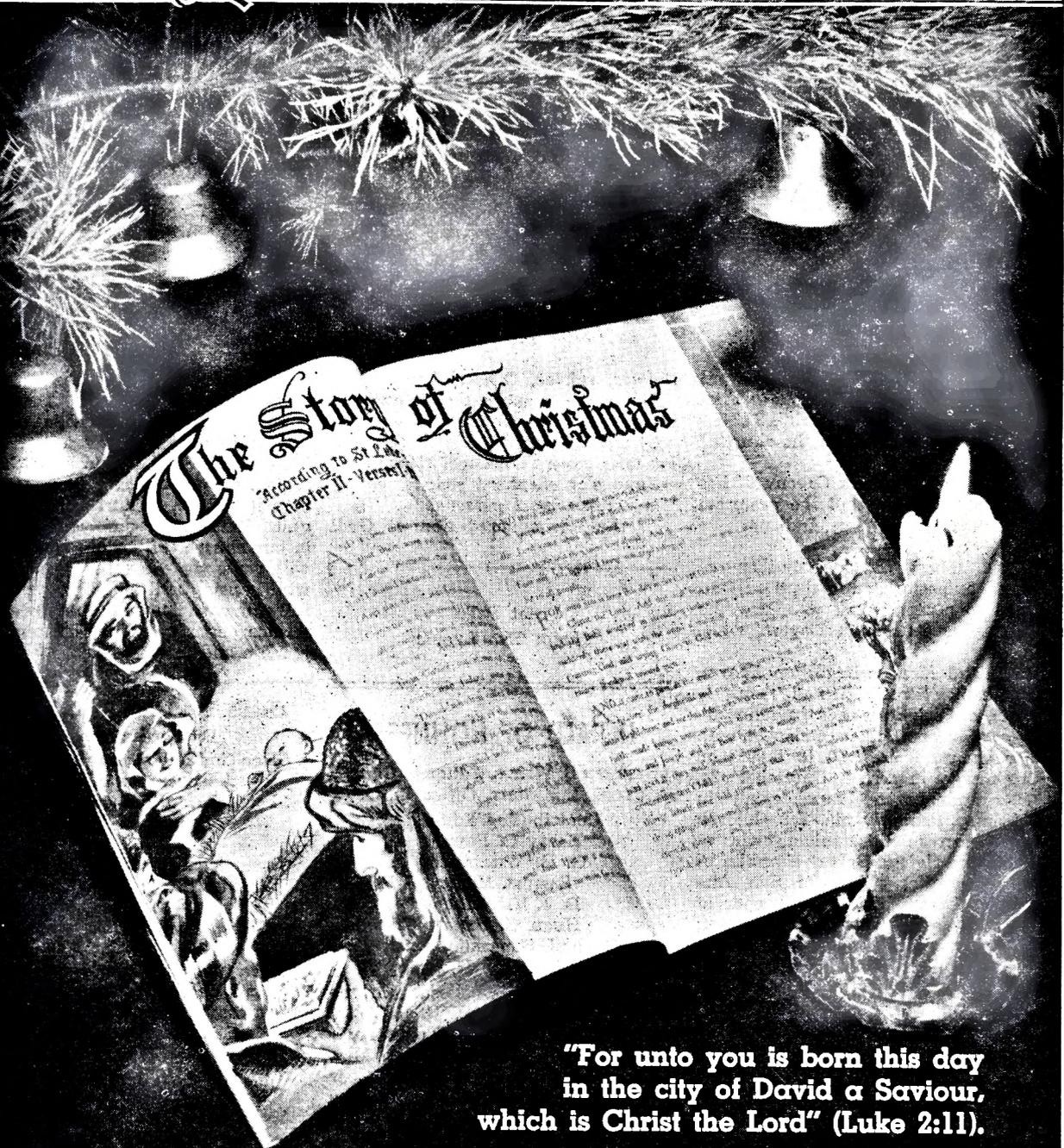




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"For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

## TELEGRAMS

Just returned from interior New Guinea. Spiritual need heartbreaking. Government officials have been most helpful and encourage us to come. Pray much for divine guidance.—  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT HARDY C. POWERS.

Louisville, Kentucky—On November 21 we closed a revival at Yosemite, Kentucky, and organized our fourth church since our district assembly in August, with 23 charter members. Rev. Virgil Anderson was appointed pastor. The Andersons did a very wonderful job in starting this work and building it up to the point where a good organization could be effected. They have already built a beautiful church that will seat 250; it is completely paid for. The outlook is bright for Yosemite.—D. D. LEWIS, Superintendent of Kentucky District.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. C. K. Spell, retired Nazarene elder of the Arizona District, died on December 2 at Glendale, Arizona. He and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on November 24.

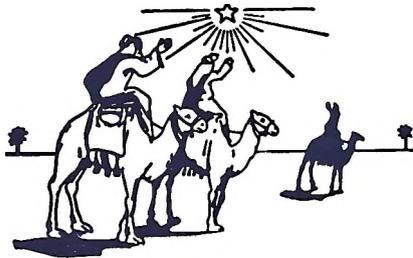
Pastor Virgil K. Grover sends word from Tacoma, Washington: "First Church Thanksgiving Offering, \$1,240.-00; greatest in history of the church."

Evangelist Frederick Greenwalt has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Selma, Indiana.

Rev. Robert W. McNeely has resigned as pastor of the church in St. Paris to accept a call to pastor the Northridge Church in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Milton Brown, 231 Juanita Street, Boswell, Pennsylvania, will celebrate their golden-wedding anniversary on December 24, with open house from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. They were married December 24, 1904, and began housekeeping in Salisbury, Pennsylvania. Ten children were born to this union, eight of whom are living: Robert Franklin of Salisbury; Harry Fay of San Antonio, Texas; Kenneth Elwood of Jerome; Joseph Irvin of Somerset; Mary Edna Ramsell of Lucerne Mines; Pearl Pauline Baraniak of Boswell; Rev. Paul Eugene, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Vidor, Texas; and Sgt. Glen Willard of Fort Carson, Colorado; also a foster daughter, Rita Kathleen Cramer, of South Gate, California. There are twenty-five grandchildren. Mr. Brown fol-

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## CHRISTMAS SONG

By Lyle Prescott

*Let every troubled heart  
Across this restless world  
Look now to humble Bethlehem,  
Where a Prince's flag's unfurled.  
He is the Prince of Peace;  
His standard is holiness.  
All who truly yield to Him  
He will surely bless.*

*Let every joyful heart  
In Jesus see its source;  
All life's truest gladness  
Through Him must take its course.  
The stars sang at creation,  
And angels at His birth;  
I too will sing at Christmas  
How Christ came down to earth.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O world!  
For peace is more than plan  
Born in stately conferences  
Of unavailing man.  
Peace is more than angel theme  
Sung o'er shepherd sod;  
'Tis become most personal  
In the unconquered Son of God!*

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lowed mining most of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Church of the Nazarene of Boswell, love the Lord, and their daily lives speak of the Saviour.

Rev. George D. Andrews has resigned as pastor of the church in Vernon to accept a call to pastor the church in Sweetwater, Texas.

Pastor Russell E. Lewis sends word from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: "Lincoln Place Church had fine revival in November with Evangelist Howard T. Lewis. God blessed in a wonderful way. Sunday-school rally with 244 present. Sunday school leading the district in increase over last year. On November 28 received \$600.00 for world-wide missions. The church is moving forward under God's anointing."

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Meredith celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 10. They were honored with an open house at the home of their son, R. W. Meredith. The Merediths are members of First Church of the Nazarene in Lansing, Michigan. Their address is 1900 Kaplan Street, Lansing 15.

Pastor M. R. Korody sends word from Anchorage, Alaska: "There are many servicemen and families coming to Alaska; in Anchorage we have Elmendorf A.F. Base and Ft. Richardson army base. Some have started, then joined other churches; some just quit. Let's keep our young people in our church. If pastors and parents will write us, we'll be glad to help with housing and other problems. A fully departmentized church awaits service personnel, plus Nazarene fellowship and inspiration."

## God's Eye Is on the Sparrow By Bertha Meyer

*Since God's eye is on the sparrow,  
Need I ever anxious be?  
Should I needless trouble borrow  
When I know He cares for me?*

*Since God's eye is on the sparrow  
And all things are in His hands,  
I will trust Him for tomorrow,  
Gladly heeding His commands.*

*Since God's eye is on the sparrow  
And He watches over all,  
I can walk the path, tho' narrow,  
Knowing He'll not let me fall.*

*Yes! God's eye is on the sparrow  
And He watches over me;  
So I'll trust Him, ever trust Him,  
Since I know He cares for me!*

## Visiting Puerto Rico

General Superintendent Young

**L**AST Friday (November 19) I presided at the annual Puerto Rican district assembly. The gains in general were small, but the unity of the district under the leadership of Superintendent Hampton is gratifying. Three new missions were started during the year and one of these is nearly ripe for church organization. The N.Y.P.S. and N.F.M.S. held their annual conventions on Saturday. I spoke to the combined groups in the morning, and dedicated Third Church, San Juan, (where the assembly convened) that night.

Sunday I spoke three times. In the evening service at Carolina, where Rev. and Mrs. William Porter, our new missionaries, are pastors, there was an altar full of seekers, several of them new people. Carolina is averaging more than 150 in Sunday school and the work here has taken on new life. Their young people are enthusiastic Christian workers.

In Ponce, at the southern end of the island, a new church building is under construction. I was unable to visit it for lack of time.

The Hamptons and the Porters are making a grand team. They are working together with love and confidence. The Porters also have charge of the Bible school which is now in operation in Second Church, San Juan, on a part-time basis. We have sixteen students, but only a fraction of these have a definite call to service. Pray that God will lay His hands on some of these young people for full-time Christian service.

I met Miss Violet Balwit, formerly of Eastern Nazarene College. She is teaching in the grade school for the U.S. military. She is also teaching a Sunday-school class and playing the piano in Third Church, San Juan. A true Nazarene is a worker and a soul winner at home or abroad. Such is Violet Balwit.

Let the Crusade go on!

Jesus is not on trial today—I am. I can travel the line of least resistance, which will carry me down to selfishness and then its outward manifestations, lies, murder, and other such sins. Or I can choose to follow Him, and my outward manifestations will be the fruit of the Spirit.—VICTOR SCHROEDER.

## Christ in Prophecy

By Fred Reedy\*

**T**HE REDEMPTION of mankind from all sin by a personal, divine Saviour is the golden thread running through the entire Bible. In the Old Testament all reference to a Saviour is prophetic. From the shadows of that sad evening in Eden's garden, when the first pair had failed to keep their daily tryst with God because their sin had rendered them unfit for His holy presence, came the voice of God in the first promise of redemption. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15).

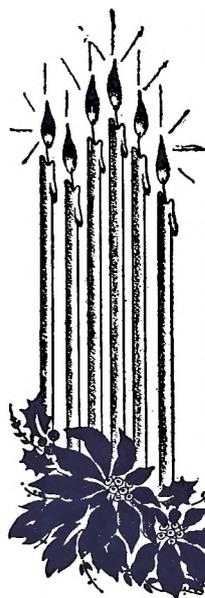
Adam attempted a humanly devised scheme of salvation when he made a covering of leaves for his nakedness and sin. At this point God began to reveal the cost of redemption by rejecting the man-made cover for sin, and established at once the immutable standard of a blood redemption (Gen. 3:21).

This standard was further established in God's dealing with Cain. His offering, the fruit of the ground, was rejected because it failed to meet the standard of a blood sacrifice. His brother, Abel, brought an offering of the firstlings of his flock (Gen. 4:4), which was accepted. From that time forth a blood sacrifice became the symbol of "the precious blood of Christ"—the Christ who was to become the all-sufficient Sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

The beautiful unfolding of the divine plan of redemption is further revealed in the call of God to Abraham: "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" (Gen. 12:1-3).

This nation, called Israel when God reaffirmed the promise to Jacob at Peniel, became the messenger of the covenant. Their theistic government, their forms of worship, their occupation as herdsmen, their relationship to neighboring nations, and their quest for a promised habitation, all bore testimony to their divinely ordained mission, namely, to proclaim to the world the promise of God that in His appointed time a Redeemer would appear who should become the Saviour of their nation and of all nations who would believe on Him.

