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A Salute to Nazarene Servicemen

General Superintendent Williamson

IN MANY parts of the world Nazarenes of the military personnel have been forerunners for the church. First fruitful contacts were made by them in Hawaii, Australia, Italy, the Philippine Islands, and the Panama Canal Zone. In all of these fields we now have prospects for a strong and growing Church of the Nazarene. In Alaska and elsewhere they have strengthened and extended the work.

In several instances men of the armed forces asked to be placed under appointment as missionaries. Among them were Brother Pitts and Brother Rosa of the Philippines and Brother Shepherd of Japan.

On February twenty-seventh our plane, en route to Tokyo, landed at Okinawa. What a surge of Christian affection swept over us when we saw Chaplain Charles Crouch awaiting us as soon as we looked out of the open door! With him were five other Nazarenes. Two more sent greetings and regrets that duties kept them from being there too. For an hour we talked of things of mutual interest. They were prepared for me to record a six-minute message for a gospel broadcast. Mrs. Williamson read the ninety-first psalm. We prayed together. They told us that one man of their number was active in leadership for promoting the broadcasting of a religious program. Another was sponsoring a Sunday school

among the inhabitants of the island. He had seen one hundred and fifty to two hundred in regular attendance with as many as six hundred for special occasions. There are six hundred thousand people on Okinawa, and a million on the entire group of islands. Here again the GI's have opened a field for evangelization.

In Japan also they have let their light shine. In Sapporo on the North Island of Hokkaido, the American soldiers started the work. Now, as a result, we have fine beginnings on that island. In Yokohama we have valuable church property and a prosperous congregation. The men of the armed forces and their wives have provided all the money and rendered great assistance in spiritual support and attendance. They have provided half the money to build a church at Yanimoto. In other places their financial encouragement has been the secret of success. One GI is now president of the Yokohama Gospel Hour. In Japan we have met at least a dozen with radiant testimonies. Seven of them attended the assembly at least once, and several were in every meeting.

Thank God for salvation that keeps in adverse circumstances and enables one to be spiritually fruitful wherever he may be. Here is an enthusiastic salute to Nazarenes of the armed forces all over the world!

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105).

NEWS IN BRIEF

After three and one-half years as pastor of the church in Westerville, Rev. Veryl W. Jenkins has resigned to accept a call to the church in Car-dington, Ohio.

Rev. Lawrence H. Bone has resigned as pastor of the Mt. Scott Church in Portland, Oregon, to accept a call to pastor the church in Modesto, Cali-fornia.

After pastoring the church in Wood-ville for five years, Rev. Clarence Killion has resigned to accept a call to pastor the church in Hanford, Cali-fornia.

Rev. Leslie Parrott has resigned as pastor of the church in Kelso, Wash-ington, to pastor the First Church in Flint, Michigan.

Indianapolis District is having a special home-mission tour, April 20 through 30, with Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, superintendent of Northwestern Il-linois District, as the special speaker.

The fact that Jesus was taken to Nazareth enabled Him to live in ob-scurity until thirty years of age, when He should announce His plan, yea, the plan of God, which was proclaimed in His inaugural address delivered in the little synagogue of Nazareth. It is wonderful to stand still and see the glory of the Lord. If we could only learn the lesson that God knows best, and His ways are the best ways! Oftentimes we are anxious or worried about certain moves; but if we are certain we are in the will of the Lord Jesus, we can be sure it will work out to our good and to His glory.—A. F. HAYES.

BE AT PEACE!

By Nona Keen Duffy

*"Let not your heart be troubled,
friend,
Nor let it fearful be,"
Are words of comfort Jesus spoke
To all His family.*

*"Not as the world would give, give I
To you who mourn or grieve;
To you, bereft or left alone,
My peace and poise I leave.*

*"In perfect peace thou wilt be kept
Whose mind is stayed on Me.
Let not your heart be troubled;
My peace I leave with thee."*

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3. Central Ohio—8,700
4. Akron—8,577
5. Northeastern Indiana—7,736
6. Washington-Philadelphia—6,487
7. Los Angeles—6,376
8. West Virginia—6,230
9. Southern California—5,832
10. Pittsburgh—5,800
11. Kansas City—5,541
12. Illinois—5,477
13. Indianapolis—5,464
14. Southwest Indiana—5,414
15. Tennessee—5,394
16. Eastern Michigan—5,367
17. Kansas—5,146
18. New England—5,028

S. T. LUDWIG,
General Church Secretary

They Took a Short Cut

By A. W. Fee*

RECENTLY I visited Sutters Fort in Sacramento, California, and saw some of the relics found along the trail of what was considered the worst tragedy of the early West, the Donner tragedy.

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In the year 1846 the Donner party, which included more than eighty men, women, and children, left the Oregon trail in Wyoming to try a short cut to California via the Great Lake Desert. Leaving the main trail, they were forced to endure untold hard-ships. Their stock died of thirst, some of the wagons bogged down in the salt flats and had to be left, others broke under the added weight, and much of the needed food and clothing had to be left. By the first of November they were trapped by snow on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, at what is now called Donner Lake. Lack of food and clothing brought death to nearly half the party; others were driven by desperation to eat human flesh in order to survive. In the spring of 1847 four relief expeditions were sent out from Sutters Fort, and they found only forty-eight of the party still existing.

What caused the tragedy? They took a short cut! Men are still taking short cuts. Webster says, "A short cut is an attempt to get the desired ob-jective without paying the proper price to reach it." Hasty marriages are thought to be a short cut to true happiness, but they usually lead to misery. Gambling is said to be a short cut to plenty, but it leads to poverty. Some say drinking is a short cut to pleasure, but it leads to disaster. Students cheat as a short cut to pass-ing grades, but they lose in the game of life. The politician pays bribes as a short cut to power; but statesman-ship is not purchased with bribes.

It is the same in the spiritual realm. Many are leaving the Bible way of true repentance and the forsaking of all sin, and taking baptism and church membership as a short cut to heaven. Others are taking the short cut of Christless creeds and cults. But, like the Donner party, many of them will perish before they are found by a rescue party. There are some Naza-renes who are taking the short cut now. Many have *cut out* visitation; others have *cut out* tithes and giving offerings; some have *cut out* prayer meetings. A few have *cut out* the evangelistic service. Must we organ-ize rescue parties in our church to save Nazarenes who have taken the short cut, when we need every avail-able member in the work of saving the lost?

It is impossible for you to have peace if you refuse to obey God's commandments. God's way is the best way. If you choose to follow it now, your peace will be as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea.—Exchange.

"Sayonara, Japan, Sayonara"

General Superintendent Williamson

THE ABOVE title means "Farewell, Japan, farewell." But to the people it carries the added meaning, "Come back again." Last night we bade the missionaries and the Japanese Christians an affectionate farewell. In two short weeks both the country and its people have awakened in us a deep and abiding love for them.

Our allotted time has been too short for any extracurricular sight-seeing. Nevertheless our travels in line of duty have given us some opportunity to see enough to discover for ourselves that Japan is a land of indescribable beauty. It was not the season for seeing the famed cherry blossoms or maple foliage. But we saw majestic, snow-crowned Fujiyama and the long ranges of mountains with their evergreen trees, the rushing rivers with their fertile valleys, the rich gardens, and the rice paddies. We were impressed anew with the fact that this country, smaller in area than the state of California and with only 20 per cent of its land under cultivation, maintains a population of more than eighty million people. Every foot of land from the ends of the railroad ties, across the narrow flats, and far up the terraced mountainsides is devotedly tilled and fertilized for maximum production of fruits and vegetables. So successful are these frugal and tireless people that nearly all we have seen appear well fed and well clothed.

We have seen the great cities of Tokyo with seven million people, Osaka with three million, Kyoto with one million, and Yokohama with seven hundred thousand. Besides these, Nagoya has a million and a half, and Kobe a million.

Then there is Hiroshima, the city of four hundred thousand inhabitants, which has become one of the world's most widely known places because it was completely wiped out by one terrific blast on August 6, 1945, at the ushering in of the atomic age. We stood within the ruins of the Industrial Museum and Library, near which the bomb burst. Its shattered walls are a grim reminder of that awful event in human history. It is the only ruin left in its state of desolation and was a depressing sight. Nearby a faint and flickering gleam of hope is offered in a modest monument which has only the word "Peace" cut in its concrete capstone. With aching hearts we prayed that it might be peace rather than war for our troubled world.

For a year and a half the dazed, stunned people of Hiroshima eked out a miserable existence among the scenes of utter destruction. But at last their spirits revived, and now the new city with wider streets and better buildings is virtually restored. Its population is greater than before "the bomb fell." So far as we could detect, the people are not bitter. A symbol of their spirit is seen in our Church of the Nazarene there.

The building was in ruins; soon the pastor died; but he asked his wife to carry on. Courageously she has obeyed his and the Lord's command. There are now seventy-eight members. They became a fully self-supporting church at the time of the assembly. We were cordially welcomed by a full house. They eagerly heard the Word of God. About seventy-five people came to the altar of prayer—fifty sought holiness; twenty-five were seeking pardon for their sins. We could have ten prosperous churches in that city and all full to overflowing.

In all my travels I have never seen such responsive people. Everywhere we have had a large and receptive hearing. In twelve evangelistic meetings, in almost as many places, we have seen five hundred persons bow to seek the Lord with earnestness that could not be discounted. Japan is ripe for the harvest as never before. The burden for the great advance of holiness will be borne by the Japanese Church of the Nazarene. Let us help them with our prayers and our support.

**DO YOU CARRY YOUR BIBLE?
BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR**

HOLINESS

By Edward L. Dowd*

HOLINESS—the goal of the soul, man's dear dream of reality, his high hope of heaven, his sweet sanctification of the spirit, his clear contact with Christ.

Holiness—God's impartation of His high virtue, His bequest of His own deep resources, His image borne to full fruition in human nature.

Holiness—seen in conviction, begun in regeneration, perfected in entire sanctification, developed by constant consecration, and crowned in the Kingdom of glory.

Holiness—enemy of the devils, friend of the saints, companion of the angels, gift of heaven, and condemnation of hell.

Holiness—source of Christ's love, seed of His birth, superiority of His life, strength of His obedience, satisfaction of His death, spirit of His resurrection, splendor of His ascension, surety of His return.

Holiness—fountainhead of faith, halo of hope, robe of righteousness, path of purity, tree of truth, and light of love.

Holiness—echoed in eternity, recorded in history, wrapped in divine mystery, and given in an instant of time.

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I BELIEVE

Children Should Join the Church

By John L. Knight*

FORTY years ago next summer, as a nine-year-old boy, I joined the church. I had been gloriously converted three days before. A poor, timid, backward country boy, I had nothing to merit a crusade to land me into the folds of the membership of the church. Transformed, redeemed, and made new by faith in the blood of Christ, I could only say with Toplady:

*... In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.*

But those old saints of that day seemed to know the value of a child becoming a member of the church. "You have given the Lord your heart; now give Him your life," they said, "and join the church and be baptized." I joined the church during that meeting and was baptized. How wonderful if every adult Christian would guide at least one child into the path of faith and duty! *Will you try this year?*

From that childhood experience I have formulated some beliefs which have increased in importance with the passing of the years: (1) I believe in child conversion. I was saved at nine years of age (others have been saved younger). (2) I believe in church membership for children who are saved. I joined when I was first converted. (3) I believe in water baptism as an outward testimony to the inward workings of the Spirit. I was baptized when I joined the church. Our pastors and people might do well to give more attention to the sacrament of baptism.

Ten years later I heard the gospel of second blessing holiness and I sought and obtained the experience. It holds good today. During those formative years I met the usual temptations of youth. But the fact of my definite conversion, my public baptism, and my church membership had a tremendous stabilizing effect upon my young heart and life. I had met Jesus Christ and He was the strength of my life—even from that childhood experience until this glad hour! Yes, I think Christian children should unite with the church—and adults should encourage them to do it!

During one year the net gain in church membership on our district was 504. (This was high for a district the size of ours.) This gain was largely due to our annual *Evangelistic Crusade for Children and Youth*. This special emphasis is made annually from Easter to Mother's Day. Our goal for this year is to see two thousand children and young people bowing at our altars during this spring emphasis, with a net increase of at least 500 in church membership.

Think what this would mean if such should be done on every district throughout the entire denomination. The general superintendents have

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challenged us to a mighty, far-reaching Crusade for Souls which will net 15,000 gain in church membership this first year of the quadrennium! Let's save our children *now*, and win them to the church. Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, I believe that Christian children should be received into the membership of the church.

