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DEAR BILL:

So you have been elected a delegate to the General Assembly? Congratulations! This is both an honor and a responsibility. I am sure you are pleased and humbled.

My prayer is that all of us will approach this quadrennial gathering with reverence and true faith. From the standpoint of church statesmanship and world missions, no doubt our present issues are as significant and far-reaching as those confronting the pioneer delegates at Pilot Point in 1908.

I hope your preparations for the trip will include the spiritual strengthening of the "inner man." We are depending on you and your church to heed our earnest call to prayer. It is my full expectation that, if we give proper time and effort to spiritual preparation before coming, God's Spirit will be poured out in our midst when we gather together.

It is now estimated that more than 700 delegates will gather in Kansas City next month from all over the world. My guess is that some of the visitors will not find seats on Sunday unless they arrive early, despite the fact that there are 10,000 seats available.

Sunday should be a big day in every respect, and those night services and pre-assembly conventions should be times of inspiration and great blessing. But I am praying, too, that His Spirit will help us to translate the large vision into specific tasks and goals that will challenge us as we return to accept the responsibilities of our local churches and our individual places of service.

I am sure you will take your assignment seriously and will attend your appointed committees faithfully. Let the sight-seeing wait until the business is done.

The fellowship with your brethren from many lands should prove exhilarating. You will be pleased to see how much the Nazarenes are actually and fundamentally alike, despite their varied backgrounds.

It would not be fitting to prophesy concerning proposed legislation. I do hope that our people will be prayerful and careful in all things. You will discover for yourself that it is not easy to fool or stampede that body of Christians. Their sanctified intuitions are usually reliable. However, I trust that our carefulness will not develop into a do-nothing fear. This is our day, and we will not face our issues again in a big way until 1960—even if our Lord should tarry.

Breathe a little prayer for your general superintendents. Also, remember our general secretary and all his assistants. These will be heavy days for us.

May the dear Lord bless and keep you and bring you safely to Kansas City, ready to serve Him and our church.

Faithfully yours,

*Samuel Young*

## Letter to a Delegate

# LATE NEWS

Rev. F. W. Domina, retired Nazarene elder of Haverhill, Massachusetts, sends word: "My wife had a stroke, went into a coma, and died without regaining consciousness, on April 28. She died in the Lord."

The *First General Vacation Bible School Workshop* will be held June 15, at two o'clock, in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City—a feature of the Third General Church Schools Convention. The workshop is planned as part of a special celebration in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Nazarene vacation Bible schools. Everyone is invited to attend. Many workers from various sections of the church will take part, with many practical features, helpful to vacation Bible school and Sunday-school workers in the local church. At five-thirty all those who wish may have their meal together near the auditorium. Reservations must be sent in advance for this. See the inside back cover of the *March Church School Builder* for blank, or write—Director of Vacation Bible Schools, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

Pastor Jack Archer sends word from Elkins, West Virginia: "Broke all Sunday-school attendance records on last Sunday of revival (May 6) with 360 present. Evangelist Guthrie Hughes delivered profound, inspiring messages every service, and God gave gracious results at the altar. The people prayed and worked."

We express our deepest appreciation to all who have shared in our sorrow and the sudden home-going of our loved one, Rev. V. B. Atteberry, on April 12. Your prayers, expressions of sympathy, and floral tributes have encouraged and comforted our hearts. We thank the headquarters group, District Superintendents Paul H. Garrett and Orville L. Jenkins, Pastor J. T. Crawford, and a great number of ministers and laymen who have been so kind. "He giveth grace" in this hour of need.—Mrs. V. B. Atteberry and family.

The congregation at Manchester, England, moved into their new building on Saturday, April 14. The opening ceremony was performed by District Superintendent J. B. MacLagan, who also inducted Rev. Geoffrey R. Palmer, formerly of Lancaster, to the pastorate. Several new people joined the church on the opening Sunday.

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## God Speaks

By JACK M. SCHARN

*Elijah, on Mount Horeb,  
Stood obedient to the Lord.  
He listened for the voice of God,  
Attentive to His word.*

*Behold, the Lord passed by, and  
There were earthquake, wind, and  
fire;  
But then the still small voice  
Which made his troubled soul as-  
pire . . .*

*I heard the still small voice of God  
Above the noise of our day,  
Upon the mountaintop of faith,  
Where I had gone to pray.*

*I saw the earthquake, fire, and wind,  
But soon the storm was gone—  
I had new strength. I heard God's voice.  
I felt like pressing on!*

## FORM WITHOUT POWER

By ELIOT CLAYTON

Most of us have realized at one time or another that we have a pretty good "forget-ory." This was the situation with me one evening not so long ago. It was at the beginning of a church service. I had started to adjust the hearing aid I must wear at such gatherings, and made the disappointing discovery that I had forgotten to take along the batteries that go with it.

So there I sat, sojourner on the frontiers of sound. I had everything else for making that auditory appliance effective—the beautiful, small, rectangular case, with its marvelous, mysterious interior mechanism; the cord for transmitting the electric current; its delicate, jewel-like terminal for insertion in the ear.

But all this added up to—zero! There was no energy to make it effective. All these accessories were, for acoustical purposes, as useful as the buttons on my coat—the batteries were miles away.

It seemed a parable! I was reminded of the awful words of St. Paul when he wrote of certain religionists of this apostate age who, "having a form of godliness," are "denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:5).

The word for "power" which the Apostle here uses is, in the Greek, the very one from which we get our word dynamo. Brother, sister, reader, is your religion one that has the dynamo of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)?

# Christ's Finished Work

By J. Melton Thomas

Pastor, Juneau, Alaska

*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:30).*

It is of vast importance that we have a proper attitude toward the cross of Jesus. So much of the superstitions and near idol-worship can attach to the symbols of salvation that we do well to tear away the encrusted veneration of the ages, and to ask, "Just what is the true meaning of the Cross? What did the Cross mean to Jesus himself?" I think we may see this meaning in the last statement Jesus made before His death, and while yet on the cross, "It is finished."

In a preliminary way loving hearts may well be glad that the mere physical aspects of the Cross were by this time finished. The indignities, to say nothing of the actual physical pain of the days immediately past, had been terrific. There had been the agonies of the garden, the betrayal by one whom He trusted, the mock trial, the crown of thorns, and the trip up to the place of a skull; there had been the tearing of tender flesh as nails bound Him hand and foot to Rome's most ignoble form of capital punishment, the wrenching of that flesh as the cross was thrust into the ground; there were the spear wound, the devouring thirst, the scorching sun. We may well be glad when He is able to say of even His physical anguish, "It is finished."

But the significant thing about the statement was more than this. There was something even more significant than would be involved in the retrospect of any life which had achieved its purposes. Here was the triumphant cry of Him who had come to grips with the issues of the ages and knew that, because of what He had done, humanity's rebirth was possible. What then is the import of the statement? What was finished?

First, there was finished the carrying of the heavy burden of Jewish ceremonialism. Of this you will recall that Peter was later to say, "A yoke . . . which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." And Paul was to rejoice over God's "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that

was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross . . ."

It meant that the cursed bondage of the law was replaced by the glorious freedom of salvation. It meant that the types and shadows pointing toward the coming One were no longer needed, for the "Sun of righteousness" had risen "with healing in his wings." It meant that the written law of the letter was yielding to the spiritual law engraved on the hearts of men.

If any think there is no relevance in this to today's situations of life, then it is not understood; for the fulfilling of the old meant the revealing of the better. In this better way there is something vastly greater than the decaying stumps of religious form; in it there is again springing up the tree of life in the garden of the Lord. The Christian's way begins with the life that comes with regenerating grace; its very continuance is resultant from the work of the Holy Spirit, in whom there is life abounding.

But more. When Jesus said, "It is finished," it signified that finished was the work of salvation for man. The price was paid. The demands of broken law were satisfied. The hope for man's rescue from the fall was now high. The plan of salvation was completed.

True, the effective Agent of that salvation, the Holy Spirit, had not yet come in His fullness; but He was promised, and that promise was sure of fulfillment. For had not Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you"? True also that the great work of salvation still was dependent upon man's willingness to accept it. It was only to those who would receive, that power was promised to become sons of God.

Nonetheless, the plan itself was complete. The way had been opened and made plain. There is

hope for the sinning of the centuries. The fountain has been opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. Now he who will may bathe his soul in that stream and be made clean. The sacrifice of Jesus in making the stream possible was finished, and now whosoever will may come.

We face that work of Jesus today, for no man can evade the fact of its claim upon his soul. Just as Pilate faced the issue of what to do with Jesus, so we face it today. There was never any responsibility on the part of the Almighty for man's sin; and yet out of the great love of His heart, God yearned over man's need—and did something about it. Now it had been carried through, and with the weight of the world and

the sins of the centuries rolling off His shoulders at last, Jesus could say, "It is finished."

May God grant that we finish our part in our own salvation; that we may come, confessing our guilt and need, and crying, "In my hand no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling." May our prayer be the poet's prayer:

*Finish then Thy new creation;*

*Pure and spotless let us be.*

*Let us see Thy great salvation*

*Perfectly restored in Thee;*

*Changed from glory into glory,*

*Till in heav'n we take our place,*

*Till we cast our crowns before Thee,*

*Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*The Taj Mahal cannot compare with Calvary as*

## The True Symbol of Love

By WOUTER VAN GARRETT

Sea Isle City, New Jersey

One of the seven wonders of the ancient world is the Taj Mahal. It stands in the city of Agra, capital of one of the provinces of India, and is the symbol of a great love. The magnificent building is made of marble; it was under construction for twenty-two years and more than twenty thousand workers labored on it.

It happened during the seventeenth century that a mighty shah, Shal Dschehan, succeeded in uniting all India under his rule. But that is not his chief claim to fame. It lies in something more romantic. On one occasion he elevated to the rank of queen a beautiful maiden of Teheran whose name was Ardschamand Banu Begam. He was very much in love with his charming young wife and he made every effort to keep her happy.

After years of happiness together the beautiful queen died and the mighty shah was heartbroken. He decided to build a monument to her memory and to make it so beautiful that nothing in all the world could compare with it. And so he called together his best artisans and had them prepare plans for the memorial. He had the tomb built in the garden where he and she used to walk in the cool of the evening, and when it was finished, all who saw it agreed that it had a loveliness that could not be equaled in all the world.

Today, three hundred years after its construction, tourists come from the end of the earth to

gaze upon its beauty as the evening sun casts its rays along the marble paths. Row upon row of cypress and laurel frame the unusual loveliness as the sinking sun floods the dome of the monument in roseate splendor.

The Taj Mahal is a symbol of one of the great loves of history, and the sight-seer is moved beyond words as he looks upon its splendor. And now and then some enthusiast is so deeply moved that he exclaims: "In all the world there's no tribute to *love* such as this!"

