in true Nazarene style. We are in our sixth month of service with this church, and God is helping us in a wonderful way.—Wesley Stites, Pastor.

Bedford, Ohio—Recently we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist Claude Jones, and we sincerely believe this revival was outstanding in the history of this church. Every service was blessed with the presence of God, and Brother Jones preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit; his messages were saturated with the doctrine of second-blessing holiness. A few people fasted, and learned how to pray and believe God; souls were stirred, Christians drawn closer to God; sinners were saved, believers sanctified, confessions and restitutions made. There was not a barren altar service throughout the meeting, and nine new members were added to the church. We have a fine pastor, Rev. Herman F. Taylor, whom we have unanimously elected to serve another year.—Mrs. Fred English, Secretary.

Louisville, Kentucky—Broadway Church recently had a four-week revival; two weeks with Dr. Howard W. Jerrett, and the last two with Sandra Cox and family. Harry and Ruth Huff, our ministers of music, had charge of the music and singing for the entire time. We had wonderful altar services with many souls praying through to definite victory, and there were large crowds at every service. The revival closed on Thanksgiving Day with a great altar service, and the people hilariously gave \$2,500 in cash and pledges for the thank offering. God is blessing every department of the church; our Sunday school has averaged 572 for the past three Sundays, and we are having the best missionary and young people's meetings ever. We thank God for this wonderful group of people. During the revival the church board met and raised the pastor's salary to \$125 per week. We praise God for His wonderful blessings.—D. D. Lewis, Pastor.

Springhill, Louisiana—In November we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist L. M. Payne. Certainly, he was God's man for this place at this time. In the first service, six people sought God at the altar of prayer, and there were shouts of victory in the camp. Counting as they came, more than forty people sought God, and a fine group prayed through in the old-fashioned way. This "baby" church is making progress, and we now have fifteen members. Finances came in nicely, and we raised in cash and materials over 50 per cent of the cost of the new structure. Brother and Sister G. R. Hart did fine work with the music and singing; they are much loved in this community. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Payne, and he was given a unanimous vote to return.—Thomas Huff, Pastor.

Neodesha, Kansas—Our church is enjoying a good year. Our people were helped, blessed, and encouraged in the recent revival conducted by Evangelist George Brannon assisted by our pastor, Rev. Keith C. Taylor. The church has installed a new gas furnace, giving us more room in the basement, which has been redecorated and is now being used as an auditorium for our Intermediate Department of the Sunday school. God is leading on, and we praise Him for the faithful ministry of Pastor Taylor and his good wife.—Mrs. A. C. Bolinger, Reporter.

Pastor Jack H. Lee writes: "We came to Hooker, Oklahoma, on September 1, and found a fine group of Christian people; they have been wonderful to us. Shortly after we arrived, the people came and gave us a nice food pounding. Recently twelve of the church members and friends came and repainted the parsonage, made minor repairs, and removed some old trees from the yards. On Sunday, October 8, we received pledges on the building fund to the amount of \$3,100 to be paid by the following Sunday. At the close of the day we received \$3,700 in cash. The foundations for the new building

have been poured for some time; recently we poured foundations to extend the auditorium ten feet. We are now waiting on more detailed plans before going up with the walls. In November we had a revival with Evangelist J. Elton Wood and wife; they are fine young people and we enjoyed their ministry. Souls were saved and sanctified, and members added to the church. The pastor received a nice love offering, and our Thanksgiving offering was \$360. Our Sunday school averaged 93 in August, 133 in September, 151 in October, and 154 in November. We have 86 members. I appreciate the work of the former pastors. Mrs. Lee and I are enjoying the blessings of the Lord, and the love and faithfulness of these fine folks."

victory. The attendance was good throughout the meeting. On the closing night a splendid group of thirteen was added to the church membership. Brother Free was given a call to return. God has been good to us, and the church moves forward.—Clyde W. Rather, Pastor.

Evangelist C. E. Toney reports: "Praise God for His blessings both physically and spiritually. The fire is burning in my soul, and I am having a great time preaching full salvation. God has been giving me some very fine revivals. One of these was with our new work in Wrens, Georgia, where Rev. C. B. Smith is the fine pastor. At Newport News, Virginia, pastor and people said it was by far the best revival the church had had. Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Smith are the good pastors there. God came in a special way, and souls were converted and believers sanctified. I received a unanimous call to return in 1951. At this writing I am with Brother C. B. Smith and his new church in Louisville, Georgia. Brother Smith is building two churches at the same time. Write me % General Delivery, Wrens, Georgia."

