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God's Underground Army

General Superintendent Young

IT WAS one of the darkest hours in Israel's history. The moral lights had burned down low and were flickering. Civil war had divided the nation permanently into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Wickedness had so consistently marked the reigns of the rulers of both kingdoms that the consequences were depressingly monotonous. Assassinations and suicides, even within royal families, were not unknown.

Now Ahab became ruler over Israel. For twenty-two years his reign excelled in evil. He had married a Phoenician princess, Jezebel, whose oriental corruption was exceeded only by her diabolical cruelty. In her hand Ahab became a mere puppet. Out went the prophets of God; in came the prophets of Baal with all their attendant degradation. Most of God's prophets were slain with the sword, but not the underground band of one hundred. They took to the caves and were fed there by Obadiah, Ahab's governor.

Now appeared the rugged prophet of God, Elijah. By promise of a prolonged drought he dared to announce the judgment of God upon a derelict nation. Barren months followed. The prophet himself was fed miraculously by God, who sent the ravens and the devout, unknown widow. After months of famine, rain came

again in answer to Elijah's prayer; but still the nation did not repent.

Before the end of the drought, came the crisis of Carmel's mount where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to spiritual combat. Although outnumbered four hundred and fifty to one, Elijah emerged victor with the seal of fire upon his water-soaked sacrifice. Now the people were convinced and the false prophets were slain at the foot of the mount. Even Ahab was cowed, but not Jezebel. She countered with a threat on Elijah's life, and he fled to the wilderness. Again, miraculous feeding and prolonged fastings—forty days and nights in all—with the inevitable weariness and exhaustion. At this point Elijah succumbed to a peril peculiar to the holy and the brave—he despaired of deliverance. He complained, They have "forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." Hear God's answer: "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (I Kings 19:18).

Elijah had forgotten the *underground!* Their knees would not bend, neither would their lips kiss, for their love to God was pure.

"SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH"-John 17:17

TELEGRAMS

Dallas, Texas—Mrs. Blackshear, wife of Rev. H. W. Blackshear, pastor at Gladewater, passed away May 21. Funeral services were held at Gladewater, Texas, and Alva, Oklahoma, with interment at Alva.—PAUL H. GARRETT, *Superintendent of Dallas District.*

Chicago, Illinois—J. F. Peoples opens up second colored church in Chicago; property question settled, attendance good, and souls at the altar. Salvation in almost every service, in Friendly Church on Cottage Grove. Our First Church is making splendid progress.—E. O. CHALFANT, *District Superintendent.*

Encinitas, California—Mrs. Theresa Swarth, wife of Rev. D. Swarth, superintendent of North American Indian District, passed to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 1. Mrs. Swarth was district president of the W.F.M.S. of the Indian District, and served in like capacity on Canada West and Arizona districts for many years. She loved her Christ and her church.—CATHERINE PICKETT, *Secretary of Indian District.*

Tucson, Arizona—Thirty-first Arizona District Assembly held in Phoenix Eastside shows greatest gains in history. Rev. M. L. Mann re-elected with near unanimous vote; Dr. D. I. Vanderpool at his best in message and assembly business. \$314,720 total, with \$2,623 for general interests; 167 new members; \$7,500 in gifts for home missions, and \$6,500 in loans. The Arizona Nazarenes are going forward.—J. ERBEN MOORE, JR., *Reporter.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. Doyle C. Smith has resigned as pastor of the church in Pineville, to accept the call to First Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

After a seven-year pastorate in Lincoln Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Rev. H. H. Marvin has accepted a call to pastor the Arlington Street Church in Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Burch, wife of Rev. Robert L. Burch, Nazarene pastor at Sandstone, Minnesota, has suffered a nervous breakdown. At present, she is receiving medical attention in Minneapolis. Urgent prayer is requested that God may strengthen and help.

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Spiritual Vultures

By Mrs. James H. Austin*

"We go where we get fed." Have you ever said this in excusing yourself from regular church services?

In a certain large city, I listened to the radio descriptions of various Sabbath day activities (religious—not secular). I was tempted to imagine the blessing one could receive from attending even a few of these services: special speakers, musicians, all outstanding spiritual feasts. Then I began to turn over the word *feast* in my mind. I don't believe one could become spiritually overweight by running hither and yon after these specialties. But I thought how barren our own services would become if everyone were so greedy for spiritual fatness that we all rushed about to every new source of food to partake just the way certain animals do.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" must hold true in a spiritual sense also. I enjoy the occasional feast; and although these times have helped me, I can look back more certainly on the wholesome, sustaining nourishment obtained over a long period of time from personal devotions and by sticking to the job which has been assigned to me.

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Jesus and You

By Eugene W. Swim, Jr.

*Just tell it to Jesus;
He'll answer your prayer.
Just tell it to Jesus,
For He's always there!*

*Just trust now in Jesus,
For He'll never fail.
Just trust now in Jesus;
Your prayers will prevail.*

*Just rest now in Jesus;
He bids, Come apart.
Just rest now in Jesus;
He cleanses the heart.*

*Just hope now in Jesus;
His promise is true.
Just hope now in Jesus;
He loves even you!*

Why Jesus Prayed for The Sanctification of His Disciples

By H. S. Galloway*

THERE are two basic and fundamental reasons why Jesus prayed for the sanctification of His disciples as indicated in that prayer recorded in St. John 17. Other reasons, especially those having to do with Christian service are covered elsewhere in the Scriptures, but in this prayer there are two. Both of them indicate basic weaknesses in the disciples that affected not only their personal living but also their relationship with one another; and unless these weaknesses could be met there could be no adequate witness to the outside world.

The part of the prayer indicating the first of these is, "I pray . . . that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Closely allied to this part of the petition is that of a former verse, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me." Keep them through Thine own name, "Keep them from the evil."

Again Jesus comes to grips with that which made necessary His coming and His sacrificial atonement—the evil. It is the whole system of evil fathered and fostered by an evil personality, polluting and corrupting every human life and reaching into man's nature with an evil bent toward iniquity and rebellion. The result in each heart is carnality, the child of Satan, deforming and polluting life. The disciples, though followers of Jesus Christ and separate from the world, were not yet entirely free from this evil. The enemy held a beachhead in their lives, and there was little hope of victorious living as long as this was true. Hence Jesus prayed for their cleansing, "Sanctify them." It would take the cleansing from the inner pollution to deliver them from the evil within. It would take the energies of the abiding Sanctifier to "keep them from the evil" on the outside.

The second reason is indicated in verses 21 and 22, "That they all may be one." There was within the hearts of the disciples a divisive force that kept them from being one. It was a self-centeredness, a form of selfishness. Self loomed large in their thinking. There was unholy ambition with occasional outbursts of jealousies and covetousness. Each one wanted a place for himself; he wanted to be first. This tended to set the one against the other. The law of self-preservation caused them to be cowards in the crucial hours. Self had not yet been crucified. The taproot of sin still was deep in their natures. None recognized this more than Jesus. None had been more grieved at its outcroppings than He.

Now He prays, "Sanctify them . . . that they all may be one." He prays that self shall be

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put to death in the purifying fires of the Holy Spirit; that henceforth the governing law of life for them should be the law of love, filling and pervading every part of life. With this love within their hearts they would be one. Then, and then only, could there be an adequate witness to the world, that the world might know the saving power and grace of the Lord.

The prayer of Jesus was not only for the twelve but for all of His disciples, even for those of today. The reasons are still the same. There cannot be victorious living for Him if the evil has a beachhead in one's soul, or if the taproot of sin in the form of selfishness is in the heart. But in the lives of many the prayer has been answered. The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit has cleansed. There is the testimony of victorious living, that the world may know Him.



Epistle to the Philippians

By H. Orton Wiley

V. Paul as a Prisoner: The Gospel Mind

But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places (Phil. 1:12-20).

THIS EPISTLE, in which there is not a single word of complaint, was written in prison to a church which began in a prison. History records many excellent books written in prison. Sir Walter Raleigh wrote his *History of the World* while in prison; Cervantes, his *Don Quixote*, Marco Polo, his *Travels*, and Bunyan, the celebrated *Pilgrim's Progress*. In writing to the Philippians, St. Paul views his imprisonment solely as it is related to the spread of the gospel.

(1) *His imprisonment made possible the wider preaching of the gospel.* "So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places" (Phil 1:13). St. Paul uses the word *praetorium* in the provincial sense of the governor's palace. By his association with the guards, and perhaps Jewish servants, it was soon made known that he was not a criminal,

but a prisoner for Christ. The above verse therefore may be paraphrased as follows, "For my bonds on account of the preaching of Christ, and not on account of any crime, are well known in the whole palace, and in all other places of the city by means of those who have been converted." The "other places" refer to groups of Christians in the city of Rome, there being many at that time.

(2) *His imprisonment inspired others to preach the gospel more boldly.* "And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear" (Phil. 1:14). In the presence of the great Apostle, it appears many were hesitant about preaching because of their lesser gifts and abilities. Now that he was in prison, these men assumed the responsibility and began to preach without hesitancy or fear. Again, the patience and joyousness of the Apostle served to inspire the church with new courage and sacrifice.

(3) *The Apostle rejoiced that Christ was preached by whatever means.* "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will" (Phil. 1:15). The contrast here is not between true and false doctrine so much as between the motives of those who preached—the one in pretense, the other in truth. St. Paul regarded the Word as good seed. The Holy Spirit can cause it to bring forth fruit by whatever hands it is sown. His love for Christ therefore overcame all resentment, pride, self-love, or narrowness of spirit.

(4) *His unswerving confidence in God's providential leadings.* "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:19). St. Paul taught and actually believed that "all things work together for good to them that love

God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Here then is the secret of the Apostle's life and thought—he judges everything by this standard, "Does it further the gospel of Christ?" This is the true gospel mind.

Co-operating with the Inevitable

By Arthur Hedley*

THERE ARE many things in life that are unavoidable and beyond our power to alter. We cannot choose our parents and neither can we avoid certain physical features we inherit from them. Sooner or later, we come face to face with the inevitables of life: things which, for good or ill, we find we must accept, and everything depends on the spirit in which we accept them. For the majority of us, work in some form or other is inevitable because the scripture says, "If a man does not choose to work, neither shall he eat" (II Thess. 3:10, Weymouth). Some people do manage to live by avoiding honest labor, but such are useless to society and are despised rather than admired.

There are situations in life when we find the inevitable is not at all pleasant. The young soldier finds he must obey the voice of authority or suffer the consequences. The changing of the seasons from spring to summer to autumn and winter cannot be arrested, for such changes are essential for the fruitfulness of the earth. "He changeth the times and the seasons" (Dan. 2:21).

Changes are inevitable in home life. Sons and daughters grow up, get married, and leave the old home, to settle down in a home of their own. We have to face up to the inevitability of change in our bodies with the passing years. Many things we did with ease in our younger days we find ourselves unable to do in old age. Limbs become stiff, breathing difficult, mental faculties less keen and responsive.

What is to be our attitude to those things which are unavoidable? We can resent them, we can murmur against them, we can brood over them and become morbid and peevish. The young soldier may resent authority and kick against it, but to do so is like kicking against a brick wall; he only hurts himself by making his position more difficult. Some people try to ignore or hide the changes wrought by the hand of time. They try, by various artifices, to make out they are much younger and more vigorous than they really are. For a time they keep up a game of make-believe, but truth will come out. At last, they are reluctantly compelled to admit they are growing old and must adjust themselves to a limitation of their physical powers. To refuse to face up to the inevitable changes of life means living in a state of conflict, tension, and we be-

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One Fold and One Shepherd

By Grace Noll Crowell

*"I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My sheep,"
The universal Christ calls out again;
"One Shepherd and one fold"—He bids us keep
The sheepfold doors wide open, that all men
Who will may come. He bids His followers go
To seek each lost lamb as He did of old,
To search until the lost be found, although
The storm runs high, the night be dark and cold*

*Here in this strangely troubled night, the plea
Rings out across a dark world torn by strife.
The fold—as lasting as eternity—
Is a gracious symbol of eternal life.
The Shepherd is our Christ—and, oh, we must
Tend well His sheep, and bring them one by one
Into the universal fold—a trust
We dare not slight until our work be done!*

come irritable or morbid, a burden to ourselves or others.

There is a wiser and a better way, a way that brings tranquillity to mind and soul. In the first world war, a young soldier straight from college found himself up against things that were most painful to him. He was ordered here and there by men who were illiterate, overbearing, sensual, and he resented giving obedience to such men whose orders at times seemed so senseless and futile. But this attitude only made things worse, and one day he saw how futile it was to continue this spirit of antagonism against a system which it was beyond his power to alter. He there and then resolved "to accept the inevitable cheerfully," and thus enjoyed inner harmony and found life more pleasant.