But he who expresses such an idea is mistaken. It is true that the great shah of India had a wonderful love for his wife, and that the Taj Mahal is a symbol of that great love. *But there is another symbol of an even greater love.* It stood on a hill in Palestine, on Golgotha, just outside of the city of Jerusalem. It was a *cross*, and upon it died One who loved all the world, even you and me. Cruel hands nailed Him to the wooden beams, and cruel, hateful hearts condemned Him to die the death of a felon. And yet they could not have done the hateful deed had He not been willing to die for the sins of mankind.

The cross is no longer an emblem of wood; it has become a symbol—a symbol of a love so great and so sacrificial that it includes all human beings. It stands as an event of time and place which builds temples in the hearts of men and

women. Its legacy is the Bible; its heirs, the Church of the living God, which has its roots in the hearts of His children. The inscription that dedicates this great monument to love reads: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

This symbol of a priceless love is ours if we will but accept it as a gift from a loving Saviour. We cannot *earn* it; it is too precious to be acquired by physical effort. We cannot *buy* it; it is beyond material value. But we can have it for *free*, as a gift. All we need do is to reach out to receive the salvation that a precious Saviour is prepared to give us. We accept it, not by grasping anything with our hands, but by grasping with our *hearts*. We open our hearts to receive Him who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

After three hundred years the Taj Mahal still stands as a lovely symbol of a great love between man and woman; after nineteen hundred years, and more, the *cross* still stands as a symbol of a great love between God and man. Once an emblem of shame and degradation, it is that no more. It is now a tribute to a great sacrifice that has its motive in a love so pure and unselfish that it astounds the world. Men now carry the cross in their hearts and know that Christ has taken possession of their lives.

The world is full of cruelty and evil, and many hearts are heavy because men fail to recognize the cross as the symbol of a love that can change the cruel sins of the world into peace of heart. Jesus came and lived and walked among men, and in every act and word He showed them what God is like and how much He seeks to hold them in the hollow of His hand. He tried to lead them into the path that runs by the throne of God, but so many were unwilling to be led. Finally, He permitted cruel hands to nail Him to the cross, so that He might give the world a symbol which should always remind them of His love, and their need of that love.

When I was a small boy, and lived far out in

***So much often rests on that which seems so trivial! Things called great on earth are inconsequential in heaven's ledgers. To scale heaven's heights, one need not look for a way to the top. He must find a way to serve at the bottom.—Ponder W. Gilliland.***

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# Heaven

By F. W. DAVIS

*When I think of that wonderful city  
That Jesus has gone to prepare,  
Where the saints will be free from all worry,  
With no burdens to carry up there—  
We'll be happy with Jesus forever,  
No more to be ill or afraid—  
I'm glad for our hope of that city,  
Where the flowers of God never fade!*

*So often our hearts here are broken;  
Just why, we don't understand.  
But the day will dawn for God's people,  
When they'll live in His beautiful land.  
Oh, the brightness and heavenly glory  
That will shine from our Saviour's dear face!  
Dear friend, 'twill be worth every effort,  
As we strive for that beautiful place.*

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the country. I was visiting a neighbor one evening and happened to stay a little too long. I had to pass through a woods on the way home, and darkness came before I reached it. I was afraid and imagined all sorts of creatures hiding in the darkness: I was terribly frightened. And then I heard a voice in front of me; it was a voice I knew well, my father's. He had come to meet me because he sensed that I needed him. Immediately my fear left me and I was happy and no longer afraid. A moment later my hand rested in his, and together we walked homeward.

The Cross is like that familiar voice. In a troubled world it comes to meet the wayward traveler and to guide him homeward. It is a constant reminder that we have a Saviour who gave himself that all men might have life and have it more abundantly. Listen to the inner voice which calls you to the One who is ready to lead you home. We are strangers here, and we have no abiding home. That's why so many things are wrong when we are on the wrong road and moving away from a loving Father.

When we receive Him into our hearts through faith, and when we live in daily fellowship with Him in prayer and the reading of His Word, all things begin to fall into their rightful place. Life takes on a new meaning, and we begin to see a wholesome purpose in living.

## MADE PLAIN

*One day I tired of all the things  
That filled my daily life;  
I longed to do some mighty deed,  
To conquer foe or strife.  
I sought before the Lord in prayer  
A place of conquest brave  
Where He could use my heart and hand.  
Then He this answer gave:*

*"In every battle for the right  
I need a captain true;  
But he is soon lost in the fray  
Without supporters, too.  
A captain needs an army  
As an engine needs the train."  
I bowed my head and answered,  
"Yes, Lord, Thou hast made plain."*

**By PEARL BURNSIDE McKINNEY**

## INTERDEPENDENCE

**By R. QUANSTROM**

Pastor, Westerville, Ohio

We seldom think of the gospel and humanity as complementing each other, but they do. The gospel of Jesus Christ is meaningless apart from humanity, and humanity is helpless and life is futile without the gospel.

We might take two instances from the Gospels to illustrate what we mean. The scene is Jerusalem at the pool which is called Bethesda. We find there, among the sick people who were waiting for some mysterious moving of the water, a man who had been waiting in vain, and suffered his infirmity for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him, He said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" (John 5:6.) Dr. H. V. Miller rightly said, "The gospel is the graciousness of God reaching out to the ineffectiveness of man."

The second scriptural illustration which demonstrates our need for the gospel is found in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark. The scene is now in Galilee, where Jesus preached in the synagogue and a man afflicted with leprosy humbly came to the Master and kneeled to say, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" (Mark 1:40). Humanity here is helpless and life is futile apart from the gospel.

These two Biblical illustrations dealing with the physical man are only an illustration of the spiritual truth and purpose of the gospel and of man's need.

Man is helplessly and hopelessly lost without the gospel's work upon his life. There is no other way but through Jesus Christ. "No man cometh unto the Father, but my me," said Jesus (John 14:6).

Humanity *must* come humbly to Jesus and be made clean.

The gospel is dependent upon humanity to make it live from age to age, that the generations to come might know the truth and follow after it.

The gospel is also dependent upon genuine Christians living victoriously in a world of sin and hypocrisy. Jesus prayed for His followers as He was about to leave them: "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. . . . I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. . . . Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" (John 17:9-20).

The gospel is relying upon a people who are different from the ordinary, self-centered man. Peter says of the Christians: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people [marg., a people for His own possession]; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (I Pet. 2:9). The Apostle Paul states the same truth in these words to Titus: ". . . Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (2:13-14).

Summarizing, we say: Humanity needs a gospel to save it; the gospel needs humanity to demonstrate it.

# "He Remembereth"

I had an assignment in Toronto, Canada, and was beginning the trip at a point of physical exhaustion where a man should be coming home—not leaving. I had railroad reservations to arrive at my destination in the morning, so as to spend a day in the hotel resting and getting ready for my work. But an unexpected obligation made me change plans. I could fly to Chicago, make a quick taxi trip, and, if fortunate, catch the train to make my original schedule. But if I missed the connection I could lay over three hours, take a slow train, and arrive just in time for the appointment but without opportunity to rest and prepare.

On the way to the airport I said to Mrs. Harper, "Would it be asking too much of the Lord to help me make that twenty-minute connection in Chicago?" Her reply was, "It would be asking a lot!" I said: "If I can carry my suitcase with me on the plane, so I'll not be delayed at the airport, and can get a taxi immediately, maybe I can make it. And besides, the Lord could give us a tail wind and get this plane into Chicago a little bit early, or He could delay the departure of the train a few minutes to give me time to catch it."

Mrs. Harper let me out at the curb and I made a run for the plane, which was ready to leave. At the ticket counter I met with frustration—my suitcase was three inches longer than regulations permitted to be carried aboard the plane! There was nothing to do but to check it, resign myself to a further fifteen-minute baggage delay in Chicago, and give up hope of making my connection.

I boarded the plane, read for an hour, then laid aside my book and turned to my Bible. We were about twenty minutes out of Chicago when I closed my Bible and leaned back in the seat for a little time of silent prayer. I had talked to God only a moment or two when my immediate problem came to mind. Like a flash it dawned on me that the plane schedule was on daylight time and the rail-

road was on standard time. I would have *an hour and twenty minutes* to make my connection. Not once had I thought about it, but God knew it all the time. He reminded me of it when I took time to listen to Him! With thankful heart I remembered His promise, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isa. 65:24). My own little praise meeting lasted until the plane touched the runway in Chicago.

I got off the plane with a light heart, made a telephone call to verify my reservation, and went to the baggage counter to pick up my suitcase. But my testing was not over. Cart after cart of luggage came to the dock but mine was not there. For forty-five precious minutes I waited before it finally appeared. I grabbed the suitcase and hurried to the taxi stand, but none appeared. When I finally got a cab I asked, "Can we make the eight-ten train at the Polk Street Station?" The driver looked at his watch and said, "We can try. If traffic is just right we can make it in twenty-one minutes. You have just four minutes to spare."

I have never seen more traffic lights turn red just before we got to the intersection! But somehow I felt we would make it. Two blocks from the station the driver glanced at his watch and said, "You have only two minutes to spare." At the station I jumped out, paid my taxi fare, told the driver to keep the change, grabbed my suitcase, and did a double quick across the depot. To the stationmaster I said, "Where will I find the eight-ten to Toronto?" He pointed to a disappearing passenger agent and said, "Follow that man. And hurry!" I did. At the first train entrance a porter reached down to take my suitcase and I stepped on the train as it began to move!

An answer to prayer? Yes. I hadn't specifically asked God for the favor, but if prayer is "the soul's sincere desire," He knew that I wanted to catch that train. I wouldn't have blamed Him if I had missed, and somehow I would have managed to meet my responsibilities connected with the trip. I had missed connections before and I have missed them since, but I needed to make that one. When I had talked to God about it, He had made the way clear; I caught the train when five seconds later would have been too late. "He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Ps. 103:14). He knew my need and He helped me.

## Faith:

**God does not give us ready money. He issues promissory notes and then pays them when faith presents them at the throne.—Horace Bushnell.**

A layman  
reports on  
the text . . .



# "I Will Build My Church"

By MARGARET BOGART  
Auburn, New York

My pastor was announcing his sermon—"I Will Build My Church." I sat there listening intently, for my pastor preaches fine sermons that meet my everyday needs! As he talked tears came to my eyes. Why? Because here was a man of God who was working to help the Master accomplish the theme of his text.

I had sat in the board meetings, seen our pastor and district superintendent conduct business, and my heart was filled with pride and praise for the gifted men God has given us. In those meetings we talked about (before our pastor came) the right man for our church. He would have a big job helping direct a building program and yet keeping every other department running smoothly!

"I will build my church." Here standing before us was a preacher who every day and into the evenings had worked on our church building. He also visited the sick and did his other work. When he and his wife came, they left a new parsonage and church they had helped to build. When they arrived here I said to our pastor's wife, "You don't know how much we appreciate your leaving a new church and parsonage to come here." This was her answer—"We want to be in God's will; that's where we are happiest!"

Our church had not been his only burden. A little neighborhood village had no holiness church. Near it was an air base. So in the midst of a building project our pastor was led of God to help in establishing a work there. Now there is a pastor sent from our seminary and the work is going on.