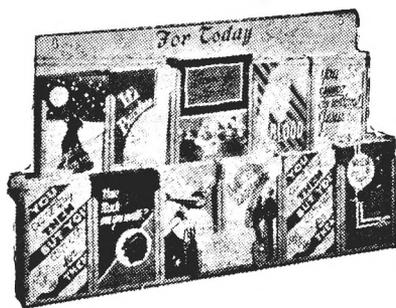
Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Shook write: "We have resigned the pastorate at Mooresville, to give more time to our campgrounds at Camby, Indiana. We have a good church and fine people at Mooresville. We are building a tabernacle for our district Junior work at the Indianapolis District Camp. Plans are being made to start a Nazarene mission here at the camp in the near future. Pray for us as we labor in this field."

Pastor Ralph C. Gray writes from Waycross, Georgia: "Coming to the pastorate of First Church here last January 1, the Lord has given us a very good year along all lines. There was a 12 per cent increase in membership, and the church has given us a unanimous call for another year with a nice increase in salary. This fine group of Nazarenes has stood by us in a fine way. Since our assembly in October we have had some wonderful victories, and the spiritual tide is rising. We have just closed a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Andrews. The large church was filled nearly every night, with seekers at the altar in most of the services; several prayed through to good victory. Waycross offers a fine opportunity for our work, being the largest city in southeast Georgia, with a population of about 25,000. We have a nice brick church, with a full basement, well located on a good corner."

Coolidge, Arizona—On the last Sunday in October we began a series of morning messages on the subject, "Are Revivals of Religion Possible Today?" We planned to continue these until our revival began on November 22. The truth came to the hearts of our people that God is the same as always, that if we pay the price He will give a revival, and the burden intensified until the time of the meeting. Evangelist O. S. Free proved to be the man of the hour. Night after night the truth of God went home to hungry hearts, and the Lord gave us gracious scenes of souls praying through to

Texarkana, Texas—Sunday, December 3, will long be a "red letter" day in the history of First Church. The presence of the Lord was very evident from the opening song, and manifested in greater measure as the service progressed. Instead of the sermon, the pastor asked for a few testimonies, which came quickly and with unction. Hearts were stirred, and souls began to seek God at the altar as an invitation hymn was sung; about thirty adults and young people came quickly to pray for spiritual help. It was easy to pray that morning, and soon all seekers were rejoicing. About one dozen or more middle-aged men and women were among the seekers; some of them were at the altar for the first time; others came after years of defeat, and prayed through to victory. A new class of nine adults was received into the church that morning. Also, a new Hammond organ, in the church on trial for the day, was purchased, with practically all of the cost of purchase and installation underwritten in this service. Sunday evening the house was filled, and the pastor preached a crusading sermon pointing to the local option election to be held the following week. After the regular service, the regular community hymn sing was conducted, with more than five hundred people present. These good services, and the blessings of God the preceding Sunday with our district superintendent, Rev. Paul H. Garrett, point to the fact that the recent revival under the excellent ministry of Evangelist Haley Messer still continues to bear fruit. We praise God for the privilege of working with these spiritual and aggressive people.—Fletcher Spruce, Pastor.

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Holtville, California—The church was indeed revived in our recent revival conducted by Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Vaughn. Some new recruits were saved for God and the church. The ministry and music of the Vaughns was greatly appreciated by all of us. Interest and crowds were the best since I have been here. The Vaughns play the accordion, steel guitar, and the Spanish guitar; they love to sing and we love to hear them. The church voted to invite them to return next fall.—H. P. Whitcanack, Pastor.

Alhambra, California—The Lord has blessed our church during this year. It has been a source of rejoicing often to see seekers praying at the altar, and to hear the testimonies of those who have found the Lord in saving or sanctifying grace. During November we had an excellent revival with Evangelist T. H. Stanley, and Rev. and Mrs. Don Lammers in charge of the music. The Lord gave us a time of refreshing during this meeting, in which there were many seekers. The increase in church membership, Sunday-school attendance, and the freedom of the Spirit in the services indicates the blessing of the Lord upon the church. During this year we have been engaged in an extensive improvement program on the church property. We give God praise for His blessings.—W. Shelburne Brown, Pastor.