"Uncle Joe," said an American author to an old negro who always went about with a smiling face, though he had a full share of life's troubles, "how do you manage to remain so cheerful and calm?" "Well, I'll tell you," he replied, "I've just learned to co-operate with the inevitable." That was a wise answer. It is when we learn to "co-operate with the inevitable" that the face of life becomes completely transformed for us.

To co-operate with the inevitable instead of fighting against it means nothing less than co-operating with God. The changes of life which are inevitable to the believer, joy and sorrow, prosperity and adversity, strength and weakness, are for our highest good, since "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). To co-operate with the inevitable is to place ourselves in God's hands and allow Him to work out His good will in our lives. He then uses the unavoidable changes of life for the enlargement and enrichment of the soul. We become workers together with God (II Cor. 6:1), enabling Him to fulfill His purposes in and through us. Such an attitude banishes resentment, bitterness of spirit, skepticism, pessimism; it produces the spirit of patient submission, of trust, peace, and joy. We then see the goodness of God in all things and can give "thanks always for all things" (Eph. 5:20). Then with sincerity and heartiness, we can sing,

*Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy.
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.*

Ian Maclaren, whose books were so greatly loved by a past generation, once received a letter in which the writer said, "Through the goodness of God, I'm confined to a chair." "This," said Maclaren, "made me ashamed of a thousand petulant complaints." To look at the inevitables of life in that spirit is to co-operate with God, and to enjoy great serenity of mind and soul. Then we grow in the spirit and likeness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and glorify Him by influencing others to trust and serve Him, also.

THE EVANGELISTIC PULPIT:

Who Is Jesus?

By J. E. Williams*

IN THE Old Testament, Jesus is revealed as the Lamb of God without spot or blemish, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and the Desire of all nations. He is a Teacher above whom there is no other—a Prophet like Moses, a King like David, and the Mediator between God and man. Great men have come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him. He is the ever-perfect One—the Chiefest among ten thousand, the One altogether lovely, the Christ, the Son of the living God.



Billy Sunday said: "The name of Jesus throbs with all life, it weeps with all pathos, it groans with all pain, it stoops with all love, and its breath is laden with the perfume of another world. I struggle for a metaphor with which to express Jesus. He is not like the bursting forth of an orchestra, that is too loud and might be out of tune. He is not like the sea when lashed into a rage by a storm—that is too boisterous. He is not like a mountain wreathed in lightning—canopied with snow, for that would be too solitary and remote. He is the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, a gale of spices from Heaven."

And so we have Him, not a philosopher, but the inspiration of all the philosophers of all the ages. Not a physician, but the Healer of broken hearts and the cradle for all the sorrow in the world. Not an author, but of whom it was said the world would not hold the books that could be written about Him. Not a musician, but the heart and soul, the theme, of living oratorios, the anthem of angels and the *Te Deum* of every ransomed sinner. Not a builder of buildings, but the Divine Architect of all human destiny. Not a poet, but One of whom angels sing, "All the light of sacred story gathers 'round His head sublime." Not an artist, but the unflinching Light of the great masters, old and new. And more wonderful than all, a Man, blameless, and unscarred by sin and taint of wrong, who came as God's final answer for the needs of the world.

He is the Christ of ultimate victory! One night when the disciples were battling with the waves that threatened to engulf them, He said, "Be of good cheer." And on the night of the Last Supper, when a sob was in every man's throat, He said again, "Be not afraid." He tells of the joy in the heart of the shepherd who found his lost

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sheep, of the woman who found the coin that was lost, and of the father who found his lost son. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth." "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

There may fall shadows across the face of a tired and weary world; but Jesus will not fail. The Rose of Sharon has an immortal bloom! The Star of Bethlehem is in the ascendancy! The glow of the dawn is on the Saviour's brow! He rides the white horse of victory across the crests of the centuries! He leads no forlorn hope, nor fights for a lost cause! His moral dominion and ultimate triumph is a certainty. He will encircle the globe with universal sovereignty.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on. (JULIA WARD HOWE)

Invite Them Home

A YOUNG person was talking about how it seemed to be a stranger in town. "I was so homesick I used to walk along the street at night and look in at the people in their homes, and wish I could get into a real home for just a little while," she said. "A lady in our church heard me make a statement like that in young people's meeting, and she came to me and said, 'Come to my home any time you like, dear. We'd love to have you.' Of course I never went. I had no idea when they'd want me."

An elderly lady felt that she wanted to do something for the lonely young people, but her home was shabby and her food very ordinary. However, the servicemen seemed delighted to come, and one young man was led to the Lord indirectly as the result of her invitation.

Every Saturday night servicemen pour into towns near their camps looking for something to do. If they knew that a little visit in a home would follow a trip to church, many of them would thankfully trade their worldly pleasures for more wholesome ones. And who knows? Someday you might look back and see the results in marriages which were started in your home or church because you were hospitable to service men and women.

I know food is high. But almost everyone is overweight, and it wouldn't hurt any of us to go without something during the week so that we could feed hungry young people on Sunday. We often feel so useless in this job of soul winning. This would be such an easy way to invite people to church. If they come, they get spiritually fed, and we can give them a few loaves and fishes for bait to bring them again.—SISTER PHEBE.

The Old-time Religion

By Elbert Dodd*

IN INTRODUCING true religion to the world, it pleased God to do so through the prophets, apostles, and the revelation of His Son Jesus Christ. The old-time religion is that which was enjoyed by the prophets and apostles and taught by our Lord himself. Today there is much said and little known about the old-time religion. It is one thing to sing and preach about it, and another to live by its standards, practice its spirit, and support its doctrines.

The old-time religion was an experiential religion. The divine record is replete with accounts of men and their experiences with God. How clearly this is seen in the climaxing experience of Jacob that dark night when he wrestled with an angel and would not let go until he received the blessing that changed his nature and his name! (Gen. 32:24.) Early in his writings, Isaiah the prophet testifies, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple" (Isa. 6:1). He also tells of the experience that occurred in his life. "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged" (Isa. 6:6-7).

The apostles were none the less certain about their experiences with God. Peter was definite in his confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). Paul said, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12). John declares, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (I John 1:1, 3).

The old-time religion brought persecution. The prophets were not popular men. They were hated, denounced, ridiculed, and despised. They "had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; . . . they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" (Heb. 11:36-38). It was said of Paul the apostle that he "had a revival or a riot everywhere he went." All of the apostles suffered

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severe persecution and most of them won the martyr's crown as they went sweeping through the gates of glory. From its very nature, a holy life in the world today brings antagonism and persecution. Jesus himself said, "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2). But He also said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matt. 5:11-12).

The old-time religion brought sacrificial giving. The prophets gave themselves so completely to their task that they had nothing. The early disciples sold all they had and invested in the kingdom of God. Pioneer preachers of the holiness movement suffered dire need to preach its doctrine. There is no place for selfishness in the heart where Christ reigns supreme. With millions dying for lack of the necessities of life and many more without the "living bread . . . from heaven," Christ must be saddened when many who bear His name spend their money for luxurious homes, fine automobiles, jewelry, television, expensive clothes, extravagant furniture, and imposing buildings. Isaiah's question would be appropriate for this day of extravagance, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" (Isa. 55:2.) The spirit of the Master has always been that of simple living and sacrificial giving.

The old-time religion brought a burden for the lost. Moses was so burdened for sinful Israel that he was willing to be blotted out for their sakes (Exod. 32:32). The weeping Jeremiah was so impassioned for the lost that he cried, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!" (Jer. 9:1.) Paul had such a concern that he was willing to become "accursed from Christ" for his lost kinsmen (Rom. 9:3).

The tragedy of our day is that so many who profess salvation have no passion for the lost. How can men be at ease in Zion with the nation paralyzed in the grip of sin and millions in foreign lands dying in heathen darkness? How can church members go from day to day with tearless eyes

and light hearts, feasting and frolicking, instead of praying and fasting, while hundreds of young men die on gory battlefields and thousands are bowed beneath the load of sin and sorrow? Oh, where are the men and women who will stand in the gap between a sin-avenging God and a sinning humanity?

Thank God! There are some who still have the old-time religion with its privileges of burden bearing and soul winning. May God help us to preach and live the old-time religion, for it is the only kind that will take us to heaven. "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 8:11).

*Faith of our fathers! living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.*

Let's Keep the Altar Open!

By R. J. Cerrato*

THE ALTAR means much to me. It was at an altar where my shackles of darkness, superstition, and sin were broken. It was at an altar where Jesus became my All in All, and later at an altar the Holy Spirit came to make His abode in my heart.

The altar was the place where Jesus, the Great-Physician, healed my body after doctors gave me my date of fatal doom. Yes, it was at that open altar where I said, "Lord, if You can use me, I'll go."

A few months ago, it was at an open altar where a redeemed one of Zion came, after much persecution and heartache received in another section of the country, wept and prayed and praised God for His keeping power. "Oh," she said, "I wanted to come back to the same altar and to the same spot where I met Him and thank Him for His goodness."

Last week, it was at an open altar where a crippled mother came for His saving power; alongside of her came a young veteran from the battlefields of Korea who, for the first time, knelt at an open altar for cleansing. There were also a middle-aged couple seeking help, and two young mothers asking Him for perfect peace; a young girl struggling over her call to the mission field, and a number of young boys asking for pardon. Oh, what a beautiful sight! What a blessed privilege to kneel at that altar and help to call on God in their behalf!

God forbid that we ever should make light of our altar, or ever dream of closing it, for it is at the open altar where all of life's hardest problems are solved.

*Pastor, McConnellstown, Pa.

God Keeps His Promises

By L. M. Hearn

*God keeps His promises:
Not one good thing has ever failed
Of all that He has promised you.
Though you at times have wept and wailed,
And felt that prayer has not availed,
Make no mistake—God's Word holds true,
If you've done all you know to do,
Then He will bless!*

*God keeps His promises;
He will not slack in even one!
As in the days of Joshua,
So in the promise of the Son,
God will complete that which He has begun.
Believe His promises today,
And His wealth is yours—within the Way
Of Holiness!*

Routine—My Servant!

By Grover Van Duyn*

MUCH TIME is saved and efficiency obtained by the routine action of a muscle or set of muscles. The monotony of the sameness should be overshadowed by the excellency of results. The perfect routine following the intelligent pattern makes the great musician, typist, or swimmer. The thrill of trying it the new way after the right way has been found is an eruption in the established pattern of efficiency.

Should you have lived twenty years, then you possess a set of muscles in your heart which have acted in good routine five hundred million times. Also since they have worked in good routine they have rested an equal number of times. Should they lose their routine of work, they will lose their routine of rest and you may become seriously ill. Your heart muscles have not changed their environment for work, neither have they changed their type of work. Their faithful routine has resulted in life and health for you.

"And he [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read."

He went to church on the Sabbath day and read. This was good for once, but since it was His custom it was better. Custom means a course of action repeated under like circumstances. Here is a good thing done repeatedly by the same Person at the same special time in the same special way. It seems to have been a routine practice in churchgoing in the life of Jesus.

The Master did not need the good results of the routine of doing a good thing many times

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to establish His goodness. However, His example should set a pattern for each of us. The perfect routine of the earth in its exactness of speed and its exact path of travel gives us our seasons without omissions or duplications. Should our Divine Ruler change the routine of the earth's rotation to a slower rate, then we would roast by day and freeze by night. The routine of the heavenly bodies is measured in tempo to suit our most successful existence on earth.

The convenience of doing by routine the many tasks in daily duties offers one a good opportunity for noble thoughts that refresh the inner man while necessary activities for physical living are carried on.

During the routine of family and household duties Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote the story of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Paul communed with God and planned his great messages while engaged in the routine of tentmaking.

Those who think of nothing but the routine duties incident to an occupational assignment are bored with the irksome sameness. To such people the method necessary for efficiency becomes deadening to their personalities. A change of occupation will not help them. When the newness of the change has lost its glamour and the routine is established, they are again bored by the irksome sameness. The change they need is not an escape from routine but a wholesome direction of their thinking.

The richness of divine grace and the security of divine guidance will stabilize any man in his assignment in life. An experimental relationship with God gives more security and strength for service than the most favorable outward environment.

New duties in daily life or new environments are never so important as a new man to live in our moccasins. When we have the proper perspective in our own hearts, the necessary things of life take on a new beauty.

The drab routine of a daily worker is seen as a celestial bliss by the same worker day and night during his fourth month in the hospital. The routine at the shop is the same. The man has been changed. He has found his sense of appreciation. Could he not find it this side of the hospital?

The routine performance of the organs of your body sustains you that you may serve others. When the daily routine of your work consumes you until you have nothing to give in service to others, stop and present yourself again as clay in the hands of the Master Potter.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth (Eccles. 12:1).