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Through type and symbol the covenant was proclaimed from one generation to another. In some periods of Israel's history the light of hope burned dimly. Periods of spiritual decline and defection to idolatry often brought judgment upon them; but in every generation a remnant remained faithful to the promise. Out of the darkness of these periods of backsliding the prophets of God emerged holding high the torch of truth. Their faithful declarations of the hope of Israel—the Hope of the world—stirred the hearts of their generations and kept alive the promise made from the beginning.

One glimpse of their coming Redeemer so fired the souls of these prophets with inspiration and hope that they described in startling detail the events of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ many centuries before they occurred. A vision of the coming Redeemer caused them to preach their most eloquent sermons and sing their most beautiful songs. The most beautiful literature in any and all language was inspired by a vision of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

How strange that Jesus was rejected by those who knew best the message of the prophets! It must have been because their eyes were blinded by their selfish desires for a prominent role in an earthly kingdom which they supposed He would establish. How strange they did not know He would be born of a virgin! Surely they had read Isa. 7:14. How strange they could not tell the wise men He was to be born in Bethlehem! Had they not read Mic. 5:2? Could they not see from the same verse of Micah's prophecy that He was the "everlasting" God made flesh and dwelling among men? How strange that they who accused Him of casting out devils by the prince of devils could not have seen His ministry of mercy described by David in the Psalms!

If those who crucified Jesus had taken their copies of Isaiah along with them to the courtroom, they could have read the whole story from the fifty-third chapter. They could have seen the Babe of Bethlehem in the "tender plant" of verse 2, as well as the lowly peasant life at Nazareth. They could have seen their own scornful attitude in verse 3. If they had read with unprejudiced minds, they would have understood the attitude of Jesus toward the soldiers who arrested Him in the garden. If they had had a little spiritual insight they would have known that He was not on trial before Pilate—rather the whole assembly, and the whole world, were on trial before an offended and just God, and Jesus was standing between God and a sin-benighted world offering himself to God as an atonement for their sin. How strange they did not recognize Him as their Messiah when they saw Him scourged and spit upon with never a word of resentment! How strange they did not bow before His cross in surrender and faith when they heard the most beautiful words that ever have fallen on human ear—"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34)!

Yes, their eyes were blinded by their selfishness and pride. They saw the greatest Hero the world ever will know. They saw the most beautiful Character that ever graced the soil of earth. They saw the "Lily of the Valley," the "Bright and Morning Star," the "Fairest of Ten Thousand"—but they did not really see Him because of the blindness of their hearts.

So it will be with many this Christmas season. They will see Jesus in picture, program, and song. They will talk Christmas, plan Christmas, and spend their energies in feverish celebration—but never once will they get a glimpse of the Holy One of Israel.

*All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Divine love is not limited to the comfort of oneself, but it is a force that constrains us or urges us to take the good news of salvation to others. It is a driving force that compels us to go into the highways and hedges seeking the lost; it embraces my neighbor too.—S. N. WHITCANACK.

## THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

By F. W. Davis



*'Twas a glorious event when Jesus was born  
In Bethlehem's manger one night;  
It prompted the angels in glory to sing  
Of Him, our Salvation and Light.*

*Their message of hope, broadcasted from heaven,  
And heralded throughout all the earth,  
Has lived through the ages to comfort and cheer  
While the world still honors His birth.*

*The Christ of the manger is the Hope of the world,  
So wrecked by chaos and sin;  
He offers His pardon and wonderful peace  
To all the children of men.*

*Let monarchs and kingdoms fall down at His feet,  
In humiliation and prayer,  
And honor the Ruler of earth and the sky,  
Who holdeth all time in His care!*

# The Christ of History

By Robert W. Sheppard\*

**H**ISTORY's key figure is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Around His person, life, death, and resurrection have flowed the currents and countercurrents that have made the recorded histories of the nations of the world.

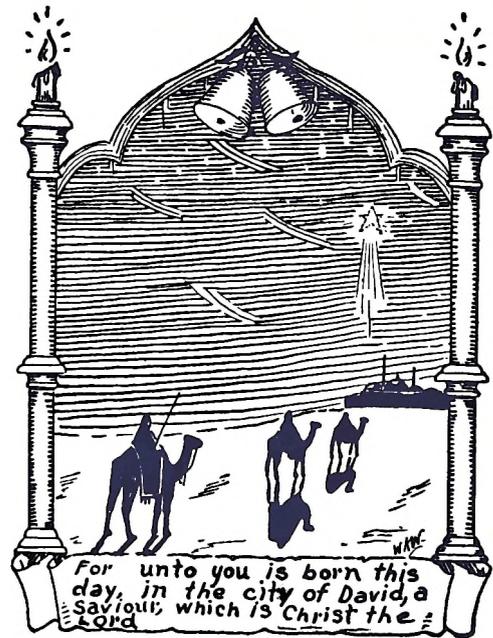
Born in obscurity, in the sleepy, Oriental village of Bethlehem, in the then all-but-forgotten land of Palestine, Jesus Christ nonetheless has profoundly influenced the undulating current of civilization's progress. Despite the fact that the event of His miraculous birth occurred more than nineteen hundred years ago, the history of the twentieth century is inextricably interwoven with His divine impact. And all the years between are stamped with the imprint of His power and authority in the affairs of men.

There are many others whose illustrious or infamous names have become synonymous with one event or another in the tortuous course of history. There are the mighty emperors of Rome; Atilla, the self-styled "Scourge of God"; the great Charlemagne; William the Conqueror; Martin Luther; Queen Elizabeth; John Wesley; George Washington; Napoleon Bonaparte—to mention just a few. In addition, there is the modern roster, with names familiar to all. All these have left an indelible influence on nations and men; but, when placed beside Jesus Christ, each made but small lasting contribution.

For though the recognized "greats" of history helped to shape the course of things and, in many cases, obtained what amounted to fanatical devotion from their followers, yet their influence was but for a day. The zeal of their followers soon flagged, and their outreach was limited to geographical areas. But the history-molding influence of the Son of God has had its realm in the hearts of men. His power to revolutionize human life by forgiving and cleansing sin, plus His purposeful challenge to a life of vital service, has known no limitations of time or clime. This power is universal in its appeal and application, and has been the vehicle of Christ's omnipresent impact on the course of history.

Jesus Christ has deigned to set up His kingdom in the personal, inner lives of men and for that reason He has been accorded a totally unmatched devotion and loyalty. He appeals to the true strengths of men and enforces His rule by love. His followers' stand for godliness and right became contagion itself, until the world has known the constant challenge of His will in private and national life. The truly great in every age have been followers of the lowly Nazarene. They have preserved society, have rolled back oppression, have breached the walls of ignorance and superstition, and have been His in-

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strument in helping God's kingdom to come "in earth, as it is in heaven."

The power and authority of Jesus Christ are observable in the historical annals of the early years of the Christian era. So strong were the devotion and zeal of the Christians in Rome, and so well did they exhibit their Christlike character traits, that, though they were opposed, persecuted, and subjected to terrible deaths for their faith, Christianity soon became the state religion. The subsequent conquests of "The Mistress of the World" were greatly affected by their belief. Christian missionaries carried the story of Christ and His redeeming power to every corner of the known world of that day.

The "Dark Ages" covered the civilized world as with a blight. Mistakenly, the Church had shut herself away from the world. Sin and error, darkness and superstition spread like wildfire, and society crumbled in decay. At this black moment in history God moved upon the lives of some of His earnest followers. The Protestant Reformation brought a new insistence upon the fundamentals of Christian experience. The gloom was dispelled by this signal emergence of the Christ into history's picture.

The great Wesleyan revival saved England from the throes of revolution, such as France had tasted, and made that country a bastion of Christian freedom. For the sake of religious freedom, America already had been colonized and settled, and she became a mighty force in perpetuating the Christian faith.

Modern days have witnessed the stresses and strains imposed upon the Christian structure by totalitarian regimes. Wars and irreligion have flourished. The outcome of the conflict has been decided through a call to genuine repentance and the re-emergence of Jesus Christ on the na-

tional and world scene through the hearts of individuals who sought the way of truth and light.

In our own country today, following the moral decline brought upon us by the last great war, we are seeing a revival of vital religion and are eyewitnesses of what purports to be the greatest movement toward God the world ever has known. This movement is bound to spread, for every true Christian is a witness of the good news of redemption. Future history will record this fact and will indicate its scope. Thus, *history's key figure is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

As we think on the Christmas story this year, may we realize the tremendous outreach of the life of that Babe, born in ostentatious simplicity so long ago. Let us rejoice in this glad knowledge, and adore and worship the history-making One of whom it is written, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

## The Keepers of the Inn

By Earl C. Wolf\*

*... there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7).*

**N**EARLY twenty centuries have entered the tomb of time since two weary peasant travelers sought in vain for accommodations in Bethlehem's inn. The man, a humble carpenter, pleaded for a room, for his wife was ill and could travel no farther. The innkeeper assigned them a place in the nearby stable.

No doubt the inn was filled to capacity, and among the guests were some "VIP's" (very important persons). But the innkeeper missed his big chance. Content with loaded tills, the innkeeper slept through the greatest night in all history. This innkeeper and his guests have been forgotten and their names buried in the dust of centuries past. The names of Joseph and Mary were not to be placed on the guest register of that inn of Bethlehem, yet they will be remembered forever.

Now Christmas comes again into a world that needs its message. It comes to remind us once more that we must fling open the doors of our hearts and make room for Christ. Many guests, many interests seek to crowd our lives and so monopolize us that there is no place for the Prince of Peace.

We are, each one of us, keepers of the inn. We can easily place blame on that innkeeper of ancient Bethlehem. It would be better, however,

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for us to take inventory at this Christmas season and be certain that we are making room for Christ in our hearts, that we are not neglecting Him for other guests' sakes.

*Have you made room for Christ?* There are innkeepers who have been preoccupied with a multiplicity of interests. That inn is closed to Christ where the keeper of the inn is unwilling to narrow his interests to the limitations of God's will for him. There are many demands upon our time at the Christmas season. The "shopping days" are going by and preparations must be made. But perhaps even during the year that is almost gone the innkeeper has been so busy with many things that Christ has been neglected.

As keepers of the inn, have we cluttered up our place with things? We rush like busy little ants to and fro, heaping to ourselves little hills of dust and dirt, and there is no room for Christ. Material possessions have crowded Him out and our lives are cluttered up with things. Wordsworth said:

*The world is too much with us; late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers:  
Little we see in Nature that is ours;  
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!*

Pleasure fills the lives of others until Christ is forced to remain outside. On that night when Jesus was born, the guests of Bethlehem's inn were draining the goblet of pleasure—feasting, drinking, dining, and dancing. The Bethlehem Stranger had no place in their midst. There are those today who take the goblet and give themselves to the pleasures of sin.

There are other guests, too, that keep Christ from our hearts—selfishness, carnal ambition, and pride. How many things there are that claim our attention! Make your reservation today for Christ. See that He has His rightful place in your life.

As keepers of the inn, let us reserve room for Christ. The joyful carol "Joy to the World" has been called the "carol of the ages," and rightly so, for it has a message for men of every day. Note a few of its great phrases: "The Lord is come"; "Let earth receive her King"; "He comes to make His blessings flow"; "No more let sin and sorrow grow"; and "He rules the world with truth and grace."

This carol would challenge us also to be good keepers of the inn—"Let every heart prepare Him room." That is the Christmas message—make room for Christ. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). Keepers of the inn, reserve room for the Bethlehem Stranger.



# The Christ of Bethlehem

By Cecil D. Ewell\*

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it (Isa. 40:5).*

**L**AST night they turned on the Christmas lights; the crowd was large that swarmed the streets. But I was not looking at the colorful scene; I saw a star more brilliant than the rest and my thoughts were miles away and centuries remote. It was Bethlehem—the night of the Nativity, silent and slumbering, as “love divine stooped to share our sharpest pain, our bitterest tear.” My mind was full of the pageantry of that scene of long ago—the lights, the angels, the shepherds, unequaled in all earth’s hoary years.

What meaneth the Bethlehem star, the soul-tlingling music? What is this thrilling announcement the angels are making in voices to move the centuries? “Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). This was giving to earth, to man, his brightest day, his only hope—the Saviour!

And thou, Bethlehem, sheltered in the Judean hills, thou wouldst have been forgotten by men long since were it not that “in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.” Though many of thy people knew not the day of thy glory and visitation, others offered Him no place but a stable cradle in a barren barn with cattle, and still others slept the golden hours, He has brought the glory of the centuries to shine forever upon thee, the birthplace of the King. Only a relative few knew the glory that night; only they heard the angels sing.