Evangelist Charles E. Haden reports: "Recently it has been my privilege to labor with our church at Parkersburg, West Virginia, with Rev. J. S. Brannon; at Fulton, Tennessee, and Wellsburg, West Virginia, with Pastor O. O. Mills. God gave outstanding victories in each place. As we complete our second year of evangelism, we wish to thank God and the good people and pastors who have kept us busy in our chosen field of labor. I love God and our church. At this writing I am in a great meeting with Rev. Harold Klingel and church at Fulton, Ohio; souls are praying through and finding victory in God. I have one open date for 1951, that is April 3 to 15; also have some open time for '52. I shall be glad to slate meetings anywhere. Write me, 905 Triplett Street, Owensboro, Kentucky."

Evangelist J. R. Erp writes: "I have open dates the last two weeks in January and the first two weeks in February; shall be glad to go anywhere. Write me, 212 McHaney Street, Harrisburg, Illinois."

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart (Proverbs 3:5).

When we worry and do not trust, do we not erect road-blocks on the highway of peace, grace, contentment, and victory?—EARLE F. WILDE.

Sunday-School Attendance Report

Districts by Groups	1950	November	%
PURPLE STAR DISTRICTS (10,000-15,000)			
Northern California	12,119	12,732	105
Western Ohio	11,053	11,928	108
Central Ohio	10,114	10,435	103
BLUE STAR DISTRICTS (7,500-10,000)			
Kentucky	8,712	8,933	103
Northeastern Indiana	8,438	8,836	105
Southwest Indiana	8,214	8,280	101
Washington-Philadelphia	8,064	8,136	101
Southern California	7,692	8,117	106
Los Angeles	7,140	7,617	107
GREEN STAR DISTRICTS (5,000-7,500)			
West Virginia	8,046	7,463	93
Eastern Michigan	7,443	7,440	100
Eastern Oklahoma	7,323	7,340	100
Illinois	7,232	7,229	100
Arkansas	7,243	7,047	97
Kansas	6,510	7,047	108
Michigan	7,372	6,921	94
Oregon Pacific	5,752	6,039	105
Southwest Oklahoma	5,375	5,917	110
Alabama	5,908	5,713	97
Idaho-Oregon	5,494	5,698	104
Colorado	5,608	5,601	100
Iowa	5,341	5,582	105
Northwest Oklahoma	4,983	5,498	110
Northwest	4,796	5,441	113
Tennessee	5,813	5,275	91
RED STAR DISTRICTS (2,500-5,000)			
Florida	5,287	4,975	94
Chicago Central	4,507	4,610	102
Dallas	4,462	4,496	101
Northwestern Illinois	3,777	4,005	106
Georgia	4,251	3,953	93
Washington Pacific	3,522	3,822	109
Albany	2,661	2,828	106
Houston	2,674	2,750	103
Nebraska	2,527	2,680	106
Arizona	2,726	2,664	98
New Mexico	2,336	2,547	109
WHITE STAR DISTRICTS (Under 2,500)			
Rocky Mountain	2,165	2,328	108
Virginia	2,164	2,272	105
Mississippi	2,353	2,158	92
Wisconsin	2,164	2,148	99
Minnesota	1,835	2,005	109
Ontario	1,633	1,962	120
North Dakota	1,363	1,557	114
New York	1,566	1,545	99
Maritime	661	708	107
Nevada-Utah	617	703	114

The following districts did not report for November: Abilene, Akron, Canada West, East Tennessee, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Louisiana, Missouri, New England, North Carolina, Northwest Indiana, Pittsburgh, San Antonio, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

Estimated total average attendance for November.....316,991
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ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*
Department of Church Schools

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5

Pastor Charles Elam reports from Grandview, Washington: "We praise God for revival fires which have been kindled in our church. November 19 was the calendar date for closing, but the revival spirit continues. We had the privilege of serving as evangelist in this crusade for souls, and the talent of the local congregation performed acceptably for the music of the campaign. A large number of people sought God for reclamation, pardon, or heart purity. On the closing Sunday of the revival the pastor was extended a three-year call with a good vote. Almost simultaneous with the close of our revival was the organization of a new Church of the Nazarene in Sunnyside, seven miles from Grandview. We gave fourteen good and loyal members to this new church, of which Rev. Ray Kellom is the newly-appointed pastor. We bespeak for Brother Kellom and his good people a strong and spiritual church in the growing community of Sunnyside. It is a real pleasure to minister to the Nazarenes of this area."