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The Dean's Diary*

Tuesday: That was a nice visit I had with Mr. _____, superintendent of schools at _____, Oklahoma. It really thrilled me to hear that he had gone to our little Church of the Nazarene to hear George preach. His words of commendation meant so much when he said, "If you can do that for him in one year, I want to hear him after four years in Bethany-Peniell College. He preached like he knew what he was talking about."

I remember just one year ago this month when George came in to see about going to school. I was not too greatly impressed either by his appearance or by his high school transcript, but there was a gleam in his eye and a determination in his handclasp that made me feel sure that he could make it. Now, just one year later the superintendent of schools was saying: "We didn't expect much out of George when he was in high school. He didn't have the home environment or the background to encourage him, so we just expected him to get by. But as I listened to him Sunday, I recognized that college has done something for him."

Yes, college has done something for him all right. It has given him some poise and self-confidence. He has learned to say, "I have seen," and, perhaps, not to split his infinitives; but something had happened to George before he came to us. The Holy Spirit had done His work of conviction and the blood of Jesus Christ had forgiven his sins and cleansed him from unrighteousness, so that when Bethany-Peniell College got him the soil had already been prepared and we only had to drop the seed in for it to take root.

I am glad it isn't only George, but it is the same in the hearts and lives of thousands of Nazarene young people across the country. I'd rather work with them, watch them grow and go out to build the kingdom of God on earth than to build the biggest oil refinery that the mind of man can conceive.

*This is the beginning of a series of articles by Rev. Boyd Shannon, dean of students of Bethany-Peniell College. They deal with what God is helping this institution to do for many of those who enroll there. It should also be added that what has been done for these students illustrates the type of work being done by all of our Nazarene colleges.

Family Week at Your House

By Roy E. Swim*

FOR THE past number of years an announcement by national church organizations and an endorsement by the President of the United States have set aside a week on the calendar for a most important interest—making better homes for the sake of God and country. The date of this observance is May 3 to 10, including Mother's Day. This observance is known as National Family Week.

This year the theme selected for the guidance of Protestant churches and homes in observing this week is "A Christian Foundation for Every Home."

It is taken for granted that your home is a Christian home. How then does this theme relate to your household? Is there anything you can do, more than what you have already done, to turn the slogan into more than good words? We believe you will agree there is much you can do.

In the first place, as a family together you can pause to think and to thank God for the grace that makes yours a Christian home. Many homes on your street as well as in the world at large have neither the light nor the power to enjoy this blessing and honor. Family worship time as well as family conference time can well be the occasion for counting your blessings with all humility and gratitude.

Then, you might talk over with one another some of the obligations and opportunities that come with a Christian home. There might be some ways discovered for improving the Christian quality of family living and relationships. Even good homes offer some occasional opportunities for improvement. The children might even have a suggestion for Dad or Mother. And, of course, parents all want their children to do better.

But most important of all, there stands your home in the block where you live among many other homes, some of which have not discovered the miraculous secret of God's power to create happy Christian homes. Why does the light of God's love shine over the hearth of your home? Is it only to make your household happy? Is it not that men "may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"? Let your light therefore shine!

TRY TO DO SOME OF THESE

1. *Make something extra of family worship.*
Plan the sacred moments together.
Let the children take part.
Each member might take a turn leading.
Discuss real problems in Christian living in the family.
2. *Plan some special good times together.*
Have a family sing.
Play favorite games.
Plan a picnic.

3. *Put feet to your prayers and plans.*
Find another family who can enjoy sharing your Christian friendliness and fellowship.
Visit a shut-in or a lonely person.
Do an unexpected and unearned act of kindness.
Learn the power of deeds as well as words in witnessing.
4. *Put going to church at the top.*
Plan ahead for Sunday.
Pray for and expect some special blessing.
Be aggressively friendly to others in the congregation.
Compliment your pastor and his family.
Recall in table conversation high lights of the sermon and of the experience of fellowship with God's people.
5. *Put joy into family week—with God. It will be a time to remember.*



Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21

My Jesus Knows

By Anna Amelia Lamdden

*My Jesus knows the way I take;
My Jesus feels each pain and ache;
He sees each faltering step and stands
Ready to help. He understands!*

*My Jesus knows how rough the way;
He gives me strength for every day;
He showers down blessings on my hands.
My Jesus knows. He understands!*

*My Jesus knows I long to be
A chosen vessel, filled and free
To work for Him, at His command.
My Jesus knows. He understands!*

*My Jesus knows and leads each day
In paths He chooses and alway
He points the way—He holds my hand.
My Jesus knows. He understands!*

*My Jesus knows and some glad day
I'll meet with those long gone away.
'Til then I'll work, led by His hand,
My Jesus knows. He understands!*

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"Some Through the Flood"

By Ralph Earle*

IT WAS Friday, the thirteenth, in July, 1951. The raging waters of the Kaw River rushed over its banks and raced through the deserted streets of the Armourdale and Argentine districts of Kansas City. By midnight a pall of desolation and destruction had settled over the whole area. It looked as if Death had sat on the throne to stay.

Three of our Nazarene churches were caught in the flood—Armourdale, Argentine, and the Mexican church. Basements filled with muddy water, sanctuaries largely submerged, members homeless—would they ever emerge again?

The answer is to be found in a great God and three consecrated pastors. It is another stirring saga of *Captains Courageous*.

When we returned in the fall from our summer of evangelism, we drove over to the Argentine district one Sunday morning. By this time the streets had been cleared, but mud still filled the basements and coated thickly the floors of homes and shops. We found our Argentine people meeting in an unused Baptist church high on the hillside. To our amazement there were one hundred in Sunday school that morning. What a tribute to the faith and devotion and hard work of the good pastor, Rev. George Rice!

Fortunately, the pastor and family were living on high ground. But many of their members were flooded out of their homes. The Rices, with sacrificial love, took many of them into their humble abode. Now the Argentine Nazarenes have bought a larger church building, with adequate resources for their rapidly growing Sunday school. Today things are on the "up and up" in Argentine.

Nearby, the Mexican work seemed almost completely knocked out. All but one family was left

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ALONG THE WAY

By Dolores S. Douglas

*Red hands, yellow hands, lifted up today;
Black hands, white hands, all along the way.*

*"Oh, love them, help them, teach them!"
I can hear the Master say.*

*Young hearts, old hearts, crying out today;
Empty hearts, sad hearts, lost along the way.*

*Oh, hear the Master calling,
"Never cease to pray."*

*Lost souls, sick souls, pleading for a way;
Precious souls, dying souls, bowed in heathen clay.*

*The Master says, "Prepare those souls
For that eternal day!"*

homeless. Only a miracle could bring new life out of chaos and destruction.

But, thank God, the resurrection did take place. Under the courageous leadership of the capable pastors, Rev. Honorato Reza and Rev. Sérgio Franco, the people finally rallied. They purchased the beautiful building which the Argentine Nazarenes had redecorated and outgrown, and now the Mexican church is prospering and flourishing as never before.

But the hardest hit was our Armourdale church, because it was struck by the main current. This district was flooded with water twenty-five feet deep. The sanctuary was filled almost to the ceiling. When the waters finally subsided, the basement was just a mess of smelly mud. It was seven months before they could get back into the building.

What made it seem worse was that the church had just completed an improvement project, enlarging the basement, putting in pews, carpeting the floor, installing a neon sign, purchasing a parsonage. All this was caught in the flood and ruined.

Next door lived the pastor, Rev. James Allen, better known as "Jimmy" Allen. Even the second floor of the family abode was filled with mud. Furniture, rugs, clothes, library, sermon notes from twenty-two years of preaching—everything was gone. Not only that, but every home in that large area was filled with water. Months later we saw people shoveling mud out of second-story windows.

Deserted streets, empty homes, ruined sewers, mud-filled church—*Can these bones live?* I must confess that when we drove through the district in October and saw a house lying on its side, another piled on top of a garage, wreckage and ruin on every side, we didn't have much faith for the future of the Armourdale Church of the Nazarene.

But God can work wonders if He can find the right man. Such a man was Rev. Jimmy Allen. With sacrificial devotion and unbelievable courage he literally waded into the situation. We are told that he shoveled out most of the deep, malodorous mud himself—\$15,000.00 worth of labor and materials brought order out of chaos. Gradually a few of his former members began to filter back into the neighborhood, though many never returned. There were approximately 15,000 people living in the Armourdale district before the flood; now there are about 5,000.

But God—how meaningful are those words!—but God is still working miracles. Recently we closed a ten-day revival meeting in the Armourdale church. The people had been praying. The pastor had planned an aggressive visitation program. What was the result? Night after night we had a good crowd, with many new people in every service. God came down in power and blessing, and seekers filled the altar each evening. In this small church just struggling back onto its feet—with something like 35 members; the

original records were lost in the flood—God gave us about 125 at the altar. Most of these were new people, many of whom had never been saved before. On the closing Sunday—in spite of a blinding blizzard—we had splendid attendance and large altar services. Nineteen new people joined the church. A new day had dawned for Armourdale Church of the Nazarene. Why? Because God found a man, Jimmy Allen, who was willing to stick with an impossible situation. Prayers, tears, and hard work have at last paid off.

As I thought of his thriving Sunday school, of his large group of teen-agers, of the new youth center he has opened for them, I recalled the words of the song, how God leads us along, through the waters, and through the flood, but still “gives a song.”

Those Wonderful New Nazarenes in London

By Fletcher Galloway*

REV. C. C. CASTO and I spent Sunday, November 30, in London and had the unique privilege of being the first Nazarenes from America to preach in the mother church of the International Holiness Mission after it had become a Church of the Nazarene by the union of that group with ours. Dr. Powers and Dr. Rehfeldt had been there a few weeks previous, but the union had taken place in Leeds. I had the pleasure of preaching Sunday morning to this group of wonderful people and Brother Casto preached at night.

Rev. J. B. Maclagan, who has been the superintendent of the I.H.M., is a strong man. Some of his people told me he was an outstanding doctrinal preacher, especially so in presenting the truth of entire sanctification. His church is made up of solid, dependable people. They responded splendidly to the message even though they were being subjected to a bit of a curiosity.

Brother and Sister Maclagan were gracious hosts. They insisted that we come to their home and have Sunday dinner and tea with them. We hesitated to do it because the British are still on rations and many food items are scarce. Sister Maclagan had saved up her rations of eggs and sugar and had baked two cakes. I felt almost like a robber eating up the family's total ration of eggs for a six-week period—but, um . . . it surely tasted good!

A London family gets only a ton and a half of coal for the entire year, so you can see why we stayed in the dining room all that Sunday afternoon. We ate a while, then visited a while, then prayed a while, and then ate some more. A person just cannot keep from falling in love with that wonderful Scot and his lovely family. He has a spirit of good humor and a contagious laugh that one never forgets.

Two great moments for me during our stay in London were when we stood at the grave of David

Livingstone in Westminster Abbey and when I stepped into John Wesley's little prayer room where he held his private devotions.

Livingstone's heart, they tell us, is buried in the Dark Continent but his body lies among the great. These are the words found on the plaque over his grave:

“Brought by faithful hands over land and sea, here rests David Livingstone, Missionary, Traveler, Philanthropist, Born March 19, 1813, at Blantyre, Lanarkshire. Died May 1, 1873, at Chitambo's Village, Ulala. For 30 years his life was spent in an unwearied effort to evangelize the native races, to explore the undiscovered secrets, to abolish the desolating slave trade of Central Africa. Where with his last words he wrote, ‘All I can add in my solitude is, May heaven's rich blessing come down on everyone—American, Englishman or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world.’”

5,000 Nazarenes Could Do It!!

I HAVE BEEN thinking about CHURCH COLLEGE DAY—April 19. This date will be observed throughout the United States in an effort to undergird the church colleges of America. Their importance in a democracy like ours is very great.

I have been thinking, too, about our own colleges and the seminary. These institutions are particularly our own. Not only are they safe places to train the minds of Nazarene youth, but they help to guide the heart and establish the faith of our young people. In these days of unusual financial stress, these institutions of ours need our unanimous support.

I have been thinking of what *could* happen. There are at least *five thousand Nazarenes* who could do something now, something that would greatly hearten our college presidents, business managers, and members of the faculty. They could do *something* that would ease the long, hard pull and establish our educational institutions with a greater degree of financial security.

I am thinking aloud: (1) Have you included your zone college in your will? It would be good to review your plans for the future. Let your will be a testimony of your devotion to God and the cause of training youth. (2) Have you thought about an annuity? If you are past fifty you can assure yourself of a life income by investing in Christian education. (Even \$100.00 is an acceptable annuity.) (3) Had you thought about giving your college a life loan (which can be recalled in case of need)?