Did this hurt our building program? No. Did we stop giving to missions? No. Did we do our best in meeting all the other budgets? We surely did! This is what God means by building His Church! District superintendent, pastor, laymen, friends, all working together for precious souls.

Then came the dedication of our basement. I thought of each pastor and what he had given to make this day possible, and also our pastors' wives. God bless each one of them. I thought of our laymen who worked after coming home from their regular jobs; of the women and children who had painted, sewed, and cleaned—also those who prayed and held on to God as others worked.

Faith was now sight! I heard my son-in-law's

testimony as God blessed his heart, for he had worked hard after work laying blocks evenings. I saw my daughter give her testimony, telling what our church had meant to her. Then my son, then the dear old saints, the young folk and middle-aged who had found God at our altars! As I was singing in the choir, I saw a little head in the nursery—my grandson! Here is where my riches are, my life is built around it, and Jesus said—best of all—"The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

## The Art of Saying "THANK YOU!"

By LOIS M. MARMON  
Bellefontaine, Ohio

When one receives a special favor, a gift, or an act of kindness—if only for manners' sake—one says, "Thank you," to the giver. But, oh, how often even the common courtesy of merely acknowledging a gift is omitted!

Have you ever sent a gift, which you had carefully selected, thinking all the while how pleased the person for whom it was intended would be—perhaps a birthday gift, or for a wedding, graduation, or the advent of a new baby—and the gift was never acknowledged? You wonder if the gift has been received, and yet you hesitate to inquire. Your pride is hurt and you cannot help but be a bit irked and somewhat disgusted! If you haven't gone through such an experience like this, you are one of the fortunate few. Children, teen-agers, young people, and adults, who should know better, are all affected with this malady of failing to say, "Thank you."

Do you recall the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers? Only one turned back to Jesus to thank Him. It was then that Jesus asked the one pathetic question that we have record of His uttering: "Were there not ten cleansed? *but where are the nine?*" To this one man who did turn back to thank Him, Jesus gave a special blessing, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

There is an art to saying, "Thank you." And



it is not a difficult one to learn. Just a simple, sincere expression of gratitude, given from the heart to the person who has remembered you in a special way, suffices. Some folks have the happy faculty of expressing sincere thanks—so that it is a joy to remember them in various ways. Like the nine who failed to thank Jesus and so missed His special blessing, we too miss a special blessing when we fail to show our appreciation with a sincere, promptly expressed, "Thank You!"

Today when so many blessings are taken for granted, fortunate are the children who are being taught by careful parents to express their thanks to their little friends and older ones as well. Happy are the man and woman who in their youth learned the art of saying, "Thank you," and have carefully practiced it in their daily lives. Let's say, "Thank you!" to friends and relatives—and "Thank You!" to our Heavenly Father for all the benefits He bestows upon us day by day.

### Meeting a Life Situation

## "A SAINT IN STREET CLOTHES"

By C. B. STRANG

Pastor, First Church, Chicago, Illinois

He came to my office at his own request. I had seen him only once before, but now he sat before me and earnestly told me about himself and his need. He had been inclined to be wild, and had run with the wrong crowd, but he was now ready to give it all up. He wanted to be saved. I counseled with him and then we prayed together. At the conclusion of the prayer he said that he believed God had saved him.

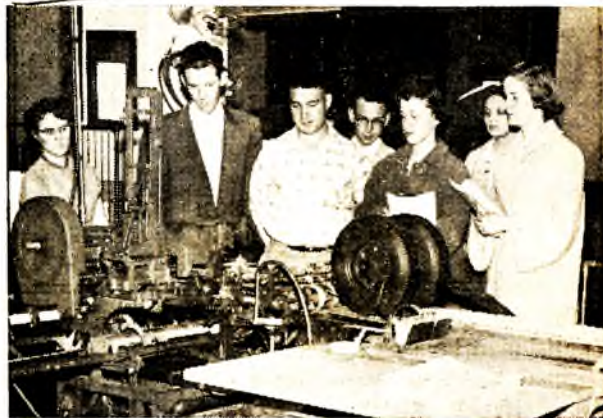
However, he wasn't quite satisfied, and a few weeks later he came to the altar, where he definitely prayed through to victory.

That was the beginning of wonderful things for this young man. He became an enthusiast. He and his wife both joined our choir. They enjoyed that so much! Later on we found they sang very well together.

They were both sanctified sometime later, and both united with our church. They did not come into the church to *coast along*, but they joined it to be boosters and workers. And that is what they have been.

They now have charge of our high school group in N.Y.P.S. and give it religious guidance as well as social and recreational direction. He, especially, gives himself to our visitation program. He has inspired our young people to do visiting in the interest of the church.

## NEWS in PICTURE



"HERALD" TRIP WINNERS from Clearwater, Kansas, visit their Publishing House. Rev. and Mrs. Lee Steele and some of their young folks watch the "Herald" being addressed and wrapped for mailing.

He has brought different persons to our church. Very recently, he brought two of his friends—a young husband and his wife. They attended occasionally and then regularly. They came to the altar and were wonderfully saved. This has inspired this young man still more. He is in the process of bringing others.

Recently, God has called him to preach. He has obeyed the call to the extent that he has begun to make some preparation. Not long ago he preached in Skid Row. There were twenty at the altar that night. How did that affect him? He could hardly stay on the ground.

The first time he came to see me he had a package of cigarettes in his pocket. I did not know it at the time. But he soon found that he could not use these, and he gave them up. God has cleaned him up completely. He has helped him to make restitutions. It is a thrilling thing to hear him tell of this.

Today he is one of the brightest young Christians I know. We expect great things from him in the future. God enabled the pastor and others to help him until he became strong. Now he is giving of his strength to others.

Talk about meeting a *Life Situation*! God met his and we are glad.

# A VOICE at the door

By **BESS A. OLSON**  
Los Angeles, California

On Sunday morning, May 21, 1738, a young Englishman lay sick in bed. He tossed and turned, gripped by doubts and fears. If he should die, would he be saved? How could he be sure of salvation? He tried to pray. He tried to read his Bible. Was it true, as people had told him, as the Bible seemed to assure him, that salvation was by faith and not, as he had always believed, by works?

In another room a woman prayed for the young

man; for his body and for his soul. Suddenly she rose in agitation and walked about as the voice of the Lord spoke in her soul.

"I can't! Oh, I can't!" she objected. "How can I speak to him? He is a scholar—a clergyman, and I, just a woman. Nevertheless—"

Timidly, she went to the door of the gentleman's room. As strength from above filled her, she opened her mouth and spoke: "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, arise and believe, and thou shalt be healed of all thine infirmities."

To the young man the words seemed to be spoken by God himself. Faith took hold in his heart. He believed. He was healed. Peace flooded his heart and he went forth with a new ringing message—salvation through faith!

Today the whole world knows of the mighty revival that swept England through the preaching of Charles Wesley and his brother, John. Charles Wesley's hymns are sung in every denomination. Historians, however, are not even agreed as to the name of the woman who spoke the faith-inspiring words to him. She was but an obedient instrument in the Master's hand, a voice at the door!

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## THE SPIRIT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

*"Charity [love] suffereth long, and is kind; . . . beareth all things, . . ."*  
—I Cor. 13:4-7

By **Mrs. Joanne Davis**  
Portland, Oregon

A DEEP HURT INFLICTED UPON THE heart of a Spirit-filled life is God's opportunity to glorify His Son in man. Here it is revealed, not only to the world, but just as important, to ourselves, that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." It is at this time that the heart, afflicted by deep hurt, is as the rock smitten to bring forth streams of sweet waters to satisfy the thirst of a lost and dying world.

It is absolutely essential that a heart kept utterly tender, protected only by our Heavenly Father, remain in the state of "perfect love." As a "hurt" comes to the heart and opens up a painful wound, the sanctified person immediately turns to Jesus and lets the precious Comforter heal and comfort and bring peace. The love and tenderness of our hearts remain constant through Him.

The most precious treasure of the Spirit-filled life is "perfect peace." Our attitude is no more determined by outward circumstances. We know our whole purpose is to reveal Christ in His fullness.

Whatever God allows, in the very midst of it—at that moment, we are to let the Lord Jesus Christ manifest himself in our beings, by the divine love given out through us by the indwelling Holy Ghost. How else will others believe there is a victorious state in Christ and realize they have a need of sanctification?

When "hurt" comes to the heart of a person who is a possessor of the carnal nature, the reaction is to raise a wall of hardness by some attitude, to keep from feeling the pain so deeply and from fear of getting hurt again. This is, of course, a strong temptation to the Spirit-filled life, and only in His strength are we made "more than conquerors through him that loved us." "Self" comes to the defense of the unsanctified heart. Self-pity or bitterness, mingled with some phase of fear, takes possession of the heart, robbing it of all love, joy, and peace.

"Hurt" inflicted upon the heart of the unsanctified will stir up a defense of provocation. Adam Clarke reveals, in his commentary on First Corin-

# Steal Away to Jesus!

By DOLORES S. DOUGLAS

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Can you hear the deep, rich voices sounding through the night with the words of the Negro spiritual "Steal Away to Jesus"? Does there seem to be a warm invitation in those words to put your cares away for a little while and search out a place to be alone with God?

There must be countless numbers who have been reading the recent book authored by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, titled *Gift from the Sea*. She has not only penned truths that are enlightening, but ones that are most beautiful, in a way that will capture the hearts and gratitude of millions of women. Time and time again, she mentions the need for creatures to be alone; to be still and to be at peace within, while the tempests toss without.

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thians 13, that charity (or divine love) "is not easily provoked" should be translated, according to the original Greek, "is not provoked." Webster's dictionary defines "provoked" as "roused; incited; made angry; incensed." "Divine love" is never provoked. "Divine love" loves and loves and loves, in spite of circumstances. This is impossible, outside of the grace of God, but absolutely possible in the grace of God.

God has no place for people who are made "lame" by gaping wounds in their hearts, which they are doctoring with their own remedies of self-pity and bitterness. We read in Hebrews: "Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:13-14).

A "hurt" cannot be hid away and forgotten. It must be brought to the Saviour and healed. Otherwise, self-pity and bitterness will eventually creep in, grieving the tender Holy Ghost away. There is no wound He cannot heal. He truly brings overwhelming victory.

Praise the Lord--this life of the fullness of Christ, by the infilling of the Holy Ghost, is for all who will pay the price. To keep Him in His fullness, we must let Jesus heal our wounded hearts continually, as the "hurts" come. God is the only One who can take away the pain and leave the heart filled with divine love and utter peace.

How fortunate that we as Christians have found the way to have inner peace in our hearts and lives! The sinner is doubly pathetic because he cannot find peace in the world nor in himself. Perhaps a great work of art may bring calm to some weary soul, or for others, listening to good music. But there is nothing to compare with the peace that floods our souls when we are in communion with God.