Evangelist P. P. Belew reports: "God gave us a profitable meeting with Rev. Hugh Slater and his church at Laurens, South Carolina. Following this, we had two services with Rev. W. B. Welch and church at Charleston, South Carolina; two services with Rev. E. Ross Sanders and Grace Church, Miami, Florida; and three services with Rev. R. E. Elzey and church at Gainesville, Florida. All these were good, with splendid altar services in each place. Our last revival was with Rev. J. V. Frederick, Jr., and church at Archer, Florida, where God gave a splendid revival,

with fine altar services all through the meeting, and some most definite work accomplished. At this writing, we are with Rev. W. D. Croft and church at Live Oak, Florida, and God is working."

Lovington, New Mexico—As a church we were honored to have Dr. W. T. Purkiser, president of Pasadena College, with us in a four-day evangelistic campaign, closing on December 4. God rewarded the faith and efforts of the people as they visited and prayed, giving manifestations of His presence and blessings in each service. During the five services there was not one barren altar service; noonday prayer meetings during the week were the powerhouse. Visitation by teams and individuals during the days of service brought splendid results in attendance. Dr. Purkiser was truly God's man for the hour. A special feature was that Dr. Purkiser took time before prayer each evening to tell of great revivals in the past. His anointed messages gripped hearts, and his kind dealing with the congregation during the invitations won hearts to Christ. Finances came without a pull, and five members were added to the church, giving us a 10 per cent gain in membership during the first half of our assembly year. The people co-operated beautifully with the pastor and evangelist.—Milton Harrington, Pastor.

"To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Arcola, Illinois—Recently we closed a revival meeting with Evangelists Dorrance and Esther Nichols. These young people are good workers. Brother Nichols is a splendid preacher of the old-time kind; Sister Nichols is a good soloist with the accordion, and he with his musical instruments. We appreciated their ministry with us.—C. K. Dillman, Pastor.

Cleveland, Mississippi—Davis Chapel Church recently enjoyed one of the best revivals of its history with Evangelist Nettie A. Miller. The presence of the Lord was manifest in the services each evening, and we give God praise for the victories won. Eight fine people were added to the church membership. God is greatly blessing the work here.—Lewis J. Rodgers, Pastor.

It has been said that "procrastination is the thief of time." I may add, it is the procreator of postponement, the robber of opportunity; it is the evil voice that whispers, "Not now, tomorrow, some other time." It is the footpad that stands between sinners and the altar of salvation; for many, procrastination becomes the assassin of the soul.—Wm. H. Coats.

Albany District Preachers' Meeting

The Albany District preachers' meeting was held November 6 to 8, at Schenectady, New York, with Dr. Roy F. Smee as the guest speaker, the Rev. W. S. MacPherson as entertaining pastor, and District Superintendent Renard D. Smith presiding.

From a wealth of background and in his unique manner, Dr. Smee chided and challenged the preachers on the matter of home missions. Also, his messages included some very helpful suggestions regarding ministerial ethics. A peculiar fitness for the position our church has given Dr. Smee was very noticeable in the spirit and content of his ministry to the convention.

Three papers, on various lines of home mission work, presented by Pastors Arthur Fallon, A. V. Mountford, and John Rhame, were helpful and stimulating.

The messages of two senior elders, Rev. Earl Curtis and Rev. C. P. Lanpher, added the aroma of spiritual maturity to the meeting. Without opening his Bible, Brother Curtis added scripture on scripture as he preached.

Much credit for the success of the convention goes to Pastor MacPherson and to District Superintendent Renard D. Smith, who entertained and directed with hospitality and efficiency.

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er was expressed in the love offering taken for the district superintendent. The spirit of unity and fraternity that characterizes all the affairs of Albany District was much in evidence in every phase of the convention.