Yes! 5,000 Nazarenes could do it *now*—if they would. Write the business manager or president of your zone college *today*. Complete information will be sent. Let us make CHURCH COLLEGE DAY a day that will be long remembered.

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The Cleansing Blood of Christ

By Fannie D. Brown

*There was a Man—a perfect Man,
The holy Son of God;
He came to do His Father's will
As on this earth He trod.*

*He healed the sick, the halt, the blind;
He set the pris'ner free
From cruel grip of sin's dark curse—
He died on Calvary.*

*'Twas royal blood He shed that day
On Cal'ry's rugged tree—
The Son of God in agony
Died there for you and me!*

Will America Be Destroyed?

By Leo L. Lawrence*

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Ps. 11:3.)

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed” (Exod. 31:12-13, 17).

God calls to the children of Israel through His prophet, Isaiah, when he says, “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins” (Isa. 58:1). He promised if they would heed his call that “the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it” (Isa. 58:11, 13-14).

America has enjoyed this high and lofty position among the nations because, as a nation, we have honored God and recognized His Sabbath.

The prophet, Jeremiah, gives further warnings to a nation which had passed the zenith of its glory, when he says: “Thus saith the Lord; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusa-

lem; neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction. And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. . . . But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched” (Jer. 17:21-27).

One has only to read the twenty-fifth chapter of II Kings to see the results of a nation which failed to heed the warning of a loving Saviour. Zedekiah, the last reigning king, is captured; his sons are slain before his eyes; his eyes are punched out; he is bound with fetters of brass and carried away to Babylon; the house of the Lord is burned; Jerusalem is destroyed. Truly, this is a sad ending to a once powerful nation, whose people honored their God. They allowed sin to eat away their very foundation. Any nation which destroys the Sabbath soon forgets the God of the Sabbath. America had better heed the warning.

America has enjoyed liberty and freedom because she has given place for the God of battles to protect her in time of need.

The Psalmist tells us: “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain” (Ps. 127:1). He also says: “There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy” (Ps. 33:16, 18).

It is a sad day, or, to state it more clearly, it is the beginning of the end, when America pushes the Sabbath day aside; in her greed for gain, she robs her citizens of the last remembrance of a day of worship, and of the great eternal God, who is the Author of the day. America stands at the crossroads right now. Nothing but leadership like that of the one who said, “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them,” will save her.

May our leaders, as well as every citizen, remember the stalemate in Korea, and heed the warning given in the Word of God, which says: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face,

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and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Churches of the living God, let us lead the way and bring the people back to where they can truly “say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. . . . With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation” (Ps. 91: 2-16).

“Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance” (Ps. 33: 8-12).

I will always appreciate
my salvation more since . . .

I Saw a Prisoner Freed

By Michael F. Varro*

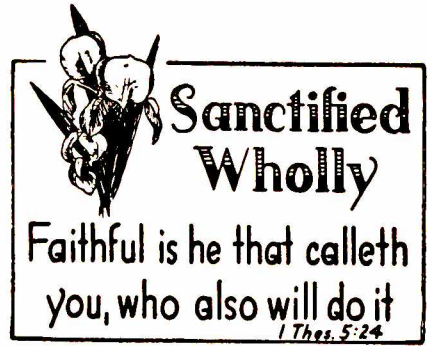
THE WORDS of the song so ably express the feeling of one who has been living under the spell and sway of sin, and then through the marvelous power of God’s redeeming grace finds complete and perfect victory from its power.

*Once I was bound by sin’s galling fetters;
Chained like a slave, I struggled in vain.
But I received a glorious freedom,
When Jesus broke my fetters in twain.
Glorious freedom . . .*

On one of those dismal, cloudy, and rainy winter days that are so common in south China, our Chinese pastor invited me to go along with him to conduct another one of our jail services. Being the only missionary around, I accepted the invitation, being happy for an opportunity to get out with the Chinese people.

The guards quickly recognized us and allowed us to pass through the gates and doors to the place where we held our services. We sang a few choruses from the scroll that we always brought

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with us for that purpose, and the pastor was just about to bring a few words of exhortation when the doors swung open and three soldiers marched in, carrying certain official papers.

When the prisoners saw the soldiers, the atmosphere became charged with nervous tension. They left us and rushed to the place where the soldier in charge was talking to one of the prison officials. In a few minutes several of the prisoners rushed away to get their meager belongings and stood in a group by themselves. The name of a certain prisoner was called but at first there was no response. The name was called several more times, and finally the official gave an order for one of the men present to run to the back section of the prison. In a few moments there appeared before the soldiers one of the most pitiful prisoners of that jail.

This prisoner was dressed in rags of blue denim. He had no shoes on his feet and heavy chains fastened his ankles together. His body was thin and emaciated. He was shaking with excitement and nervousness, which caused the heavy chains to clang on the brick and cobblestone floor. They shoved the other prisoners aside and led this poor prisoner before the soldier with the official papers. The soldier asked some questions, to which the prisoner responded with nervous nodding of his head. Finally the soldier arose and ordered that someone lead the prisoner aside and break his chains. They brought out a hammer and chisel, then in front of all of us broke the links that were fastened about his ankles. When the soldiers marched out he followed them, walking out into the free world.

I could not help but think of the many who have been clothed in the filthy rags of sin, whose souls have become captives of Satan while they become spiritually emaciated and starved, and the fetters of the world are fastened more firmly about them so that they are unable to walk in the way of God. One day, however, the Holy Spirit brings the good news that God has made provision for the release of such prisoners of Satan, and then through the hammer of preaching the chisel of truth is applied, and the blood of Jesus Christ breaks the fetters of sin, enabling the former captive of Satan to walk out into the glorious freedom of spiritual living. “Glorious freedom! Wonderful freedom!” “The Lion of the tribe of Juda” is able to liberate every captive soul.

Saved at Last!

By John R. Donley*

The Lord . . . is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9).

WE HAD just finished the evening service, and I was headed toward the door of the church, when the young lady touched me on the arm and said: "My daddy is in the hospital as the result of a heart attack. Mother and I have been praying for him and would like to see him saved. Could you spare some time for him in the interest of his soul?" My reply was, of course, that I could and would. In a day or so, we (the pastor and the writer) made our way to the hospital to talk with this precious soul. On the way, the pastor informed me that, insofar as the church knew, this man had never been saved. They could not recall that he ever had been to the altar.

After a brief introduction by the pastor, we immediately began to talk to this man about his spiritual condition. We asked him if he had thought of being saved. His answer was that he had had plenty of time to think about this important matter. We then asked him if he would permit us to pray for him, and to introduce Christ as his personal Saviour. He replied in the affirmative. We gripped his hand and started to pray. As we stood beside that hospital bed praying, the Lord came very near. We felt His presence. In the matter of a few seconds that hand we held began to tighten its grip on ours.

We looked up and into the tear-stained, yet happy, face of our friend; and before we asked the all-important question we knew the answer, by the look on his face. However we asked: "Does Jesus save you now?" His reply was: "Yes, He does." As we took leave of our friend, the text above became a greater reality than ever before. Praise His matchless name!

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A Word, a Smile

By Genevieve Thompson

*Today the world went wrong for me,
Black gloom engulfed me like a sea,
Life lost its savor and its joy,
And I felt like a broken toy.*

*So great had been the things I'd dreamed,
So small the things I'd done it seemed.
"What need to strive?" my sore heart cried.
I thought my shining dreams had died.*

*Then Jesus came, and smiled at me,
And said, "My child," and I could see
He knew and understood my pain.
And lo! the world was right again.*

BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR

Thanksgiving, 1952 — Bible Sunday, 1953

"Jesus Went to Church—

WHY DON'T YOU?"

By May C. Franks*

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day (Luke 4:16).

Jesus went to church. This is the record, and from this text you know it was no hit-and-miss or spasmodic attendance. His custom was to attend the synagogue on the Sabbath day. It was no special occasion, nor was it His yearly attendance. In this example of Jesus, we are not just facing a problem of the church in nonattendance, but every organization today faces this critical situation. If Jesus, the Son of God, felt He needed worship, how can you claim or feel you do not? If Jesus, divine as He was, needed it, how dare I try to live without it? Prayer and attendance go together.

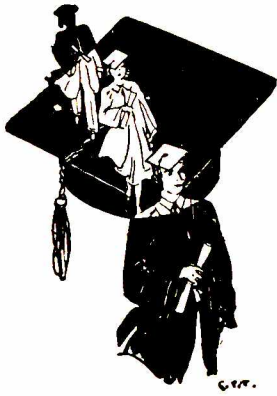
Look at Jesus in the garden facing the crisis of the Cross—would you not say that His attendance at worship enabled Him to pray, "Father . . . not my will, but thine, be done"? At one of the first services during the post-Easter season in the appearance of Jesus, Thomas was absent. The doubter, the brokenhearted, the discouraged—he was not there. The very one who needed the worship was absent.

Another oft-made statement is, "I am as good as those who go to church," and you might be. Let us take up this statement and line it up with this incident of Jesus going to church. *He was better than anyone who was in the synagogue that day.* He mingled with sinners and went to church. You think you are too good to mix with hypocrites and sinners, *but Jesus did!* He was with those with whom He had spent a major portion of His life. But He was found at worship and He worshiped with the people. You stay away, claiming you are as good as, too good to worship with, those who attend. Regardless of how you have thought about it, just think, Jesus did not consider himself too good—then why should you?

What kind of service do you suppose Jesus sat through that morning? The rabbi went through the usual ritual and creeds that the people had heard many times before. *But Jesus attended.* He knew God and knew religion, therefore no service to Him was empty and useless. If you cannot endure the services of the church, then what will you do in heaven?

Going to church makes a "going church."

*Los Angeles, California



Church College Day

April 19

- ★ A day emphasizing the importance of Nazarene educational institutions as centers of training and evangelism.
- ★ Pray especially for your zone college—its administration, faculty, and student body.
- ★ Plan for the advanced education of your young people in Nazarene schools.
- ★ Support Nazarene educational institutions by remembering them in your will or by special gifts and annuities.

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These Are Ours—Let's Stand by Them

Nazarene Theological Seminary
Kansas City, Mo.

Bethany-Peniel College
Bethany, Okla.

Northwest Nazarene College
Nampa, Idaho

Canadian Nazarene College
Red Deer, Alberta

Olivet Nazarene College
Kankakee, Ill.

Eastern Nazarene College
Wollaston, Mass.

Pasadena College
Pasadena, Calif.

Hurlet Nazarene College
Glasgow, Scotland

Trevecca Nazarene College
Nashville, Tenn.

Nazarene Bible Institute
Institute, West Virginia

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

I HAVE no hoary past of which to boast. Compared with many present-day educational institutions, I am young.

From the standpoint of numbers, I am in the small-college class. I count my students by the hundreds, and not by the thousands.

I sprang up almost spontaneously, sponsored by a people who had a passion to extend the Kingdom. At first, they largely sought to establish a school where young people could be trained for Christian work at home or abroad. Soon, however, they felt the need of a place where all of their young people could be educated in an intensely Christian atmosphere.

I started out with only one or two small buildings, meager finances, and but few students. I have no large endowments now and must still depend upon God and the gifts of the people. Nevertheless, my buildings and equipment have increased considerably. As the years have passed, I have been able to raise the level of scholastic training until my graduates are respected by many of the largest colleges and universities. The members of my teaching staff are much better prepared for their tasks today than they were when I came into existence.

What has brought about all of this progress? Ah, here's where the real story is, but much of it never will be known. My rise and development have been made possible by the prayers, tears, and sacrifices of many people. They loved God with a great love and counted not their ease, money, and time dear unto themselves. Out of the abundance of their devotion to the kingdom of God and the cause of holiness, they have given and given. They determined that at any cost their children would be educated in a school where their faith in God and the Bible would not be wrecked.

I have demonstrated this ideal: The mind can be trained while the heart is expanding in the grace of God. An educated intellect and a heart that is aflame with the blessing of God are compatible. I have proved to the world that a person doesn't have to be ignorant in order to be truly religious.

My purpose for those who enroll with me has not changed as the years have come and gone. I still put God first. More than anything else, I am concerned about the spiritual welfare of those who come within my walls. Next, I must train their minds, give them the best possible in the way of an education. Along with this emphasis on the development of the heart and the mind, I do not neglect their bodies and social needs. Young people must play as well as sing, shout, pray, and learn. I provide a social and recreational life which harmonizes fully with my spiritual objectives; and more than that, I always insist that these phases of my work be secondary to the educational, that all three of them must be subordinate to the needs of the spiritual life.