If at eighteen we were privileged to read our obituary at eighty, I wonder if we would continue to live the kind of life we have now begun.—
EARLE F. WILDE.

"Lord, Teach Us"

By Milton Poole*

Do you find it difficult to take time for prayer? Are the activities and duties of each day ruthlessly pushing you along until you feel robbed of that sacred time for fellowship with Him? Have you surrendered yourself to that suicidal attitude, "What's the use? I can't find time to pray"? If these are your perplexing problems, then aren't you in desperate need of divine aid?

When the disciples faced similar problems, what was the solution? In Luke 11:1 the description is given, "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray." There it is! Our help comes, not through painful struggle, but through the One who says, "I will strengthen thee."

The disciples watched the life of their Master. They felt His struggle in the all-night of prayer. They saw Him lean upon God. And now, desiring to follow His example in the duty and privilege of prayer, they asked, "Lord, teach us to pray." As the piano player teaches, and the swimmer instructs, so He who prays can teach us to pray. Are you willing to be instructed? Do you really want to learn? Can you push aside some of the lesser desires and concentrate on that most important one, the desire for prayer?

If we would be taught to pray, then we must see to it that we have a desire to be taught. There is no question but that the disciples, even before they asked, needed teaching in prayer. Yet Jesus waited until they voiced their request. We, too, need to be taught. We need help. We cannot battle the principalities of hell without the weapon of prayer. But will we find aid from heaven unless there is readiness and desire on our part to pray? If the Lord would teach us to pray, then we first must have a desire to be taught.

As two feet are necessary for walking, so there are two under-supports for real prayer. The one is the foot of *desire*, the other is the foot of *teachableness*. Since the disciples asked to be taught they evidenced a heart-born willingness to receive the truth. They were ready for instruction. To be teachable, we must be willing to cast aside mistaken opinions. We must be willing to admit mistaken judgment. We must be of such stature to say, "I am ready to learn." To enter then into this ministry of prayer not only must we possess a desire to pray, but also we must be teachable.

I must ask, "Do I have a desire to pray, and am I willing to learn?"

Paul, in speaking of the Christians at Berea (Acts 17:11), states that they "received the word with all readiness of mind." Is this the secret? Are we ready for the truth? Are we willing to change? Are our hearts prepared to rise to new

spiritual levels? When the Word searches our motives and reveals the inner paucity of spiritual strength, will we be as the Thessalonians who "received it not as the word of men, but as . . . the word of God" (I Thess. 2:13)?

Our urgent need is not only to possess an understanding of prayer, but rather our need is to engage in the rewarding exercise of prevailing prayer. The disciples were more concerned with the ministry of prayer than with the methods of promotion. They were more concerned with their priestly position than with their preaching program. Today let us approach the Master and ask, "Lord, teach us to pray." Let us maintain the fires of spiritual desire. And may this flame of intercession burn brightly and bring warmth to our spirits, light to our countenances, and attractiveness to our lives.

GOD HAS truly given to the Church of the Nazarene *good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over* (Luke 6:38).

According to announcement of Mr. John Stockton, general church treasurer, the Church of the Nazarene received an all-time high of \$7,580,000.00 in tithes and offerings for its General Budget and mission specials during the 1948-52 quadrennium ending April 30, 1952. Of this total, \$5,200,000.00 was expended for foreign missions.

The total for the quadrennium will be reported officially at sessions of the Thirteenth General Assembly of the church in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, June 19-28. This preliminary statement was made available to newspapers and press associations.

One way of gaining an impression of the magnitude of the \$7,580,000.00 quadrennial offering is that it represents an increase of 60 per cent over the giving in the 1944-48 quadrennium. It also is more than six times the amount reported twenty years ago. At the close of the 1928-32 quadrennium, the report showed a total of \$1,211,500.00 received for General Budget and mission specials.

Twenty years ago, the church gave \$789,000.00 for foreign missions. It was during that quadrennium that the depression began to be felt. The depression low point came during the 1932-36 quadrennium when the church gave \$945,000.00 for its General Budget and mission specials.

By way of contrast, more than twice as much money was given during the last (1951-52) year of the quadrennium just closed. The amount given was \$2,211,676.00—representing another all-time record.

In 1951 the per capita giving in the Church of the Nazarene increased to a new high of \$111.76. This compares with \$33.53 per capita twenty years ago. Among other denominations, the Church of the Nazarene was in fourth place in per capita giving in the nation, according to the latest report of the National Stewardship Council.

—NAZARENE NEWS SERVICE

*Pastor, Banning, California

Thoughts from a Farmer's Son

By Spencer Johnson*

He Would Not Confess His Sin

GRAY PRISON walls encircled us as we sat behind the great iron gate that barred him from freedom and made him one of the outside world's forgotten men. He had requested that I come to see him. Through the kindness of the pastor, the visit had been arranged. As he sat there, dressed in his prison clothes, he poured out his heart in a story which he insisted I should use to warn people of the danger of sin. He told how the evil nature within him had waged a continual warfare until finally he yielded to temptation and committed a sin of criminal nature.

Shortly after this had occurred in his life, I had conducted revival services in the city where he lived. Night after night, he came to the revival. He said that often during that revival he felt he should confess his sins and make things right; but each time the devil, the enemy of his soul, succeeded in getting him to postpone it until a "more convenient season." At the prayer meeting, immediately following the close of the meeting, he felt that he must confess, but again was foiled by the devil. He declared that all the difficulty could have been worked out if he had only confessed his sin when the Spirit pleaded so urgently. But he did not confess until the matter had been placed in the hands of the law. His sentence was twenty years in the penitentiary.

We rejoiced with him as he told how he had prayed through to forgiveness, how God had sanctified him in his prison cell, and of his determination to live true to God. But my heart was saddened as I thought of his wife and little children, in the distant city, deprived of husband and father in the years when most they needed him. I thought of the reproach from their schoolmates as they bore the stigma of their father's shame while he paid his debt to society.

As we drove away from the prison, his words rang in my ears, "I am here because I would not confess my sin." I shall not soon forget him; today I remembered him in my prayers. Nor will I ever forget to warn and urge men to confess their sins while God's mercy is extended. Because unconfessed sins lead to hell's prison house for eternity. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*Evangelist, Bethany, Oklahoma

Our heart-cry: O God, give us an earnest, yearning, soul-saving ministry, who have a passion for the lost.—C. E. CORNELL.



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

I'm Partial to Nazarene Praying

By Kenneth Vogt*

THE NAZARENE parsonage telephone rang in a Nebraska city. Pastor M. E. Scott walked across the living room and picked up the receiver. "Hello, Pastor Scott," said a cultured feminine voice. "I'm in need! I'll soon be going to the hospital, and it's serious. Please pray for me." The pastor assured her that he would.

She continued, "I would rather not give you my name, as I am a member of one of the old-line denominations downtown. *But I am partial to Nazarene praying.*"

Months have passed since the Reverend Mr. Scott related this incident in a Lamplighters' meeting in Nebraska. I cannot escape that word—neither its praise nor its responsibility!

It is probable that this lady had heard a group of Nazarenes praying around the altar of the church. She sensed the freedom and liberty of that hour. She saw the joy on the countenances of those who had prayed through. Was it this that made her *partial* to Nazarene praying?

It may be she observed the individual participation of the Nazarenes while at prayer. Could it have been that some Nazarene neighbor had recounted to her how God still answers prayer? Or was it a Sunday morning service when pastor and people came together at the throne of grace that impressed her? Whatever was her contact with Nazarenes, this much is sure—she had a feeling that when Nazarenes prayed they "got in touch with God."

Two questions insist on being answered. When we pray do we get in "touch with God"? Are we true to the faith that others have in us when they ask us to pray?

We recently had our first Nazarene World Day of Prayer. Each church and mission field was to fill the twenty-four hours of last February 29 with prayer. That means that at any given hour there were as many as four thousand Nazarenes on their knees before God! What a force for God to use! Let us pray on!

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A New Day for the Seminary

Ground Breaking Ceremony, May 20, 1952



Participants in Ground Breaking Ceremony: Left to right kneeling—Helm, Farrand, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Smith, Oke, Dr. Ludwig, Dr. Aycock. Standing—Dr. Du Bois, Berry, Dr. Reed, Dr. Willingham, Dr. Earle, Mrs. Benner, Dr. DeLong, President Benner, Dr. Lunn, Mayor Kemp, Dr. Stockton, Dr. Harper, Mabels. (Right background—Hubbard, song leader, and Drotts, architect.) Dr. Gish not in picture.

COMMENCEMENT Day morning, May 20, 1952, at eleven o'clock scores of automobiles lined Meyer Boulevard, in Kansas City, Missouri, along the frontage of the new campus of Nazarene Theological Seminary. On the highest point of ground a crowd of several hundred loyal Nazarene ministers, students, and laymen gathered in a large circle for the most momentous event thus far in the history of our only general educational institution.

President Hugh C. Benner directed the service with finesse and spirit to the climactic Ground Breaking Ceremony. "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung by the group under the direction of Walter Hubbard, after which Dr. S. T. Ludwig led in prayer. Dr. A. Milton Smith, pastor of First Church, and president of the Kansas City Ministerial Alliance, read the scripture lesson. Dr. Benner then spoke briefly of our hopes and ambitions being realized in this service, and of the loyalty of the Nazarene pastors and people in providing the funds for the Seminary building. This generosity is well exemplified by the recent gift of \$2,500.00 by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Latter, of Oakland, California, to furnish the Prayer Chapel. He described the "lay" of the campus, pointing out that we were standing on the site of the Administrative Unit, and that the Chapel and the Library units would extend from

the central unit to the south and the west respectively, the total length of the front wall being 340 feet.

Dr. Benner then presented Dr. Jarrette Aycock, chairman of the Seminary Board of Trustees, who spoke in behalf of that group. Dr. R. V. DeLong then spoke for the faculty, Norman Oke for the alumni, and Don Farrand for the students. The Honorable William E. Kemp, mayor of Kansas City, was introduced and spoke concerning the Seminary project, congratulating the administration upon the wise choice of this beautiful property, and complimenting the Church of the Nazarene for its splendid standing in the community. Dr. T. W. Willingham, chairman of the Commission on Location of General Interests, was presented and spoke as representative of the general church.

On behalf of the church, Dr. Willingham was invited to lift the first spadeful of dirt, which he did to the accompaniment of numerous camera flashes from spectators and press photographers. President Benner then lifted a spadeful, after which the following participated: Dr. Aycock; Dr. DeLong and Dr. L. A. Reed, members of the original Board of Trustees and now members of the faculty; Mayor Kemp; Dr. Smith; Dr. M. Lunn, Seminary treasurer; Drs. Earle, Taylor, and Gish, of the faculty; Norman Oke for the alumni; Don Farrand and Paul Helm for the students; Eric

A. Mabels of Kansas City, and Gene Berry of Chicago, for the laymen; Phillip Drotts, architect; Dr. Ludwig, general secretary; Dr. John Stockton,

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Dr. Benner, right, and Dr. Aycock, center, observe Dr. Willingham turn first shovel of earth.

Honored by Our Colleges

FROM YEAR to year our colleges select a few persons upon whom they bestow honorary degrees at commencement time. This year Bethany-Peniel College honored two outstanding laymen of the Church of the Nazarene, Mr. M. Lunn and Mr. John Stockton. The former has been connected with the Nazarene Publishing House almost from its beginning, and for many years has been its successful and highly esteemed manager. The latter has served our church with distinction in several capacities, the two most noteworthy being as business manager of Bethany-Peniel College and as general treasurer of the Church of the Nazarene—the position which he holds at present. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) was conferred upon both of these men.

This year the Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, governor of Maryland, was the commencement speaker at Eastern Nazarene College, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him. Governor McKeldin is a distinguished Christian statesman and leader, and the Church of the Nazarene as a whole congratulates Eastern Nazarene College on this recognition which has been given Governor McKeldin, especially since there are so many in public life today who are far from what they should be.

Rev. Roy E. Swim, a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) by Northwest Nazarene College. He was their commencement speaker this year. He has been a faithful and capable servant of our church as pastor, teacher, and writer. He is now associate editor of church school periodicals and part-time teacher in Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Olivet Nazarene College honored two of its graduates this year. Rev. John Cochran, who has brought distinction to his alma mater on the mission field with his consecrated life and his notable achievements, was given the Doctor of Divinity degree. Professor W. B. Larsen, B.Mus., Mus.M., chairman of the Division of Fine Arts of Olivet Nazarene College, has directed the school of music of his alma mater for twenty years. He has received outstanding recognition both from the people of our church and those outside of our denomination. As a layman, he has made a most significant contribution to Olivet Nazarene College and the Church of the Nazarene, and it was fitting indeed for him to be honored with the degree of Doctor of Music (Mus.D.).