HOMER M. SMITH, Reporter

DEATHS

REV. THOMAS WRIGHT CUMMINS was born September 29, 1885, in Fannin County, Texas, and died at his home in Lufkin, Texas, October 15, 1950. Converted at the age of eighteen, sanctified when he was thirty-one, he early answered the call to the ministry, laboring faithfully in the Church of the Nazarene as pastor and evangelist. For twelve years he evangelized, and for nineteen years he served as pastor of our churches at Hugo, Oklahoma; Blossom, Bonham, Grand Saline, and Paris, Texas. Today there are twelve active ministers who answered the call to preach under the leadership of this good man. On December 6, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Lou Hitchcock, who survives him. To this union were born five sons, all of whom survive; also surviving are one brother and one sister. Funeral service was held in the Bonham Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Paul H. Garrett, district superintendent, in charge, assisted by Rev. Leon Martin, local pastor, and Rev. Harold C. Harcourt. He was laid to rest in the Bonham cemetery near where he was born. He had a great love for God, the church, and his family.

REV. ODBER L. W. BROWN, retired elder of the New England District, died November 3, 1950, in his eighty-fourth year, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell Griffin, at Hollis Center, Maine. He was born in Lower Brighton, N. B., October 2, 1866. As a young man he felt the call to the ministry. He was a faithful and outstanding pastor, serving churches in Keene, New Hampshire; South Portland, Maine; Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; and Norwalk, Connecticut. He was loyal and sacrificial; and devoted to the entire program of the church and the cause of holiness. He had served as secretary of the New England District, treasurer of the Beacon Camp, and on numerous boards and committees. His ministry was characterized by outstanding business ability and thoughtful pastoral care. Funeral service was held in the South Portland church with Rev. H. B. Ward, pastor, in charge. Rev. D. Ward Albright, chairman of the Maine Preachers' Association, represented the district superintendent and our denomination.

A. J. HARRIS—Funeral service for A. J. Harris, prominent layman, and for almost fifty years a member of the Church of the Nazarene, was held October 29, in South Portland, Maine, church, where he was a member. He first united with the Church of the Nazarene at Cundy's Harbor, Maine, but later moved to Portland, where he established the Harris Company in 1921. He was a very successful businessman, faithful to the Lord and the church throughout his life; a humble, sincere, devoted Christian—one of God's choicest men. He was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Harris, four sons and two daughters. Friends showed their respect and appreciation of him by many kind words, wonderful floral tributes, and by crowding the church to capacity for the service.

J. HARTLEY SABEAN was born February 6, 1860, in New Tusket, Nova Scotia, and died November 9, 1950, in Everett, Massachusetts. He and his wife—who survives him—were early pioneers in the holiness movement of Nova Scotia, and for thirty years were faithful members of the Church of the Nazarene in Everett. Funeral service was held in his home church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Richard S. Taylor, and assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Harvey J. S. Blaney.

RICHARD MILES NEISLER was born November 6, 1946, in Kansas City, Missouri, and died October 19, 1950, in a hospital in Denver, Colorado. He was a member of the Nazarene Sunday school at Boulder, Colorado. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neisler, of Boulder. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Earl C. Williams, pastor at Boulder, with interment in Mt. View Cemetery, Boulder.

MRS. ZILDIA LINSICOMBE was born May 17, 1871, in Fannett, Texas, and died October 13, 1950, at the home of a daughter in Houston. Converted as a young woman she lived a sincere, triumphant, and devout Christian life, and died in the faith. She was a charter member of the Woodsdale Church of

NOTICE

The twenty-eighth annual session of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene will convene in its opening meeting January 5, 1951, at 9:00 a.m. in the Headquarters Building located at 2940 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Following this first meeting, the General Board will convene in its several departments to conduct the business required.