Once again I was on the streets of the bustling city. As I looked in the faces of the hurrying throng, I asked, How many know the glory of it? How many are sidetracked by a multitude of customs that secularize? How many never really have heard with their hearts that He is born to be their King and Redeemer?

Today the glory of the star of Bethlehem shines in human hearts. I pray the true Christmas light may shine in our faces, and in our lives, with the radiance that tells of Him. I pray that things shall not hold us in their sordid grip, but that Christ, the Anointed One, the Heavenly King, shall have a throne room now in our poor human

hearts. He will today, as in centuries molding in the dust, lead men into new and exalted ways of living, a way significant to the present, uplifting the future, and continuing to exist throughout eternity. Oh, shout it mightily: the indwelling of a personal God is available to those who *make room*—they too may hear the angels sing!

What was it the angels in robes of white sang so beautifully that Christmas night? *Peace, good will!* In this age of fear and dread, when it is so dark, the Light still comes to those who seek His face. Unstop your ears—the angel song still rings out “o’er all the weary world.” Our Christ strengthens the soul until there is no necessity for weeping; He lifts the heart and we can bear the burden—He gives salvation. Did He not come in the midst of a people’s degradation and, by sharing it, give them the glory to overcome it? Through all the wide centuries He has been a stumbling block, a stone of offense to evil men; but a sanctuary, a refuge, a hiding place for good men. To those who believe the Bethlehem story, He is the Son of God “with power.” He became the first Hope of Israel, then of all the world in every century and clime.

The Christ born of humble birth has become the Light of this world, the light in which Christian men may walk. The gift of Christmas is Christ with the answers to the sin question.

Christmas never ends with receiving gifts; it is also sharing—“I send you forth.” Loaded with the gifts of the Christ of Bethlehem, we would take this cargo of the Spirit to the world, a world lost in night. Before the brightness of His presence evil things can be destroyed as men are persuaded to take that journey to Bethlehem—to crown Him, to worship as the wise men of old. Then we can sing at midnight, “out of the darkness,” through hope in our Redeemer. Yes, there comes the morning, glorious, fair.

This King, born so humbly, living so gloriously, dying so triumphantly, rising in power, never forces allegiance. We can be so busy we miss the glory of His coming, and we can sleep and miss the angel music; or we can rise to claim Him as our Redeemer and go forth to serve Him with power.



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## The Field of the Shepherds ON CHRISTMAS EVE

By Berge S. Najarian\*

**T**HE SKIES had cleared and the sun could be seen setting on the western horizon, beyond the rolling Judean hills, when from the north we approached the Field of the Shepherds. The narrow, muddy country road led to a barren, stony plateau extending for about twenty acres among the Judean hills—the Field of the Shepherds. The field was encircled by shrubbery and some scattered olive trees. Not far from the eastern edge of this famous field a column of smoke was rising in front of a semi-underground cave where people were gathering for a supper of roast mutton and Arab country bread.

The sun had disappeared over the shady horizon when this group of tourists and native Christians formed a single file and, after grace, approached the piles of native whole-wheat bread and roast chunks of mutton. It was not too long before the group were scattered and busy eating the large chunks of meat placed on large pieces of bread—using their hands in typical Arab fashion.

As the dusk set in, a large bonfire in the center of the field coupled with Christmas music heralded the traditional Christmas Eve service round the bonfire. As the light from the flames of the bonfire played on the faces of the gathering congregation, happy and expectant eyes were telling of hopes and wishes that were coming true. For many the hope of a lifetime was being realized—Christmas in the Holy Land!

The very skies that once were pierced to make known the “good tidings” to the shepherds were now sprinkled with millions of smiling stars witnessing to the unfulfilling promises of God.

About one mile due west, on the other side of the valley, lights were springing as if from nowhere, locating the City of David in the cold, dark night. Meanwhile the chimes of the Church of the Nativity were adding to the thrill as they rolled their notes over the dark Judean hillside.

The music and words of “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” and “Silent Night” eventually turned to silence

as the flames died down, and an echo in my heart rang forth:

*Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).*

## They Found HIM

By Floyd T. Smith\*

*And they . . . found . . . the babe lying in a manger (Luke 2:16).*

**O**H, HOW much God wanted the Babe to be found! He sent the Saviour as a “babe lying in a manger” so that He could be found by the shepherds and by all mankind.

The message of the angel is startling, but it is a mystery and a sign only until the Babe is found. It’s finding Him that puts joy into the Christmas message. The shepherds found Him; and to all of these came a “joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

Today men need desperately to find Him. The world is filled with people who are seeking among false gods for a ray of light. Multitudes are groping in the shadows of lifeless images, vain philosophies, and fleshly lusts, but find no reality.

Jesus can be found! Not only has He said, “Seek, and ye shall find” (Matt. 7:7), but also He has placed himself so near to each of us that we can open our hearts’ doors and let Him in.

Our hearts need a satisfaction that comes, not from mental assent, faithful observance, and affiliation with a group, but from a heart experience in which the seeker finds Christ. “They found Him” should be the jubilant note of victory that pervades the church. “They found Him” makes our gospel “good tidings” to every nation of the earth.

Andrew broke the good news to his brother, Simon Peter, “We have found the Messiah” (Him); and Philip stirred Nathanael with the words, “We have found him, . . .” This Christmas we again proclaim the message, “We have found Him,” and *you* can find Him too. “For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, . . . That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, . . . that your joy may be full” (I John 1:2-4).

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# The Living Christ

By Maridel Harding\*

EVERYONE believed He was dead. As the clouds hid the sun at noonday and darkness shrouded Golgotha's brow, men said in derision, "The King of the Jews is dead!" To them His day was finished, His glory gone. The scribes and elders, who had heard His condemnation of their cautious creeds and ritualistic shows, said, "He is dead." The religious leaders, whose wrath He had incurred by crossing their traditions, said, "He is dead." The soldiers who drove the nails into His hands and feet said, "He is dead." The little group who loved Him had watched His form stiffen, His eyes glaze, His head sink forward, and His lips cease moving, and they said, "He is dead."

*And as they watched and wept,  
Hope saw no star, for hope was dead,  
And listening love heard not  
The rustle of an angel's wing.*

"For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead" (John 20:9).

It was for them a tragedy. They had expected to see Jesus on a throne, not in a tomb. They had expected Him to wear a royal diadem, not a crown of thorns. They had dreamed of His ruling a great kingdom, not being confined to the narrow limitations of a grave. In despair they whispered to each other, "We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel" (Luke 24:21).

Their hopes had been only temporarily blighted, for death could not hold Him. The grave could not incarcerate Him. The soldiers could not keep Him in the tomb. The great stone was not large enough to be an obstacle in the path of the resurrected Christ. He resumed His power, reasserted

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His authority, recovered His rights, and re-won His waning influence. And His words are echoing around the world, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:18).

He is more than a Christ of legend, for He lives today in the hearts of millions around the world.

A Japanese colonel who was captured within the Russian lines was condemned to be shot as a spy. He took from his pocket a large roll of bills, and asked that they be given to the Russian Red Cross, saying in explanation, "I am a Christian, and I wish to follow Christ in thus forgiving my enemies." That Japanese colonel was saying, "Christ is not dead, He is living!"

A missionary barely escaped the blow of a club that was designed to crush his skull. "Kill the coward," cried the crowd, but the missionary protected his would-be murderer. "Brother," he said, "Christ taught me to love my enemies." That missionary was saying, "Christ is not dead. He is living."

A man, riding horseback through a sparsely populated portion of Virginia, came suddenly into a clearing in which stood a cabin with a Negro woman in the doorway. The man called out, "Who lives there?" The reply came happily back, "Nobody but me and Jesus." That old Negro woman was saying, "Christ is not dead, He is living."



*They were filled, and their heart was exalted;  
therefore have they forgotten me (Hos. 13:6).*

Poverty, hunger, and want, in many lives, have proved to be a trio of unrecognizable blessings.

*For we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies (Dan. 9:18).*

Telling God how good we are, when we pray, will not get us anywhere with Him.—EARLE F. WILDE.



## Gifts at Christmas

By Ovella S. Shafer

*I do not crave the gift of frankincense,  
Nor do I ask for myrrh in preference;  
I'm not desiring gold as in the yore—  
But here is what I'm really seeking for:  
Contentment—joy of work and peace of mind;  
Perfect love encompassing—a precious find;  
A fireplace—glowing logs—then dying embers,  
Memories, most pleasant—which the heart remembers;  
Friends who daily worship at the throne of grace  
In holy bonds of faith—a common meeting place.  
For all these gifts and more, I thank Thee, Lord,  
And bring my heart of homage to Thee, Thou most adored!*



# HOLINESS

By W. Shelburne Brown\*

**T**HE HOPE of all the ages is a pure heart. What does the ascetic seek, as he afflicts his body? He longs for the mortification of the flesh in hope that it will purify his heart. What does the mystic want in his lonely and rapt contemplation of the divine? He seeks an identification with, and intimate communion in, the purging sense of God's presence. What does the heathen woman long for in her sacrifice of a child to her deity? Her deepest longing is for the surcease of inward pain that comes from acceptance with God.

The Church of the Nazarene has been raised up to proclaim a way into this sabbath rest of the soul. If we mute our message, the trumpet shall fall from our hands and others will take it up.

Here are the words of a man who does not claim to be within the ranks of the holiness churches. "We now sense that our imperfections are rooted in a certain wrongness in our own spirits. We are being called to continue in prayer until we are deeply changed at the very center of our being—our narrow and self-centered intentions must be put to death. Our very existence must be given to God. This is a crucifixion of the natural self in order that our deep self, our God-intended self, may be freed to live."<sup>1</sup>

Here is a man preaching our doctrine, not because of the theology of his church, but because of the insistent demands of the human soul. If we fail to announce the possibility of a pure heart with sanity and with clarity, God will find another medium. He may use the psychologist, or He may use the devotional writers, or He may use another denominational group. Someone must cry out the message of full salvation.

We can still call ourselves a holiness church while having lost all claim to the name in reality. The inevitable question is, "Have ye received

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1. Lynn J. Radcliffe, *Making Prayer Real*, p. 237

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## What Christmas OUGHT to Be!

By Emma French

*If we would subtract from Christmas  
Every selfish thought and deed,  
Then add in their places a bundle  
Of love for the world in need,  
We would see a great dividing  
Of this world's treasured store,  
And joy would then be multiplied  
A million times and more.  
No hearts would be saddened on Christmas,  
But all would be happy and gay,  
Because everyone would be saying,  
That Christ was his Gift—Christmas Day!*

the Holy Ghost, since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2.) Is there an inner purifying relationship between your soul and God? Do you possess that rest of soul that comes from giving all to Christ in complete surrender? Is your soul now satisfied in Christ? Are you willing to trust God enough to let Him come as He will to do as He will in your life? This is the experience for you—there is wonderful power in the Blood!

## The Curtain of Crimson

By Jean Leathers Phillips\*

**W**HILE in a certain Southwestern area we were told that the Spanish-speaking Nazarenes had an exceptionally fine church, a very live congregation with many excellent members. They had a nice, small building but were outgrowing it and were now in the process of building a new and larger sanctuary adjoining their former one.

Our Spanish was only rudimentary but we knew the pastor spoke English and also most of the younger people, so we went to prayer meeting. Strange as it may seem, language has less importance than you might think when it comes to singing hymns and spiritual songs, praying and testifying. Most of the songs are paraphrases of common ones, using the same music. And the spirit of the prayers and testimonies penetrates by the Spirit of God to bless the heart when not a word has been understood.

Arriving at the location, we found the prayer meeting folks assembling in the unfinished new building. It was being built at right angles to the old, and the end of the old sanctuary had been ripped out where the two were to join. All the furnishings had been removed from the old section, leaving it gaunt and forbidding-looking, and the local members were much perturbed that their Anglo (English-speaking) guests had to face that gaping hole in the old part, as well as the unfinished areas of the new. There was much confidential speaking from member to member. Then one of the wives hurried out and disappeared.

Just as the pastor was calling pianist and other participants to their places, the missing one returned. Her brown face was wreathed in heavenly smiles and in her hands she carried a folded article of brilliant crimson red. Two others joined her and in just a few moments the gaping old building was completely closed off from our view by this huge crimson curtain. Joyous smiles of relief passed through the native congregation, and we nodded our approval and appreciation. A blessed hour followed, in the Lord.