Rev. George Coulter, superintendent of the Northern California District, was honored by Pasadena Nazarene College with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. After graduating from Northwest Nazarene College, Dr. Coulter made an enviable record for himself as a pastor until four years ago, when he was elected to his present position. As district superintendent, he has main-

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tained his high level of achievement for the Church of the Nazarene and the kingdom of God. It was appropriate for him to be given this recognition by Pasadena Nazarene College.

I pause to congratulate Doctors Lunn, Stockton, Swim, Cochran, Larsen, Coulter, and the Honorable Doctor McKeldin, governor of Maryland.

"B" Award

To Drs. McConnell and Bracken

THIS YEAR the Alumni Association of Bethany-Peniel College began making the "B" award to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes from the Association. Six candidates for this honor were elected at the Association meeting last year from fifteen members which were nominated by the Board of Directors of the Association. No person can be elected to this award more than once, and no one will be considered for it until he has been a graduate ten years.

The two chosen out of the six candidates for this honor this year were Dr. C. A. McConnell and Dr. A. K. Bracken. Dr. McConnell is dean emeritus of the School of Theology of Bethany-Peniel College. He is nearly ninety-two years of age and has distinguished himself as a teacher, writer, and gifted lay preacher. Few laymen have come to be as well known and loved throughout our church as Dr. McConnell, who still teaches one of the largest Sunday-school classes in our denomination.

Dr. Bracken is now dean of religion at Trevecca Nazarene College and chairman of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. He was president of Bethany-Peniel College for many years, and has an unexcelled record as a school administrator and teacher. He has also rendered valuable service as a pastor in our church. Thousands of young people have been influenced by his life and his ministry of teaching and preaching.

I congratulate Drs. McConnell and Bracken on this high honor which has been bestowed upon them, and am sure that the whole church joins with me in this.

"MR. NAZARENE"

Has Intelligence and the Common Touch

SENATOR Robert A. Taft of Ohio has come to be known as "Mr. Republican." This title, which he won for himself along with similar uses of other terms, suggests to me the subject, "Mr. Nazarene."

Stephen S. White

What is meant when I speak of Mr. Nazarene? I do not mean just any person whose name may be on the membership roll of a Church of the Nazarene. Neither do I mean an average member of the Church of the Nazarene—a person who meets the standard of our church in an average way. Instead, I am talking about the ideal Nazarene, the kind of Nazarene that every member of our church can and should be.

What should be the characteristic of Mr. Nazarene, of the ideal member of the Church of the Nazarene? I shall answer this question as follows: He should possess first, two natural gifts; second, two supernatural gifts; third, two natural relationships; and fourth, two supernatural relationships.

I present *intelligence* as the first of the two natural gifts. In doing this I have no inclination to make a god of intelligence, or give to it a higher value than it should have. Nevertheless, I just can't believe that a moron, or half-wit, could be Mr. Nazarene, or an ideal Nazarene. In saying this, I want it clearly understood that I am not against the moron. I do not share the opinion that some religious people seem to have that the few half-wits sometimes attending our churches will drive people away or embarrass us. It has been to the glory and honor of the Christian Church across the years that it has been kind to unfortunates of all types. God forbid that it should ever be otherwise! However, I still contend that a moron could not be Mr. Nazarene.

When I say that a person must be intelligent in order to be Mr. Nazarene, I do not thereby imply that he must be highly literate, or possess a string of academic degrees. As I have already indicated, intelligence is a natural gift, to a large extent, and not something to be acquired. A person who has not finished the fifth grade may be intelligent. A year or more ago, Pearl Buck, the famous novelist who was reared in China, wrote an essay of outstanding significance on the subject, "Our Dangerous Myths About China." In this article she said that many of the Chinese people are illiterate, but that does not prove that they are ignorant. According to her, we have plenty of people in America who are literate but ignorant, while in China the situation is reversed—there are millions there who are illiterate but not ignorant. Pearl Buck has a truth here and, in harmony with it, I do not want to confuse intelligence with education when I make the former essential to Mr. Nazarene—although it is usually a decided asset to have the latter along with the former.

As I outlined the characteristics of Mr. Nazarene, I tested them on Esther Carson Winans. I had just read *Letters of Esther Carson Winans*, by Carol Gish, and concluded that she was an

ideal Nazarene. Certainly, she could have been called Mrs. Nazarene. Was she intelligent? Yes, she had both intelligence and education. She had several academic degrees and made a high record for herself in obtaining them. She had the capacity for learning; she learned many facts; and she knew how to use her knowledge. She met the standard set by this first characteristic of the ideal Nazarene.

The second natural gift that Mr. Nazarene should have is the *common touch*. This person is a human being. He likes a hearty laugh, a good story, and even a wholesome joke. He eschews the long face and likes picnics, pink lemonade, and even soda pop. He can play as well as pray. He is after the order of Jesus, who came both eating and drinking, and not a descendant of John the Baptist, who came neither eating nor drinking. There is a sense in which this individual is "this-worldly." He believes in heaven and is ready to go there, but he would not rush off ahead of time in order to get through the gates of pearl. He thinks that the country he's in is a pretty good one.

This man likes nature—gardens, trees, sunsets, mountains, rivers, lakes, and he might not be averse to fishing and hunting. He likes animals. He might own a dog which he prizes very highly, a high-class riding horse, or a ranch with some fine-blooded cattle. He takes a delight in knowing something about the habits and habitats of birds. Best of all, he is interested in people. His happiness is at its best when he lives by the side of the road and is a friend to man. The highest type of saint is not the eccentric person or the recluse.

Would Esther Carson Winans pass the test on this point? I believe she would. Her love for nature and the life outdoors is emphasized in the following words from the pen of Dr. H. Orton Wiley:

"Esther loved the great out-of-doors. She wrote poems about the mountains, the trees, and the flowers, some of them of a high order. Especially did she love to climb—trees, pergolas, mountains—anything that had height to it. I found her one day studying on the top of a pergola on the campus. I said to Mrs. Ely, dean of women: 'I wish you would get that girl down from there and take her back to the dormitory. Tell her that the place to study is in her room or in the library, not on top of a pergola.' She had a special tree which she called in Spanish, *mi arbol*, or 'my tree.' Here she had a place in a fork of one of the branches where she frequently studied, hidden from the view of professors and students.

"I sent Esther to the office one day for something, but discovered later that I had given her the wrong key. However, she soon returned with the article and I said, 'Esther, how did you get into the office without the key?' She replied, 'Don't ask me.' I said, 'I know; you went through the transom over the door,' which proved to be the truth. I said, 'Esther, if you do not quit this, you will soon be climbing the buildings and slid-

ing down the roofs.' She looked me in the eyes and without blinking said, 'I do that at nights.' Here again, I found that she had been climbing the lower buildings, sliding down the roofs, and jumping to the ground."

As one studies the life of Esther at home and abroad, he is impressed with the fact that she loved people as well as nature. Further, she loved people themselves as well as their souls. She was interested in human beings as human beings, although she had given up all in order to help those to whom she was called to find

their way to God and peace of heart. Esther Carson Winans had a brilliant career, but she was not really a career woman. She cared far more for her home, husband, babies and children, her other loved ones, her friends, and people in general than for any career as such. With all of her love for books, she was not a bookworm or a recluse. No one who reads her letters can doubt this. She had the common touch. From one standpoint, she was certainly "this-worldly." She was an ideal Nazarene; she had intelligence and the common touch.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Books for Japan

REV. HARRISON DAVIS, 193 Sangenchaja Machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan, has requested books for the school library. He writes, "I know that there are quantities of books on the Bible, religious education, homiletics, HOLINESS, etc., lying around in different places not being used. We have a good but very small library for the school. Books come through duty-free. Although not all of our young people read English, we are making it available to all, since it is the open door to the great field of conservative writings and holiness literature. Nearly all of the material here is contaminated with liberalism, and there is little in the field of Arminian doctrine or holiness in Japanese. Translation is a slow, expensive process."

1. Please send the books directly to Brother Davis in Japan.
2. Mark parcels "Book Post" and include no letters inside.
3. The weight limit of parcels is 22 lbs.
4. Wrap and tie parcels securely.
5. There is no duty on books to Japan. This regulation, however, does not pertain to other items sent to Japan.
6. Send only the type of books requested by Brother Davis.

"As Your Faith . . ."

I called a monitor the other day in connection with the work in the fields where we try to grow our food. I asked how it was coming along, and had she noticed the crops were drying out, as we lacked rain. She said it was so, and the position was serious. I asked if she were praying for rain, as she is a good Christian girl. She looked very shocked, and said, "No, I am praying for revival." I suggested we might pray for both, but agreed we certainly lacked a revival more than anything else. In the middle of

the night I was awakened with a heavy shower or rain, and God spoke to me and said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—MARGARET K. LATTI, Swaziland.

Kumamoto Nazarene Church

Another milestone has been reached in the history of Kumamoto Church of the Nazarene. The war scattered this congregation, destroyed their property, and they lost their pastor. In 1947 we sent Rev. and Mrs. Kuboki from Tokyo to the extreme end of the country to pick up the fragments of the Kumamoto work. The shifting of the city following the war made it necessary to change the location of the church. The old property was

exchanged for a new and better location. A parsonage was erected on the rear of the property for the pastor and as a place to worship. For three years the fine folk saved their money, worked, and prayed for a church building. Miss Helen Mooshian sent a thousand dollars for Kumamoto. This put them "over the top." They named the church Mooshian Chapel, and so dedicated it on April 8, 1952.—W. A. ECKEL, Japan.

Bells Needed

Rev. George Hayse, P.O. Blaauwberg, via Pietersburg, N. Transvaal, South Africa, requests old bells for Africa. He writes, "The junk yards are full of good church bells and old train bells, which can be gotten very cheaply. If they are sent as a gift to the missionary there will be no duty."

Send the bells directly to Brother Hayse in Africa. Do not send them to Headquarters in Kansas City.

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

More New Churches

DISTRICT Superintendent Otto Stucki has organized three new churches in Alabama, at Fairhope, Carbon Hill, and Dutton. This makes fifteen for the quadrennium for the Alabama District.

A new church was organized at Killbuck on the Central Ohio District on June 8 by District Superintendent Harvey S. Galloway. They have secured property, and prospects for the church are good. The Central Ohio District now has sixteen new churches during the quadrennium, reaching its quota.

Six new churches have been organized by District Superintendent E. O. Chalfant on Chicago Central

District. They are the Lansing, Kankakee Riverview, Chicago Lombard, Chicago Bethel, Cedar Grove, and Broadwood churches. Chicago Central has now gone over its quota with twenty-two new churches for the four years.

District Superintendent Victor Gray organized a new church at Morristown, Tennessee, on June 1. This is the twenty-third organization for the East Tennessee District for the quadrennium. Its quota was sixteen.

Also on June 1, a new church was organized at Carlinville, Illinois, by District Superintendent W. S. Purinton. They have a rented building and Rev. Denzil Woody is the pastor. This is the fifteenth new church for the Illinois District.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Two new churches were organized in Louisiana the last week of May. They are at Plain Dealing and Lake Providence. There have been seventeen churches organized in Louisiana by District Superintendent Elbert Dodd during the quadrennium.

Rev. A. L. McQuay, superintendent for the Rocky Mountain District, organized a new church at Libby, Montana, with twelve charter members. This is the fourth for the quadrennium.

District Superintendent Glen Jones organized a new church a few days ago at Ada, Oklahoma, our second church in that city. The Southeast Oklahoma District has four new churches for the quadrennium.

At the top of the list of districts for the quadrennium is Tennessee. On June 1, District Superintendent D. K. Wachtel organized the twenty-seventh new church for the four years. It is at Centerville, where a Sunday school has been in operation for several months.

Thoughts On Soul Winning

We expect every pastor to be evangelistic in the Church of the Nazarene, because evangelism is one of our primary concerns. But that is not enough. Every Sunday-school teacher must be an evangelist.

What an opportunity is afforded the Sunday-school teacher to win souls! He has a personal interest in every member of his class, and is in a position to win their confidence and talk over personal problems.

The teacher of children has a welcome through the children into the homes of people outside the church, and can help in winning these parents to Christ and the church. Our chances of keeping the children in the church as they grow older is small unless we can get the parents.

We do not expect the Sunday-school class session to be a church service with a sermon. That will not attract attendance. But the evangelistic teacher will watch for opportunities kindly to press home a gospel message in the thought of the lesson.

The Sunday-school teacher who is an evangelist will realize the need for a close walk with Christ. His life must be an example. His heart must be tender. His teaching must be unctonized by the Holy Spirit. May God bless the Sunday-school teachers, faithful and devoted, of the Church of the Nazarene.