S. T. LUDWIG, Secretary
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the Nazarene in Houston. She is survived by two sons, four daughters, and one brother. Funeral service was in charge of her pastor, Rev. Mrs. Mary O. Lucas, assisted by Rev. B. F. Nowlin and Rev. F. W. Bartholomew. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery, Houston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—This is to recommend Rev. W. A. Peck, an elder on our district, who has served successfully and efficiently as pastor of our Florence church for the past four years. In that time, he has built one of our great buildings there. He is entering the evangelistic field as of February 1 (1951); I recommend him wholeheartedly to our churches. He previously has been an effective evangelist.—Otto Stucki, Superintendent of Alabama District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Leppert of Mystic, Iowa, a daughter, Diane Christine, on October 28.

to Rev. and Mrs. John Brasch of Seattle, Washington, a son, John Henry, Jr., on December 1.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in Ohio for the salvation of her family, and for her own healing;

by a mother in Tennessee for her husband and one boy who "has slipped aside from God" and also for others she desires to see saved;

by a brother in West Virginia for a Nazarene pastor who recently suffered the loss of his home by fire, and two of his children died in the fire, and that he may regain his health and find work to do;

for a mother and her family in Kentucky, who have had word that the son has been "missing in action" in Korea since September—he was a wonderful Christian—they all need special help from God;

by a brother in Tennessee, saved and sanctified but being severely tested over a habit that lingers from his sinful life—he needs special help from God that he may be able to be a real soul winner.

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Prayer, a Draught from the Heavenly Fountain

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION: *Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation (Isa. 12:3); Drink . . . out of the great depths (Ps. 78:15).*

BY PRAYER we draw soul-slaking water out of salvation wells. If we would be refreshed in our souls, if the glory of God would abide with us, if we would be able, as Dr. Bresee so graphically said, to "get the glory down," we must drink deeply at the heavenly fount of prayer.

Prayer sweetens the taste for the day.

The men of God who have been meritorious warriors in the heavenly Kingdom early learned that they must saturate their souls in an atmosphere of prayer before dawn began the day's labor. Martin Luther, John Wesley, David Livingstone, Fenelon, John Fletcher, all stalwarts in God's labors, were men that found the secret closet of prayer long before day broke. Early in Dr. Jowett's career, one of the sweetest preachers the world ever has seen, he heard the footsteps of the workmen on their way to their tasks long before daylight, and God burdened him with this thought, "If the men to whom I minister begin their labors before day, how much more necessary that I myself be up and in my secret closet of prayer before the sun arises!"

If you would strengthen your soul for the battle of life, awaken before dawn, and let the sun find you on your knees. One of Wesley's mightiest preachers, William Bramwell, prayed three or four hours every morning before breakfast. In visiting among his parishioners as he traveled about in his early Methodist work, he often slept in cold rooms in the winter. Bramwell would get up, wrap a quilt about him, and agonize before the throne of God.

Such men as these sweeten their lives and their taste for the day with the breath of prayer.

Prayer calms the soul for spiritual conflicts.

John Wesley discovered that, when he had serious obligations to undertake during the day, he carried them through with greater facility if he arose an hour earlier than usual and spent it in prayer. Ordinarily

he would pray one hour or two hours before dawn each day. On these crisis days, Wesley prayed three hours, and thus shortened the day's labors. No more dividend-paying rule can be found.

If you must engage in a strenuous conflict, arise and breathe holy aspirations heavenward an added hour in preparing for the day's labors. As the student spends long periods in mastering his lessons, as the musician practices hour after hour before a public performance, so must the man of God bring himself into the audience room of the heavenly Kingdom by seasons spent in perfecting the techniques of his prayer life.

If you would meet your fellow man on the battlefields of life, you must then calm your soul by prayer.

If there are serious conflicts in your business life, in your ministerial activity, in your social affairs, if great problems and heavy burdens and soul-depleting functions are to be engaged in, gather your spiritual energies together and focus them toward that action by prayer. Concentrate the energies of your soul by prayer. Thus when you engage in the daily rounds of conflict in the heavenly Kingdom, you can march through them all carrying high the banner of victory as God enables you to win.

Tarry long at prayer, and the entire life will bear a heavenly fragrance.

Often as the priest in Israel's early worship lingered long at the altar of incense, when he went among the people he breathed an aroma of that altar glory. The poet expresses the sentiment by describing a small piece of pottery that had rested for several days on rose petals. On picking up the pottery, he found it bore the fragrance of the rose. The application is, "My soul, dwell long with a rose."

If you would win others to the heavenly fragrance of righteousness, dwell long in the atmosphere of prayer.

CREDO FOR TODAY: *My soul, drink deeply each day at the fount of prayer, so that I may saturate my life with its glory.*