Once a number of years ago the Son of Man himself invited me to move out of an old and dilapidated life into a totally new one. He him-

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self furnished the new structure, and "all things are become new." The old shell I left behind was a thing of horror. Everything of any value to the new life was taken along. The wreckage and rubbish alone remained. I would look back and suffer remorse and try to turn back to tidy the place up, if possible. But He took a great crimson curtain and closed it off, completely out

of view. When I questioned He said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). I have praised Him all these years for the curtain of crimson. It is so good to have the old life altogether covered. It leaves me free to concentrate upon living the new one to His glory and to the salvation of souls.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Answered Prayer

IT is a real joy indeed for us to see Joanne now and realize that the Lord has touched her in a marvelous way. The paralysis of her left cheek and the loss of balance seem to be completely cleared.

We appreciate deeply the prayers that have been offered for her by the Nazarenes in the United States. Would you kindly put a note in the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** expressing our appreciation?—**DR. QUENTIN E. HOWARD**, *British Honduras*.

### Prayer Request

Several of our newer missionaries have written in lately, requesting prayer that God will help them learn the language of their fields more rapidly. This is a very real need. Remember these missionaries especially in your prayers.

### NOTICE

Miss Geraldine Chappell has written that most of her mail is going to an old address and has to be forwarded. Please note that her present address is: N.C.C. School, Chikhli, Berar, M.P., India.

If you are using an old address list, write in today to secure the newest list available, dated September 15, 1954, and the supplementary corrected list also. Or use the list in the November, 1954, *Other Sheep*. This will help the missionaries receive their mail on time.

### REVIVAL

#### Continues in India

During the last week God has again come to our village churches with great victory and sweeping revival. In the oldest village church, Manubai, where there were many old and hindering matters before the people, God came and scenes of repentance and humblings came as people went from house to house. One service lasted from nine o'clock in the morning until two o'clock the next morning. And this was carried on entirely by the Indian preachers. There were no missionaries present. Then in Mehkar, God has done the im-

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possible and revival has come. But in the midst of great revival the devil is a very angry personality and if one wants revival he wants battle, and this is the order of the day: battle . . . faith . . . obedience . . . faith, and victory!

We need the prayer warriors to hold on. The millennium has not set in in India. Revival means greater responsibilities, and some of these are staggering.—**EARL LEE**, *India*.

#### Puerto Rico

Our missionary societies raised nearly a thousand dollars this year for General Budget. Over \$400.00 in Alabaster boxes. We surely are a 10 per cent district, I think. By the way, the district also took on a missionary special project of buying half the cart and ox team needed in Guatemala. We will be raising \$250.00 for this.—**HAROLD HAMPTON**, *Puerto Rico*.

#### From Japan

The little ones with yellow skin and dark eyes (about thirty-five of them), downstairs, just sang their thanks to God for the half cup of milk which they were about to drink. They sang: "Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this milk which You have so graciously given us. Amen. We now receive it."

In Japanese it goes: "Ten no O Tosama, ima koko ni itadaku gyu-nu o kansha shimasu. Amen. Itadaki-masu."

I was having my teeth examined by a Japanese dentist the other day and he asked my occupation. Upon learning I was a missionary, he began talking of how he'd like to have us come and conduct services in his home. We finally agreed on a day for the first service and also an hour. I took our native pastor and went on the appointed time. When we arrived there was no one in sight, but the wife went out and told the people living around in the hills and soon we had a congregation of about

twenty-five. I spoke to them a few minutes and then our pastor, too, spoke to them. We both spoke from Ps. 119:105, a very appropriate text, for both the spiritual darkness and the physical darkness about us were very black. Truly His Word is a Lamp unto<sup>r</sup>our feet and a Light for our pathway.—**HUBERT HELLING**, *Japan*.

#### Southwest Mexican District

Right after the assembly, Brother Esperilla went to the town of San Luis. We have had a church, as you know, in the place called Colonia Azteca. But this is a rural church. I thought he would go to the town and work a bit and give me time to see what I could do. But he reminds me of Dr. Chalfant's story about a man that he had sent to kill a church but the man had no better sense than to revive it. Esperilla didn't know it was a tough spot, so he just went to work and soon had forty in Sunday school. They started in a small room. It became necessary to have a larger place. With the help of friends in Yuma who have an interest in San Luis, and with a small sum of money from the building fund and the money the people raised themselves, we built a small place and dedicated it last Saturday.

Fabens, National City, Belvedere, Tijuana, and San Diego are forging ahead. Monday I went to Hermosillo, Sonora, to look over a new work. We have wanted to get in this city but have never felt that we could do it. Now a Nazarene woman has moved there and started to work and we have a mission whether we can do it or not.

There are a number of other places that are crowding upon us. In fact, we are face to face with expansion in many areas.—**IRA L. TRUE**.

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (II Cor. 8:9).*

## Peace and Good Will

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke 2:14).*

**C**HRISTMAS brings to us the thought of peace. It has been the theme of many of President Eisenhower's addresses within the past few months. He has had so much to say about peace recently that someone has called him "Our Peace President." I thank God that, though he has been a great general, he is also a strong believer in peace.

Under the leadership of President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Churchill, and others, much has been accomplished for peace. At this Christmas time we have a right to be glad that for some time there has been no war in Korea. We are also thankful for the settlement of the oil dispute with Iran, the controversy which has existed for years between Great Britain and Egypt, and the differences as to Trieste between Italy and Yugoslavia. In addition, we are grateful for the establishment of peace in Indo-China, the signing of the Asian Pact which has united most of the nations of Asia in behalf of peace, and the probability that the London and Paris pacts which have done the same for most of the nations of Europe will be approved. All of these achievements have brought about the settlement of crises, any one of which might have caused a world-wide war. The prospect for peace among the nations of the world at present is much better than it was a few years ago. Most of these accomplishments have been brought about recently, and we have every reason to thank God for them.

However, this does not mean that the "cold war" has been finished. It can be stopped only by genuine good will. External peace is one thing, but good will is quite another. At present, outwardly at least, we have peace among most of the nations of the world. Besides, we have been able to do away with many situations which might easily have brought on actual war between certain nations, if not between most of the nations of the world. This is only a halfway mark. It is not enough to sign treaties of peace and get men to lay down their arms of rebellion; we must do everything we can to go beyond that. We must reach out to the hearts of men and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ until men's hearts have been changed. Thus back of the outward peace there will be inward peace and good will. The only sure foundation for the permanent banishment of "hot" wars is the establishment of the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of men. External peace is good, so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. We want a type of peace founded on a condition in the hearts of men that will make it possible for us to have not only the cessation of "hot" wars but also the cessation of "cold" wars.

I don't know much about coexistence, but in the long run there cannot be peaceful coexistence between the East and the West unless the

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hearts of the men of those who make up the inhabitants of the East and the West have been changed. Peace *and* good will are what we must have, and only the Christ can bring the good will. It is no wonder that we celebrate His birthday every year and that we call Him the "Prince of Peace." At this Christmas time we join with Isaiah in these words: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

## Golden Wedding Anniversaries

**T**HE HERALD OF HOLINESS is always glad to make announcements as to golden wedding anniversaries. We want our readers to feel free to send in such notices. However, we would direct their attention to one thing, which we mentioned several years ago when we first suggested that our readers send us this information. We are compelled to prepare the material to be published in each issue of the paper well in advance of the date of issue, and of course it takes some time for the paper to get to the readers after it is mailed. Therefore, we are anxious for these announcements to be sent in at least six weeks ahead of the anniversary date. In this way word will reach friends early enough for them to mail congratulatory cards before the date of the golden wedding anniversary. We are perfectly willing to print the notices even after the anniversary has been celebrated, but we think it is much nicer if the date of such occasions can be given early enough for friends to dispatch words of greeting by the time the occasion is celebrated. We are here to serve you in every way that we can, and we want to render this service in the most effective manner.

## LEGALISM

**A**S WE take up the study of the Gospel of Matthew again, we notice the first nine verses of chapter twelve. Here we have a study in legalism. It is defined, in the theological sense, as "justification by a code of deeds and observances." By conforming to external practices we strive to justify ourselves. The Pharisees lived in this world; they were legalists.

Jesus' disciples passed through a wheat field on Sunday and "were an hungred, and began to

pluck ears of corn," and ate. The Pharisees were terribly excited over this. The disciples, according to their way of looking at things, had broken the law of the Sabbath. Of course, nothing worse could happen than for them to break the law.

Jesus defended His disciples by telling the Pharisees how David, "when he was an hungred," ate the shewbread, "which was not lawful for him to eat," for only the priests should have eaten the shewbread. However, the priests worked in the Temple on the Sabbath day and, in that sense, profaned the Sabbath. Jesus knew that the law of the Sabbath did not exclude works of mercy, and works of necessity. He knew also that legalism, the concept of the religious life which the Pharisees had, was ruinous. The law is not to be ignored, and yet the law is not to be worshiped. The law is high and holy, but the spirit of righteousness in the heart takes precedence over the law. When men get so taken up with the law in its external expression that they forget the motive within, they have broken their touch with God. Mercy, and not sacrifice, is the supreme thing; spirit, and not deeds, comes first. This does not mean that if you have the right spirit there will be no deeds—deeds that fitly express the spirit; but it does signify the fact that mere deeds are not enough. We need laws and rules, but we must be sure that they are filled with spirit, with that which is living and vital. The more laws and rules we have, the more that which is vital and living must possess us.

In worship, form becomes dead and destructive when it is emptied of spirit. Likewise, rules, with all their values, become hindrances if they are not packed with the Spirit of Christ. There is a sin of the wrong spirit, as well as a sin of the wrong deed. Sometimes those who are most consistent as to the right deeds do not manifest the right spirit. He who holds a high standard from the standpoint of deeds must be sure that his inner life is wrapped about by the power and the spirit of righteousness. Help us, Lord, not to forget the laws and the forms of worship, and help us also not to lose the spirit and freedom which should go with the laws and forms.

Legalism and formalism are twins—we must never forget this. It is dangerous to deviate from that which is right in law or correct in form, but it is more dangerous to be wrong in spirit or bound in spirit.

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*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth (Col. 3:2).*

Hastings' *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics* gives an excellent outline of Methodistic perfection as set forth by John Wesley. Here is the gist of it:

1. It is not absolute, Adamic, or angelic. No one is infallible while he remains in the body. It is not the perfection of justification. It is not legal, yet it is relative to a given law—the law of love.

2. It is perfect love.

3. "Perfect love is the one law stated in the gospel to which we are now subject in the Christian dispensation; this is not a mitigated law, but a higher law than that contained in ordinances; it is the only law possible for us to obey and by which we can be judged. Because it is the royal law, the law of Christ, obedience to it constitutes Christian perfection in the Methodist sense."

4. It is sinless in that the carnal mind is destroyed. It is not sinless in that we are free from mistakes, infirmities of judgment, involuntary negligences, and ignorances.

5. Perfection is received instantaneously by faith.

6. Perfection is possible in this life.

7. We get the assurance that the work is done. Wesley urged the sanctified to profess it.

8. Wesley first thought that backsliding from Christian perfection was impossible but his final conclusion was that it was possible.

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*... This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13-14).*

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## The Crucible

By Elsie V. Rowe

*Above a quiet hill His light was given;  
Within a stable crude love came from heaven;  
Upon a rustic cross we gained eternal life—  
And yet men writhe in sin and bloody strife.*

*God's heart is torn to see the stricken earth,  
When He, through believing sons, would bring  
rebirth.*

*While men in fear cry out for Living Bread,  
Will we, His children, give them stones  
instead?*

*If we have called the Manger Babe our Lord,  
Will they not see in us the Living Word?*

*O Lord of love and life, our dross refine,  
That Bethlehem's star throughout the world  
may shine!*



# The Young People's Society

## Apples of Training

By Wilford N. Vanderpool\*

I WAS a very sick boy one time from eating too many shriveled, sour crab apples. From that time on even the thought of apples was revolting, until we moved to the state of Washington. There at the home of a friend in his fruit cellar I came on a box heaped with the most beautiful, appetizing apples I had ever seen. They were big and red, cool and crisp. They were giant Delicious apples, a strain developed for eating after years of painstaking care. With little persuasion, I tried one.

There is nothing else quite so *healthful* and *inviting* as a *sound, ripe, juicy* apple.