I am a Nazarene college, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the members and friends of the Church of the Nazarene for standing by me. Only eternity will reveal the great host of souls you have helped me train for a larger life here and eternal life hereafter. Many will rise up in the day of judgment to praise you for the preachers, missionaries, and consecrated laymen whom you have enabled me to send into God's vineyard.

A Ten-Plank Platform on Entire Sanctification

Plank Ten

Seek This Experience Now!

THIS IS the tenth, and last, article in a series on entire sanctification. The name of this series, as indicated in the title above, is: "A Ten-Plank Platform on Entire Sanctification." Since the sixth and seventh planks were discussed together, there have actually been only ten articles, counting the summary of the ten planks which appeared first. For the sake of those who have kept their copies of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* and would like to read the ten articles again, I give the dates of the issues in which they have appeared: October 1, 1951; October 15; February 20, 1952; October 8; October 22; December 17; January 14, 1953; January 21; and March 18.

"Seek This Experience Now" is the title which I give to the tenth, and last, plank of this platform. I first stated this plank thus: "Christian friend, you must seek this experience definitely if you get it. It will never take you unawares and force itself upon you. You will never get it accidentally. If it ever becomes your glorious possession, it will be because you intentionally and consciously seek it. Why not do this very thing now?" I'll present this subject as follows in this article: (1) I am addressing the Christian; (2) You never will get this experience accidentally; (3) It will never take you unawares and force itself upon you; (4) If you ever get this second blessing, it will be because you seek it consciously, definitely, or intentionally; (5) Why not seek this experience now?

(1) *I am addressing the Christian.* I start off by addressing the Christian because the blessing of entire sanctification is for the saved, and not for sinners. The fifth article in this series emphasized this truth, and I will not discuss it at length again. However, we must always remember that the experience of entire sanctification is a *second* blessing. It can come only to those who have first been saved.

Stephen S. White

(2) *You will never get this experience accidentally.* Man is finite and subject to mistakes. Accidents happen sometimes with the most careful people. Every day almost unthinkable accidents are recorded. Only today the *Kansas City Star* told of a three-year-old child who was killed by a truck as it backed into the front yard of his home. More than once before I have read of similar accidents. Sometimes it is even a loving parent who backs the family car over the child. He would not have done it on purpose for anything, but in his humanness, or finiteness, he made the terrible mistake. Life is getting more complex as the days come and go, and it is easy to fail at some point in meeting its situations.

Some months ago I read this news item in *Newsweek*: "The Air Force study of jet-plane crack-ups shows that 70 per cent of pilot errors can be traced to bad judgment compared with 50 per cent for propeller planes. This does not mean that jet pilots are deficient in judgment. It shows how the speedy jets put judgment to a greater test." From the physical and mental standpoint, accidents do happen; and the more complex life becomes, the greater their possibility. This is not the case in the moral world. There are no moral accidents. People are neither saved nor sanctified accidentally. Sin is personal and so is salvation.

(3) *Entire sanctification will never take you unawares,* my Christian friend, and force itself upon you. God created man a free moral agent, and He is forever committed to respecting that free moral agency. There are sinners who respect salvation and in a way really want to repent of their sins and be saved, but they are waiting for a tide which will come their way and sweep them in almost in spite of themselves. This will never come to pass. People are not picked up bodily, as it were, and carried into a vital experience of religion. Christian conversion is a moral something and cannot come to any individual in that way. All that I have said about the first blessing is true as to the second blessing. Christians are never taken unawares and forced into this experience.

Just as the Christian cannot stumble into this experience, or get into it accidentally, so he cannot be tricked into it. God will never come up on his blind side and get him into it without his knowledge, or with him being only partly conscious of it. God is the most ethical Being in the universe, and when He is dealing with moral creatures He never stoops to driving them into a religious or moral experience. In fact, God could not do this even if He wanted to. There is no way by which force from any quarter can compel a man to be saved or sanctified, or even make progress in a Christian experience after he has

obtained it. Coercion has no place in the actual salvation of individual men. Entire sanctification never takes the Christian unawares and forces itself upon him. Every preacher needs to remember this as well as the candidate for entire sanctification. The business of both the preacher and the Holy Spirit is to persuade men to choose to be saved and sanctified.

(4) *If you ever get this second blessing, it will be because you seek it knowingly, definitely, or intentionally.* No one ever obtained this second crisis without aiming to get it. Only those walk into this experience who purpose to walk into it. In this connection, there is an interesting passage in Genesis which closes with a statement that symbolizes what I am talking about. It is Genesis 12:1-5 and reads as follows: "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came." Likewise, the Christian will only get into his spiritual Canaan when he goes forth to go into the land of Canaan. When he deliberately seeks or goes forth to get this second blessing, he will get it, and not before.

The truth of what I have stated is proved by the very nature of the conditions the Christian has to meet if he would get sanctified. He must consecrate his all to God and believe that God accepts it and sanctifies him wholly. These are personal acts and cannot be done when one is asleep, under an anesthetic, hypnotized, unconscious, or even semiconscious. He must be wide-awake and know what he is doing when he consecrates and believes. His action here must be open-eyed and deliberate, or intentional. We'll get into the Canaan experience only as we go forth to get into it. This does not mean that the Christian sanctifies himself. God does the sanctifying, but He cannot do it for any saved person except the one who fulfills its prerequisites, and these prerequisites involve definite, conscious action.

(5) *Why not seek this experience now?* In points two, three, and four of this article I have emphasized the truth that you cannot get this experience without aiming to get it. In other words, you'll have to go after, or seek, it if it ever becomes your possession. This being the case, I ask any Christian who may chance to read this discussion a plain, simple, and yet very im-

portant question: "Why not seek this experience now?" "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). Now

is not only the time for the sinner to be saved; it is also the time for the Christian to be sanctified wholly.

Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

FORMER students and friends of Dr. Edgar Sheffield Brightman all over the world will mourn his recent death. Aged sixty-eight, he passed away on February 25. Serving early in life as a pastor, he was gradually drawn into the educational field, and at the time of his death had taught for over forty years. In 1919 he joined the Boston University faculty as Borden Parker Bowne, professor of philosophy, serving the rest of his life. Through his books and his great numbers of students he was widely known, as well as through his participation in various educational and humanitarian agencies. A deeply religious person, he was a member of his local Methodist church at Newton Center, Massachusetts. For more than two years he had been suffering from a weak heart, and death was due primarily to this cause.

Professor Brightman befriended many Nazarene students who came into his department and classes at Boston University. Among his former students whose names are well known in the Church of the Nazarene are Floyd Nease, former president of Eastern Nazarene College; Orval Nease, former general superintendent; and Russell V. DeLong, dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. Brightman once said jokingly to the writer that he thought he should have a superintendency in the Church of the Nazarene since he had helped to train so many of her ministers. Perhaps his greatest contribution to his students was an example of integrity, loyalty, energy, thoroughness, and high idealism which they cannot easily forget.

Public opinion is rising against drunken or drinking drivers. In Chicago a man who appealed the sentence of the judge who fined him and sixteen others \$100.00 each for this offense was heard by a jury. The jury fined him \$300.00 and revoked his license for thirty days.

Kansas City is aroused over its toll of twelve or thirteen traffic deaths in 1953, and a special committee is at work on preventive measures which include stiffer penalties for drunken driving. In several states bills have been proposed to increase the severity of penalties for convicted tippling drivers.

Among the faculty members of the Winona Lake School of Theology Flying Seminar for 1953 will be Dr. Ralph Earle, of Nazarene Theological Seminary of Kansas City, Missouri. The Flying Seminar begins July 25 and ends September 1, 1953. Last year two TWA Constellation planes were used for the summer seminar trip and it appears that at least two will be needed this year. During his vacation periods from his regular teaching, Dr. Earle has previously taught at Winona Lake summer sessions. He has also made two trips to Palestine independently of the Flying Seminar groups, whose itinerary calls for considerable time in Israel.

Iron curtain countries no longer permit the use of the abbreviation "A.D." (*anno domini*, in the year of our Lord) because of its association

with Christianity. Instead they choose to say "of our era" (as in the year 1953 of our era). This is another instance of the deadly enmity of communism toward anything or any person to which the term "Christian" can be applied.

Seattle, Washington, will be host to the Seventy-ninth W.C.T.U. Convention, June 11-14. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin is president.

At Indianapolis the Indiana General Assembly has been considering a bill to require all ministers who expect to perform wedding ceremonies to register with a county clerk. This legislation aims at weeding out ministers who are licensed or ordained by irresponsible "storefront sects."

Grace Noll Crowell, whose religious poems have been read by thousands of Nazarenes and other Christians, has, at the age of seventy-five, entered a broader field of writing—devotional literature as a whole.

CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Georgia
Grass Roots Conference

BECAUSE of a conflict in dates I was unable to be present for the Crusade for Souls conference on the Georgia District. The following report is taken from the *Georgia Nazarene*:

"The first grass roots Crusade for Souls Now Conference east of the Rockies was held on our district, March 2-4, at Ft. Valley, with Rev. J. O. Fuller and his fine church serving as hosts.

"This conference was combined with our regular Preachers' Meeting, and instead of having one worker we had four: Dr. C. B. Strang, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Rev. W. A. Strong, and Rev. Alpin P. Bowes. All of these men were at their best, and how the Lord did bless them and their messages as they endeavored to stir us to go out and win the lost! There was an urgency about their messages that stirred our hearts. Great emphasis was on the little word 'NOW,' for tomorrow will be too late. Now is our last chance to win souls. The more I heard them, the more I felt that this is true. Brethren, we must go in for a real Crusade."

The program for this conference was similar to the other three that already have been held. Dr. C. B. Strang, pastor of Chicago First Church, had been secured for the Preachers' Meeting and when it was decided to make this event a Crusade Conference he gladly agreed to fit into the program. He brought the evening messages, spoke over the radio, and gave a chapel message to the workers in a factory at Ft. Valley that manufactures bus bodies. Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, and W. A. Strong, pastor of the Dayton Maryland Avenue Church, and Rev. A. P. Bowes, from my office, brought the special lectures on the Crusade during the day sessions.

I am sure the impact of this conference will be felt throughout the entire Georgia District in the days ahead. Such conferences are not just an "extra" in our district programs but are absolutely necessary if we are to get the urgency of the Crusade for Souls Now upon every church, every pastor, and every layman. At least thirty more districts should have a grass roots conference on the Crusade within the next year. We will

be glad to help district superintendents get the speakers for such programs on their districts.

A New Type of Salesmen

Let George Grim, who edits "I Like It Here" in the *Minneapolis Morning Tribune*, describe them:

The two young men—in their late 20's I'd guess, were sitting beside my desk as I approached. They had removed their overcoats and hats and were waiting quietly. Beside each was a leather briefcase, the efficient-looking sort that successful salesmen or advertising agency executives carry.

"Only a few words with you," said one as he introduced himself and his friend by name. "We have come to tell you that except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. That's from John 3, verse 3."

For the next few minutes first one, then the other, talked steadily and sincerely. Their eyes never left yours. They used many Bible quotations, always giving book, chapter and verse. It was an experience, suddenly facing these two. It was only after they had talked for a time that I was able to get their own story.

"Please, we don't want publicity, a mention or anything," the younger man said. "It is only Jesus Christ that we honor."

I assured them people would want to know about this desk-side preaching.

"We've been doing this during vacation," they said earnestly. "We have visited 24 prominent executives. We're like a salesman who has had a satisfying experience with what he sells. We do the same with the gospel."

But how did they manage to get past those efficient private secretaries that executives have?

"We call for an appointment. We say, 'I wish to see Mr. Johnson about a personal matter.' Only one out of 24 failed to see us, and he sent word to write him a letter. We did—that same day."

How long did they usually spend with these important men?

"From 10 minutes to an hour," said one. "After all, we're in on their time. We're the ones who are privileged."

How did they determine which executives to see?

"Prayer," they said. "Then we used the city directory and the telephone book."

Their directness, that quiet, persuasive manner, that look-at-you steadiness made you listen. You couldn't scoff, even within yourself. As they left, each shook my hand and recited a Bible verse. They left behind three tracts.

It was some time before I could get back to work.

—Quoted in *LeTourneau Tech's Now*

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Furloughed Missionary on Tour

THE LORD has been giving some good services. In many of them I have made a special appeal to young people to respond to a challenge to be ready for special service if God calls them, and the response is gratifying. At Nampa First, fifty-seven young people came forward in response to the challenge, and eight or nine that night in Boise First. During February, though I was unable to be out much and most of the churches were smaller ones, yet in the three churches that a call was made twenty-two young people responded. In Ephrata, Washington, on the Sunday morning of our week-end convention there was a breaking-up time as I told about our Pentecost in India at our first Jungle Camp Meeting, and eight people, mostly adults, came to the altar to seek holiness. To the Lord be all of the praise!—REV. PRESCOTT L. BEALS, *India*.