We all need times for relaxing and to be free of the cares of the day. With some, such times are much too few and far between. We can look to God's Word and still the tumult in our everyday living. "Be still, and know that I am God." What a brief scripture, but enough to put a troubled heart to rest! A short prayer, just a few words to Jesus, and we can find deliverance from pressing problems. Many times we suffer needlessly because we don't take our burdens to Jesus right away. It's so like us to struggle alone and then, in despair, turn to Him who is the only One capable of working things out for us. We need to steal away to Jesus more often, whether we are alone or out in the busy world. There are so many ways we can draw closer to God and feel His presence. Each of us may have his own avenues for accomplishing this.

I can't tell you why, but I do know I find release by looking upward into the heavens. Not only are my eyes lifted up, but my soul soars upward above the ordinary life below. God turned my gaze upward when I was yet a young, unconverted girl. He revealed His wonders to me in the beauty of the sunsets I watched in the skies. The clouds take many shapes and forms, and on a summer day I was inspired to write, "I see His face in every cloud." At night when the sky is dark and the stars are twinkling down, I can whisper my "Sonnet to a Star." My heart's plea is to learn of this constancy that the stars possess.

People today are in such a rush they don't see the beauty of the sun and clouds, or moon and stars. What a wonderful opportunity is lost to survey God's handiwork and be still inside, and know that *He is God!*

Do you hear an organ in the little church playing a well-loved hymn? Oh, do take time to "steal away" to Jesus, and pour out your heart to Him!

## Keys to the Acts of the Apostles

### **11. The Key Exploit**

The Acts of the Apostles is a book of exploits—heroic acts. Daring deeds are recorded in almost every chapter. In this respect it surpasses every other book of the New Testament.

#### **Other Exploits:**

Before discussing the key exploit, let's notice some of the others briefly. Peter, who had displayed cowardice at the Crucifixion, took the platform and preached boldly at Pentecost. He told the Jews to their faces that they had slain the Lord of glory with wicked hands. For him to do this was certainly a daring act.

In the third chapter of Acts we have the story of Peter and John healing the lame man. When an amazed crowd gathered, Peter began to preach to them. He charged them with killing "the Prince of life," and then told them that this crucified One was raised from the dead by God himself. Peter and John paid for their boldness (Acts 3:12-26) by being imprisoned (Acts 4:3). When they were released the next day and questioned by Annas and Caiaphas, Peter preached them another short sermon. Following this message we have these words: "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled: and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (4:13). The "powers that be" then threatened them, and commanded them "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Once again they were threatened, and then released.

After healing many, Peter and John (Acts 5:12-16) were imprisoned a second time. But "the angel of the Lord" came by night, "opened the prison doors," and released them. Then they were brought before the council and the high priest asked them: "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (5:28-29).

In Acts 6 and 7 we study especially about Stephen. No one can read his message and how he was stoned to death because of it and doubt his heroism. He paid for his daring exploit with his life.

When we come to chapter 9, we find Paul, a new convert, preaching boldly at Damascus (vv.

27-29). In Acts 13:46 we are told that Paul and Barnabas "waxed bold." Even that early in their first missionary journey they were doing exploits for Jesus Christ. Again, in Acts 14:3, Paul is described as "speaking boldly in the Lord." In Acts 18:26 he spoke "boldly in the synagogue"; and in 19:8 we read that he went into the synagogue and "spake boldly for the space of three months." Almost everything he did in connection with his three missionary journeys demanded a heroism that could hardly be described except in terms of an exploit, or daring deed.

If anyone doubts that Paul's life after he came to Christ was filled with exploits, let him listen to these words: "Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are

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they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more: in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of water, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren: in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches" (II Cor. 11:22-28).

#### **The Key Exploit:**

I turn now to the *key* exploit of the Acts of the Apostles. It is found in Paul's determination to go to Rome and the fact that he realized that determination. This was the realization of an ambition which had been a part of his sense of mission from the beginning of his Christian career. He was set on going to Rome, regardless of the sacrifice and suffering it might cost. He knew that it would mean imprisonment and perhaps death, but that did not change his purpose. To the elders of the church of Ephesus who came to meet him at Miletus, he said: "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not know-

ing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:22-24).

Again, in Acts 21 we read: "And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver

## **What Is the Secret Of Billy Graham's Success?**

BILLY GRAHAM IS SUCCEEDING. SOME liberals, and others who do not like him, may do their best to show that he's really not accomplishing anything; but when all is done and said, Billy Graham is doing something for the Kingdom. Of course, I don't agree with him on everything, but I want to be fair to him and the work that he is doing. He is not a failure as a representative of Christ. He is leading men to the feet of the Master. Why, then, may we ask, is he a success?

First of all, I think he is a success because he is saved himself; he has a personal experience of salvation. I believe he has a corps of workers who know God. He and those who labor with him are sincerely in the business of saving souls. They have no ax to grind; they are not wanting publicity, nor money for themselves; they are wanting to advance the kingdom of God. People, anywhere you find them, laymen or preachers, are succeeding, more or less, if they are unselfishly doing their best to promote the Kingdom. Yes, Billy Graham is a success, because he is a Christian and those about him are Christians, and they all have as their first concern the salvation of souls.

This is not all; Billy Graham and those who work with him know how to organize revival campaigns on a big scale, and they do that very thing. They don't worship organization, but they know that it is valuable and that it has its place, and they provide for it. Whenever I read about Billy Graham's revival campaigns, I am amazed at the amount of work which precedes them and is carried on during them. He and those who labor with him are working at the job intelligently.

Then I think there is something else which should be mentioned. Billy Graham is a natural-born salesman, and he believes in what he is selling. He emphasizes more than anything else the value of coming to Christ, and the value of coming to Christ now. More than that, he keeps before the people the value of being saved in this life, not merely its value for the next life. Salvation is valuable from the standpoint of the next life: it will save us from hell; but it is also worth while from the standpoint of this present life, here and now. Billy Graham knows how to "sell the benefits," as someone has said, "of the gospel."

Of course there are other elements which enter into his success. He is really in earnest about what he is doing; he has a pleasing personality; he is willing to work with any and all who will let him present his message in an untrammelled way. He also has respect for Christians wherever they may be found.

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him into the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done" (vv. 10-14). Paul knew where he was going—that was to Rome, and he knew that was the place where Christ wanted him to go. He did not hesitate to pay any price to get there.

The Book of Acts does not tell the full story, but we know that story. Paul was imprisoned there in Rome for several years, perhaps two different times, and finally paid for his testimony to Christ with his life. The *key exploit* in the Book of Acts is Paul's visit to Rome; first, the trials in Jerusalem and the suffering there; then the shipwreck of the voyage with its many discomforts, and the journey to Rome, where he was imprisoned and finally beheaded.

The account is concluded in II Tim. 4:6-8 when Paul writes from the Roman jail while he awaits the headsman's ax: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

## The Sunday-School Lesson

FLETCHER  
GALLOWAY



Topic for  
June 3:

### Claiming the Cities for Christ

SCRIPTURE: Acts 15:36-18:22 (Printed: Acts 16:6-10; 18:5-11).

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God (I Cor. 1:23-24).*

Paul had just one human life to live, and one man's natural powers, and so the Holy Ghost placed his ministry and missionary efforts in the most strategic places. One of the very illuminating passages in the Bible is found in the Sunday-school lesson for today—the scriptures which reveal the process by which Paul discovered the will of God (Acts 16:6-10). There were certain places where the Holy Ghost forbade him to go; then others where the door was providentially closed; finally Paul had a dream of the man in Macedonia with outstretched hands begging for help. Using his reason, "assuredly gathering," he arrived at his decision that God was calling him to take the gospel to Europe. And what a move that was!

Paul had already turned from the Jews who would have cramped the glorious gospel into the narrow, legalistic framework of Judaism. Now he turned from Asia, with its slow pulse and plodding gait, to a new civilization that would dominate the next twenty centuries. He was taking Christianity to the center of things. Christianity was a world gospel, and so he was taking it where the currents moved faster and the challenge was more exciting. As we look back upon it now from the vantage point of these nineteen hundred years, we can see the divine hand in it. How thankful we should be that the gospel moved west instead of east—and what an obligation that places upon us to send it on before it is too late!

Corinth of Paul's day was the gateway between the east and the west. It was a great, flourishing mercantile city, very wealthy but very corrupt. Paul recognized that if a church were established

here its influence would touch that moving current of human life, the merchants and the seamen, from almost every city of the world. Paul had to work with his hands as a tentmaker to support himself. He wrote afterward, "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling." The task must have seemed hopeless at times, as he saw the corruption and debauchery of this great city, given over to its mad race for profits and a great "Vanity Fair" of pleasure. But Paul had a great gospel to preach and a great Saviour to present. The Lord appeared to him in a vision and said, "Be not afraid, . . .

for I have much people in this city." Paul stayed a year and a half in Corinth, and God gave him so much success that this city became one of the key points from which the influence of the great apostle radiated. His Epistles to the Corinthians give more local color than any other of his writings, and also reveal the spiritual struggle that he had to wage to make this church what it ought to be.

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### Answered Prayer

*Here are answers that will give an added lift to your faith.*

Miss Della Boggs, for whom prayer was requested several times, has now been declared completely recovered and will be returning to the field in Africa, May 14.

Miss Esther Thomas, who returned home for surgery, is now working in a Rhode Island hospital to test her strength for six months, after which she also will be returning to the field.

Miss Frances Vine, for whom we recently requested prayer that she would not have to undergo brain surgery, has been released from the hospital without surgery, under orders to rest for some time. Please pray for Miss Vine, that God will especially undertake and that healing shall be complete. One of the hardest things any missionary can do is rest, when the demands of the field are so heavy.

### God Is Blessing in Rosario

God is blessing the work here in Rosario and we are seeing new people saved and believers sanctified quite regularly in our services. We have a class of eleven to be baptized and received into the church very soon. They all give definite evidence of a heartfelt experience of salvation. Our greatest problem at present is the lack of room for our Sunday school, which has nearly tripled in the last seven months.

You will be glad to know that we have started a Bible school here in Rosario with eighteen students. Of these, at least five have a definite call to preach the gospel. If you could see the interest they show and have in the classes and hear their testimonies, I know your heart would be thrilled. The future looks bright for the Church of the Nazarene in this great city.

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

We now have three organized churches in Rosario and two preaching places and one extra Sunday school, but by the help of the Lord we expect to have eight places where we have preaching regularly before assembly time in March of 1957. Please remember us in prayer. —LESTER JOHNSTON, *Argentina*.

### New Missionary Address Lists Just Printed

Write for a new list today. Fifty-four changes or additions have been made since the last list was printed. Mail will be greatly delayed or lost if sent to the wrong address. Lists are free. A postal card will bring you your new list.

### Summer Schedule in Full Swing

Our summer vacation Bible school schedule is now under way. I have been privileged to visit a number of the schools to attend their closing exercises. Saturday morning I went with the two girls who have been conducting the school in Pimentel. Although some of the children had given them a pretty hard time during the week, Saturday they were well behaved. I gave a flannel-graph lesson as a part of the program. At the close of the service we prayed with ten or eleven children who wanted to be saved.