In Greek mythology the uninvited goddess, Eris, broke up a wedding feast by tossing in the golden Apple of Discord. The resulting struggle for its possession caused the destruction of the mighty city of Troy.

In contrast, your General N.Y.P.S. this year has tossed out to its societies around the world the golden *Apple of Training*. The resulting participation in its program by all societies will cause the N.Y.P.S. to be an even more effective force in the significant march of our church. To many this

is a most welcome and long-awaited move. To others, some crab-apple experience has made them shudder at the word "training." However, the two strains recently developed in Kansas City, after years of prayer and planning, are proving to be most wholesome. They are called Training in Soul Winning and Training in Churchmanship.

*They are sound.* Developed from the finest of old-line strains, grown exclusively in the soil of God's Word, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, safeguarded by mature leadership, they have been brought to harvest by trained and honest husbandmen. Their firmness and soundness are as unmarred from soft spots and blemishes as is humanly possible.

*They are ripe.* Picked at the height of the "Crusade for Souls" season, they are right at the peak of freshness and usability when delivered to your door in *Journal* and *Teen Topics* bundles. The shipment for this quarter contains the "Soul Winning" variety.

*They are juicy.* Each program is packed so full of crispy goodness and juicy interest that everybody will

forget they are exactly what the doctor ordered for the small and ailing society or even the large and aimless one.

*They are appealing.* It has been my joyful experience as a pastor to see this past month how doubtful young adults and dubious teen-agers have zestfully eaten up the first four "Apples of Training" programs. They were so sound, so ripe, and so juicy that no one could resist them.

*They are healthful.* This is the best part. If eaten regularly they will improve the spiritual health remarkably. There will be new faces, new converts, and new members too. Actually, I believe that a weekly training table loaded down with tasty food will be the most healthful thing that ever happened to a local N.Y.P.S.

Now to the end of the commercial with this sincere challenge: *taste and see!* Plan the programs in the fourth quarter *Journal* just as carefully as Bill Welch prepared them, then take a great big bite of training, and prove that I am right.

\*General N.Y.P.S. Council,  
Central Zone Representative

## HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

### 400 NEW CHURCHES

WE HAVE just reached the 400 mark in new churches organized since the 1952 General Assembly. We are thrilled with the steady gains that we have been making, and realize that every new church represents sacrifice, prayer, vision, and toil, but beyond that the salvation of souls that otherwise might never be reached. Let us press on to make this the greatest home missionary quadrennium we have ever had.

District Superintendent Orville Jenkins organized a new church in Andrews on the Abilene District on September 26. Rev. Mrs. Norah Ham and her husband moved to Andrews last summer, secured the use of the American Legion Hall, and began services. Mrs. Ham has been ap-

pointed pastor and the new congregation is seeking a lot for the erection of a church building. This is the fifth new church on the Abilene District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Otto Stucki organized a new church in Cleveland, Mississippi, on October 24. Two good lots have been purchased and a church building has been planned immediately. Rev. James Lucius has been appointed pastor. This is the fifth new church on the Mississippi District since the General Assembly.

A new church was organized in Eaton, Indiana, by District Superintendent Paul Updike with a very promising beginning. Rev. Louis Musatics has been appointed pastor.

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There are seven new churches on the Northeastern Indiana District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent W. D. McGraw, Jr., organized a new church at St. Helens, Oregon, on October 31. This is a city of about five-thousand population located thirty miles from Portland on the Columbia River. Rev. George F. Taylor is the pastor. The district is assisting in the purchase of a house for use as a parsonage and temporary meeting place. This is the thirteenth new church for the Oregon Pacific District this quadrennium, an outstanding record.

On October 10, District Superintendent Alvin L. McQuay organized a new church at Havre, Montana.

Through the help of a church extension loan, a parsonage-chapel was erected about a year ago for this home-mission venture. Rev. Clifford H. Green is the pastor. This is the second new church on the Rocky Mountain District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent D. W. Thaxton organized the Calvary Church in Hartsville, South Carolina, on October 31. The Sunday school is running over fifty in attendance. Rev. James Adams has been appointed pastor. There are eight new churches on the

South Carolina District this quadrennium.

The Panama church on the Southeast Oklahoma District was organized by District Superintendent Glen Jones. Prospects are good for a strong church in this town.

Two new churches have been organized on the Canada West District. On November 14 the College Church at Red Deer was officially organized at the altar of Red Deer First Church with fifty charter members, and a

very promising future. On November 17 the Regina Second Church was organized with twenty-six adult charter members. There are seven new churches on the Canada West District this quadrennium. Dr. Edward Lawlor is the district superintendent.

District Superintendent J. T. Gasset organized the Pondcreek church on November 14. A fine church building has been purchased and Rev. E. C. Stegall has been appointed pastor. This is the fifth new church on the Northwest Oklahoma District since the General Assembly.

## THE QUESTION BOX

### Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE

*Q. In owning a small business, should I set aside each week a few dollars for my tithes and then give offerings extra that come up in my church as I feel able? Or should I figure the tithe to the penny and give my offerings beyond that? I need help to understand this; therefore, give it to me straight.*

A. The second plan you suggest is the one you should follow. Be sure to get your full tithe in, and then make offerings as you can.

*Q. Please tell us if the disciples who were present when Jesus spoke the words recorded in the last part of John 20:22, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," were sanctified. Some writers claim that they were sanctified then, and under them the rest of Jesus' followers were rallied for Pentecost.*

A. I do not believe that the disciples who were present when Jesus spoke the words you refer to were sanctified then. I believe we have here, as some have said, an instance of "symbolic prophecy." In other words, Christ was giving them a promise and a prophecy of what was going to happen at Pentecost.

*Q. Our church for several years has used the envelope system for tithes and offerings, but our pastor—a very godly man—has never used this system. Don't you think it would be a good example if he stood behind the plan adopted by the church, especially since the majority of the members do?*

A. Yes, and I believe that your pastor is the exception rather than the rule in this matter. That is, most of our pastors urge the churches which they serve to adopt the envelope system, and they are glad to use it themselves.

*Q. When the pastor is away, how does a church usually select someone to fill the pulpit?*

A. So far as I know, there is no fixed rule as to this matter. However, the usual method, I think, is for the church board to provide a pulpit committee which works with the pastor in selecting those who will be asked to supply the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

*Q. Doesn't the Virgin Birth prophesied in Isa. 7:14 refer to a local event rather than the birth of Christ?*

A. Some liberal thinkers take this position, others hold that it refers both to a local event and to the birth of Christ, and a third group holds to the traditional interpretation of the Christian Church—that it points only to the birth of the Christ. That's the view I take—it is a prophecy of the coming Messiah.

*Q. Who is the beast mentioned in Rev. 14:9-10? Is his mark literal or spiritual?*

A. I believe very definitely in the second coming of Christ, but along with this I am convinced that there are many questions about the Second Coming and the time immediately preceding it which we cannot answer. You have asked two of them.

*Q. I have heard that there were theological differences between John Wesley and George Whitefield. Will you tell me something about these differences?*

A. Whitefield joined with John and Charles Wesley in laying the foundation for the evangelical revival, the most important result of which was

the establishment of the Methodist church. Charles Wesley is remembered most for his hymns. John Wesley was a great preacher and somewhat of a theologian, but he is honored most as a leader and organizer. Whitefield was especially gifted as a preacher. Few men have been able to move men as he did through the ministry of preaching. Certainly, Whitefield was not a theologian, even to the extent that Wesley was. Nevertheless, he had a theology, and it differed from Wesley's. He was a mighty preacher of the evangelical faith, but he was Calvinistic in his theology. He believed in election, the final perseverance of the saints (eternal security), and did not go all the way with Wesley on his doctrine of entire sanctification. Wesley, as a champion of Arminianism, did not believe in election as Whitefield did, and also he rejected the doctrine of the final perseverance of the saints. This situation caused a break between Wesley and Whitefield, but it did not last long. However, the latter's name became associated with the Calvinistic Methodists in the British Isles rather than with the regular, or Arminian, Methodists.

### HAPPINESS By Lisa Holso

*You cannot make your happiness  
Depend on things that others do,  
For you will find the truest kind  
Depends on just one person—you!*

*Though you may search for peace of  
mind,  
While sorrow meets you every-  
where,  
At last it drives you back to God,  
And happiness is waiting there.*

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. G. TAYLORSON

Topic for December 26: A Holy People

Scripture: I Thess. 4:7; I Pet. 1:15-16; Heb. 12:14-15; II Tim. 2:2, 19, 21; Jas. 4:17; Luke 24:49; John 17:15-17, 20 (Printed, John 16:7-13)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness (I Thess. 4:7).*

A preliminary requirement of the Church today is a real, living incarnation of the way of Christ. The Church is more than a representative of Christ in the world: it is to be the embodiment of the Saviour through sanctified persons. Without diminishing the importance of church organization or the preaching mission of the Church, it is still in the world for more than to enlighten or instruct. It is Christ demonstrated, so that this Word becomes flesh and blood before the eyes of the world. With this realization, holiness becomes a definite requirement. We are to be the temples of the Holy Spirit.

We are confronted with a candid indifference and polite agnosticism. The Church as an institution is given

the respect that a kindly gentleman pays to his venerable grandfather. There is not even an eyebrow lifted in interest for the denomination or creed believed. This does not imply that such is of small worth or to be of no concern, but let's face it—it is the results of our various claims that the world watches and listens to. It will take notice of grace and truth and purity when incarnated in flesh and blood and demonstrated in kindly deeds. Glover's remark that the early Christians "outlived, out-thought and outdied" the pagans in the world about them must become modern practice. Jesus must make a difference in our living that can be seen!

No church that is subworldly in the ethics and behavior of its members can command the respect of our day, regardless of what financial and numerical records may be piled up.

"God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (I Thess. 4:7). It is the intent of Christ to "purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14); a people peculiarly His own. He who has not come in humility to God and received by faith the gift of God's Holy Spirit in sanctifying measure cannot truly fulfill God's purpose in this present world. We as a holiness church must not measure our strength by the reputation of our deeds or procurement of our physical assets, but rather by the quality of our motives, the purity of our hearts, the singleness of our purpose, and the genuineness of our Christ-living. Our conviction and doctrine are that God can cleanse the heart from all sin; our mission is to live sanctified lives that will be zealous of good works. It is this gift of the pure heart that is the miracle of God's grace and the power of His Church.

## THE HOME CIRCLE

### On Christmas Night—

**T**HE BIBLE tells us that Dr. Luke, who wrote the third Gospel, did not hear of the birth of Jesus when it first came to pass. He was told about it after a number of years had passed.

Dr. Luke was a physician and treated the bodies of men who were sick. No doubt even in those days he must have known that many people become sick in body when they lose hope from their hearts and minds. When he first heard the wonderful story of joy and peace, he must have immediately realized how the telling of it would help cure many who were lying on beds of sickness. Luke had already become a follower of the Lord and he knew the disciples of Jesus personally before he decided to record the story of the life of Jesus.

Let us imagine that Luke heard the story of the birth of Jesus from

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someone who had been told it by someone else, who in turn had heard it from a third person or possibly a tenth or a twelfth person, as it might well have been. If I had been in Dr. Luke's place, I would have gone back to the little town of Bethlehem to find out the real facts of Jesus' birth before I recorded a single word—and this I believe he did. Perhaps he was able to find one of the shepherds who had seen the great light. If he did, then he must have found one of the younger men who was in the field that night, for the story was not written until fifty or sixty years had passed since the birth of Jesus.

Let us go with Dr. Luke to the door of the shepherd's home. Dr. Luke is invited in and he seats himself, before he tells of his errand. After passing the time of day, he gets down

to the real reason for his visit.

"Tell me, good shepherd, how did you first find out about the Messiah's birth? I want to record the story for our children and for our children's children. I was told that you were in the field that night when the angels appeared."

The old shepherd's eyes must have lighted up. Looking up at Dr. Luke, he again told the story which he had told and retold for more than fifty years.