Q. Please comment on John 8:37-44. On the surface, it seems to have a contradiction in it.

A. You are right—on the surface it does seem to have a contradiction in it. These Jews boast that Abraham and God are their Father, and from the standpoint of their natural ancestry Abraham is their Father. By virtue of this fact, they belong to God's chosen people and thus might in a sense claim God as their Father. However, from the standpoint of what they are in their hearts, they are of their father the devil because they seek to kill Christ. Abraham would not try to kill Him, and the same could be said of any true child of God. Here Jesus undermines the idea of the universal fatherhood of God in any moral and spiritual sense. God is the Father of all men in the sense that He is their Creator, but not in the sense that they are born into this world without sin, or in His likeness. All men are by natural birth sinners, and, therefore, children of their father, the devil.

Q. When I was young I was told that baptism by immersion was started during the second century. Is this the case?

A. Many Bible scholars would hold that immersion started in New Testament times. Others would take the opposite view. I would be inclined to agree with the first group. However, I do not mean by this that I believe any specific mode is the only mode. I was baptized as an infant by sprinkling and have always been perfectly satisfied with that baptism. The important thing is baptism, and not the mode. Nevertheless, in this last statement I do not intend to teach that baptism is absolutely essential to salvation. I do not believe in baptismal regeneration, but I do believe that baptism is an excellent means of grace and should not be neglected.

Q. Do you believe that the man God made in His own image and likeness on the sixth day is the same sinful man He speaks of in Genesis 2:7, where He says that He formed man of the dust of the ground?

A. Yes, I believe that the same man God created is referred to in both places. However, I do not believe this man was a sinner. The account of the fall is not given until the third chapter of Genesis. The seventh verse of the second chapter is just another account of the creation of man, who

as he came from the hand of God was holy. If you will read the first and second chapters of Genesis carefully, you will see that what I have said is true.

Q. Do you think that any Church of the Nazarene should be run by sinners?

A. No! And I might add that I have had to do with many Nazarene churches across the years, and I have never found one yet that was run by sinners.

Q. What do you think of a pastor who would take part of the 10 per cent set aside for the General Budget to pay the Seminary building fund?

A. The money for the Nazarene Theological Seminary building fund is very badly needed, and all of it is now past due and should be paid by our churches just as soon as possible. Dr. H. C. Benner and the Seminary leaders appreciate what has already been paid in on this fund and are hoping that the remainder will come in at once, for the building already has been started. However, the Seminary leaders would not sanction the taking of money from the General Budget with which to pay the Seminary building fund. If I could believe that any pastor has done what you say, it would be best for me not to say what I think about it. However, I know so many of our pastors and know them so well that I cannot help but believe that you misunderstood what was done.

Q. Please explain these words in Matt. 6:24, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

A. No man can have two gods at the same time—God and mammon. We cannot make money our god and at the same time make God our God. This does not mean that we cannot make money; it simply means that we cannot give money the supreme place in our lives—make it our god. God must be first, and money as well as everything and everybody else must be secondary. This truth is for all Christians, and not just for preachers to live by; and it is not an impractical idealism, as some claim.

Portraying Christ is far more effective than preaching Him.—HENRY T. BEYER.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for June 29: Christ's New Commandment

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34-35; 15:10-14 (printed, same)

GOLDEN TEXT—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another (John 13:34).

What was new about Christ's new commandment?

Well, the idea it contained was not new, for if you read Leviticus 19:18 and Deuteronomy 6:4-5 you will find the same urgent command that love be shown toward God and our fellow man. No, Christ's words were not novel and strange; the idea was actually well woven into the warp and woof of Old Testament scriptures, and the Jews knew it full well.

But here was the new part of it: here was a new example of love. When Christ said, "A new commandment I give unto you," He added, "... as I have loved you." There you

have the part that was strikingly and refreshingly new. Love for God and others had been an ideal, but here in Christ it was personalized—it was actually demonstrated. And it is always that way with love. The orator may declaim about love with balanced sentences of beauty; the singer may praise it in rhyme and rhythm; but one person who lives it out in selfless devotion does more than they all.

Mother love is grand beyond words; but when I think of mother love my mind does not turn to Shakespeare's wealth of descriptive power, or even to scriptural references; I think of a sweet-faced, tiny little woman—my mother. Weighing less than one hundred pounds, she poured out her life in loving sacrifice for five boys and one girl, and of these six I was the baby. Her kiss was

magic when feelings were hurt or brow was fevered. You see, it is personalized love that really means something. That was the blessedly new thing about Jesus—He was divine love personalized.

Perhaps this, also, may have been a new suggestion; at least it was given a new emphasis by Jesus' words—love is only real when it is active and positive. You can't love negatively, and you can't love by proxy—you must do it yourself. Hear the Master say, "... ye also love one another." You see, love can't be kept in cold storage like strawberries and pie dough, and you can't store it on the pantry shelf. It must be constantly in use or it will take wings and fly away. Try to keep it hugged to your own heart and it will wither and die right before your eyes; but when lavished on others it grows like Jack's famous beanstalk.

Yes, Jesus put a lot of meaning into this wondrous commandment, "Love one another."

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The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

The Ear-Gate

THE EARS are powerful media through which ideas and suggestions enter the mind. They are second only to the eyes. We think about those things which we have heard, both good and bad. Hence, it is of vital importance to the person who would keep his mind clean that he select out of the din around him those things which will contribute to pure thoughts.

Someone has said that there is nothing wrong with an "open mind" so long as one is choosy as to what is dumped into it. In reality there should be no such thing as an "open mind" as it is generally conceived. While it is true that we cannot "turn off" our ears, we can turn off some instruments which would transmit unholly thoughts to us. The story is told of an old couple who were all but totally deaf without their hearing aids. On one occasion the lady gave her husband a "piece of her mind." When he started to reply in equally heated tones, she simply reached for the switch controlling her instrument and turned it off, calmly going about her work.

Perhaps there is a sense, beyond that which we generally practice, in which

all of us should close our ears to those things which we should not hear. Dirty, suggestive, or vulgar stories; slandering, belittling gossip; idle, careless, brain-wearying talk—to these we must turn a deaf ear. Sometimes this means just closing our minds so that what we hear does not register. Sometimes it means courteously leaving the company of those with whom we are associated. Sometimes it means turning off the radio or hanging up the receiver. Sometimes it means staying away from places where such talk is common.

But it is more than just keeping some things away. The Christian must seek to listen to those things which will edify and strengthen his mind and will cause him to think righteous thoughts. He should frequent those places where he can hear the truth. He must be with those people whose talk is uplifting.

This means that the Christian must learn discipline. He must covenant with God and with himself that he is going to keep his mind clean, and he must keep ever in his thinking that he must control the intake through his ears if he is to accomplish this all-important task.

News of Youth

Recent new and re-elected district N.Y.P.S. presidents are: Hawaii, M. Kimber Moulton, Jr.; Idaho-Oregon, Dean Galloway; Ontario, S. Roy G. Hall; New England, John B. Nielson; and Southern California, Orval J. Nease, Jr.

Prayer Tower Requests

June 22-28 *General Assembly*

Sunday, June 22, the General Assembly of the church opens with a communion service in the main arena of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. Throughout the week reports will be given, plans will be laid, and leaders will be elected for the quadrennium to come. There is no more important event for Nazarenes than this quadrennial Assembly. All who do not have the privilege of attending should spend much time in prayer, especially the first part of the week, that the will of God will be carried out in every respect.

June 29—July 5

The Nation

This is a time of the year when our minds are turned to patriotism and loyalty to the nation in which we live. Let us make the greatest single contribution toward making our nation better that we can make as Christians—let us pray. Let us pray for our leaders and for our governing bodies, national and local. Let us pray and work that we as individuals might be better citizens.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

Concerning Friends—

It is doubtful in my mind if anyone who has been raised among Christians all of his life ever really appreciates friends as much as those who have become Christians late in life. He has friends. He knows that the Christians are always interested in his welfare. This is not true in the case of people who have never known Jesus.

While in San Francisco this month, I learned of an elderly lady who has been sick with arthritis for several years. About two years ago her husband, to whom she had been especially devoted, died. She was left alone. In all the years they had been married, she and her husband had never attended a church. In their poverty of late years, everyone who had ever been the least interested in the welfare of these elderly people had deserted them. The little lady had no one to whom she could turn.

After being invited to attend the Church of the Nazarene, which was only one block from her apartment, the afflicted lady went to church. She is too crippled to go much more than a block from home, but somehow she managed to attend church. One Sunday she bowed at the altar and asked for forgiveness and for the saving of her soul. Jesus came, He heard her cries, He forgave her sins and cleansed her heart.

For these many months now this little lady has been regularly attending the services of the church. She has been accepted as one of the members. She works around the altar as best her condition will allow.

In a prayer service not long ago she arose, and with her eyes filled with wonderment, she surveyed the audience. "Oh, I am so thankful I have become a Christian!" she exclaimed. "I never had any friends until I came here. No one cared what became of me, but now all these people are my friends. If only I had known about the wonderful friendship of Christian people before my husband died! We didn't know how much we missed."

If one dared call anything which happens to a follower of Christ a misfortune, then misfortune came to us two weeks ago. But even as I call it misfortune, I am almost rebuked. God works everything out to His glory, and thus far He has led us alright. But the point I wished to make is that we have heard from many, many people. Flowers, telegrams, cards, long distance calls—all have come from our Christian friends, to help cheer our hearts and bear our burdens.

With the little crippled lady of San Francisco I say, "I am so thankful I am a Christian!" Christian friends love at all times. Jesus gives the love for one another. I am confident that the Christians of this earth are my friends. Thank the Lord, I am a Christian!

"Take My Address!"

DURING one of my recent visits to the hospital, I noticed that a man had been brought in and placed in the next bed. The wife soon explained to the examining doctor that her husband could speak very little English. The doctor would ask a question and the little Greek lady would ask the same question of her sick husband and he would answer her; she in turn repeated the response to the doctor. The examination was an unusually long one. After the doctor left, I soon realized that the wife was a timid soul. She was afraid to move the chair away from the far window. She stood for long periods of time near the side of her husband; seemingly not daring to make things so they would be convenient for her. I could stand it no longer and went to her side.

"Why don't you move this chair over near your husband's bed, so you can sit for a while?" I asked, as I proceeded to move the chair.

The little lady looked up at me with her eyes full of gratitude. "Oh, don't they mind?" she asked.

On a later day, the Greek lady came in about seven o'clock in the evening. She kept moving about and seemed ill at ease. I inquired about her husband and she poured out her heart and problems to me. She had been taking her ailing husband from one doctor to another in the town in which they lived; instead of getting better, he had gradually become worse. He was in severe pain all of the time. Much to the relief of the lady, this new doctor seemed to know the exact trouble and immediately set about to bring a cure.

I did my best to comfort the heart of the disturbed lady. I told her how God was such a mighty power in every time of need. The little I was able to do surely did not warrant the treatment I received from my Greek friend when she found I would not be seeing her again.

"Do take my address," she eagerly insisted. "I want you to come to see me on your way home. I live near the courthouse, but this is my telephone number in case you cannot easily find my place; then I will come for you. Please, please do come and stay with me."

It is so easy to pass by those who need a little help. I did not really feel like lifting anyone's burden, for I had so many weary thoughts of my own. But the little foreign lady needed a friend. I hope I may yet have opportunity to lead her to my good and gracious and almighty Friend—King Jesus.

The Glory Yet to Be

By A. M. Quick

Christian, say not life is over when this earthly form decays,
When Time has stretched his measure to the limit of your days,
When your arm has lost its power and your eyes can scarcely see,
Lift your head and thank your Maker for the glory yet to be.

You have seen the golden beauty of the setting of the sun,
Seen the rhapsody of colors when the day is nearly done;
You could almost hear the angels if you listened carefully—
Well, that's just a little foretaste of the glory yet to be.

There's a whole new world awaiting just beyond the tide of time,
Where the years are never counted, life is always at its prime;
Where the trees of life are growing in God's blest eternity,
And there's room for all God's children in the glory yet to be.

One is waiting over yonder on a rainbow-circled throne;
He's the Prince of our salvation and He waits to greet His own,
He's our glorious Redeemer, He who died on Calvary
That we all might be partakers of the glory yet to be!

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Canton, Ohio—Nine months ago several members of First Church organized a branch Sunday school for colored boys and girls. Since that time God has blessed this work, and we have enrolled over seventy boys and girls in this new Sunday school. On Easter Sunday we had a special service for the colored at the chapel of the Goodwill Mission. The chapel was beautifully decorated, and the electric organ with the chimes proved to be a blessing to all. Rev. Mrs. Helen Jones, en route to Barbados as a missionary, was the speaker; and her message was enjoyed and appreciated by over ninety people present.—Clarence Barrows, Supervisor.