Sunday evening several of us attended the *clausura* in Chongoyape. They had had a good school and presented a fine program that night. The girls who had

been in charge of the school told me that sixteen were saved during their time there. Many children are being won to the Lord through the vacation Bible schools. It saddens my heart to think how little help and encouragement they will receive in their homes. How much they need our prayers!—  
—MARY MILLER, Peru.

## Thank You

Would you, through the HERALD OF HOLINESS, thank the district superintendents and their wives of the Albany, New England, Maritime, and West Virginia districts, and all of the preachers and friends who so kindly entertained me in their homes, arranged transpor-

tation for me, and did so much to make my visit to the United States a very happy one? They were all wonderful and I'm deeply grateful to every one of them.

Please remember me in prayer as I return to Britain to do deputation work there prior to returning to Africa.—  
NELLIE STOREY.



By A. K. BRACKEN

### Toward Better Living?

Washington Religious Report announces the dedication of "the first All-Faith Chapel" in New York City, at the Universalist Church of the Divine Paternity. "It will contain symbols and scriptures of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, and Shintoism." Why not Pantheism? Or is it? For a religion that would make the people of the world better, where would be the dynamic? It might be that for a moment these groups would unite on uniting. Where is the realism in it? Could it produce a force that would evangelize the world? It would be about as effective as to attempt to build a bridge across the Potomac made of equal parts of stone, sand, sawdust, cement, hay, and axle grease. Back of it all is the stark tragedy of sin, that blinds us and separates us into groups that are mutually hostile. But let us not deceive ourselves as to the cure, which is, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." We will find in the Christ of the New Testament "the way, the truth, and the life."

### Doctors and Salk Vaccine

"Its brilliant record for safety and effectiveness since last spring is now winning the doctors' approval for the Salk vaccine" (*Woman's Home Companion*). Doctors are now expressing greater confidence in Salk vaccine. According to an article in the above-named magazine, doctors are recognizing this polio vaccine as the "best current weapon" against crippling polio. Last summer it is reported to have saved 1,250 children from paralysis and gave children 75 per cent protection against the disease. Though the output of vaccine is greatly increased, it is not yet equal to the demand. Making a safe product is a slow process. Three shots are recommended and one will help. While the shots may not be required annually, the doctor may recommend a "booster" shot. It is demonstrated that

these shots actually reduce the probability of the child's getting the polio. The new confidence is heartening to the public.

### "Mukyokai"

The above caption is the name of what is reported to be one of the most important religious forces in the life of Japan. It is a nonchurch Christian group of between fifty and one hundred thousand adherents. It is in some sense an antichurch movement. The number of adherents is an estimate, as no membership record is kept. In their worship they sing Christian hymns and songs, preach the Bible, and have prayers. The Bible sermon, or lecture, sometimes lasts over two hours. Born to a samurai family, the founder, Kanzo Uchimura, was a man of importance. "Mukyokai" claims to be a return to "the primitive Christianity of the Gospels." It has "no clergy, sacraments, liturgy, and no buildings." It, "more than any other group, has made Christianity intellectually acceptable to the Japanese." It might be said that Christ commanded baptism and ordained the Communion. The Church of the Gospels made no special bow in the direction of the intellectuals. It was "the common people" who heard Him gladly. Most important in any Christian group is, Do they preach Christ crucified, dead, and resurrected as our only Lord and Saviour?

### Chaplain Shortage

More and more there is evidence that the Chaplains' Administration in Washington is endeavoring to make the work and influence of the chaplains more effective in every area that they touch. "There is much to be done and always will be to make their work perfect; but that effort is being made. There is said to be a great shortage in chaplains for the services—hundreds more are reported to be needed. Moral leadership and deeply spiritual ministry can do wonders for the morale and for the morals of the boys. It has been proved and is now being widely recognized that the moral

soldier is a better soldier than a drunken and licentious one. Millions of our boys are compelled to do service for their country. They need good pastors to look after and to minister to them. Many of these boys are very young and need the spiritual guidance of a good chaplain.



by BERTHA MUNRO

### "Soil Stewardship"

#### Monday:

"Soil stewardship"—the phrase caught my ear as the announcer told how the churches are co-operating in a conservation program. "Soil stewardship"—good, spiritual soil conservation cannot come by a program of group action; we individuals—you and I—have the responsibility: to conserve and pass on "an undefiled heritage" (Kipling). We are "stewards of the . . . grace of God." By our living and thinking we could carelessly deplete the soil, or, to change the figure, let the foundations be riddled by termites.

#### Tuesday:

The soil is the "pattern of thinking"—the "climate of opinion"—the way of looking at things; this changes quietly but inevitably. The science of semantics (word meanings) is showing us that words change their meanings very subtly. What a word means depends on what the hearer has been conditioned by his experience to take from it. We are determining the content of such words as *holiness*, *Christian*, for those who come after us. We are stewards of the soil of *understanding* for our children.

#### Wednesday:

What are we leaving in the soil, of meaning for the term *holiness*? A pe-

cular doctrine of a group, or the basic standard of Christian living? A peak of emotional experience to be attained and a set of rules thereafter to be followed, or a living heart attitude of Godlikeness created and maintained by the Holy Spirit expressing himself through our spirits in acts and attitudes of love?

**Thursday:**

The meaning of *loyalty*? (Or a good *Nazarene*?) To some, one doctrine—even “entire sanctification”? But Wesley stressed ethical living as well as the witness of the Spirit—and so, by the way, does the Bible. To “a spiritual program”? But Christ said one test would be the “inasmuch” of clothing the naked and visiting the sick. To the *Manual*? The *Manual* is an attempt to keep the soil good. Good soil is characterized by an eager love of the whole truth as revealed in the Word of God, written and incarnate.

**Friday:**

The meaning of *right* versus *wrong*? Committed to truth, how does one know and apply it? Not all problems are solved automatically by an act and an attitude of consecration. There is yet the daily proving of “things that are excellent.” Behind the name to distinguish the thing, the spirit, the reality:

to shun, not “movies” alone, but the essence of the movies that can creep into our homes by way of the television screen; not “cards” alone, but any frivolous time-wasting; not “worldly” practices alone, but any satisfactions that dull our relish for God. The soil will go dead without keen *discrimination*, Spirit-guided.

**Saturday:**

*Spreading the gospel*—what meaning are we giving the Great Commission by our example? Our philosophy of testimony—is it pious aspiration, or glad telling by every layman of “the Lord of the hill and what He has done”? The power of *prayer*—and its centrality in the Christian life—what notion of its value? All this is in the soil.

**Sunday:**

*Christian fellowship*—is it the warm, living relationship of the body of Christ? Only if it is made up of persons in vital contact with Christ. We need group activity; yet we can’t follow Christ committee-wise. He builds His Church on the rock of personal confession. The *personal equation* is vital in the Christian faith and experience. The personal example and the personal touch are contagious. Back to my soil stewardship responsibility!

# Servicemen's Corner



Kinston, North Carolina, is the nearest Church of the Nazarene to Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point. The pastor writes that he will be glad to contact any of our men stationed at either of these camps. His address is: Rev. J. H. Hodges, 100 S. Independent Street, Kinston, North Carolina.

Chaplain Verl L. Churchill writes from Sheppard Air Force Base hospital in Texas:

“Along with receiving daily therapy as a post-polio patient, I was privileged to do the indicated work in the hospital in the absence of the hospital chaplain.

“It was thrilling to extol Christ from the pulpit again on Palm Sunday. I preached about the Jerusalem throng, comparing it to the present-day Christian congregation. I emphasized putting Christ at the center of our culture and our lives. The next day a sergeant who had been in the service came for spiritual help. Though he feared he had wandered too far from God, he left having found God.

“The doctors recommend four more months of therapy for me here. Fortunately, I’ll be working part time as a chaplain.

“Last week I contacted two Nazarene airmen; found them strong in the faith, a credit to the church.”

“We (my wife and I) wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the good literature we have received from the Nazarene Servicemen’s Commission.

“The *Come Ye Apart* is a part of our daily devotions, and is a great help in our Bible reading in that it sets a goal to reach. Otherwise we possibly would not read as much scripture.

“We regard the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* as an excellent church publication, both from the standpoint of exhortations and news of the churches.

“The *Conquest* also contains many very interesting items, particularly the quotes on liquor under the caption ‘Little Glimpses of Big Issues.’

“These publications have been a blessing to our home and we pray that they will continue to be so.

“We as a service family appreciate the Church of the Nazarene remembering us with such good religious reading.”  
—T/SGT. & MRS. MELVIN D. MARTIN.

## Are We Getting Soft?

By CLYDE W. RATHER  
Pastor, El Centro, Calif.

*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me* (Phil. 4:13).

Some years ago, while I was attending college, an evangelist made a statement during his sermon which struck me forcibly and which I have never forgotten. He said in part, “The greatest danger confronting the Christian Church today is the danger of its becoming a soft church.” As I peruse the notes taken during that sermon, I am asking myself again as I have asked hundreds of times before, “Am I getting soft?”

For the sake of clarity, I run the gauntlet of words in the dictionary, and the definition of the word soft as an adjective is most revealing, “Easily yielding to pressure; malleable.” And further, the verb “soften” is defined, “To make soft or softer; tone down; palliate; assuage.”

As a church, are we looking for an easy way—a short cut—a route that will cost less in time, energy, prayers, and money? Are we looking for lighter tasks—an easier task? Are we giving God less than our very best? Wherein

are you dependable? In what respects may your family, your associates, your pastor, and your Saviour count on you? What about your fearless testimony of “better days”? Has the “gold dimmed” from your prayer life? What of the burden for the lost and the concern of His kingdom? What of the cry of the heathen who perish in darkness, waiting for the light of the gospel to shine? Has there been any tendency to tone down, to cool off, to become less radical about this matter of holy living? Have I taken from the altar of my consecration any of the things that I placed there when I was emptied of self and filled with the fullness of God? Do I really love God better than I love things? How well do I stand up under criticism and opposition? Do I keep love on the throne or do I fight back? What about my possessions? Is there any tendency to be selfish with God or others?

Phillips Brooks once said: “Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.” Let us all betake ourselves to the spiritual gymnasium for a good workout, so that we “can do all things” through Him that strengtheneth us.

**NAZARENE SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION**  
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## GOD'S GIFTS

By JULIA W. WOLFE

*There are so many little things  
That count so very dear,  
Beyond the price of gems or gold:  
A smile, perhaps a tear,  
A word, or look of sympathy,  
The power to understand,  
And sometimes just the friendly clasp  
Of someone's outstretched hand.*

*We think God sent the big things  
As a test for me and you;  
But He gave the little things, as well,  
In love, to help us through.*

## You and your Morals



**Every saved and sanctified Nazarene has a responsibility for the things that go on around him.**

Each of the issues on public morals that is presented in this column will be an issue upon which your secretary of Public Morals has taken action as a voice of the denomination. However, any such action will be effective only as it is backed up by the action of the people represented.