Led by God

I have been introduced to many new things during the past six weeks. At present I am not sure just how much I shall be able to retain, but so far I have had no difficulties! I have enjoyed my three weeks in the children's ward and the three weeks that I spent in the men's and women's wards. I am now going on night duty.

Ever since I answered the call to come to Africa, I have felt sure that this is God's will for my life. I never thought, however, that I would be so satisfied. Of course, it wasn't easy to tell my family good-bye, and when the train pulled out I felt pretty much alone. Then suddenly I realized that I wasn't alone. Jesus was there and He reassured me of His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." This has meant everything to me, for without Him I can do nothing. I am also reminded of the promise in Isaiah 55:12: "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace."—MISS AVINELL MC-NABB, R.N., *Swaziland, South Africa*.

Baptismal Service Significant

The Lord gave us a blessed day on Sunday, March 1, when three people were baptized. My heart was thrilled as I listened to their testimonies before the baptismal service. Each candidate gave a clear witness that Christ had saved him from his sins. First we gathered in the church, where we sang a hymn and prayed. Then

we went to the baptismal pool, all the people singing as we walked. As is always the case in Africa, the actual baptismal ceremony was solemn and touching. It means much to the African to testify in this way that he is done with everything concerning the old life. The morning's service concluded by our gathering around the Lord's table and with the dedication of three children.—MR. N. SALMONS, *Northern Transvaal, South Africa* (former I.H.M. missionary).

A Hazardous Journey

Recently I traveled from Lima to Chiclayo in our pickup belonging to the Chota station, and from there I traveled by truck. Part of the roads were good but large sections were pure mud and deeply rutted. The trucks just ground along, wallowing all over the road, sometimes making only a few miles a day. At times there are landslides or several days of heavy rain, and even the burliest trucks are stopped for several days or weeks.

The last end of our Chota road (about ten miles) is absolutely impassable for the three to five months of the rainy season. So at the little town where the trucks generally give up the struggle and return, I hunted a four-footed conveyance instead of a four-wheeled one. The order of preference is a mule, a horse, and a burro. Finding none available, I took the only other alternative, that wherein the propulsive power is two legs (mine).

So I set out. My gear was a work suit and tennis shoes. Fortunately I had suspected the possibility of walking, so was traveling as light as I possibly could in the chill altitudes. At that, my saddlebag was pretty heavy and seemed to gain in weight. I neither fell down nor got stuck, though I had plenty of chances for both! A little less than halfway, I met one of our fine Chota brethren riding his big black mule. It gave him quite a shock to see me paddling and sliding along—and he immediately insisted that I take his mule the rest of the way. I was really getting accustomed to my task but gladly accepted his bountiful offer. He not only lent me his mule but also let me use his rubber poncho. After I finally arrived in Chota, I returned his mule to him by a boy.—REV. IRA TAYLOR, *Peru*.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for April 19: Paul Becomes a Missionary

Scripture: Acts 11:19-26; 13-14 (Printed, Acts 11:25-26; 14:8-20)

GOLDEN TEXT: *We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God (II Cor. 5:20).*

GOD'S AMBASSADOR

We speak of St. Paul as a missionary—the greatest one the world has ever known. But to be truthful, Paul did not use that word at all in speaking of himself; he called himself an ambassador. These words may be synonymous, but I wonder if Paul did not pack much more meaning into the word ambassador than we frequently do into the word missionary. Regardless of the conditions under which he lived, he was still an ambassador; while in prison he delighted in calling himself “an ambassador in bonds.”

There are some worth-while meanings wrapped up in ambassadorship:

1. It suggests *authority*. As we well know, Paul had no church board or missionary board behind him, no credentials signed in the headquarters at Jerusalem. He had been called by God near Damascus, and right on the spot God gave him the only credentials he needed (Acts 26:17). He was ever and always an ambassador to the Gentiles. The civilized world was his parish; the God of heaven was his authority. And this reminds us that Christians never need cringe and apologize. We, too, are ambassadors; and as such we have heaven's might behind us as we go.

2. It suggests *urgency*. An ambassador is supposed to leave for his post

when his appointment is approved. He is not given that high post so he can go into leisurely retirement—many and heavy are his responsibilities. It is essential that he speed to his post of duty to give adequate representation for his home government. Paul was never jittery and nervous, but he was ever on the move—ever forward. He was not an arm-chair ambassador; he carried his office correspondence along with him as he journeyed. He was on the stretch for the remotest areas of the Roman Empire when he was arrested and killed.

3. It suggests *careful citizenship*. No ambassador can take out citizenship in the country to which he has been sent or else he forfeits his ambassadorship. Paul lived in this world but was very careful to keep his citizenship in heaven.

God grant to us all a yearning for this kind of ambassadorship!

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THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. If hell is a place of everlasting torment, how do you explain Matt. 10:28, where it says destroy and not torment forever?

A. Those who believe in the annihilation of the wicked—that the wicked will be completely put out of existence and nothing will be left of them in any sense—make much of such words as death, destruction, perdition, abolishing, perishing, and the word lost. But none of these words mean annihilation. In I Cor. 3:17 we have these words: “If any man defile [or destroy] the temple of God, him shall God destroy.” This can't mean: “If any man annihilate the temple of God, him shall God annihilate.” Is there anyone who will have the audacity to say that the temple of God will or can finally be annihilated, or put completely out of existence? Again, Jesus speaks of the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Could He mean here by lost, annihilation? Neither the Bible nor science knows anything about annihilation. A person who holds to the annihilation of the wicked or of any other physical or psychical object is both unscientific and unscriptural. Death means separation, and not annihilation; destroy means to overcome or render inoperative and, in the passage referred to, this is accomplished by banishment from

God's presence. Lost, as used of the state of the wicked in the future, means separated from God and without the power of self-recovery. None of the words given above signify annihilation.

Q. Recently, some of my family treated me badly. Some of them are Christians. I still love them and believe that I would help them in any way I could, but I don't feel toward them exactly as I did before. Can you help me?

A. In other words, you have forgiven but not forgotten. About all I can say is to keep on loving these members of your family. Also, act toward them just as if they had never treated you badly, and before too long I believe that you will begin to feel toward them as you should. I believe that God has already helped you, and if you will hold steady He will help you more.

Q. Does the Church of the Nazarene have any special service or form for funerals, weddings, baptisms, and joining the church?

A. Yes. See the *Manual*, pages 237 to 251, where the various rituals are given. I might add, though, that some of us preachers in the Church of the Nazarene at times fail to observe our

ritual or forms of service as much as we should.

Q. How can a person get out of a certain local church once he has become a member of it?

A. I am not nearly so interested in getting people out of the church as I am in getting them in. If they are still saved and are living in the same town or city, as a rule they should remain in the local church of which they are members. If they are saved and are not in the church and can measure up to the standard of the Church of the Nazarene, of course I would like to see them join it. Nevertheless, there are times when a member of a Church of the Nazarene should move his membership. This is when he has moved to another place or some other legitimate circumstance arises which makes it best for him to join elsewhere. Then he should get a letter of transfer, and his pastor can and will give this to him upon request. This is also true as to a certificate of dismissal or commendation. The pastor alone can give these when a request is made for them. In addition, the names of members may be dropped from the roll under certain conditions and according to specific rules. This, however, should never be done except as a last resort. If you will read pages 53, 54, and 55 of the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene, you will find how members may be dropped from the church roll. The pastor cannot drop a member from the roll as he can give certificates of

dismissal, commendation, or transfer. The latter he can do himself, if requested by the member; but in the former case, the church board has a hand and a responsibility. Finally, let me say again that no one should be dropped from the roll of member-

ship in any Church of the Nazarene until everything possible has been done to save the individual to God and the church. Woe to the pastor and church board that drop names from the roll until they are sure they have done their best.

neighbor of Joseph's went to a famous fortuneteller and while there he was told that all of his property would eventually become the property of his neighbor Joseph.

This news greatly provoked the rich neighbor. He sought means whereby he might save his property from Joseph. Finally he came upon the plan of selling all his property and buying one very large diamond, thinking that in this way he might be able to better care for what he owned. And this he did.

One day while this rich man was crossing the village bridge, carrying his diamond in his turban hat, a great gust of wind blew the turban from his head and it landed in the water below.

The rich man was terribly disturbed, but he could not rescue the diamond, for a large fish swimming by at that moment swallowed it. Thus the rich man suddenly became a poor man.

On the following Friday, a fish-seller was passing through the streets of the little village where Joseph lived, trying his best to sell the fish he had just caught. Most of the people did not buy food ahead of their needs, for they did not have refrigerators to keep them fresh. Then, too, it was much more expensive to buy ahead anyway, for the prices were always lower on the Sabbath. So the seller had a hard time getting rid of the fish. He finally walked up to a man on the street.

"Tell me," he asked, "is there no one in this town who will buy fish today?"

"Oh, yes, there is one man," was the quick reply. "Joseph always buys his food before the Sabbath. Go to him."

Sure enough, Joseph bought the fish. He took it home and cut it open in preparing it for his meal the next day. Lo, there in the stomach of the fish lay the rich man's diamond. Joseph was overjoyed! He went out, sold the diamond, and so became a rich man himself.

Many times people who honor God come out better financially than do their neighbors. But, even if they do not have more of this world's goods, they have a satisfied feeling inside when they realize they have lived as God would have them live. Doing good and living right always has its reward.

Satan is the father of lies. In the Garden of Eden he bore false witness against God by telling Eve that she would not die if she ate the forbidden fruit. Everyone, therefore, who lies, slanders, or speaks evil of his neighbor is becoming like Satan.—EDWARD HURN.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

The Warning Signal

IT HAD been a beautiful day. As dusk was gathering, we were traveling along at a comfortable rate of speed on a state highway, much less carefully marked than the federal highways. There were few cars on the road. My husband had but a few moments earlier remarked, "The trucks which travel this road must do so in order to miss the heavy traffic of the better surfaced highways. They seem to know the turns by memory." Then a truck coming toward us suddenly flashed on four large fog lights. The flash served as a warning to us. In the seconds which intervened between the first flash and the second, I looked to see if our headlights were on, to see if there were a hole in the pavement ahead; I looked to the right and to the left, but could see nothing amiss. Then came the second flash and the third in rapid succession. "There must be something wrong," I said anxiously to my husband. By that time, my companion was stepping on the brakes.

As we came to an almost complete stop, the truck passed us without its driver even giving us a backward glance. But at the same moment, I looked to the left of my husband and saw a diesel-drawn, fast-passenger train approaching our road. It took no time at all to figure that if we had not slowed down when we received the warning flashes we would have arrived at the crossing at the exact time the train reached the spot.

The truck driver knew the road, for he was an experienced trucker over that poorly marked highway. He did not know us. He only wanted to save anyone from danger and death if he could. He flashed the warning signal for us even as he would have flashed it for anyone else who was in the same dangerous position. And the signal flashing saved us!

I think perhaps if the driver had flashed his lights but once, we might have driven on, thinking he flashed them by accident; but with three flashes, we knew there was danger ahead.

There are many of us Christians traveling along the roads of life. We are experienced, for we have been over the road and we know the many pitfalls which those about us may encounter. To save those we meet, whether we know them or not, we must flash out warnings. Not one warning alone will be enough. Should those we warn pay no heed to the first flash of warning, we must not become offended and say, "Well, let them take care of themselves. They pay no attention to what I say." The second and the third warning may be necessary. However many warnings it takes to save our fellow beings from eternal destruction, we must not falter in giving them.

My husband and I were most grateful for the flashes of warning we received from the strange but experienced driver. Those for whom we flash warning signals also will be thankful that we insisted they stop and look about them before driving on toward sure death. Oh, may we all take this job seriously! May we be signalers for those we meet who are so unaware of the dangers ahead of them!