Moultrie, Georgia—First Church recently closed a gracious revival meeting with Rev. L. W. Conway, evangelist. His ministry was the old-fashioned, dynamic type used and blessed of God. Souls were saved, reclaimed, and sanctified, and the church was edified and encouraged. Three new people were received into membership. Some say it was among the best revivals ever conducted in our church. Brother Conway is the pastor's friend and we appreciated his ministry with us.—Glen VanHook, Pastor.

Tucson, Arizona—Sixteen months ago we were called as the pastor of the First Church here. During this time God has blessed the efforts of pastor and people in many ways; 137 people have united with the church with 60 of these for the first time, and 25 of them were men. This gives us a total of 295 members. The Sunday school has averaged 286 for the year with an Easter attendance of 506. The church has raised over \$32,000.00 for the year just closed with all budgets paid in full. The people have been most kind to the pastor and family with poundings, presents, and a three-year vote of confidence, besides two raises in salary. First Church is co-operating with the district, home-mission program in the sponsoring of a new church in the growing city of Tucson. April 27 marked the celebration of our Silver Anniversary with Rev. H. H. Cochran, a former pastor, bringing a challenging message as part of the day's celebration. There is a spirit of harmony and deep devotion, and an earnest desire to make the next twenty-five years even better than the preceding ones. Our revivals with Rev. Paul Stewart, Rev. R. V. Jackson, and Paul and Ruth Johnson, as well as a convention with Dr. T. M. Anderson, enlarged our vision, deepened our spiritual lives, and gave opportunity for many to become saved and sanctified. We will be happy to contact your friends and loved ones here and also those stationed at Davis Monthan Air Base.—J. Erben Moore, Jr., Pastor.

Fort Mill, South Carolina—Our church recently had a good revival with Rev. Clyde B. Rodgers as our evangelist. Brother Rodgers was used of God in a wonderful way in both his ministry and his messages in chalk art. Our people were inspired and instructed in God's Word through his preaching. We appreciate Brother Rodgers' coming our way; he certainly has the message the church needs in our day. About thirty people were at the altar. Our church is enjoying a steady growth under the leadership of our pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond De Shon. God's blessings are on our services.—Mrs. Pauline Thatcher, Reporter.

Healdton, Oklahoma—Coming here last fall we found a few faithful Nazarenes who loved God and wanted to see the work go forward. In February Rev. and Mrs. Garland Johnson came for our youth revival. They were good workers. Our young people were greatly helped, and several sought God at the altar. In April Rev. Mrs. Morris Gill came for our spring revival. Her messages were good, our people were stirred, souls knelt at the altar, and new members were added to the church. Record attendance in Sunday school was made Easter Sunday. Souls are seeking God to be saved and sanctified in regular services. We are planning for a vacation Bible school.—Odell Harris, Pastor.

Evangelist L. M. Payne reports: "I have just closed a very good revival at Ashdown, Arkansas, where Rev. W. W. Jernigan is the pastor. Several bowed at the altar and prayed through, either for pardon or sanctification. The last Sunday was outstanding. The altar was nearly full at the morning service and all prayed through. At the night service we had practically a full altar, and among the seekers were two middle-aged fathers who came to the altar and two of their children followed them. Another of the outstanding services was the night when two aged couples, one man and his wife over seventy years, and the second couple much older, bowed at the altar and prayed through in what we call the old-fashioned way, and got up shouting. I think the main factor in the success of the revival was a chain of prayer which went on twenty-four hours daily, with a definite objective of reaching those on the prayer lists. Six people united with the church. The pastor is greatly appreciated by the church and the citizens. I am now in a revival at Cleveland, Oklahoma, and will go next to Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Second Church; from there to the General Assembly. I have a few open dates in the summer and fall, and also most of my 1953 slate is open. Write me at Bethany, Oklahoma."

Erie, Pennsylvania—First Church recently enjoyed a five-day missionary convention with Mrs. Mary Anderson, missionary to India, as the speaker. Her inspiring messages touched our hearts deeply. With God's presence felt in each service, we experienced a new burden for missions and souls. We are thankful to God for the Andersons who have given themselves to this great and needy cause in India.—Bertha E. Schwartz, Reporter.

Pastor C. A. Griffith reports from New Castle, Indiana: "We are now in our eighth year of service with the Broad Street Church and have received another three-year call. We have a loyal people, and we have just struggled through a building program, replacing the building which was destroyed by fire five years ago. Our people love God, their church, and their pastor and wife, and they show it with good care and kindness to us. We closed a revival on Easter Sunday with Rev. Miss Lottie Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashby as workers. Our attendance was great, with not less than three hundred and as high as five hundred. Many souls were saved and sanctified. We broke all previous records in Sunday School with 716 present, and an average of 404 for April. We run around 305 each Sunday regularly. Our church membership is about 140, but we had 140 in attendance for prayer meeting last Wednesday night. We were happy for the privilege to entertain our district preachers' meeting this year. Dr. G. B. Williamson brought us some great messages, along with our district superintendent and many other ministers. More than 700 were present for the closing night on Thursday. We are in a town of 18,000 population with three Nazarene churches, all at work and all co-operating. We now have our new building with a seating capacity of 700; and 250 in basement with thirty-two class and four assembly rooms."

A New Day for the Seminary

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general treasurer; Dr. A. F. Harper, Church Schools; and Dr. L. J. Du Bois, Young People's Society. Dr. Benner then requested the privilege of having Mrs. Benner turn the last spadeful, representing the wives of the staff members and the host of women who have contributed so much to the success of the Seminary project.

After the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Dr. Willingham offered the closing prayer, beseeching the Lord to grant His continued blessing upon this divinely appointed institution. Preliminary drillings have begun for the foundations, and it is hoped that the two units will be completed early in February, 1953, and serve the growing needs of the Seminary for the second semester.

L. A. REED, Reporter

First Church, Sacramento, California

This church recently completed a building project started by Rev. I. W. Young in 1928. For many years, the initial unit served to house the church services as well as the church school. The educational unit just added is laid out to specifications ideal for church-school work. Six assembly rooms, exclusive of the sanctuary and the chapel, house the opening exercises. Joining these assembly rooms are twenty-six classrooms, each fitted with furniture and equipment suited to that particular department. Another feature of the building is the children's chapel, with miniature furniture; here the children's services are held and junior church meets. Fellowship hall provides a place for social gatherings. Sliding doors make possible the enlarging of the seating capacity of the sanctuary by opening up the chapel ordinarily used for prayer meeting and N.Y.P.S. A large room, especially equipped with a built-in fireplace, is a great attraction for our Hi-N.Y. as well as our Jr. Hi groups. Officers for the church school, the pastor's study, etc., are advantageously located. The added unit now gives 15,000 square feet of space; present evaluation is placed at \$150,000.00 with a current debt of less than \$23,000.00. Enrollment in the church school is



409; church membership is 305. Rev. Harold G. Gardner, the present pastor, has been serving this church since 1946.—Reporter.

Oakland, Maryland—An old-time, heaven-sent revival came our way May 7 through 18, with Gloria Files, evangelist, and Dorothy Adams, gospel singer. God's Spirit prevailed, and there were gracious unity and victory throughout the entire revival. Approximately sixty-five souls surrendered to God under the mighty power of His convicting presence. Thirteen new members were added to the church. Our workers have been called back for next May.—Mrs. Willis Naill, Secretary.

Denison, Texas—Our church recently completed a new educational building, 40 x 50 foot, two-story, with fourteen Sunday-school rooms with two assembly rooms. Easter Sunday we led the state of Texas in Sunday school, with 606 present. All of this has been accomplished because our people have worked hard and sacrificed. A recent revival meeting under the leadership of Evangelist H. D. Burson was a very definite blessing to our people. In this campaign around seventy-five people prayed through. The pastor will celebrate his eleventh anniversary in October. In March the church extended the pastor a three-year recall.—H. F. Crews, Pastor.

Watsonville, California—Visitation evangelism pays! Launching the visitation program in January, we found many new friends in the immediate area of the church. We also discovered that the enthusiasm this program engendered gave new life to every department in the church until on Easter Sunday God helped us to break

all previous records. That morning 253 came to Sunday school and church, and \$561.00 was received in the Easter offering. With that great day to encourage us, we prayed and believed God for a real outpouring of His Spirit, and three weeks later the windows of heaven were opened upon us! Under the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. C. William Fisher, we experienced the greatest revival in our history. In a one-week campaign over eighty people sought and found God. The outreach of this revival has been such that there were forty new prospective members, eighteen of whom have already joined the church. Thank God, the end is not yet! We feel that "a great door and effectual" is opened unto this church!—Marlyn W. Anderson, Pastor.

Houston, Texas—Oakwood Church is making progress under the blessings of God and the efforts of our fine people. Sunday, May 4, marked the closing of a one-week convention with Dr. Basil Miller. Thirty people sought God at our altar the last day, and found precious victory. Dr. Miller preached under the anointing of the Spirit and his humble, Christ-like spirit endeared him to our people. Rev. Howard Burson was used of God in our January youth revival. The Lord gave him many seekers, and his sweet spirit won all of us without reservation. Our Sunday school averaged 243 for last month, and our people are more united than at any time in the history of the church. Plans are under way to completely remodel the auditorium inside and out, which will give us a plant beautiful and adequate for a congregation

of 500. We are completing our fifth year with one of the most beloved congregations it has been our lot to labor with during twenty years in the ministry. Souls are praying through in our regular services, and the glory of God is upon our worship.—Ward B. Chandler, Pastor.

Evangelist N. M. Israelson reports: "On February 17, we started a revival in Cadiz, Ohio. This revival lasted for five weeks, and more than eighty people sought and found Christ for pardon or purity. At the close of the revival, Dr. O. L. Benedum, the district superintendent, set in order a new church with twenty-five charter members. Each night guest cards were presented and we found that more than one hundred families had been in attendance. Before we started the Sunday school, I taught the Christian Service Training class and the Tiltonville church co-operated in the course. In all, there were twenty-two who received credit. The local congregation and district superintendent urged us to continue until all departments were functioning. This has been my pleasure, and now once more I return to the mission of evangelism that I am so sure God has called me to. My wife will accompany me and we appreciate the good slate that we have been able to keep. The summer is slated in Western Canada. The church in Cadiz makes the fourteenth we have organized. We love the work of evangelism and church extension and praise God that so many fields have been opened to us. Write us, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

First Church has enjoyed glorious and victorious progress during the first nine months of this assembly year. Since our last district assembly, we have had an average of 364 per Sunday in our Sunday school, as well as a great crowd attending our preaching services. On Easter Sunday, we had 725 in Sunday school, giving us second place on the district. Since our coming as pastor, some improvements have been made on the church; adding a portico entrance, a nursery, and remodeling the basement for our Junior Department. During our six years as pastor of this fine group, we have been privileged to welcome 180 members into the fold, by transfer and profession. We give thanks to God and praise to the people. Recently we closed a revival meeting with Rev. C. T. Corbett as evangelist, and Webster Crabtree as singer. Brother Corbett preached the old rugged truths of the gospel, and many souls sought God for salvation and heart purity. More than \$200.00 was pledged for the pastor and wife to attend the General Assembly. We have received a good vote to continue for our seventh year, and we have accepted.—V. E. McCoy, Pastor.



Evangelist W. C. Raker writes: "Since the day God healed me, about five years ago in the hills of Missouri, when Rev. A. K. Jones anointed me, I have been enjoying good health. I'm thankful and appreciate the goodness of God thus far in '52. Among the revivals conducted, one has been among the best in our ministry. Besides a week in the Cuban Islands with the Halls and Prescotts, we were privileged to visit several countries of Europe and make a tour of the Holy Land, being at the tomb of Christ for Easter Sunrise with Rev. H. W. Gretzinger's group. After seeing the physical and, above all, the spiritual needs of the people across the waters, the words of Christ as to the multitudes are quickened anew in my heart. Not having reported since my healing five years ago, I feel I should take this opportunity to thank those who prayed for me during those long months of illness; and also I appreciate the pastors and churches who have used me in the past, and those who have me slated in the future. I want God to make me a blessing to my church and a needy world. Write me, Smithfield, Illinois."