"Ah, Sir, it was a beautiful, clear night. There was a coolness in the air and we shepherds took our cloaks along with us to keep out the cold winds. There seemed to be nothing unusual about the sky when my turn came to lie down while two of the older shepherds took their places as watchers of the sheep. But it seemed I had barely gone to sleep when the watchers awakened me. There was an excitement in their voices. Even be-

fore I got to my feet, I was fearful. Perhaps the wolves had come, or perhaps the Romans were attacking us, or possibly robbers were approaching our little flock. After all, when we left the town of Bethlehem that evening, the streets had been packed with strangers. All of these had come to their own city to be taxed, but most of them had been away so long that I could not remember having ever seen them or heard their names. Then I stood and I saw that the sky was filled with a brilliant light. I could not move, for I was awed at the sight, even as were the other shepherds. We were too frightened to speak or cry out. As we stood gazing, a bright and shining figure appeared in the sky. I knew it was an angel. Hadn't my mother told me stories of the appearance of angels to Abraham, to Jacob, and to Isaiah, the prophet? The angel began to speak in mellow tones, yet the words were clear and joyful, as if he were a herald announcing the coming of an earthly king.

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"I was too amazed to utter one word. None of us shepherds so much as moved. Before more than a moment had passed, suddenly there were a multitude of heavenly beings shouting the praises of God. They clearly spoke these words, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' And then they were gone, the lights disappeared, the sheep began to move about; but we shepherds were as dumb men."

"But didn't you hasten to Bethlehem?" Dr. Luke asked anxiously.

"As soon as we regained our senses, we looked one toward another. Then one said, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.'"

"And you left everything and turned toward Bethlehem, I suppose?" Dr. Luke inquired, being unable to wait for the shepherd to continue the story in his slow manner of speech.

"That we did."

"And you found the Babe even as the angel had said?" asked Luke.

"We found the newborn Babe lying in a manger. With Him were Mary and Joseph. The Messiah was truly born in a manger, but the manger was so lighted up with the glory of His presence we hardly realized the poorness of His birth until much later. We all knew that God's mes-

## Through Children's Eyes

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

*Have you heard the Christmas angels sing  
Of the Infant Jesus mild,  
Who came to bring good will to the earth?  
They sang with heavenly joy at His birth—  
They sing tonight with jubilant mirth  
In the treble notes of a child!*

*Have you seen the beautiful, wonderful star  
That shone on the path of the wise?  
Just follow this plan, and you surely will:  
Deck a Christmas tree, and a stocking fill;  
For the star still shines and it always will—  
In children's wondering eyes!*

*Have you missed the meaning of peace on earth?  
Have you lost the warmth and glow?  
Then follow the meek to a cattle-shed  
Where love shines forth from a manger-bed.  
There lift up your heart, and bow your head  
With the trust that children know!*



sengers had spoken unto us and we knew that we had found the Saviour of the world. How glorious was the sight! How wonderful to see our Lord and Messiah!"

"How wonderful indeed!" Dr. Luke reverently exclaimed.

Dr. Luke then wrote the story and here in A.D. 1954 you and I may read it. We may worship the King who

was born that night so long ago! Many believe that Dr. Luke was of the Gentile race. If so, then in a special sense he wrote the story of the birth of our Lord for all of us who have become followers of Christ, whether we be Jew or Gentile. Praise be to the King of Kings, who rules and reigns in the hearts of His people this Christmas!

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Newark, Ohio—First Church recently closed a very good revival with Rev. D. K. Wachtel, superintendent of the Tennessee District, as the evangelist. His Spirit-filled messages, coupled with the unusual way in which he presents the truth, captivated the hearts of the people. Mr. Harold Day, our efficient church chorister, was mightily used of God in directing the singing. The attendance was good throughout the meeting with a goodly number of new people saved. In the closing service, after several had prayed through to definite victory, the Holy Spirit surged in upon us with a mighty demonstration of His power—for at least one hour the people shouted and praised God. His glory is still upon us; souls are being saved in our regular services; and our prayer services are well attended and blessed of God. Pastor and people are 100 per cent with the general church program, and we shall continue to be a 10 per cent church in our missionary giving. We sincerely thank God for the wonderful people here at First Church.—C. B. Clendenen, Pastor.

Sligo, Pennsylvania—Our fall revival was one of help and blessing to our church. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Baker were the workers. Brother Baker preaches with unction, and they both sing very well; it was a blessing to have them in our home. They were easily entertained; finances came easily, and a nice love offering was presented to the pastor and wife. There were some outstanding victories around the altar.—C. F. Hunt, Pastor.

El Monte, California—These are good days for our church. On Sunday, October 31, ground was broken for our new sanctuary, which should be under construction in the next few days. Those taking part and turning a spade of dirt were: Rev. William L. McKee, our pastor; Rev. W. Shelburne Brown, district superintendent; Rev. Edward Spruill and Rev. W. C. Keith, assistant pastors; Mr. K. C. Elmore, chairman of the building committee; and Dr. A. E. Sanner, former district superintendent. Our new educational unit is near comple-

tion, and we are using it for three departments of our Sunday school. This building is valued at \$65,000.00, with a very small indebtedness. Upon completion, the new sanctuary and educational unit, which will join to make one building, will have an estimated value of \$200,000.00. God is also blessing our church along other lines. Every department is on the march. Our Sunday school has averaged 693 for the month of October. Yesterday, November 7, we had 682 in Sunday school. We are now in a revival with Rev. Doris McDowell as evangelist. We praise God for His material blessings to us as a church, but best of all He has seen fit to bless us with souls at the altar of prayer. Men and women, boys and girls are being saved and sanctified; and the church is marching on.—Reporter.

The eleventh annual Canadian Holiness Federation Convention was held in Kingston, Ontario, over the Thanksgiving week end. The Free Methodist church was filled for the opening service on Friday night. It was a great convention. Dr. Myron F. Boyd, president of the National Holiness Association, brought clear and Spirit-anointed messages on holiness. The church was quickened and alerted. Rev. Richard Traver was the soloist and song leader. He sang in the Spirit and with the understanding, which brought blessing to the people. The increased urge to share the gospel with those who never have heard was the high point of the convention. There was a delightful fellowship among the Christians of the different denominations represented. At the business meeting, W. J. Stonehouse was re-elected as president, and W. A. McMillan as secretary.—R. B. Warren, Reporter.

Memphis, Tennessee—The Lord has been gracious to us here at Calvary Church, for in the past eighteen months we have had a wonderful time with 326 people praying through at the altars and 52 additions to the church, 43 of them being for the assembly year just closed. The building which we now have is too small, and we are trying to purchase property in this locality, so we can enlarge to accommodate the crowds. The finances have increased 60 per cent over the year before, and the giving for all purposes has increased proportionately. Recently we were blessed with one of the greatest revivals in the history of our ministry. Rev. P. E. Kuykendall was the evangelist, and night after night he delivered the truth in a manner which brought the greatest altar services we have known at any time. The preaching was blessed of the Holy Ghost and brought such conviction as we have not known in our congregations before—the revival still lives. If you have relatives or friends at the naval air base or the veterans' hospitals here, please write to us (3630 Jackson Avenue), and give their addresses; and we shall contact them.—Carl M. Brown, Pastor.

## TAX INFORMATION

We are receiving some inquiries about the new tax law which allows a 30 per cent deduction for giving to charity.

Deductions for contributions to all types of charitable institutions and organizations have previously been limited to 20 per cent of an individual's adjusted gross income. Under the new law the limit is increased to 30 per cent of adjusted gross income. The extra 10 per cent, however, is allowed only for contributions to educational institutions, hospitals, and churches. In other words, the extra 10 per cent is allowed for such contributions even though the donor may have given the first 20 per cent to some other kind of charitable organization. There is no restriction on those who wish to give the full 30 per cent to educational institutions, hospitals, and churches.

JOHN STOCKTON  
General Treasurer

Centerville, Iowa—Our church has enjoyed two good revivals in the last two months. The first was with Evangelist Fay A. Fouse; he preaches with the power and unction of the Spirit. A number of souls found the Lord and the church was greatly helped. On the last Sunday, two joined the church by profession of faith; and we had a baptismal service in the afternoon with eight being immersed. At the close of the meeting the church gave the pastor a fine love offering. The second revival was with Evangelist Thomas Hayes. Brother Hayes was at his best, and God used him in a miraculous way. It seemed the revival continued on from the first service with the altar lined from time to time; and on the last Sunday, thirty-seven souls sought God. A tithing band was organized. On the last Sunday the church board met and gave the pastor an increase in salary. The Lord continues to bless and we feel the past few weeks have been one of the most victorious times in our ministry.—Paul A. Madden, Pastor.

Peterson, Alabama—We are happy to report that the church has recently closed one of the most outstanding revivals in its short history, with Rev. A. J. Gunter as the evangelist. God used Brother Gunter's ministry in a mighty way and many souls were saved and sanctified. On the closing Sunday we set a new Sunday-school record with 102 present. Our monthly average of 77 was also a new high. This is a new church, having been organized in July, 1953. God has been good to us and we look to Him as we move forward in His service.—L. S. Wallace, Pastor.

Pratt, Kansas—It has been a real joy to have Evangelists Richard and Lucille Law with us in revival services. We feel that our lives have been greatly enriched by their godly ministry. Each evening the Holy Spirit graciously blessed their singing, readings, and preaching to the hearts of the people. The services were well attended, and forty people found definite victory at the altar. We feel deeply indebted to God for sending the Laws our way. While counting our blessings for the past two years, we also find that God has given us a new church school annex and a fine increase in both the church school and church membership. With gratitude we say, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."—Ralph G. Jared, Pastor.

Pastor John M. Gardner writes: "I am indeed happy to report a very successful revival in the New Haven, Connecticut, church, under the ministry of Evangelist H. J. Felter. Brother Felter, who served as a pastor for a number of years, brought messages that were timely and practical, which resulted in approximately twenty-eight souls seeking God to be saved or sanctified. The entire church was brought into a deeper and closer relationship to God."

Sheffield, Alabama—On October 24, First Church closed a good revival with Sandra Cox, fifteen-year-old evangelist. More than one hundred people attended the Church of the Nazarene for the first time. Several claimed victory at the altar; and a good class was received into the church. We had 298 people present for Sunday school on the closing Sunday. Two weeks later Evangelist Louis Posey preached in the morning service, and Evangelist C. C. Knippers in the evening service; the altar was lined with seekers in both services. Pastor and people are united in the Crusade for Souls Now.—Wallace Bell, Pastor.

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan—Our church has had a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. J. Sharples. Brother Sharples is a businessman-evangelist who does a great work for the church. He loves to personally "sell" the gospel to his businessmen friends, several of whom were brought into the church for the first time and were very much impressed with the Nazarene program. Mr. Sharples does a wonderful job in lifting the church toward God, and the pastor is boosted before his people. Also Brother and Sister Sharples know how to preach, sing, and play instruments. The church was revived and a number of new converts were at the altar of prayer. We give God the praise for the victories won during this revival. There were three prayer meetings a day, and they were well attended. The Prince Albert Church enjoyed a wonderful increase in Sunday-school attendance this past month.—Amil Petersen, Pastor.

Elsinore, California—We have recently closed a very fruitful revival meeting with Rev. H. H. Cochran as evangelist, and L. C. and Ruth Messer as singers and musicians. This is a new and difficult field. Our church has been established two years, and this is the first time we have been able to see any resemblance of a break. We believe that there has been a definite impact made upon the community. The humility and spiritual insight of Brother Cochran were heart-warming. The fervent, humble devotion, along with the outstanding ability, of Brother and Sister Messer made this a very profitable meeting.—D. W. Simpson, Pastor.

Grand Saline, Texas—We have recently closed a week's revival with Rev. Mrs. Thelma Steelman and husband as the special workers. The services from the very beginning were characterized by large crowds and a deep sense of God's abiding presence. Sister Steelman preached with a passion and a burden for lost souls. There were seekers at the altar almost every night. At the close of the meeting we received six into the church. We enjoyed Brother Steelman's work with the Juniors.—John C. Burch, Pastor.

The Rushing-Drye Party writes: "We will be working in the West and Northwest in the fall of 1955. We have two dates open which we would like to book in that section of the country. They are October 26 to November 6 and December 7 to 18. There are four in our party; and we carry the whole program—special singing, instrumental music, and preaching. Our year of 1954 has been a fruitful one—we have worked on fourteen different districts, conducting twenty revivals and seeing many precious souls find Jesus. We thank God for the good pastors which we have worked with this year. Write us, P.O. Box 1, Coffeyville, Kansas."