We challenge our Nazarene people to practice what they preach. A few minutes devoted to writing a card or letter to a senator, representative, or other public or popular personality can make the difference in right or wrong action on moral issues. Too long have the saved and sanctified Christians of the Church of the Nazarene been indifferent to moral issues involved in government, entertainment, and behavior. Let's wake up and lift the level of our moral behavior.

You can begin today, by writing the National Better Business Bureau, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, New York; The American Association of Advertising Agencies, 421 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, New York; and Association of National Advertisers, 285 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

These organizations help to control advertising and make policies. Protests about cigarette ads aimed at youth, or liquor ads which desecrate our homes and sacred traditions, should reach their office.

**Kenneth S. Rice, Secretary  
Committee on Public Morals  
Church of the Nazarene**

# the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

**Do you believe that anyone is predestinated at birth to become either a Christian or not to accept Christ?**

No. That is Calvinism, which holds to an election or choice based on an arbitrary, or unconditional, predestination. According to this view, those who are called, chosen, or elected, are those who are predestinated to be saved by a sovereign decree of God. All other human beings are unconditionally predestinated to be lost. Such a view makes man a machine and God a dictator. It is also irrational and unscriptural. On the other hand, Arminianism thinks of predestination as God's general plan whereby salvation is placed within reach of all human beings, but only those are

called, chosen, or elected, to salvation who vote to be. Their election is conditioned on their choice. They are free moral agents, and their salvation finally depends upon whether or not they place their trust in Christ. We are saved by faith, and not by some outside power which grabs us and forces us into the Kingdom. Read Rom. 8:29-30 along with I Pet. 1:2, where God's predestination is definitely related to His foreknowledge. Also, there are scores of passages in the Bible which teach that Christ died for all and that whosoever will may trust Him and be saved.

**I have a small book on holiness by Phoebe Palmer, which was published by the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. When and why did they take the name Pentecostal off? Did the Nazarenes ever believe in clapping their hands in church and speaking in tongues? I read that this is a Pentecostal, or Assembly of God, belief in a certain encyclopedia.**

The change in name from Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene to Church of the Nazarene was made in 1919. Here's what our *Manual* says about this in its brief historical statement: "The General Assembly of 1919, in response to memorials from thirty-five district assemblies, changed the name of the organization to 'Church of the Nazarene.'" The Church of the Nazarene has never believed in speaking in tongues as a sign of the bap-

tism with the Holy Spirit, or the reception of the Pentecostal experience. However, so far as I know, there has never been any ban on clapping one's hands in church. Further, there is no specific connection between clapping one's hands and speaking in tongues, in spite of what the encyclopedia may say. There is clapping of hands at other than religious services.

**Can you explain what the Assemblies of God mean by being filled with the Holy Ghost? Is that what we call sanctification?**

As I understand it, for the Assemblies of God, being filled with the Holy Ghost, or getting one's Pentecost, is not the same as being sanctified, while with the Church of the Nazarene the

two are always identified in the sense of coming at the same time. This means that according to our belief we are sanctified by the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

**Don't you believe that if every member of the Church of the Nazarene were made to go to the district assemblies there would be fewer of our good pastors voted out? I went to one in 1954, and I felt like I was in heaven for three days. I won't ever forget it.**

I am glad that you got to go to that district assembly and that it was such a blessing to you. We would not want to make our people go to a district assembly, but I am sure that it would be a blessing to most of them if they could and would go. No doubt it would also

assist in making longer pastorates possible. It would certainly help some Nazarenes to feel better toward one another and toward their pastor if they would really get a good blessing, or spiritual uplift, from God.

**Do you think that a young man who is seventeen is old enough to decide what church he wants to join? My parents belong to another Protestant church, but I want to join the Church of the Nazarene. They think all of the members of their family should belong to the same church.**

I sympathize with your parents in their desire for you to belong to the church of which they are members. Still, at your age, if you are really saved and believe as the Nazarenes do and want to cast your lot with them, I can't feel

that your parents will finally hold out against your doing it. You should respect them and their feeling in the matter and do your best to get them to see your viewpoint and give their permission before you do it.

# NEWS of the Churches



Pastor I. Earl Cotton reports from Hooker, Oklahoma: "We came here in July of '55 following our graduation from Nazarene Theological Seminary in May. We have a wonderful group of people with whom to work, and we are happy in God's vineyard. We have had two good revivals: in the fall with Evangelists Dick and Lucille Law—a good meeting, with forty-one seekers at the altar; and this spring with Evangelist Carl Kruse and wife, during which there were twenty-six at the altar. The spiritual tide of the church was lifted and God blessed. We received a call for another year, and feel it is God's will for us to stay."

Wiley Ford, West Virginia—Recently our church had a wonderful revival with Rev. Carl Nutter as the evangelist. The church people in particular were revived, also believers were sanctified and souls were saved at the altar of prayer. We thank God for His blessings.—*BROOKE HEAVNER, Secretary.*

Harry and Cleona Fagan, singers and youth evangelists, write: "We have some open dates during the spring and summer for revivals and/or vacation Bible schools; we have served many of our churches in these capacities. Mr. Fagan is known as 'the blind musician,' who sings twelve hundred gospel hymns by memory. Write us, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania."

Monroe, Michigan—In April our church had a ten-day revival with Evangelists Edward and Alma Ferguson, and the power of the Lord fell on us in a mighty way. The church was helped in all departments, with a great outpouring on the last Sunday—much like an old-fashioned camp meeting. Fifty people sought and found the Lord during the campaign, including three complete families. We had a record attendance of 181 in our less-than-two-year-old church on Easter Sunday. We thank God for the soul-stirring messages brought to us in both sermon and song and the manifestation of the Spirit in this meeting.—*BEULAH E. KIEFER, Secretary.*

Mountainair, New Mexico—Our recent revival was one of the best in the church's history. Rev. J. L. Woolman was the evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. West were the song evangelists. These workers preached and sang with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. People were converted, some who had been long prayed for, and the church was greatly revived. God's blessings have come upon our church through the faithfulness of our good people. This has been one of our best years—spiritually, financially, and numerically. We give God the praise.—*HOWARD F. GROVES, Pastor.*

Evangelist Thelma Steelman reports: "God has been giving some wonderful times of victory in our revivals. We have been in the following Texas churches: Coleman, with Grafton and Roma Smith; Mount Vernon, with Pastor Cliff Rencau; Houston Woodsdale, with Rev. Becton Cain; at Bryan, with Pastor Harold Carlisle; at McKinney First, with Rev. Lee Hillery; in Gilmer, with Rev. Jack Shoulders; at Grand Saline, Nazarene Chapel, with Pastor John Burch; at Mesquite, where Harlan and Sarah Shippey are planting a new church; at Bonham, with Rev. Leon Martin; in Henderson, with Rev. Bobby Collins; and at this writing am in a gracious revival in Big Spring, with Pastor L. V. Reazin. In almost every one of these revivals we saw the manifestation of the Spirit in a gracious way. I have some open time after May 13; write me, P.O. Box 294, Gilmer, Texas."

Evangelist Charles H. Laird writes: "Due to the illness of Sister Laird we will not be able to continue in the evangelistic field. We wish to thank the pastors and lay members for all their kindnesses to us. Mrs. Laird is now much better; please remember us in your prayers."

Burnham, Pennsylvania—Recently our church had one of the most profitable and glorious revivals of its existence. Evangelist Wm. N. Harrington preached from night to night under the anointing of God's Spirit. He endeared himself to the people with his unique presentation of Bible truths, and we especially appreciated his burden of prayer. Souls were saved, believers sanctified, and we feel we are all farther up the road spiritually through Brother Harrington's faithful ministry to us. Thank God for victory in Jesus, and for the privilege of sitting under inspired men like Brother Harrington.—*DAVID E. ANDREWS, Pastor.*

Evangelist J. W. Henry writes: "I am leaving the field to accept the pastorate of our church in Maywood, California. I wish to thank all the pastors and churches with whom I have had the privilege of laboring while in the field during these past three years."

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "We have an open date, June 1 to 10, and some other good summer dates after the General Assembly. We are enjoying our work in the field. Write us, Lamar, Missouri."

Quincy, Illinois—On Easter Sunday our Emmanuel Church broke all previous records with 144 in Sunday school; and our Easter offering was \$227.63. Our church is on the march for God. Our building fund is growing, and God is blessing in a wonderful way.—*Mrs. Wm. Wood, Reporter.*

Evangelist Albert R. Neese and wife report: "God has met with us in all our recent revivals and in a special way in the meeting at Sunny View Church in Greeley, Colorado. This pioneer work was organized last year. They have a new building with 10,000-foot floor space; 26 Sunday-school classes, with a record attendance of 317. We preached to 200 people each Sunday morning; 42 young people in the choir. On Sunday morning a fine class of 15 was added to the church membership—on profession of faith. Rev. Richard E. Kcaliher, pastor, was given a nearly unanimous vote for another year; 90 votes cast. The unity and prayers of the saints brought the welcome presence of the Holy Ghost."

Columbia, Tennessee—Grace Church had one of the best days in its history on Easter. We were able to go "over the top" in the Sunday school with a record attendance of 204, with the largest Easter offering the church ever has given. New people are being reached in almost every service; pastor and people are greatly encouraged.—*T. EVERETTE HOLCOMB, Pastor.*

San Antonio, Texas—Rev. and Mrs. James C. Langford are the new pastors of the Dell View Church, coming to us about two months ago. Brother Langford was doing graduate work at Bethany Nazarene College when he accepted the call; he graduated from Bethany in 1955. Please pray for the work here.—*Reporter.*

East Gary, Indiana—East Gary church has been experiencing the blessings of God in every department. Since our coming to pastor this fine people last August, God has enabled us to see some definite accomplishments for His kingdom. There have been extensive improvements in the interior and exterior of both parsonage and church. Our people have rallied to the cause of the church by giving the largest Thanksgiving offering in their history—\$302.30. All Sunday-school records were broken on Easter with 254 present. The greatest encouragement, however, has been the souls who are finding God at the altar of prayer. By His help, we are moving forward.—*DARRELL E. LUTHER, Pastor.*

Crown Point, Indiana—Independence Hill Church closed one of the best revivals it has had in years on April 15. The messages of Rev. Jimmie Allen, Sunday-school evangelist, were anointed of God. There were fifty people at the altar, seeking God to be born again, reclaimed, or sanctified; thirty of these were young people who felt their need of God. The church was inspired and blessed, and we give God praise for these victories.—*O. A. SHROUT, Pastor.*

## FIRST CHURCH, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Pictured here is the new building of First Church in Lubbock—one of our pioneer west Texas churches. Three tent meetings were held before the railroad came to Lubbock. Rev. Henry and Mary Lee Cagle organized the church in 1909, erecting a tabernacle-type building. In 1928, a site was purchased at Fourteenth Street and Avenue Q (then the outskirts of the city), and a basement built; in 1930 the sanctuary was erected. Rapid growth of the city across the years made a move desirable; and under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Milton Poole, who came to the church in June of '53, plans were made to sell the building, and the church purchased 2½ acres at Forty-sixth Street and Avenue Q in a rapidly growing residential area. The present building has over 14,000 feet of floor space; one-half of this is a commodious sanctuary, with some flexible floor space for classrooms and overflow crowds; the other half is a modern, well-planned, departmentalized educational building. Normally, the sanctuary seats over 400, and more than 600 with the partitions open. The building is con-



temporary style, brick finish with stone trim. The building and property represent an actual investment of \$170,000.00. The building was occupied on July 10, 1955, with dedication on last November 27, with Dr. G. B. Williamson bring-

ing the dedication message, and assisted in the service by District Superintendent Orville Jenkins. The church is moving steadily forward both numerically and spiritually under the leadership of Pastor Poole.—Joseph Gray, Reporter.