The Sabbath Will Repay

Talmud, a great Jewish historian, tells us the following story:

There was once a man named Joseph who followed all the laws God had given His people. He was especially careful to observe the Sabbath day. Now in order to do this in the strictest sense of the word, he could not buy any article of food after dark on Friday. Almost everyone else broke the rules, but Joseph never! In fact, he was so desirous of keeping the Sabbath laws that he willingly paid more for some articles of food on Friday than he would have had to pay if he had waited a few hours until the Sabbath had dawned. In those days there were fortunetellers everywhere. The people often went to these men in hopes of finding out what would happen to them in the days and years to come. A rich

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Huntington, West Virginia—First Church recently closed the best revival meeting in many years, with Evangelist C. T. Corbett, and Curtis Brown, singer, as the special workers. These good men did some as fine preaching and singing as we have ever heard. The attendance was excellent, and eighty people knelt at the altar of prayer, seeking spiritual help; most of them prayed through to good victory. The people responded well to Brother Corbett's Bible-reading program, and read 109,422 verses during the meeting. Much of the success of this revival was achieved through the splendid co-operation on the part of the fine people of First Church. We have never enjoyed working for God and the people called Nazarenes more than we do now.—James A. Hamilton, Pastor.

Evangelist Dave Hall writes that he has an open date, May 13 to 24. Contact him, 629 E. Kansas, McPherson, Kansas.

Bradley, Illinois—Rev. and Mrs. David J. R. Spittal came to East Bradley Church as pastor from Vancouver, British Columbia, two months ago and already they have endeared themselves to the hearts of the people here. Since their coming, the Sunday-school attendance has doubled and the church has progressed spiritually and financially. The church board requested that the Spittals conduct a revival. This revival, which just closed, proved to be one of the best revivals in the history of the church. Brother Robert Pryor was our able song director and the Spittals furnished the music. Through the inspiring music, the singing, and the soul-searching messages, God was able to reach hearts and night after night His Spirit moved among us. Even though the services have drawn to a close, we feel that the revival is not over. We anticipate great things for East Bradley.—Catherine Griffy, Secretary.

Warren, Ohio—The Bolindale Church recently closed a very successful meeting with Evangelist Leila Dell Miller. We had the largest attendance in years, and the altar was lined night after night with souls earnestly seeking God. The messages presented by the evangelist were without compromise and were appealing. We are in our third year as pastor of this church and have received a very fine vote for another year. We have a fine new church building in a growing community, and feel there are great days ahead for our church. We have four churches in this city of 50,000 population and each one has a new church building. Surely God is blessing the Nazarenes in Warren. We are now engaged in a Christian Service Training Institute for the Warren Zone in

our Warren First Church. We feel there are better days for all of our churches through trained workers to further God's work in this area.—V. L. Vaughn, Pastor.

Dodge City, Kansas—Our hearts were recently made heavy when the news reached us that we were losing our pastor, Rev. D. D. Lewis, and family, who has accepted a call to the First Church in Lexington, Kentucky. It was utterly impossible to understand, when the church was moving along in such a splendid way under the capable leadership of Brother Lewis, that God should see fit to make the change at this time. However, we are trusting God, who doeth all things well, to fulfill His will. God's holy presence was manifested in each of our services and for the past several weeks, both morning and evening, we've had seekers at our altar, and God has drawn us so much closer together in unity and love. The last service with Brother Lewis was one long to be remembered because of the keenly felt presence of the precious Holy Spirit when our hearts were so wonderfully blessed and the altar was lined with seekers praying through to definite victory. Because of our great love and high esteem for Brother Lewis, the church board voted to give him a love offering of \$1,000.00 to help him in his new endeavor. Our prayers go with the Lewis family that God will supply every need and make them a blessing.—Bernice Anders, Secretary Church Board.

Alva, Oklahoma—The Cora Church recently closed one of the greatest revivals in the twenty-nine years of the history of this church with Evangelists Paul and Hallie Smith. Night after night God came with power to save and sanctify. The ministry of Brother Smith revived the church to the extent that after all these years of worshiping in a basement we are going to build a new church and parsonage. On the last Sunday in the afternoon service, Brother Smith introduced the "Lord's acre" plan and the church gave cash and pledges in the amount of \$2,188.00; and the amount pledged in labor was \$1,172.00. We received four adults into church membership. The Smiths surely know how to pray, sing, and preach until God gives victory.—Clay Cocannouer, Pastor.

Chelyan, West Virginia—In February our church had a good revival with Rev. Harold Runyan as evangelist and the Joybeams as special singers. We appreciated the burden for souls and the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon these workers. New people were won to the Lord, backsliders reclaimed, and the church moved up closer to the Lord. We have recently given our pastor, Rev. Ira E. Fowler, who came to us six months ago from

the evangelistic field, a three-year recall. He is an outstanding Bible preacher and an energetic worker, pushing all departments of the church, visiting in the community, and making plans to improve and enlarge our place of worship. We are in a ten-week Sunday-school contest with Valley Grove Church and believe that through visitation and prayer souls can be won to the Lord.—C. C. Murrill, Secretary.

Decatur, Alabama—Recently we conducted a revival with thirteen-year-old Miss Sandra Cox. Sandra preached each night to a house packed to capacity, and there were wonderful altar services with around 85 souls finding victory. Sandra and her mother sing, and Sandra plays the piano and also the autoharp. Our church has moved up in six months from an average of 30 to an average of 189 in January and 196 in February. We praise God for every blessing and the wonderful way our church is progressing. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. W. R. Sessions, and his good family.—Reporter.

Manchester, Alabama—God is blessing us in a great way here. For the last three weeks we have not had a barren service. We reached our district quota for HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions, and now are working on the drive for *Other Sheep* subscriptions. In a recent board meeting the church board and pastor voted to stand by the general and district program one hundred per cent, and God has honored us with souls since that vote. We have a wonderful pastor, Rev. Mrs. Pearl Claborn, and her husband is a great asset to the church. She also is district N.F.M.S. president and is constantly at work.—Mrs. Walter Key, Secretary.

Salamanca, New York—The Seneca Indian Church on the Pittsburgh District has had a time of refreshing in the Lord. The Lord showered His blessing upon us in an unusual way, as Brother L. J. Dunham of Illinois brought heart-stirring messages under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Several of our Seneca Indians came to an altar of prayer. The Holy Spirit was faithful as He came in convicting power both for salvation and heart cleansing. Our hearts were blessed as Brother and Sister Dunham and their little daughter, Orella, brought messages in song, and our Seneca Indians sang hymns in their language. Since our coming here in August of 1950, God has marvelously blessed us and our people. We have a basement church and parsonage, free of debt. The Lord willing, we hope to build the top structure within the next year, as we need more room for Sunday-school classes. The people of the Pittsburgh District, under Superintendent Heintlein, have been good to us. A special word of appreciation should go to the Warren Zone; by their prayers, donated labor, and offerings, this mission was made possible. The willingness

and faithfulness of our own Indian people should be mentioned; they are always willing to help in any way they can. Surely God has been good to us, for which we are glad. Pray for us that the Lord may be magnified among our Seneca Indians.—Ed. and Esther Timmer.

Waldron, Arkansas—We came to this church last December 17 and found a fine group of Nazarenes. God has helped us and the people are standing by the entire program. We recently closed a good revival with Rev. Harold Thompson as the evangelist. Many received definite spiritual help during the meeting, and a class of nine was received into the church. The pastor and family were given a nice love offering. Our Sunday-school attendance is increasing each month. Much credit is ascribed to the former pastor, Rev. George Langford, who served this church for sixteen years and did a great work. He left a good feeling in the town and a good foundation on which to build. God is blessing and we are looking to Him for guidance.—C. H. Porter, Pastor.

Bethany, Oklahoma—Williams Memorial Church has recently closed an excellent revival with Rev. M. L. Turbyfill as evangelist. Mrs. Turbyfill is a very attractive chalk artist who gives her pictures each night to the person bringing the most people to the service. The Turbyfills have plans, and work their plans. The music was under the leadership of Calvin and Marjorie Jantz. They are good musicians, help in the altar service, and have a wonderful spirit. They were a great asset to the revival. There were near 50 professions, and we have received 10 persons into membership. This church is two years and four months old and we are in our fourth month of being the largest Sunday school on the district, outside of Bethany College Church, which is the largest in the movement. Last week 51 persons made 153 calls; a number equal to 35 per cent of the church membership were calling. During the life of the church nearly 400 people have professed to find God at our altar, and we believe calling has done it. Calling will make the difference any place.—Frank McConnell, Pastor.

Orofino, Idaho—Our church has enjoyed three of the finest revivals in its history during the past few months. Last fall the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ball was used of God to reach a number of fine new families for the Lord. Some fine adult Christians were added to the church as a result of this meeting, and the entire church raised to a higher level of spiritual achievement. In January, six fine young people from the Northwest Nazarene College Christian Workers' Band were with us for a four-day youth crusade. God wonderfully blessed the services and a number sought the Lord for pardon and purity. On March 1, we closed a good meeting

with Rev. Ray Harrison, which ended with a marvelous manifestation of God's presence. Brother Harrison's anointed singing, strong preaching, and tender spirit were both a blessing and a challenge to the church. God broke through in a wonderful way and saved some of those for whom the church has been praying for years. God is blessing and the church is moving forward for the Lord.—M. Archie Wilson, Jr., Pastor.

Evangelist M. V. Bass writes: "Because of some changes which had to be made, I have an open date for a revival, June 30 to July 12. I shall be glad to slate this time wherever the Lord may open the door. Write me at my home address, 18616 Riverview, Detroit 19, Michigan."

Rev. V. S. Rushing reports from Selma, Alabama: "We came to this church on the first Sunday in January, 1952. We have had fifteen months of wonderful fellowship and service with the people of the church. The people have co-operated one hundred per cent with the general, district, and local program of the church and stood by the pastor. As a result of this, the spiritual tide of the church has continually deepened, and numerical and financial gains have been made. Recently, another Sunday-school annex has been added with eight rooms, and a 24 x 36 auditorium and two rest rooms. This gives adequate facilities now for a fine Sunday school in this church. This is one of the older churches on the Alabama District and has had many fine and loyal pastors in the past. We are returning to the evangelistic field April 1. We have spent nine years in evangelism and nine pastoring and we feel that we have an understanding of the work in both fields. We will be glad to serve anywhere the Lord wills."

Speed, Kansas—We have recently had a very fine series of meetings with Rev. Tommy Korb, an eighteen-year-old evangelist, and Brother and Sister Lloyd Speicher as musicians. God's presence was beautifully manifested in the services and souls sought and found Him. Four fine new members were received into the church on the closing night of the revival. These consecrated workers have a real burden for the lost. My wife and I have enjoyed the last six months, which we have spent pastoring this newly organized church. These are real Nazarenes and are co-operating, praying, and working to win souls and build the kingdom of God. The Church of the Nazarene was organized here last September, and has shown commendable progress along every line. Our Sunday-school average for September was thirty, increasing to fifty-three for February. A new record was established with sixty-eight present on February 22, the closing Sunday of our meeting with Brother Korb and the Speichers.—J. M. Gleason, Pastor.

Rev. Louis Novotny writes: "I am an elder and commissioned evangelist on the Michigan District, and have served as both pastor and evangelist. I am now making up my slate as a full-time evangelist, and have some open dates after May 3; will be glad to go anywhere. Write me, R. R., Lake Odessa, Michigan."

Evangelists Harold and Mae Willis write: "We will be in a meeting in Nevada, Missouri, April 8 to 19. Because of a cancellation, we have an open date after that—April 22 to May 3. Write us, % our publishing house."

Brother "Jim" Crider writes: "Wife (Janet) and I are entering the field as full-time song evangelists. Since I have been home only six weeks from serving with the U.S. Army in Japan, we have most of the summer and early fall open. Before entering the army I attended our Trevecca Nazarene College, and also was a member of the 'Harmony Four Quartet.' We shall be happy to work in any church regardless of size or location. Write us, 5509 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis, Indiana."

Arpelar, Oklahoma—We have recently closed one of the best revivals that I have been in anywhere with Rev. Emmett E. Taylor; his wife assisted in part of the meeting. We saw our altar lined and relined, with fifty-nine people receiving help during this wonderful revival; also new members were received into our church. Our church has been helped as a whole and we have a brighter outlook for the future. The messages were preached under the unction of the Holy Spirit. We love our church and appreciate the token of love that the people gave us in the love offering for Wife and me—a new wardrobe before the revival started.—Olen Emory, Pastor.

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Evangelist D. D. Berry writes: "I have been speaking in several of our churches during the winter, and at this writing am in a revival with our church in Boyne City, Michigan, where Rev. W. G. Foote is pastor. I go next to Cadillac, for my third time with our Cherry Grove Church: have engagements through April, then have open time in May and for two weeks in June. Write me, Route 1, Walker-ville, Michigan."