Point Pleasant, West Virginia—Our last revival meeting closed on Easter Sunday with a great service, and 168 in Sunday school. Rev. Naomi Meadows and Miss Eleanore Reasoner were our special workers. We had a very profitable revival. The Spirit of God was upon the services and several seekers found help at the altar. Finances came easily and a love offering of over one hundred dollars was given for the pastor and wife to attend the General Assembly. We appreciated the fine work of our

evangelists. Last February a revival meeting broke out on Sunday night in the regular service. This meeting was carried on for two weeks with the pastor doing the preaching when there was opportunity to preach. In the first week, the Spirit of God swept into our services and there was no place for preaching services on several nights. Many of the church folk said this to be the best revival meeting they ever attended. On Sunday evening of April 20, Dr. E. C. Oney, our district superintendent, was with us for a ground-breaking service for our new church. We are building the educational unit first, with a nice auditorium and six Sunday-school rooms on the first floor, with a six-room apartment upstairs for the pastor's apartment until more can be added at a later date. The building is 34 by 74 feet, and will be built out of cinder block with brick veneering. Since our local church has been spending \$900.00 a year to rent property, we feel this will be a great saving for the church and a step toward the main auditorium, which will come at a later date.—C. F. Beckett, Pastor.

Allison, Pennsylvania—We have recently closed a splendid revival with the Nichols Evangelistic Party as special workers. The Spirit-filled preaching of Brother Nichols was a real inspiration to the church. The vocal numbers given by Mrs. Nichols nightly were a real blessing; this combined with a good musical program attracted many new folk to the church, as well as helping many at the altar of prayer to find the Christ who supplied their spiritual needs. Each night the church was favored with a large crowd. The closing night

of our revival, the Christians took their liberty in old-time, camp-meeting style, shouting and singing the praises of our wonderful Lord. The church is moving on for God and souls. The Nicholoses were given an invitation to return next year. A fine love offering was given to the pastor and wife.—G. Ackincklose, Pastor.

Evangelist P. P. Belew writes: "Since January 1, I have labored on eight different districts and have seen unusual manifestations of grace and salvation. At this writing I am in the beginning of a promising revival meeting with Rev. W. P. Smithson and his people at Dublin, Georgia. God is working and we anticipate a profitable meeting. I never loved God more than now nor enjoyed quite so much of His grace as now. Pray for me, and write me at 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

High Springs, Florida—We came to this church in July of last year and found a nice group of wide-awake Nazarenes, who love God, the church, and one another. The Lord has blessed and honored our efforts and work these ten months. There has been advancement in every department of the church in every way. We have received twenty-nine good substantial members into the church, shown an increase in our Sunday-school attendance, and in all our services the Lord has blessed and honored with many souls finding help at our altar. We are closing a good year and appreciate our good people and friends. They have been very thoughtful of us in many ways, especially during the illness of my wife. We

have sold the old parsonage and have relocated in a better place and a better parsonage. We received a unanimous call to serve here another year. Our people have a mind to work and a spirit of love. They believe in taking good care of their pastor.—J. V. Frederick, Jr., Pastor.

Vicksburg, Michigan—April 27 was the date of the ground-breaking service for the James B. Chapman Memorial Church, at Indian Lake, near Vicksburg. The attendance was good, and good music was furnished by folk from some of our other Nazarene churches. District Superintendent O. L. Maish read appropriate scripture and spoke encouragingly to the church. Then, after speaking tender words in memory of Dr. Chapman, he turned the first spadeful of ground. The words of I Samuel 7:12 well express the feelings of each member of this little church as the ground was broken, launching our building program. The basement is now being completed, and within a few days the walls will be going up. This building is on a lovely corner lot, about one mile from the Nazarene campground.—Mrs. Bert Smith, Reporter.

Ketchikan, Alaska—We have just completed our first revival meeting, with Dr. and Mrs. B. V. Seals as the evangelists. Though the crowds were not large, the preaching of Dr. Seals was anointed by God, and again and again evidences of conviction were seen. New folk heard of the Church of the Nazarene, and several were helped at the altar of prayer. The first Sunday of the meeting was Easter, and forty-one people gathered for Sunday school and the evangelistic message, the majority never having been in our church before. This is our highest attendance in the six months of holding services in Ketchikan. Since our beginning, 10 per cent of all funds received has been sent to the General Budget, over and above Thanksgiving and Easter offerings. God has surely blessed this move. Our boys' and girls' work is progressing, and through the courtesy of the United States Forestry Service, we have been granted a site on which to develop a youth camp. This summer we will use temporary shelters, but by next year we hope to have more permanent facilities. It seems that God had His hand in starting our work here just at this time, for announcement was made the past week of the construction of a \$46 million pulp mill. This is expected to double the population, and we thank God that we are already located and ready to help fight the battle against sin. In addition, about \$12 million in construction is in progress, bringing in additional people. If you have friends or relatives in Ketchikan or planning to come, write us at Box 874, and we will be glad to call on them.—Clark H. Lewis, Pastor.

Evangelist A. K. Jones writes that he has an open date, July 1 to 13, following which he will be in Enterprise, Illinois, for a meeting, July 15 to 27. Write him, 519 Commercial, Danville, Illinois.

Detroit, Michigan—Bethel, Detroit's second largest Church of the Nazarene, reports a gain in every department during this last year under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Kline F. Dickerson. Our Sunday school averaged 320 for April, and 318 thus far in May. This growth is due largely to a Weekly Workers' Con-

ference, a zoned visitation, and our "Five-Star Teachers." Mrs. Fonda Dickerson directs the Junior, Intermediate, and church choirs, which prove to be a great blessing. We hope to begin construction soon on the second unit of our church building, which will seat 700 persons. Our total giving for last year was \$31,000.00, exclusive of buildings and improvements. Best of all, God is with us, unity prevails, and souls are being saved in our regular services. We have added 32 persons to our membership roll this year.—D. C. Tolley, Secretary.

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Salem, Ohio—Our church recently closed one of the best revivals we have had here in the past seven years. Evangelist Edward Ferguson and wife were the workers. God blessed, and seventy-two souls sought the Lord for pardon, and some returned for sanctification. From the very first night until the closing service, God visited each service. Old-fashioned conviction was upon the people. We appreciated the ministry of Brother and Sister Ferguson, and give God praise for all that was accomplished. The church in Salem has just closed one of its best years financially and spiritually. Last assembly year the church raised for all purposes \$25,000.00. We have a group of most loyal Nazarenes and they are most co-operative.—Margurite Cherderon, Secretary.

Pastor Earl W. Powell, of Hollydale, California, writes: "These are days of victory for us here. A fine group of members was received into the church on Mother's Day, making a total of thirty-nine new members during our first eighteen months here. Our new Sunday-school building is rapidly nearing completion. During the recent eight-week Sunday-school contest, Hollydale led the entire Southern California District for two consecutive Sundays, breaking our own attendance record twice with 434 and 546, and tying for second place on the district at Easter time. Our March average was 104 per Sunday above last year's average, and our April average was 136 per Sunday above last year's average. Many improvements have been made in our church property, including the erection of a beautiful three-color neon sign. Among the group of new members received into the church on Mother's Day was our oldest son, Earl W., Jr., who has been prayed for by so many of our dear friends over the nation. He prayed through good, between one and two o'clock in the morning with his mother and dad on each side of him. Praise God!"

Sheffield, Alabama—Mother's Day was our third anniversary as pastor of First Church, and it was also our silver wedding anniversary. It was a cold, rainy day, yet there were 183 in Sunday school. Truly, we can say this has been three of the best years of our lives. Our fine people have co-operated to the fullest. We have seen the Sunday school grow from a yearly average of 74 to 156; we have received 86 members into the church, all of our budgets are paid in full, and the General Budget and N.M.B.F. overpaid. The church gave the pastor a new suit and the pastor's wife a dress on the anniversary day; and in a revival held recently with Rev. C. C. Knippers as the evangelist, the church board voted to pay \$50.00 per quarter on our daughter's tuition at Trevecca Nazarene College next year.

They have raised our salary from \$50.00 to \$70.00 per week and all utilities. Our giving for budgets has increased from \$347.00 to \$1,182.00. Pastor and people are united.—Wallace Bell, Pastor.

Felicity, Ohio—Recently we had one of the best revivals in the history of this church with Rev. Charles Haden as the evangelist. The preaching was of the highest type, and Brother Haden is sound in doctrine. Seventy-four souls sought God at the altar of prayer for pardon or heart purity, and ten new members were added to the church. We praise God for His wonderful blessings upon the work here.—J. E. Cummings, Pastor.

Rev. Fay A. Fouse writes: "After serving two years as pastor of our church in Huntingburg, Indiana, I am re-entering the evangelistic field. My slate is filling up, but I have some open dates in September, also for next January. It has been a pleasure to work with the good folks in Huntingburg for the past two years, and God has blessed. I have served as pastor for five years, and as evangelist about twelve years. I shall be glad to serve our pastors and churches anywhere. Write me, 406 Third St., Huntingburg, Indiana."

Ellendale, North Dakota—In May we had one of the best revivals our church has had in a long time. Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep were the special workers. God's presence was felt in every service, and a number of souls were saved and sanctified. A love offering of \$150.00 was given on expenses of pastor and his wife to attend the General Assembly. On the last Sunday, the Sunday school reached 110, with a total offering of \$73.00. In all, it was a gracious time of refreshing for saint and sinner, with many expressing a desire to have the Esteps return for another meeting.—John H. Kern, Pastor.

Fort Collins, Colorado—We recently closed a splendid revival with Dr. Howard W. Jerrett. He gave us sane, sensible, spiritual preaching with a positive and tender approach. As a result of his powerful preaching, the altars were filled with seekers, wrongs were made right, and the church was deepened and stimulated. A fine class of seven members was received into the church, making twenty-seven received in our first year here. Dr. Jerrett is the pastor's friend. He raised the pastor a love offering of \$120.00 to apply on his expenses to the General Assembly, and also to apply on an operation for Sister Hamilton, which she will have at Samaritan Hospital in Nampa. We've broken all former Sunday-school attendance records during our first year here—Christmas we had 202, and Easter we were sixth on the Colorado District, with a new high of 283. Dr. S. T. Ludwig was our

special speaker, and his ministry was deeply appreciated by our church. In mid-August, we will celebrate our first anniversary of our Sunday morning worship service broadcast on KCOL, blanketing all northern Colorado and southern Wyoming. This radio ministry has placed our beautiful new church in focus in a favorable and impressive way before this beautiful city of 18,000. Souls are being saved and joining the church who first heard us on the radio program. We have one of the loveliest church and parsonage buildings in this city, with a debt of \$12,000.00 on the church and a debt of \$9,600.00 on the parsonage, which is being paid by the month. When you come through Colorado on your vacation, stop at Fort Collins and visit our church services.—Noble J. Hamilton, Pastor.

Southern California District Assembly

The forty-sixth annual assembly of the Southern California District met May 22 and 23 in the fine new building of the First Church of the Nazarene of San Bernardino. This commodious new building, recently completed under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Clyde A. Rhone, accommodated the activities of the assembly except for the evening services, which were held in the sanctuary of the First Assembly of God congregation.

The assembly was inspired and blessed by the messages and fine leadership of General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, and by the presence of Mrs. Williamson, whose messages stirred those attending the district W.F.M.S. convention.

Reports from pastors were enlightening and encouraging. Beneficial results were apparent from the visitation evangelism program being promoted by so many of the pastors. Dr. R. J. Plumb received an almost unanimous vote for his election for the third time as district superintendent. He and his wife were given a token of the appreciation of the people of the district in a substantial love offering. Four candidates received ordination in an impressive service on Friday evening.

The district has a membership of 5,832, which is an increase over the previous year of 289; 477 members were received on profession of faith. The Sunday-school enrollment is 13,615, an increase of 1,240; the Junior Society has a membership of 569, an increase of 96; membership of the N.Y.P.S. is 1,957, an increase of 145; W.F.M.S. membership is 2,431, an increase of 319. The amount raised for all purposes during the year was \$773,806.00, an increase over last year of \$104,235.00. The per capita giving was \$126.00, an increase of \$12.00. A majority of the churches gave 10 per cent or more for General Budget purposes.

Prospects are bright for the new year.

D. SHELBY CORLETT, Reporter

Alaska District Assembly

The second annual District Assembly of the Alaska Nazarenes convened at Anchorage, Alaska, April 29 to May 1. God's presence was felt in a very special way in the opening service, and a wonderful spirit of unity and blessing continued throughout every part of the assembly.

In the absence of our beloved General Superintendent Powers, Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent of the Washington Pacific District, presided. Dr. Seals's messages were blessed of God and he endeared himself to the Alaska Nazarenes through his humbleness of spirit. We were also blessed with the presence of Rev. Wesley Johnson, business manager of Northwest Nazarene College. He spoke to us about the school and brought the message for one evening service.

Reports from the pastors showed good gains in every phase of the work. We now have four organized churches: Fairbanks, Anchorage, Seward, and Nome, with a good opening and wonderful property at Ketchikan. Total giving for all purposes was over \$50,000.00 and the district has adopted the 10 per cent plan of giving for missions. Sunday-school attendance on Easter Sunday for the four churches and the home-mission work at Ketchikan was 547. The church at Seward, where Rev. L. C. Hopkins is pastor, was organized in July with eighteen charter members and is now running close to one hundred in Sunday-school attendance.