Walla Walla, Washington—There were more than thirty seekers in the recent revival at Aldersgate (formerly Eastside) Church, with the pastor as evangelist, and Mrs. Luella Ford as personal worker and visitation director. Most of the seekers were new people, and we received a class of thirteen new members on the closing Sunday of the meeting; ten of these were by profession of faith. Mrs. Ford is an inspiration and blessing, and the Lord is giving her marked success in personal evangelism and children's work.—HARVEY PETERSEN, *Pastor*.

Monticello, Illinois—In January we had one of the best revivals in our pastorate here. Rev. R. L. Rich and daughter Alice were the special workers. Brother Rich won the hearts of the people with his old-fashioned holiness preaching, and Miss Alice with her sweet-spirited singing. The attendance was good, finances came easily, and a large love offering was given to the pastor and wife to send them to the General Assembly. Seven members were received into the church on profession of faith. A young married couple, backsliders for about three years, came to the parsonage and prayed through one night at eleven o'clock; a mother came to the study and, with the help of the pastor and wife, prayed through to victory. The Riches returned for Easter week, and God crowned the services with victory.—W. E. ALLISON, *Pastor*.

South Flint, Michigan—God has been good to pastor and people here. The church has given the pastor a fine vote of confidence for the fifth year. We are now embarrassed for lack of room for our growing Sunday school and the morning preaching service. On Easter

Sunday all previous Sunday-school records were broken with 423 present. Each Sunday morning the auditorium is well filled, and on Sunday evenings we have more present than we have on our church membership roll. Following Easter we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist G. W. Henriksen and Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins, singers, as the special workers. These workers are "tops," and God met with us, giving many definite victories. Our Caravan groups are making progress, and the Sunday school will average more this assembly year than at any time in the church's history.—WM. O. WELTON, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Belle M. Bartee reports: "The year of 1955 was a wonderful one because of God's presence and blessings. I have conducted thirteen revivals, also several week-end and one-night services, which were very successful in seeing the lost brought to repentance, the believers sanctified, and other needs supplied. We thank God for the fine pastors and people with whom we have been privileged to labor—mostly in Eastern Kentucky. We have some open dates and would be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. My husband and I travel together, singing and preaching the gospel. Write us, 156 Winn Avenue, Winchester, Kentucky."

Evangelist C. W. Brockmueller writes: "I will be in a meeting in Oakley, Kansas, closing on May 27; then have an open date, May 30 to June 10; will go anywhere in the Middle West. I also have some time open following the General Assembly. Write me, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Evangelists Ralph and Connie Swisher write: "Since our entering the field of evangelism last July, God has put His approval upon our work. We have appreciated the preparatory work of our fine pastors and people in paving the way for many successful revivals. In recent revivals we have enjoyed working with Pastors P. C. Hutchinson at Lafayette, Georgia; H. M. Watson at Phenix City, Alabama; Virgil Few at Paulding, Ohio; and Mattie Graham at Westside Church in Jacksonville, Florida. We have some open time in the fall and will go anywhere for freewill offerings and entertainment. Write us, % 722 Heyward Street, Columbia, South Carolina."

Salem, Oregon—First Church is rejoicing and praising God for the wonderful response of members and friends to the Easter offering for world-wide evangelism. With a sincere love for Christ and concern for the lost, our people contributed to the Easter offering the amount of \$2,711.70.—Reporter.

Bloomington, Illinois—Coming here in May of 1945, we found a very fine group of people. They have backed us in every phase of the work, including a building program. Our beautiful new Bedford Stone church is valued at more than \$100,000.00 with an indebtedness of less than \$12,000.00. Our budgets are paid monthly. All departments are showing substantial gains, with twenty-one members already received this year. Good crowds are attending the services, with seekers at every Sunday night service since Christmas. For the past six months we have had a television program over WBLN of our city, using the "Showers of Blessing" music. We are

receiving a fine response, and new people are attending our regular church services. We have had three good revivals since our assembly—with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl H. Kruse, Evangelist Harold Frodge and Naydine Hughes, and Evangelists Lloyd and Gertrude Ward. The church has extended to us another three-year recall with a wonderful vote of confidence.—ARTHUR AND MINA NUTT, *Pastors*.

Vallejo, California—An outstanding children- and youth-sponsored revival was held at First Church during the Easter vacation week with Rev. Norvie O. Clift as evangelist, and his wife helping with the music. Services were held each afternoon for the children, and in the evening for the young people and adults; children's services averaged 90 in attendance, with as many as 120 present. The Sunday school gained 68 new contacts. God richly blessed and many children bowed at the altar, with 30 dedicating their lives to God. The young people also received much help and many found definite victory in the evening services. Brother Clift brought timely messages, using colored slides of a travelogue of Europe and the Holy

Land, which the Clifts had taken on their tour of Europe and Palestine. These were outstanding in beauty and interest, and we thank God for the ministry of these fine workers.—WM. E. MALLORY, *Reporter*.

Paulding, Ohio—Our church is enjoying the good things of God, and a spirit of optimism and revival prevails. Recently we have experienced two wonderful revivals: during Youth Week, with Carl E. Kallsen, talented singer and preacher attending Olivet Nazarene College; and at Easter time God honored the prayers and faith of the people and the faithful ministry of Evangelists Ralph and Connie (Kelly) Swisher with several seekers and happy finders. Brother Kallsen was a blessing to both young and old, and the Swishers are excellent workers. Brother Swisher is a fine musician, singer, and chalk artist, and Mrs. Swisher is a sweet-spirited Bible preacher. A fine class of folk have been added to the church membership this year, and the church has given the pastor a unanimous recall. We are serving our third year with these fine folk, and now in our twenty-sixth year as a Nazarene pastor.—VIRGIL H. FEW, *Pastor*.

Freedom, Pennsylvania—On Easter Sunday we received a fine group of ten young people into church membership. This also marked the close of a good revival with Rev. Clifton Thomas and wife as the special workers. We had good singing and preaching, with the presence of the Lord manifest in the service, and souls were saved and sanctified. We thank God for the ministry of these good workers, and the blessings of God.—E. J. HASTIE, *Pastor*.

Evangelist W. Frank Wiggs writes: "Mrs. Wiggs is now traveling with me in my evangelistic work. She plays the piano, accordion, sings, and gives readings. The Lord is also blessing her efforts in conducting pre-revival-service prayer meetings; and she is considered a very efficient altar worker. Since she has been with me we have conducted revivals in Southside Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Leighton, Pennsylvania; Dixon, Illinois; Adrian, Michigan; and at this writing are in a meeting in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. We will be available this summer for revivals and vacation Bible schools, and be glad to go where the Lord may lead; we desire only to win souls. Write us, 2625 E. Nettleton, Jonesboro, Arkansas."

San Diego, California—The dedication service of the religious education building for the University Avenue Church was held on Sunday afternoon, April 22, with Dr. Samuel Young bringing the dedicatory message. He was assisted by Dr. R. J. Plumb, superintendent of the Southern California District. Ground was broken last September, and the building was completed late in March; it has approximately 10,000 square feet, being 112 feet long and 40 feet wide; two stories high. This is the second such unit built by this local congregation since 1950, beside the complete renovation of the sanctuary. Much labor was donated; \$75,000.00 would be considered a conservative estimated value of this new unit—however, the unit was built for about \$40,000.00. Rev. Nicholas A. Hull has been pastor of this active and growing congregation for 14 years. Under his leadership, the Sunday school has grown from an average weekly attendance of about 150 to 500; from a church property valued at \$30,000.00 to some \$300,000.00 in church property; and 109 members were added to the church this last year.—*Reporter*.

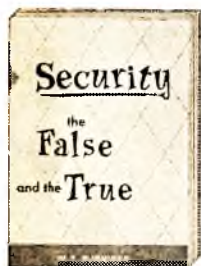
Bicknell, Indiana—Recently we had a very good revival with Evangelists Alvin and Annabelle Richards as the special workers. Their music and preaching were very uplifting and constructive. God came in convicting power, and several responded to the altar calls. The Richardses are very wonderful people, and we appreciated them and their ministry so much. On Easter Sunday we had 362 in Sunday school—averaging 217 per Sunday for the past year. Our missionary Easter offering was \$218.00, and we received 8 new members into the church, making us 12 thus far this assembly year. We are happy to be a part of the Southwest Indiana District.—C. A. NEWBY, *Pastor*.



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Crawfordsville, Indiana—First Church enjoyed the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Marion Kemper and their two daughters, Mary Ann and Rose Marie, in our recent revival. Brother Kemper's ministry was excellent, and the music of Mrs. Kemper and the girls was of the best. Our people were helped and encouraged, a number came back to the Lord, and a number came to know the Lord as Saviour for the first time. The Lord is blessing our work, with attendance increasing. District Superintendent Arthur Morgan was with us in a very fine service in January, and obtained a raise in the pastor's salary, which was much appreciated. We are back of the program of the whole church, and all our obligations have been met to date. Brother Kemper took pledges for a nice offering to help on expenses of the pastor and wife to attend the General Assembly.—L. D. LOCKWOOD, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Joe Norton writes: "Due to a cancellation I have an open date, May 23 to June 3—will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 143, Hamlin, Texas."

Evangelist Edwin C. Martin writes: "I have two open dates in August, and would be glad to give this time for camps, holiness conventions, or revival meetings—in the East or Midwest. These are good days; God is blessing and giving revivals, and I am happy in His service and enjoying fine fellowship with our pastors. Write me, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

#### Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention New England District

First Church in Providence, Rhode Island, with Rev. Kenneth Sullivan, pastor, proved fine hosts for the annual New England District N.Y.P.S. convention, April 16 and 17. A full schedule, planned by Rev. Arthur Hughes and his council, featured Rev. Robert E. Goslaw, superintendent of the New York District, as special speaker. Brother Goslaw's messages proved inspiring and helpful to the large group of young people and visitors present. Dr. Timothy Smith, a recent staff member of Eastern Nazarene College, gave a wonderful devotional message on "Witnessing" on Tuesday afternoon.

The entire program ran smoothly, as reports from local societies and special committees were given, and elections for the coming year were held. Rev. Arthur Hughes was elected to lead the district another year as president.