Pastor Veryl W. Jenkins reports: "I came to the church in Westerville, Ohio, on May 29, 1949, and found a small but courageous group of people. In two years' time, the church debt of \$2,500.00 was paid off, and the mortgage burned, with our district superintendent, Dr. H. S. Galloway, in charge. That first year we realized a 30 per cent gain in Sunday-school attendance, and all other departments showed a marked increase. Each year found all budgets paid in full, and this small but dedicated group paid into world-wide evangelism \$1,119.00—14 per cent of total income given for the wonderful cause of missions for 1951-52. We learned to love these fine people. We were pleasantly successful with the junior church and the Nazarene Caravan work. After three and one-half years, we felt led of the Lord to accept the call to our church in Cardington, Ohio."

Evangelist Thomas Hayes writes: "I have not been well in body now for several months and I do want to be at my best in the great work that God has called me to do as an evangelist in our church. I am asking our Nazarenes to pray that God will completely heal my body; I shall have to have an operation unless God undertakes. I do believe He is able and willing. I am now in the beginning of a meeting with Pastor William McKee and the church in El Monte, California."

Mt. Scott Church, Portland, Oregon—We are closing a six-year ministry here next month, having accepted a call to the church at Modesto, California. God has been wonderfully good to us during our stay with the fine Nazarenes and friends of this church. Our people have stood by their pastor and his wife in every way and know how to work together to build God's work. We appreciate the Mt. Scott people. Each year God has given good gains in all departments. The future of the church is bright. We had one of the best revival campaigns we have ever had during the month of February with Evangelist J. E. Williams. His preaching was God-anointed and the results were splendid. Attendance was good, finances came easily, and many souls prayed through to victory at the altar. We praise God for all His blessings.—Lawrence H. Bone, Pastor.

Canadian Nazarene College

The Board of Governors of Canadian Nazarene College, representing the four western provinces of Canada, met in their annual session March 3 and 4. Dr. Edward Lawlor presided with grace and efficiency; he was re-elected for another term.

President Arnold Airhart reported gains in all departments and concluded with recommendations for much-needed future expansion. His report, more than ever, convinced the board that God had surely supplied the right man for this tremendous job. The college is in a better financial condition now than it has been for years. This is remarkable when one considers the small constituency from which Canadian Nazarene College receives its support. This also speaks well for the sacrificial giving and loyal support of the Canadian people.

Mrs. E. D. Kaechele, high school principal, in her report stated that the high school department was the recipient of high recommendation by the inspectors of the Alberta Department of Education. There are about sixty students in this department, which is fully accredited by the Province of Alberta.

It was the privilege of the Board of Governors to take charge of the chapel service on Wednesday. The presence of the Lord was manifest as they worshipped with the students.

More than ever the need for Canadian Nazarene College is realized. If the banner of holiness and the Church of the Nazarene is to spread across Canada and reach the many home-mission fields of this great country, we

must increasingly turn to C.N.C. Expansion must take place—the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. Pray for C.N.C.

RICHARD J. KISSEE, Reporter

Kansas District Preachers' Convention

The Kansas District preachers' convention, February 9 to 11, held in Hutchinson First Church, was one blessed of God, and was of untold benefit to the preachers of the district. District Superintendent Ray Hance ably led the meeting, having a program that challenged the Kansas ministers to do more in their fields.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool was graciously used of the Lord in proclaiming searching truths in a unique way. Dr. Ralph Earle brought three fine messages on the subject, "Preaching Holiness from the New Testament." Rev. Allen Miller, pastor of Central Church in Kansas City, spoke in the interest of the Sunday school; his message was indeed helpful. Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president, laid upon the hearts of all the value and needs of our Bethany-Peniel College.

We are grateful to God for the leadership we have in the Church of the Nazarene.

CLIFTON NORELL, District Secretary

Colorado Preachers' Convention

Everyone who attended the Preachers' Convention at Boulder, Colorado, seems to feel that it was the best ever. Our special workers were Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. W. T. Purkiser, Rev. H. C. Litle, and Mrs. Orpha Cook.

Monday night and Tuesday were given to the interests of the Sunday school. Our chairman of the District Church School Board, Rev. James Barr, had a well-arranged program with papers and seminars covering various subjects. Highlighting this part of the convention were the addresses of Rev. H. C. Litle and Dr. Purkiser, president of Pasadena College.

The convention proper began Tuesday night with our district superintendent, Rev. C. B. Cox, presiding. Doctor Young brought a wonderful message. For the remaining part of the convention Brother Cox had arranged for papers and addresses on topics of great interest and inspiration, including "The Technique of Hospital Calls," by Doctor Verploeg; "The Public Needs Both of Us," by Mr. John Allardice, local mortician; "The Pastor and Church Business," by Mr. J. Nelson Truitt, attorney at law; "The Preacher and His Own Generation," by Doctor Purkiser; "Message to Preachers' Wives," by Mrs. Orpha Cook; and others by pastors of the district. One evening service was given to the interests of foreign missions with Mrs. Orpha Cook as speaker.

Music throughout the convention was under the direction of Marshall Griffith, assistant pastor of Pueblo First Church. Mrs. M. G. Bassett, of Longmont, was pianist. We shall long remember the messages of Doctor Young, inspiring, encouraging,



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thought-provoking. We are happy with our leaders, general and district. We shall never be the same. The church at Boulder was very happy to entertain such a crowd.

EARL C. WILLIAMS,
Host Pastor and Reporter

South Carolina Preachers' Convention

The Annual Preachers' Convention of the South Carolina District convened March 3 to 5 at the Naval Base Church in Charleston. The host pastor, Rev. W. Boyd Welch, and the cordial friendship of his wonderful people, made our visit to this old historical city a gracious period of fellowship.

It was a time of inspiration and blessings, with all the papers and discussions centering around: "The Pastor a Soul Winner," "The Pastor and the District Programs," "The Pastor's Part in Revivals," "Prayer, Visitation, and Study," etc., closing with a paper on "Why Some Preachers Fail."

The district superintendent, Rev. D. W. Thaxton, presided at each session with grace and efficiency. He inspired our people to make this our best year.

It was a delight to have Rev. J. W. Short, superintendent of the Indianapolis District, as guest speaker. This pioneer of our church won his way into the hearts of our people with his unique, Spirit-anointed messages. The Spirit of God was wonderfully manifested in our midst and on several occasions glorious shouts of victory prevailed in our services. Our pastors and laymen left this convention with a broader vision, more encouraged, enlightened, and inspired, with the glory of God flooding their souls.

The "Singing Smiths," of Winnsboro, sang with the Spirit of God upon their singing and created a blessed atmosphere.

MRS. VIVIAN H. PRESSLEY, Reporter

South African District Assembly

The third annual district assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in South Africa was held at Vereeniging, Transvaal, on Friday, November 7, 1952. The entertaining church was the Three Rivers congregation, of which the Rev. J. MacLachlan is the pastor.

On the Thursday preceding the Assembly, the W.F.M.S. held their first district convention under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. H. Strickland, the president. In the afternoon the N.Y. P.S. held their second district convention under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. D. Botha, who was heartily re-elected as president for another year. The high light of the day was a challenging message brought by Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt.

The business of the Assembly was under the chairmanship of the general superintendent, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, who was unexpectedly able to be with us this year on account of the incorporation of the International Holiness Mission. The messages of Dr. Powers meant much to us. In addition to the

message delivered to the Assembly, Dr. Powers addressed three public meetings in a beautiful new Presbyterian church. Delegates, representing fifteen churches, came from all four provinces of the Union of South Africa as well as Portuguese East Africa.

Perhaps the most far-reaching event of the Assembly was the appointment of a Governing Council for the proposed Bible college which is to be opened in Potchefstroom for the training of our future Nazarene pastors. The need is very great, and our people in South Africa are very much indebted to the N.Y.P.S. for taking this matter under their wings. Some fine young people are offering for our ministry, and it will mean much to the work if they can receive a Nazarene training.

The contribution of the churches to world evangelism (1964) was far more than double that of the previous year, indicating that our people in South Africa are catching the vision of world evangelism. It was a great moment when the Rev. J. MacLachlan announced that the Three Rivers congregation would become financially self-supporting as from January 1. This is the first church in South Africa, supporting a pastor, to achieve this standing, while the R. T. Williams Memorial Afrikaans medium church at Vanderbijl Park is making great strides in the same direction. A motion prevailed asking Dr. Powers to thank the general church for the fine assistance given to South Africa in order to make the organizing of the European work of the Church of the Nazarene possible.

Once again the report of the district superintendent, Rev. C. H. Strickland, revealed that we have a leader in South Africa who is devoting all that he has in the cause of the kingdom of Christ and that he receives the backing of a wife who is just as selfless in her devotion to Christ. A touching side light of the Assembly was the dedi-

cation of the infant twin sons from the district manse; they were born while Brother Strickland was representing our district in the U.S.A. at the time of the General Assembly. We praised God just at that time for sparing Mrs. Strickland to her family and the church in South Africa.

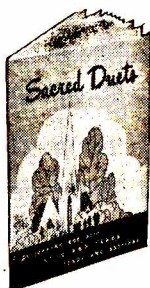
As the Assembly closed, we remembered those who had passed on during the year, they being Mrs. C. M. Rogers, a charter member of our English medium Church at Vanderbijl Park, and the mothers of two of our pastors: Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. F. Finnemore. In the evening Rev. C. D. Botha and Rev. J. F. Cronje were ordained by Dr. Powers, and Rev. C. J. Pass was recognized as an elder. We now have ten elders in the South African District.

STAFFORD FINNEMORE, Reporter

DEATHS

MRS. MABLE DORA LINTZ was born February 14, 1890, at Beresford, South Dakota, and died very suddenly in her home, February 9, 1953, in Nampa, Idaho. In 1924 she was united in marriage to Rev. Herman A. Lintz at Ellendale, North Dakota. Together they served in Nazarene pastorates in North Dakota and Nebraska, and moved to Nampa in 1945. She was a member of the Northside Church of the Nazarene here. She was active in her home and in the work of the church right up to the end. Her life was lived to the full in radiant service to the Lord she loved and served. Those who knew her will always remember her gracious smile, her songs of victory, her hands of loving service, and her heart of deep compassion for those in need of spiritual help. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Rev. Herman A. Lintz, of Nampa; a son, Robert P. Lintz, with the U.S. Navy in Korea; and one daughter, Mrs. Eunice I. Bullock, of Nampa.

MRS. BLANCHE HOWLAND HORTON, daughter of the late Lawrence and Emma Howland, was born November 5, 1892, and died in Hillsdale, Michigan, February 13, 1953. When Blanche was fifteen years old, she gave her heart to Jesus, and later allowed the Holy Spirit to sanctify her heart holy in the sight of God. Her desire to live a consecrated life led her to study at God's Bible School. After graduating from this school she worked as a missionary in the mountains of Kentucky. In 1940 she came to Hillsdale, Michigan, when her sister, Mrs. Mary Howland Smith, became pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. Here for twelve years she worked in the church, counseling, teaching, pray-



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ing, and winning many souls to Jesus. Soon after her marriage to Roy Horton, she was stricken with a dread disease, which finally claimed her life. But through all her suffering and pain, on her lips was always the praise of God. Truly she will be missed by all. Funeral service was conducted in the Hillsdale Church of the Nazarene with the pastor, assisted by Rev. Harold Wood, former pastor, and Rev. C. Harwood, a friend, officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Reading, Michigan, cemetery.

MRS. MATILDA (ALLEN) ELLIS, died February 12. She was living in the Women's Confederate Home in Austin, Texas; had been there for the past four years. She was the wife of a Confederate veteran who served under General Robert E. Lee. At the time of her going she was the oldest member of the Church of the Nazarene; for she was 102 last September. She is survived by four daughters, sixteen grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. No one seems to know when she became a member of the church, but she was a member at the time of her going; and her pastor, Rev. A. L. Dennis, First Church of the Nazarene, Austin, preached the sermon. She was laid to rest in the State Cemetery for Confederate Veterans in the city of Austin, Texas.

MRS. LOLA B. VENABLE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thornburg, of Grants Pass, Oregon, was born May 25, 1908, in Francis, Oklahoma, and died February 3, 1953, at Grants Pass, Oregon. Lola was united in marriage to Mr. Wiley R. Venable October 17, 1927, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and to this union was born one son. Mrs. Venable came to know the Lord early in life, was practically raised in the Church of the Nazarene, in which she became a worker, leading prayer meetings and serving in the capacity of young people's president, Sunday-school secretary and treasurer, and Sunday-school teacher. She was greatly respected and loved, and

her judgment and advice were often sought by her relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by her faithful and kind companion, Wiley Venable; a loving son, Loren Russel; her father and mother; two brothers; and two sisters.