Rev. Mrs. Iva Berry of Anchorage was elected W.F.M.S. president; Rev. L. I. Hudgins, N.Y.P.S. president; Rev. Robert Shepherd, newly elected pastor at Fairbanks, as the district secretary; Rev. L. C. Hopkins, district treasurer; and Rev. Clark Lewis, editor of the *Alaska Nazarene*.

As a district, we give God all the glory and praise for these advances and feel that, with His continued help and guidance, we will be able to report greater gains for the coming year, and at least one new church. The Alaska Nazarenes are consecrated, loyal, and desire to see the work advance.

LETTIA THOMAS, Reporter

Preachers' Meeting Indianapolis District

The Indianapolis District Preachers' Meeting was held at the New Castle Broad Street Church, where Rev. Clarence Griffith has recently completed a new church building. There was ample room for our preachers' meeting. Beside Brother Griffith and his fine people, Brother Walter of the South Side Church and Brother Luther Cantwell of the First Church did everything possible to make the people feel at home.

All of the pastors except one were present for these meetings. Many valuable and interesting papers and messages were given by the pastors of the churches.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, our beloved general superintendent, was the special speaker for the convention. His messages were a great inspiration to all who heard him. The climax of the convention was given by Dr. Williamson when he told of his recent visit to Australia and of the great work the Lord was doing in that country through the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. T. W. Willingham was present, and presented a new preachers' pension plan which is now under consideration.

Rev. Charles Ide ably presented the work of our Olivet Nazarene College to us, stressing the necessity of all of our churches making sure that all of their Olivet budgets were paid in full.

Mr. Thaine Sanford represented the Nazarene Publishing House, selling many profitable books.

Rev. J. W. Short, our good district superintendent, presided over the meetings with great efficiency. His forty years of service with our beloved Church of the Nazarene causes him to render much valuable service to us all.

These meetings were well attended and everyone returned home to his respective field of labor to endeavor to do more for God and his church.

CHARLES E. CARMONY, Reporter

Annual Convention National Holiness Association

The eighty-fourth annual convention of the National Holiness Association was held in the Franklin County Memorial Auditorium, Columbus, Ohio, April 23 to 27. Delegates were present from many states and from Canada. Eleven holiness organizations were received into auxiliary membership. Four denominations were received, with appropriate ceremonies, into affiliate membership.

During the past year, through the efforts of Dr. Claude A. Watson, who is now official legal counsel for the association, the organization has been permanently incorporated in the state of California. There are no restrictions as to the state in which conventions may be held. The reports of the president, executive secretary, and regional vice-presidents indicated that many meetings are being held in the interest of holiness, and the outlook is bright. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Rev. Paul F. Elliott; recording secretary, Miss Amy L. Person; treasurer, Mr. Harry Van Antwerp; travel secretary, Dr. Claude A. Watson (for Southwest area); Dr. C. J. Pike (for Northwest area); historian, Dr. Delbert Rose; radio director, Dr. Myron F. Boyd; memoirist, Dr. C. I. Armstrong.

The day and evening services were manned by a group of holiness speakers representing the various denominations which make up the association. Among them were the following: Dr. John R. Church, Dr. Z. T. Johnson,

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CHAPLAIN HAIL writes: "During the month of March we sailed from Ft. Bliss for Germany. Now stationed at Gerszewski Barracks, Karlsruhe, Germany, I shall be happy to contact Nazarene men in this area of Germany, Heidlebert, Mannheim, or Karlsruhe. Seven years ago this same time of the year I went through these same cities in combat. The contrast is tremendous as we see the work done by the civilians and with aid from the Marshall Plan."

"I have been receiving the HERALD OF HOLINESS for some time now and I must say that I have never read a book, article, or poem that I enjoy as much. I surely did enjoy the letters that the other servicemen write. I've found out, by reading what they have written about living for Christ, I can do the same thing.

"I've been going to the chapel just across the street. When I first came into the service I didn't like to go to it, but as time went along I got to feeling that this is the place for me to go.

"Our chaplain is now processing to go to Germany. I just came from talking to him. It is the first time. I found out that he can be a very lot of help to me.

"Pray for me that I can be of some help to some of the boys and lead them to the path that I am on."

RALPH W. HALL
Ft. Meade, Maryland

"This is to notify you that I have been returned from Japan and am now residing at Chanut Air Force Base.

"I have enjoyed your publications very much and appreciate your sending them to the servicemen in overseas areas. There where they are cut off from almost all connections with the Church of the Nazarene, your papers bring a bit of the church to each one of us. I did not let my HERALD, Standard, or other papers die in my hands. I placed them in the Squadron Day Room, where others had the opportunity to read and use them. I might add that they were used over and over again and kept in a file for the new personnel to read when they arrived at our squadron."

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The convention was a success in every way. Pledges were made to support the work, souls prayed through to victory, and God, the Holy Spirit, was present to bless.

AMY L. PERSON, Recording Secretary

DEATHS

MRS. AZAMAH HOFFPAUR KING, a saint in Israel, of Orange, Texas, died April 24, 1952, at the age of seventy-three. She was a beautiful Christian, and had been a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene for years. She was known to the church and community as "Mother King." She is survived by her husband, N. F. King, two daughters, one son, and five sisters. Funeral service was held in the Orange Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. J. Wilmer Lambert, in charge, assisted by Rev. Thomas B. Osteen, son-in-law of the deceased, and Rev. Herbert Hoffpaur. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Orange.

J. W. HUDSON died at his home in Clinton, Oklahoma, on April 10, 1952, at the age of eighty-one years. Most of his life was spent in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Flora Belle Chitty. To this union nine children were born; only one son survives. Brother Hudson professed faith in Jesus in 1896, and a year later was sanctified wholly. He engaged in orphanage work for a number of years. He gave his life to help others. In 1940 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Nellie Smith, who survives him. Besides his wife and one son, he is survived by a brother, Rev. Oscar Hudson. Funeral service was conducted in First Church of the Nazarene in Clinton, of which he was a member, with Rev. T. C. Potts officiating, assisted by Rev. Alton Hawkins, Rev. Ernest Orton, and Rev. Floyd Dean. Interment was made in the Antioch Cemetery.

MARY FISHER died April 27, at Detroit, Michigan, at the age of eighty. Wife of Paul; mother of Rev. Arthur P. Fisher, Nazarene pastor at Whiting, Indiana, also of Irving and Edgar Fisher, and Mrs. Evelyn Sherwin, all of Detroit. She was very active all of her years up to two days before her death. Interment at Roseland Park Cemetery, with Rev. R. T. Fauth officiating.

REBECCA ELLEN MC PHERSON (nee Casebolt) was born November 24, 1867, and died February 19, 1952. In 1886 she was married to James M. McPherson. To this union were born six children, three of whom died in infancy. She was converted at an early age, and sanctified wholly in 1911. In September of 1935, she became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene at Bradleyville, Missouri, remaining a faithful member until her death. Hers was a long life of Christian service and devotion to God, her family, the church, and the community. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by one son, one daughter, and one sister. Funeral service was held in the Bradleyville Church of the Nazarene with Rev. F. L. Spindler officiating, assisted by Rev. W. L. Fleming. Interment was in the Bradleyville cemetery.

LYDIA B. CLARK was born October 17, 1876, in Cloverdale, Indiana, and died April 19, 1952, in San Francisco, California. Converted as a very young child, later sanctified, she gave her whole life to the service of the Lord. Moving to California in her youth, she pioneered the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Fresno, at one time being the only Nazarene there. For thirty years she served consecratedly in the various offices of the church. For the last few years she had made her home in Medford, Oregon, with a daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. C. Edwin Cox. Funeral service was held in Fresno, with her pastor, Rev. Vernon L. Wilcox, officiating.

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MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMSON, age seventy-six, wife of Rev. R. B. Williamson, retired elder in the Church of the Nazarene, died at her home in Abilene, Texas, after a brief illness. She was a devoted wife, faithful mother, and a wonderful Christian, faithful to God and her church. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Abilene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Martha Harper of Kirwin and Mr. Kenneth Walker of Fowler, Kansas, were united in marriage on May 22, in the Friends Church at Fowler, with Rev. George Harper, Nazarene pastor and father of the bride, officiating.

Miss Autumn Delight Smith of Loon Lake, Washington, and Sgt. Carroll L. Newcomb of Grand Ledge, Michigan, were united in marriage on April 5, in the Bethel Church of the Nazarene, Spokane, with the bride's father, Rev. Walter D. Smith, officiating.

Miss Phyllis Joan Roberson of Glendale, Arizona, and Pvt. Elwood Beukelman of Nampa, Idaho, were united in marriage on March 8, in the Glendale Church of the Nazarene, with the father of the bride, Rev. Glenn A. Roberson, officiating.

BORN—to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Ira W. Stults of East Lansing, Michigan, a son, Gregory Alan, on May 1.

—to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Rutledge of Melrose, Massachusetts, a son, Richard Austin, on May 8.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gerber, of our Mexican school in San Antonio, Texas, a daughter, Janice Lynn, on May 26.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian friend in Michigan for unsaved loved ones; a brother who is very ill, that God may touch his body and also save him; for unspoken requests; and that God's will may be done in her life;

by a lady in Illinois, that "a special request may be speedily brought about";

by a friend in Iowa, that her people may be saved, that an aged person may become a Christian, also for leadership of the Spirit in some business matters;

by a lady in Michigan, that in a Christian family a very difficult situation may be overcome for the glory of God and the welfare of the family;

by a young woman in Texas that her husband, a veteran, may be able to find satisfactory work soon.

Nazarene Camp Meetings

Louisiana District Camp, July 3 through 11, at the district campground, five miles north of Alexandria on U.S. Hi-way 71 (two blocks off the highway). Workers: Dr. T. M. Anderson, Rev. Joseph Pitts, returned missionary, and Rev. and Mrs. Leon Cook. For information, write to the district superintendent, Rev. Elbert Dodd, 1611 Henry St., Pineville, Louisiana.

Colorado District Camp, July 28 to August 3, at the district campgrounds (follow Hi-way 50 to 8600 W. Colfax, then north two blocks on Dover Street). Workers: Dr. S. S. White, Rev. R. N. Raycroft, Dr. T. W. Willingham; Professor Ronnie Lush in charge of music; Mrs. Harry W. Dickerson in charge of children's work. District Superintendent C. B. Cox, platform manager. For information, write the camp secretary, Rev. Wm. Lambert, 1755 Dover St., Lakewood, Colorado.

Suwannee River Camp Meeting of the Florida District, July 28 to August 3, at the Suwannee Campgrounds, three miles north of White Springs on U.S. Hi-way 41. Workers: Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. W. L. French, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Abersold, and Mrs. Ben Marlin. For information, write Mrs. C. R. Moore, Box 1049, Lake Worth, Florida. Rev. John L. Knight, district superintendent.

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District Assembly Information

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 2 to 4, at Pontiac First Church, 60 State St., Pontiac, Michigan. Entertaining pastor, Rev. R. C. Johnson, 46 Norton Street.

NEVADA-UTAH—Assembly, July 3 and 4, at Salt Lake City Church of the Nazarene, 5th South and 6th East, Salt Lake City, Utah. Entertaining pastor, Rev. W. R. Ketchum, 468 South 6th East, Salt Lake City.

NEW YORK—Assembly, July 3 to 5, at New York District Campgrounds, Groveville Park, Beacon, New York. Entertaining pastor, Rev. James L. Collom, 73 W. Center Street, Beacon.

WEST VIRGINIA—Assembly, July 4 and 5, at the District Campground, Summersville, West Virginia. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Chester Acton, Summersville, West Virginia.

CANADA WEST—Assembly, July 8 to 10, at Church of the Nazarene, corner of 50th Street and 48th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Rev. A. R. Gongwer, 4806—50th St., Red Deer, the entertaining pastor.

COLORADO—Assembly, July 8 to 10, at the Nazarene Campground, 1755 Dover St., Lakewood, Colorado. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. B. Miller, 503 Delaware, Denver, Colorado.

ALABAMA—Assembly, July 9 and 10, at the Alabama District Campgrounds, Millport, Alabama. Entertaining pastor, Rev. H. E. Benson, Route 1, Millport, Alabama.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA—Assembly, July 9 to 11, at the Nazarene District Campground, East 38th Street Extended, Marion, Indiana. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. R. Shadowens, 1016 West Fifth St., Marion, Indiana.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Assembly, July 10 and 11, at Church of the Nazarene, West 11th and South Duluth (301 S. Duluth Ave.), Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Ellwood R. Tame, 613 West 11th, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.