Buckhannon, West Virginia—June 27 was a great day for the members and friends of our church. Our district superintendent, Dr. E. C. Oney, dedicated the educational unit of our new church. It is a two-story, limestone-block structure 40 x 40 feet. At the present, we are using the ground floor for the sanctuary, the second story for classrooms and parsonage. Our plans call for the construction of a 35 x 60 sanctuary onto the front of this building. Only a small indebtedness of \$5,500.00 is on our present property; \$1,200.00 was raised at the dedication. Our first revival in the new church was with Rev. Paul and Hallie Smith. They were very fine workers and believe in praying down a revival. God heard and came and gave an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with souls seeking Him in saving and sanctifying power. Two new families were won to the church; and many new contacts were made. The last Sunday we broke all records with 115 in Sunday school; also a nice love offer-

ing was given to the pastor, and money raised to purchase road signs for the church. The church is growing in all departments.—Noah Sullivan, Pastor.

Salem, Ohio—Our church recently closed one of the finest revival meetings it has ever had. Rev. Howard Sweeten was the evangelist. He is one of the outstanding holiness preachers of the denomination and carries a burden for souls. The people and visitors who attended this revival said they were helped by the plain presentation of the truth of the Scriptures. Mr. and Mrs. Shank were the special singers. They are wonderful people who love the Lord and sing the glory down. We are closing our tenth year with the good people here in Salem. This has been a wonderful year; we have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. Eight people united with the church on the closing Sunday of the meeting. All departments of the church are showing an increase. Our people are good, loyal Nazarenes who love the cause of Christ and are back of the whole program of the Church of the Nazarene.—E. M. Parks, Pastor.

St. Johns, Michigan—Our church has entered upon a new era. We moved into the first unit of our new church building on last Easter Sunday. The beautiful, sound-conditioned sanctuary is 40 x 60 feet, has a buff ceiling, pale green side wall, indirect lighting, stained-glass windows, and two-tone tile floor. It comfortably seats 250 people; and the chapel annex, opening onto the sanctuary, seats 50 more. The church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Sunday morning, September 26, and held its dedication service in the afternoon. Rev. O. L. Maish, superintendent of the Michigan District, preached with unction in both services. Floral pieces, donated by merchants and members, covered the front of the rostrum. We recently closed our first revival in the new building. Our workers were Rev. C. V. Holstein, evangelist, and a girls' trio from Owosso Bible College. Brother Holstein's preaching and spirit were sound and beautiful. He carries a genuine burden for the meeting and is a delight to entertain. The trio played and sang "in the Spirit." Some definite seeking and finding characterized the altar services, and many new families are looking toward our church. We are now launching a community survey and visitation program.—W. E. Weaver, Pastor.

Orleans, Indiana—Our church recently closed a thirteen-day revival with Rev. Clinton M. Lamar as the evangelist. He preached mightily under the power of the Holy Spirit. The atmosphere was electrified in each service by the presence of the Lord. The church was in a decline spiritually and financially until God came and gave us a revival. We greatly appreciate the work of Brother Lamar.—H. D. Newby, Pastor.

## A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

### "Unspeakable Gift"

*Monday:*

He gave me Light:  
The light of those upon whose darkness dawns  
A strong, sure ray. Sitting in helpless night  
And shadow of death, on me the glory shone (Isa. 9:2).

*Tuesday:*

He gave me Joy:  
The joy of those whose mouth is sudden filled  
With singing laughter and a glad surprise;  
The joy of heaven's wells for each day's need (Isa. 9:3).

*Wednesday:*

He gave me Peace:  
The peace of those who find calm after storm,  
And rest, deep-centered, 'mid life's grinding cares (Isa. 9:7).

*Thursday:*

He gave me Truth:  
The highest thing a soul may know on earth,  
Glimpse of a universe of sun and star  
Gladly obeying God's all-perfect will;  
My heart, with them, transparent, unafraid (John 18:37-38).

*Friday:*

He gave me Love:  
Filling my emptiness, healing every hurt,  
Binding all broken things, and reaching out  
To suffering, groping creatures, to fulfill  
Itself by being spilt—His love, not mine (John 15:12).

*Saturday:*

This Thou hast given—this to me, O Lord?  
This Thou hast given, for Thou gavest thyself;  
Traveled the road—the road thyself didst make—  
From glory to my need, from God to me.  
O Gift unspeakable—thyself—to me! (Phil. 2:6-8.)

*Sunday:*

"Freely ye have received"—how freely, Lord!  
"Lift up your eyes, and look"—but that is pain.  
"I gave myself"—love finds a way to share (Matt. 10:8).

The Joy Beams write: "We are song evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene, and thank God for His blessings upon our work, especially during the past year. Just recently closed a great meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina, with Rev. Wyatt Gentry and his good people. At this writing we are at Northside Church in Charleston, West Virginia, with Pastor Beckett. We have some open time after January 1, and would be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write us, 405½ Wyoming Street, Charleston, West Virginia."

Hawthorn, Pennsylvania—God answers prayer! Through the faithful and prayerful preaching of the old-fashioned gospel by Evangelist Claude W. Jones our church has experienced a great awakening. According to members and friends this meeting was considered one of the best. Souls were saved and sanctified; the church was greatly helped and encouraged; friends of the community came in and found victory at the altar; and the attendance was excellent. We appreciate our good Nazarene evangelists, of which we count Brother Jones one of the best. Hawthorn church is making fine progress in Sunday-school and church attendance; also our property has been enhanced by enlarging the parsonage into a fine seven-room dwelling. We give thanks to the Lord for all these good things and trust Hawthorn shall continue to make progress for God and souls.—George Emmitt, Pastor.

Evangelist Fay A. Fouse writes: "Because of a recent cancellation, I have an open date, January 4 to 16. Would be glad to slate this time as the Lord may lead. Write me, 635 Western Avenue, Winchester, Indiana."

Evangelists Lawrence and Lavona Walker write that they will be in New York City, February 4 through 13, then have an open date, February 16 to 27. Write them, 223 Ray Avenue, N.W., New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Tonkawa, Oklahoma—We have recently closed a meeting with Rev. Thomas Hayes as evangelist. This was our seventh meeting with Brother Hayes. He was marvelously healed about a year ago after the doctors had given him about two weeks to live. His anointed messages, backed by fastings and hours of prayer, were greatly appreciated by all who heard him. This is a home-mission work. Pray for us, that we will win souls here in this needy field.—J. E. Zimmerman, Pastor.

Winchester, Virginia—On November 14 we closed a two-week revival with Evangelist E. G. Wright and his wife with thirty-six seekers at the altar. Several church members got right with God and new people received God in salvation and sanctification. Everybody enjoyed the fine singing of Brother and Sister Wright accompanied on the accordion by Sister Wright, and the old-time revival preaching of Brother Wright. Many said that this was the best revival in the history of the church. As the new pastor here, we praise God that He sent this great revival to our small church. Plans are now being made for a new building.—David S. Radcliffe, Pastor.

Brookfield, Illinois—We have recently had a good meeting with Rev. Robert Emsley, of England, as our evangelist. He was pastor for nine years of the Mt. Zion Chapel of the Church of the Nazarene in Gildersome, Leeds, England. Feeling the call of God into the full-time evangelistic field, he resigned his church and is currently evangelizing among our churches in the United States. His preaching ministry is characterized by Bible-centered, expository messages that instruct as well as inspire. He especially emphasized the truth of full salvation and was blessed with a number of seekers who sought the fullness of the blessing.—Robert J. Mollar, Pastor.

Ellettsville, Indiana—The Chafin Memorial Church, generally called Red Hill, recently closed its most wonderful revival. This baby rural church with only a few members was visited with a tide of revival blessings from heaven. Rev. Morris E. Scutt was the evangelist. His anointed ministry was honored of the Lord. Rev. Robert Stonoff and wife were our singers and musicians, and there are

none better. Over thirty seekers were at the altar for pardon or purity. Conviction came upon the services night after night. There were freedom and glory in the services not often seen, and many bright spiritual victories were won.—Frederic L. Hollis, Pastor.

Evangelist E. D. Wolfe writes: "It has been a joy indeed to spend the past month on Dr. E. E. Zachary's district in some home-mission work. Dr. Zachary is a great superintendent and loved by his people. At present we are in a revival with Rev. Allen Bennett and his good people at Kalama, Washington. God is honoring the people's prayers; souls are being saved, and believers sanctified. To date, thirty-two have bowed at the altar and God has given definite victory. We have some open time for the spring of 1955. Write me, 820 Edina Avenue, Salem, Oregon."

North Little Rock, Arkansas—Grace Church recently closed a revival meeting with Evangelist R. F. Lindley. In many respects this is the best revival we have had. The presence of the Lord was very real in each service. Brother Lindley was at his best, bringing rugged gospel messages under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. All services were well attended with 157 in Sunday school on the closing Sunday. A nice love offering in the amount of \$128.00 was given the pastor.—Bill Jetton, Pastor.

Ainsworth, Nebraska—Our fall revival with Rev. Max Peters as evangelist was the best meeting this church has known. God blessed and gave seekers in all but three or four services, and the services continued a week longer than planned. We thank God for Brother Peters' ministry and personal work here. Eight new members have been added to the church.—LeRoy Morrow, Pastor.

El Centro, California—November 7 marked the close of another gracious revival for our church. Prior to the revival, much prayer and intercession and visitation had been done. For at least two Sundays before the scheduled meeting, in the morning service the church tarried around the altar with a tremendous burden and each evening we would have souls at the altar. So from the first service until the end, the church witnessed souls praying through to glorious victory and going on to heart purity. We had more folks to pray through to heart purity than in any other revival thus far. The human agents in this revival were Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Whitley; their ministry in sermon and song will linger long with the church. They received a unanimous call to return for 1955. A nice class of members was received into the church and a fine love offering was given to the pastors. Our church is getting ready to sponsor another branch Sunday school at Calexico, just across from Mexicali, Mexico. If



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Evangelist C. Wesley Brough writes: "Due to a change in pastors I have a cancellation, therefore an open date in February. I would be interested in slating this time somewhere between Florida and California; this is the only time I have open between now and June. Write me, 1700 Sierra Bonita Avenue, Pasadena, California."

Handley, West Virginia—God recently gave us a wonderful revival through the ministry of Evangelist P. E. Kuykendall. It was one of the most unusual meetings we have ever been in. Brother Kuykendall held his audience almost spellbound as he preached nearly a week before giving an altar call. On the last Sunday morning forty persons knelt at the altar to seek God for pardon or purity. Several good couples were among the seekers and God poured out His blessings upon us. This was a most profitable meeting and much good was accomplished. Our church seems more united and the revival fires still burn. Brother Kuykendall's messages on holiness and his emphasis on storehouse tithing were needful and fruitful; also we appreciated his exhortation for all to stand solidly behind the program of the Church of the Nazarene. Our Sunday school continues to grow; we are now averaging just under one hundred. A year ago we were in the seventies and eighties. We have a fine group of loyal folks here.—John J. Hancock, Pastor.

Evangelist Joseph Bierce writes: "Due to a cancellation I have some time open in January; will be glad to slate it as the Lord may lead. Write me, 913 Indiana Street, Bicknell, Indiana."

Broken Bow, Nebraska—In October we had a revival with Rev. Max Peters as preacher and singer. God still answers prayer and gives revivals. We had two definite cases of divine healing—very remarkable ones; one a lady eighty years of age who had been given up to die. Brother Peters' messages were of great help and blessing. He preaches from a heart of love and with the unction of the Holy Spirit.—Milton McCreery, Pastor.

Princeton, Indiana—This last assembly year set another all-time record for the Princeton church—every department showing a substantial gain. The church led the district again this year in Sunday school with a yearly average attendance of 393, a 45-per-Sunday gain over last year. Also a complete air-conditioning unit was installed in the church and all Sunday-school rooms are cooled. A centralized twenty-ton, air-condition-

ing unit was placed in the basement of the church, with ceiling diffusers in the main auditorium to give a perfect system of cooling, and a draft-free comfort is the result. We have recently purchased the house and lot adjacent to the church property to the west for the sum of \$5,000.00, the house to be sold and a much-needed parking lot made available to accommodate about seventy-five cars. This extra room will afford ample room for a much-needed educational unit to accommodate our fast-growing Sunday school. There is good unity prevailing in the church and also with our good district leaders, Rev. and Mrs. Leo Davis. We are happy in our work and to serve in the great family of Nazarenes.—Roy M. Vaughn, Pastor.

### Canadian Nazarene College

Two notable events distinguish November 14 in the history of Canadian Nazarene College and of the progress of Canada West District—the dedication of the new King Memorial Chapel and the organization of the College Church.