MRS. SARAH NEVILS SMITH was born August 27, 1887, at Register, Georgia, and passed to her reward at Lyons, Georgia, December 18, 1952. She was married to Raymond Dwight Smith January 24, 1904, from which union there were eight children. Early in her married life she, with her husband, was brought under the gospel of holiness and into the Church of the Nazarene through the preaching of Rev. Walter Hanson. At the time of her death she held membership in the Central Church of Savannah. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Eason. Assisting the pastor were Dr. F. E. Smith and Rev. J. D. Rayburn of the Baptist church, Rev. W. W. Whaley of the Methodist church, and Rev. Lester Powell of the Holiness Baptist church. Interment was in the Lyons cemetery.

ALBERT THEROU was born January 1, 1916, in Kinsella, Alberta, and died February 2, 1953, in the hospital in Edmonton, Alberta. On October 14, 1939, he was united in marriage to Anne Pauline Langrud, and to this union three sons were born. During World War II Albert served three years in the Royal Canadian Air Force and upon discharge returned to his civilian profession of teaching. Recently he resigned from the teaching profession to enter ministerial studies, but failing health forced a postponement. He was a member of the Loughheed Church of the Nazarene and for the past two years held a local preacher's license. Albert loved the Church of the Nazarene and the cause for which she stood; he was an outstanding man of faith and prayer, and those who knew him will not soon forget his remarkable accomplishments. Besides his father and stemother, he leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Pauline; his sons: Laurence, ten; Vic-

tor, nine; and Phillip, four; three brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Norman Grainger of Fairview, Montana, assisted by Rev. R. Quantz, with interment in the Loughheed cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

I am happy to recommend Rev. V. S. Rushing to our people everywhere. He has had many years' experience as evangelist, and has done excellent work as pastor. Mrs. Rushing is an excellent pianist, and the Rushings carry an excellent musical and singing program. Their address is 1980 Speigle St., Montgomery, Alabama.—C. E. Shumake, Superintendent of Alabama District.

The Rushing Family is re-entering the field of evangelism. They are splendid musicians upon numerous instruments, and are excellent singers. My highest recommendation is this: they are crowd-getters and their work is blessed of God. They are members of the Church of the Nazarene, and may be reached at King City, Missouri.—Russell V. DeLong, Dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

WEDDING BELLS

Rev. Arthur W. Gould, Nazarene pastor in Hammond, Indiana, and Mrs. Margaret K. Higgs, song evangelist, were united in marriage on March 15, in Wiley Chapel of First Church, Los Angeles, California, with Dr. M. Kimber Moulton officiating.

Martin William, Jr., of Pasadena, and Etta Mae Pickens of Eagle Rock, California, were united in marriage on March 7, in Central Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, with Rev. M. W. Gunn, Sr., father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. David L. Sharp.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Leonard T. Edwards, Jr., of Akron, Colorado, a daughter, Jane LaVon, on March 7.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ramon Vanderpool of Olathe, Kansas, a son, Douglas Neal, on February 20.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a brother in Pennsylvania for himself, for other folks to be saved, healed, and helped, also for the salvation of his folks;

by a Christian young woman in Illinois that God will undertake and bring about the desired adjustment and relationship with a friend—this would straighten up other difficulties that are confronting her at the present time;

by a lady in Ohio for her husband, who has been sick for some time and unable to work, that the Lord will heal him mentally and physically so he may be able to support his family, also that the Lord will touch her body;

by a friend in Indiana for the four-year-old daughter of a young couple—doctors seem unable to locate the trouble—that God will touch and heal the child—also for a special unspoken request;

by a lady in Washington who is being grievously tormented by the devil, that God will help her to be victorious and soon be able to return to service for Him;

by a brother in Kansas for "my father, who is critically ill and afflicted in the hospital, that if God sees best He will heal this one more time."

District Assembly Information

AKRON—Assembly, April 29 to May 3, at the Akron Armory, East Bowers and High Streets, Akron, Ohio. Entertaining pastor, Rev. C. D. Taylor, 569 Schiller Ave., Akron 10. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

SAN ANTONIO—Assembly, May 6 and 7, at the San Pedro Playhouse Auditorium, San Pedro Park, San Antonio, Texas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. Paul Tucker, 1737 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio (send all mail to the district superintendent). Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

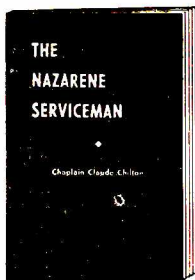
ALBANY—Assembly, May 7 and 8, at Plattsburg, New York. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Merwyn D. Gray, 5 Morrison Ave., Plattsburg. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

CANADA CENTRAL—Assembly, May 13 and 14, at Toronto St. Clair Church of the Nazarene, 1277 St. Clair Avenue, West Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Wm. Eckel, 161 Westmount Avenue, Toronto. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

ABILENE—Assembly, May 13 to 15, at the First Presbyterian Church, 10th and Bluff Sts., Wichita Falls, Texas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Buford Burger, 1106 Fifth, Wichita Falls. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

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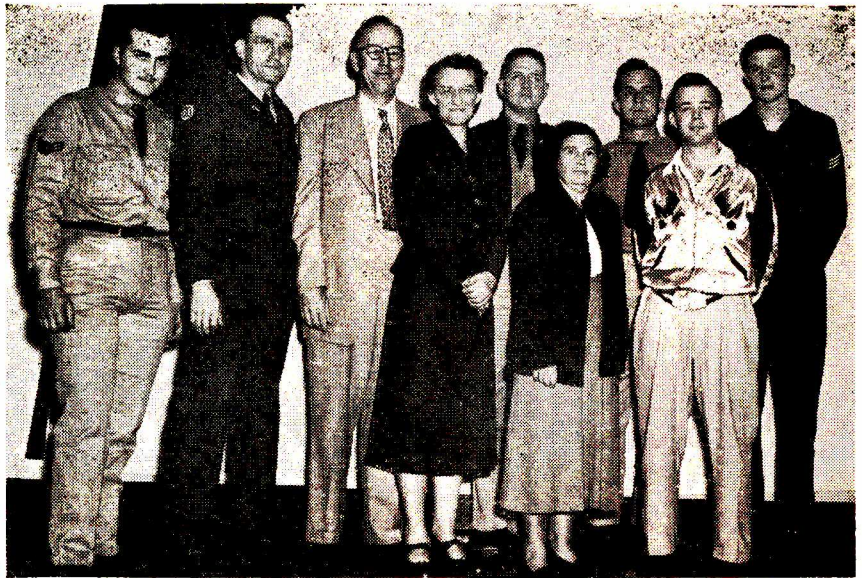
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 13 to 15, at Beulah Park, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. Paul Alexander, 2410 Gladys Ave., Santa Cruz. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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Alabama	July 8-10
Minnesota	July 22-23
Kansas	August 5-7
Iowa	August 12-14
Dallas	August 19-21
Northwest Oklahoma	September 16-17
North Carolina	September 23-24
South Carolina	Sept. 30—Oct. 1

CHAPLAIN Charles Crouch writes: "On February 27 God sent a blessing directly from heaven to us Nazarenes on Okinawa, in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Williamson, who stopped here for forty-five minutes on their way to Tokyo from the Philippines. Paul Bumpus, one of our energetic Nazarenes, persuaded Dr. Williamson to record an eight-minute sermon to be used on the Okinawa Youth for Christ broadcast on March 7. The Williamsons are just like long-time friends from the 'little Nazarene church back home.' Their genuine, joyous interest in us faraway children of the Nazarene family was a thrill to all of us. Mrs. Williamson recited the ninety-first psalm as only she can, and Dr. Williamson challenged and inspired us with his parting prayer. The accompanying picture was taken in the reception room at the Air Force Terminal Building, 27 February, 1953. Those pictured (from left to right) are: A/2C Sam Murray, Antigo, Wisconsin; Chaplain Crouch; Dr. and Mrs. Williamson; A1/C Paul Bumpus, Amherst, Massachusetts; Mrs. Ethyl Chapman, Tacoma, Washington; Cpl. Linton Drake, Jacksonville, Florida; A/2C Robert Morris, Ironton, Ohio; and Ronald Gourley, Moscow, Idaho. Other active Nazarenes on Okinawa

not pictured are: Viola Roberts, Melvin Leff, Bob and Letha Moutz, Doy Hinson, Ronald Jones, William Wilson, Lyman Sumdval, and Clarence Thompson. The church has every reason to be grateful to these young people who serve the Lord and their country on Okinawa.

"Our Sunday school, now with teen-age and adult classes, helps our entire program. More parents attend church. Our plans include one or even two daily vacation Bible schools this summer and maybe a young people's institute.

"Lt. Robert Lamb (Nazarene) dropped in from Clark Field on one of his periodic flights and assisted me in a prayer meeting.

"If all goes as planned, Mrs. Crouch and the girls will be with me soon.

"Moral conditions are deplorable here. It is hard even for good men, and conditions are not improving. Again I say, advise our people to get their young men established before they enter the service.

"Recently I made a survey of my unit. It revealed that less than 10 per cent of the Protestant men regularly attend chapel and that almost 90 per cent have never received any word from the pastor of their church. I wonder how our pastors stack up."



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Men as Trees Walking:

By R. B. Oliver*

He shall be like a tree (Psalms 1:3).

I. The Rebellious Jack Pine

IN HIS beautiful poem, "Trees," now set to music, Joyce Kilmer, the author, muses that he never expects to see a poem as lovely as a tree. He pictures the tree as a gently nursing child of Mother Earth; as a child of the Heavenly Father, with its arms raised in prayer. He sees the tree as a beauty-loving person, wearing ornaments of nesting robins in her hair; he imagines the trees as people reacting to snow and rain, joy and pain. He ends this delightful ode to God's most noble creation on a high note: "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

The tree is one of God's great gifts to man. The Lord must like trees, too, since He refers to them so often in Sacred Writ. He first makes mention of trees just eleven verses from the beginning of the Book of Genesis. The last reference is in the last chapter of Revelation. In between we find man likened to trees, described as trees, and associated with trees, from the fall in the Garden to his final redemption and the partaking of the tree of life in the New Jerusalem. Man's redemption was purchased on a tree.

Both the righteous and the wicked are described by being compared to trees. When the Psalmist, for instance, says, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon," it is more than a simile. We can be assured that an examination of the characteristics of these trees will reveal them descriptive of the godly.

Many other writers of the Bible use the tree in describing man, including the prophets and some of the writers of the Epistles. Jesus not only likened men to trees, but their deeds to the fruit, and gave this as a sure way of determining their moral and spiritual condition. The blind man whom Jesus healed at Bethsaida said, "I see men as trees, walking."

The tree can be likened to man in several ways. Man is a triune being, consisting of body, soul, and spirit. The tree is triune, composed of bark, wood, and leaves. Man's body is made up of bone, tissue, and blood. The tree is composed of bark, sap, and heart. Physically, man is body, head, and limbs. The tree's counterpart is roots, body, and limbs. We often compare a strong,

well-established Christian to a tree when we say he is "rooted and grounded" in the things of God. We will see just how much like trees man is, in this and the succeeding articles.

In the Sierras of California there are three different varieties of the pine tree, whose habits, characteristics, and reactions resemble those of the sinner, the unsanctified, and the wholly sanctified Christian. "He shall be like a tree," is as true as the Word from which it comes.

In the foothills and the lower levels of these magnificent mountains grows the jack pine. It is in complete rebellion against all that is good and beautiful and fine in the hill country. It grows with such a resistance to the elements—even though its climatic belt is ideal, being above the fog-line and below the snow-line—it can serve no useful purpose in the world. Its wood is useless; it cannot be used for either firewood or lumber. The wood is so twisted, or gnarled, so warped, that it is next to impossible to split it. The tree grows so crookedly, and with such a lack of symmetry, that it cannot be sawed into lumber, and would twist and warp out of shape if it could be.

At the least injury, the jack pine retaliates, and tries to defend itself by weeping and exuding copious amounts of thick, sticky, contaminating pitch. Even its pine nuts cannot be gathered. Its seed cones are covered with pitch and sharp, thorny spikes. The jack pine is a rebel; it is degenerate, and completely out of harmony with God's creation.

"He shall be like a tree." The unrepentant sinner is like his type, the jack pine. Man in his rebellion is twisted in his thinking. His moral nature is crooked. His motives are warped, and his life is snarled. At the least injury or rebuff, out flow hate, cursings, malice, envy, vileness, and a desire to get even. He lives in resistance to things pure and holy. The sunshine of God's love is shed upon him to no avail. He seeks the lower levels of life, and is profligate with all God's benefits.

What a sad state for both trees and lives that could be beautiful and useful! "And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking" (Mark 8:24).

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