About 650 friends of the college witnessed the dedication of the chapel, dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. King, formerly of Picture Butte and Calgary, Alberta. A legacy left by Mrs. King made possible the erection of this building. Dr. Edward Lawlor, district superintendent and chairman of the Board of Governors, brought the dedication address. Among the special greetings that were read and that were personally delivered were

fitting words representing the Nazarene Headquarters by Rev. Norman Oke, director of Christian Service Training.

The chapel, which has a seating capacity of 500, is furnished on the main floor with opera seats finished in a natural birch-walnut color. The balcony is furnished with armchairs for classroom use, being divided to provide two classrooms seating thirty students in each one. The ceiling of the chapel is ornamented by beautiful, natural-finished, laminated beams spanning the 44-foot width. The plain walls are buff interior stucco. Contrasted with the gray battleship linoleum of the main floor is the red rubber tile of the two parallel aisles and the platform. The building is designed for cultural use as well as church services.

In keeping with the dedication of the King Memorial Chapel was the organization of the College Church of the Nazarene. The charter was opened in the morning service at the First Church of the Nazarene, and added to in the evening service at the college with forty-one transferring membership from other Nazarene churches and six joining by profession of faith. This day of special college and community significance closed with Dr. Edward Lawlor preaching in the College Church, at which time he placed emphasis upon the distinctive doctrine of the church—the doctrine of entire sanctification.

The organization of the new College Church was effected Monday evening, Dr. Edward Lawlor presiding. The membership unanimously accepted the

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appointment of Rev. Arnold E. Airhart, president of the college, as supply pastor of the church until a permanent full-time minister can be secured. Dr. Charles E. Thompson will aid Mr. Airhart as an associate pastor.

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### Maritime District Preachers' Meeting

The annual preachers' meeting of the Maritime District met in Moncton, N.B., November 2 to 4, with Rev. C. William Cole as host pastor, Brother Cole and his people did everything possible to make our stay with them

enjoyable. Rev. J. H. MacGregor, district superintendent, arranged and led the services with his usual grace and tenderness, and endeared himself and wife even more to his pastors and people.

We were privileged to have Dr. D. I. Vanderpool with us, and



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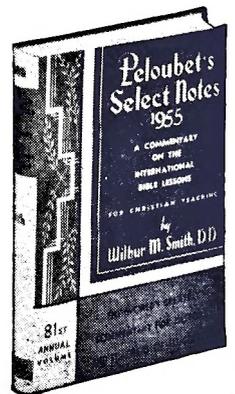
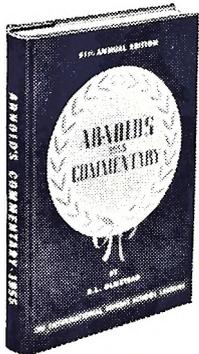
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throughout the entire convention he stirred and blessed our hearts with messages poured out of a heart filled with love for God and man. Something new was added this year, when Dr. Roy F. Smee and others from general headquarters made possible a great Crusade for Souls Convention along with the preachers' meeting. Rev. Alpin Bowes, of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, presented the methods and means of evangelism and highlighted his messages with the emphasis of holiness in relation to the Crusade for Souls. Rev. Robert Goslaw, superintendent of the New York District, brought us many practical illustrations as to what crusading for souls can do for pastors and people. His inspiring messages stirred every one of us to a greater determination to do more for Christ in the days ahead.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Smee and all others who made possible this great event in the lives of the Maritimers, the Crusade for Souls Convention. The Maritimers are on the march and with Christ, the Captain of our salvation, leading us we move onward with a conquering tread.

E. H. BREWER, *District Secretary*

#### Chicago Central District Home Missions

About one hundred years ago nine Methodist men from Chicago, all less than forty years of age, founded a university and town on the shore of Lake Michigan, twelve miles north of the Chicago Loop. In the charter they also planned for a residential city without a liquor store within its eight-square-mile territory, and to this day there is not a tavern in the city. Today Evanston, Illinois, is a city of 75,000 people, the home of two colleges, two seminaries, and Northwestern University, totaling about 10,000 students. Evanston is the home of the late Frances E. Willard of W.C.T.U. fame; also many holiness people made their homes here in yesteryears.

When Rev. Mark R. Moore became superintendent of the Chicago Central District in 1952, he took the city of Evanston on his heart. Finally he located a brick church, fully equipped, valued at \$50,000.00, three blocks west of the post office; and with the District Foundation Fund, he and the advisory board bought it. This caused the whole district and others to have an interest in this new project.

Rev. Paul M. Rodgers, Nazarene Theological Seminary graduate, with his wife and daughter moved to town to start the Nazarene services in this new church September 1. God has blessed their labors. October 27, we started revival services with the writer as the pioneer evangelist. Nazarenes from nine churches in the Chicago area, as well as local people, attended and took hold. On November 7, Rev. Mark R. Moore opened the charter; and the first ten members were received, thus organizing the Church of the Nazarene in this

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene will convene at the International Headquarters building, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 7, 1955. The Superintendents' Conference will convene at the First Church of the Nazarene, 41st and Harrison Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, and conclude Thursday, January 13.

S. T. LUDWIG  
*General Church Secretary*

wonderful city which has a Protestant and holiness background. Do pray for this work. If you have any family you can point Brother Rodgers to in this city, write him, 1122 Grant Street, Evanston, Illinois. It has been a thrill indeed to have a small part in starting this, my thirty-seventh new church.

EVANGELIST C. T. CORBETT

#### Preachers' Convention Idaho-Oregon District

"This is how you are to look upon us, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's secret truths." With these words from Moffatt's translation of I Cor. 4:1, District Superintendent I. F. Younger set the theme for the 1954 preachers' convention of the Idaho-Oregon District held in Baker, Oregon, November 15 and 16.

Two of the greatest "preachers to preachers" in the Church of the Nazarene challenged and inspired our hearts. General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool dug deep into his treasure-trove of rich experience, and as he preached in his own inimitable way we laughed, cried, and shouted praise to our wonderful Lord. His messages on faith, revivals, and personal evangelism have made an impress on Idaho-Oregon preachers that under God will result in a wave of soul saving all across the district. Dr. D. Shelby Corlett, the dean of Nazarene holiness preachers, and now a valued member of the faculty of Northwest Nazarene College, brought two tremendous messages on the subject "Preaching Holiness." We are indebted to these good and great men for the way in which they clarified issues and raised horizons for all of us.

Pastor Howard Mansfield and his fine people entertained the convention with true Christian hospitality. The banquet for the preachers and their wives held on Tuesday evening was a time of warm fellowship and bound all our hearts together. Papers by a number of pastors on practical subjects of the pastoral ministry rounded out the curriculum of the convention in a most helpful way. Under the anointed leadership of Superintendent I. F. Younger, the district is marching unitedly to victory.

EUGENE STOWE, *Reporter*



### SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

FOR OUR encouragement comes the following report from Sgt. Paul Foulds: "Now that I am soon to leave the Far East for the States, I would like to mention the privileges that were mine to meet our missionaries serving in Japan and Korea.

"The missionaries, such as the McKays and Bennetts and Davises from Japan and the Owensens from Korea, have devoted their lives to these people who have never heard of Christ and His saving power.

"What a thrill it was to me traveling a road in Korea to see a church sitting in the distance with the sign 'Church of the Nazarene' over the entrance, or spending time in homes built by the 'Alabaster Box Fund'! Sights like these bring a question to my heart. Have we as Christians done our part in praying and giving to help in the work of spreading the gospel throughout these foreign lands?

"Words cannot express my appreciation for the faithful service of the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission in sending the church periodicals to me weekly. They have been a great uplift in my Christian experience."

Rev. R. W. Phillips, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Sioux City, Iowa, is interested in contacting men stationed at the Sioux City Air Force Base. Some of the men and their families are already attending the services. If you have friends or relatives stationed there that you would like for Mr. Phillips to contact, write him at 1220 South Glass Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

"As my period of service in the U.S. Army nears completion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the periodicals which I have been receiving regularly these past two years. I have not been privileged to spend as much time reading these fine magazines as I would like to have, but one of the group accompanied me on every maneuver and field exercise, as well as in garrison, and that was *Come Ye Apart*. The *Come Ye Apart* and my Bible are both well worn and underscored from daily use. The combination of reading and devotion was a continual source of strength and inspiration during the many dark hours of loneliness and trial."—  
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**DEATHS**

REV. JOHN A. BALDWIN was born August 25, 1878, in Saltito, Mississippi, and died October 25, 1954, in Springfield, Missouri. Converted at an early age and ordained into the ministry of the Freewill Baptist church in 1900, he came into the Church of the Nazarene at the time of its beginning. He was a pioneer holiness preacher, going out into the schoolhouses and brush arbors carrying the message. He was married to Leona Cook and to this union were born ten children. Mrs. Baldwin died January 15, 1940. He leaves nine children: Ellis and John Paul, of Kansas City; Denver, of McAlester, Oklahoma; Elmer, of Stockton, California; Dean, of Springfield, Missouri; Mrs. J. F. Cross and Mrs. Leroy Ellis, of Kansas City; Mrs. W. O. Marsh, of Wetumka, Oklahoma; Mrs. Malcolm Eudaley, of Mountain Grove, Missouri. He was a member of the Wister, Oklahoma, Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services were held in his home church with a nephew, Rev. C. R. Baldwin, bringing the message. Rev. Mrs. Lile reading the obituary, Rev. Wendell Paris reading the scripture, and Rev. Wesley Meek, the pastor, praying the closing prayer. Interment was in Ellis Chapel near Wister, Oklahoma.

MRS. NELLIE REASE WILLIAMS, daughter of George Michal and Luverna Rease, was born on June 17, 1876, and went to be with Jesus on October 15, 1954. She was married to Andrew Williams on October 14, 1909; and to this union were born two children, Clyde and George. She was converted when she was a young girl and sanctified in the old Uptown Gospel Mission in Evansville. She united with the First Church of the Nazarene in 1918 and served the church as superintendent of the Cradle Roll, Sunday-school teacher, member of the board of stewards, and attended faithfully the services as long as she was physically able. She leaves a glowing testimony to all who knew her. She is survived by a daughter, Clyde Kirkendall of Evansville; a son, Rev. George Williams, Nazarene pastor at Carmi, Illinois; and a brother, George Rease of Dixon, California. Funeral services were held in the Bayard Park Church, Rev. David Krick, pastor, and Rev. Harold Small in charge. Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, New Harmony, Indiana.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8-9).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDDING BELLS**

Miss Doris Marie Dickson of Valley Stream, and Pvt. John Anderson of Fort Jay, New York, were united in marriage on October 9, in the Valley Stream Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Samuel N. Smith, officiating. (John is the son of Rev. and Mrs. John Anderson, Nazarene missionaries in India.)

Miss Dyris Knight and Rev. Willard Brinkman of Nashville, Tennessee, were united in marriage on September 25, at the College Hill Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. George Brinkman, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Claude Galloway, local pastor.

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. George E. Rench of Fresno, California, a son, Larry Bradford, on November 20.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell E. Luther of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Douglas Eugene, on November 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Moore of Lake Worth, Florida, a son, Paul Loyd, on November 13.

—to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, a son, Dale Edwin, on November 7.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cooper of Tucumcari, New Mexico, a daughter, Jan Stephanie, on November 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Wilber A. Rogers of Laurel, Montana, a daughter, Carol Elaine, on November 5.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Donald H. Hennen of Springboro, Pennsylvania, a son, Wayne Clark, on October 31.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hoopergardner, Jr., of Frostburg, Maryland, a daughter, Sarah Lynette, on October 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Griffin of Highland, Indiana, a son, Robert Paul, on October 26.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Harold L. Skoien of Berryville, Arkansas, a daughter, Ronda June, on October 26.

—to Jack and Althea Burton of Syracuse, New York, a daughter, Jane Marie, on October 18.

—to Major and Mrs. Louis E. Gale of Springfield, Ohio, a son, Jon Timothy, on September 21.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a reader in Pennsylvania for the solution of a problem existing in a Sunday-school class of teen-age boys; an unspoken request;

by a friend in Texas, that God will touch and heal her mother if it is His will—she is very seriously ill;

by a friend in Illinois for a much-desired adjustment with a friend, and for success in a present undertaking, without disaster;

by a Christian lady in New York, mother of four

small children, and afflicted with deafness, that God may undertake and help the doctor to find the trouble, also for the salvation of her family; by a lady in Michigan, that God will heal her body so she'll be able to eat—she has been very ill for some time.

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