The last service saw a packed church, in which awards were given for the various contests held throughout the district, and in which District Superintendent J. C. Albright introduced the new officers for the next church year.

The New England District is strongly united under splendid district leadership, and is pressing forward to achieve more for God. Those who were present will long remember the spirit of God that was manifest in each service and in the business meeting.—JOHN M. GARDNER, *Reporter*.

Evangelist and Mrs. Carl E. Kruse write: "We have had a cancellation of the date May 30 to June 10. We will be closing at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on May 27, then going to the conventions and General Assembly in Kansas City immediately following June 10. Write us, 503 N. Redmond, Bethany, Oklahoma."

#### Alaska District Assembly

The spirit of the sixth annual assembly of the Alaska District (meeting at Seward on April 22) was the same as that which has been characteristic of these meetings from their beginning. From Ketchikan to Nome, a distance of some fifteen hundred miles, the delegates and friends gathered. Grand fellowship, continued progress, clear vision—these were the trade-marks.

Dr. G. B. Williamson was great in leadership and guidance. Of marked interest was the introduction, and warm-hearted reception, of Rev. Bert Daniels, the newly appointed and the first district superintendent of Alaska.

Reports for Alaska this year show: 333 church members; and enrollment of 1,062 in Sunday school, with an average attendance of 649—100 per Sunday over last year; 190 members in the N.Y.P.S., and 200 members in the N.F.M.S. Church and parsonage property is valued at \$516,800.00; grand total paid out for the year, \$99,024.00—a per capita giving of \$299.16. Of this amount \$9,036.00 was paid to the General Budget, or 9.13 per cent.

During the year a new work has been pioneered at Sitka, by Rev. and Mrs. Trueman Shelton, and already a high of fifty-four has been recorded in the Sunday school. On the closing Sunday evening of the assembly a new church was organized in Anchorage church (which is itself only seven years old), the new church to be known as Minnesota Avenue. It began with a substantial number of solid, young Nazarene families, and its future looks bright.

God has wrought much through the sacrifice, tears, and labor of Alaska Nazarenes. With the closer supervision which District Superintendent Daniels will be able to give, the full day of Alaska progress should dawn.—J. MELTON THOMAS, *Reporter*.

Morristown, Tennessee—In April we had one of the best revivals this church has known. Rev. W. M. Tidwell was the evangelist, and he preached with the power and unction of the Holy Ghost. Although Brother Tidwell is up in years, our meeting turned out to be a youth revival. The day services strengthened our church people. Many definite victories were won at the altar of prayer, and two new members were added to the church. Our church is now in the best spiritual condition ever, and pastor and people are united to go forward for God.—MARTHA BLAXTON, *Reporter*.

Musical Evangelist Esther M. Dyer reports: "I thank God for victory and for the privilege of working in His vineyard. For the summer months (June through August) I will be conducting meetings in Wisconsin, and if any pastors in that vicinity are interested they may write me at my address, P.O. Box 121, Crystal Beach, Florida (mail will be forwarded to me). During last fall I worked in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Illinois, with some work in Florida. I am willing to go as the Lord may lead, and use my talent for Him; I play eight or nine different instruments."

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Louisville, Georgia—Recently our church closed one of its best revivals with Rev. C. H. Dooley as the evangelist. Brother Dooley preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the crowds were never better. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Dooley with us.—STEVE W. OSBORNE, *Pastor*.

## Albany District Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention

The nineteenth annual Albany District N.Y.P.S. convention was held April 5 and 6 at the newly acquired Community Church of the Nazarene in Buffalo, New York. Rev. James Shaw, pastor, and his people entertained the convention most graciously.

The special speaker was Dr. Timothy Smith, of Eastern Nazarene College. His messages were a challenge and a blessing. Throughout the convention an emphasis was placed upon the deepening of the spiritual life of both the individual and the local society.

The president's report showed a year of growth and achievement. Two new societies were organized during the year, giving Albany District a total of 40 local societies, with a membership now of 904, an increase of 75 over last year, or 9 per cent. The local societies gave a total of \$909.00 during the year for district home missions, and for the new year the convention voted to raise \$1,000.00 toward the erection of a dormitory on our district campgrounds.

Rev. Roy E. Carnahan was re-elected to serve his third year as district president, receiving an excellent vote of confidence on the first ballot. Rev. Everett Kaufman was re-elected vice-president, and Rev. George J. Douglas was re-elected district secretary. As we begin the new quadrennium, the young people of Albany District anticipate a time of spiritual advancement.—*Reporter*.

Evangelist Guthrie Hughes writes: "The year of 1956 started off as a great time of revival: in January at South Side Church, Danville, and at Chrisman, Illinois; then to Frankfort, Kentucky; Monroe, Louisiana; Sikeston, Missouri; Riverside, Louisiana; and Fairmont, West Virginia. In these seven revivals, God let us see five hundred souls pray through at the altar. Pastors, special singers, and laymen have helped to push the battle for souls. We thank God for victory in Jesus."

Miss Mary E. Latham writes: "A few days ago I returned from a series of church school workshops on the Idaho-Oregon District. District Superintendent I. F. Younger and his wife, District Church Schools Chairman Raymond Kratzer and his wife, and all members of the church school board were in this tour. It was one of the best organized, best promoted, and most enthusiastically supported tours in which I have ever participated. Local Sunday schools gave encouraging reports of God's blessings upon the work; attendance shows a gain over last year. There is a spirit of revival in the churches, and new people are being reached. The leaders are encouraged in the Lord. The district is sending the entire church school board to the Third General Church Schools Convention in Kansas City, June 14 to 16."

Paden City, West Virginia—Twenty-five souls sought God for pardon or heart purity in a one-week revival, prior to Easter Sunday, with the pastor doing the preaching. The closing Sunday night was a time of victory, with the altar lined and all praying through to God. Nine members have been added to the church. Over and above the Easter offering, the church indebtedness was liquidated, and the church is now negotiating the purchase of lots for future building. The Lord is in our midst and the church is moving forward, with pastor and people united. These have been two of the best years of our ministry, and we have accepted a call for another year.—HERMAN WARD, *Pastor*.

Amarillo, Texas—The Grand Avenue Church recently experienced a gracious revival with Evangelist Walter Patterson. The presence of God was very real throughout the meeting, and there were times of special manifestation of the Holy Spirit. The church was stirred and lifted spiritually, and many seekers received definite help at the altar. We give God praise for His wonderful blessings.—MRS. LEE HOWARD, *Reporter*.

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**Canada Pacific  
District Assembly**

The first assembly of the Canada Pacific District was held at Vancouver, B.C., April 11 to 14, with Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding. His messages were an inspiration, and were enjoyed by all those present.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, host pastor, and his people, entertained the assembly graciously.

Dr. Edward Lawlor gave his closing report as superintendent; this revealed a year filled with labors abundant on the district. Reports of the pastors indicated growth and success in all branches of the work. Following Dr. Lawlor's report a love offering was received for him and Mrs. Lawlor.

Rev. Bert Daniels was then presented as the appointed district superintendent, and he quickly won the hearts of pastors, delegates, and friends. While it was with regret we said farewell to Dr. Lawlor, it was with love and confidence we welcomed Brother Daniels.

A home-mission service was held and over two thousand dollars was raised. The N.F.M.S. convention, presided over by Mrs. W. R. Robinson, district president, was rich in blessing. Mrs. Robinson was re-elected. Rev. Terry Yoda, Japanese national, was speaker in all missionary services.

Dr. Arnold Airhart, president, was present to represent Canadian Nazarene College of Red Deer, Alberta.

A surprise visit by Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent of Washington Pacific District, was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

Rev. Thaine Sanford was the efficient and alert representative of the Nazarene Publishing House.

In the conventions that followed the assembly, Rev. Olive Kilshaw was re-elected as church schools chairman, and Rev. Wayne Munro was elected as the district N.Y.P.S. president.

The Spirit of the Lord was graciously present throughout the assembly. All the business, elections, and deliberations were characterized by a spirit of harmony that spoke of sincere motives and unselfish aims.—J. R. SPIELMAN, *Reporter*.

Ogdensburg, New York—Recently we had the greatest series of meetings I ever have had the privilege of attending. The unique methods and sermons of Evangelist A. E. Collins were a blessing and inspiration to all. God gave more than thirty seekers, and a good number of them were new people. Brother Collins carries a real burden for souls, and made many friends for the church. We feel we never can be the same after sitting under his Spirit-anointed ministry. God is blessing our church with many visitors—our attendance in all departments is up at least 10 per cent over last year. We have received our building permit and will soon start the excavation for our new building. Last Sunday we opened a branch Sunday school and preaching point at Rensselaer Falls, a village about fifteen miles away. If you have friends coming here to work on the St. Lawrence Seaway Project, please write me (611 Cantow Street)—ELWOOD O'DILL, *Pastor*.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Rev. George M. Gillespie has been pastoring our Immanuel Church in Boise, Idaho; he and his family have done a very commendable work. They plan to re-enter the evangelistic field as of June 1, and I can highly recommend them to any of our churches. Brother Gillespie is a very capable evangelist, and he and the family have a fine musical program.—I. F. Younger, Superintendent of Idaho-Oregon District.

I wish to recommend Rev. Forrest McCullough as a most promising young evangelist. He graduates from our Trevecca Nazarene College on June 4, and will be available for revivals throughout our denomination. Brother McCullough has been one of our most successful student pastors, but feels that the Lord would have him give his entire time to the work of an evangelist. He is deeply spiritual, most sincere, has been completely cooperative with his leadership, and will do his best to help build the church.—D. K. Wachtel, Superintendent of Tennessee District.

**WEDDING BELLS**

Miss Frances Ann Hicks of Ashland, and Mr. Burl Phillips of Grahn, Kentucky, were united in marriage on April 15, at First Church of the Nazarene in Ashland, with Rev. D. S. Somerville, superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District, officiating.

Jennelle Lock of Mangum and Billie Gene Haney of Elk City, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on February 11, at the Nazarene parsonage, with Rev. O. N. Milburn, pastor, officiating.

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. Keith St. John of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a daughter, Karla Joy, on April 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Scrivner of Needles, California, a daughter, Janice Fern, on April 23.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Leonard C. Johnson of Napa, California, a son, Kenneth Wayne, on April 19.

—to Rev. and Mrs. John Bullock of Willows, California, a son, Gregory Owen, on April 11.

—to Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Schwanz of Grand Island, Nebraska, a daughter, Phyllis Elaine, on April 9.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Harold M. Daniels of Spokane, Washington, a son, Harold Mark, on April 3.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a Christian lady in Missouri for God to touch and heal her body, also that the church there may go deeper with the Lord;

by a Nazarene woman in Michigan, very lonely since the death of her husband, that God will give comfort, touch and heal her body, and help her to be a soul winner;

by a troubled friend in Nebraska for "God's mercy on us, to forgive, and help us with obstacles we cannot overcome, and restore unto us the joy of His salvation, and that we will be guided in a business transaction";

by a Christian man in Missouri, that God will help him to find the right partner and have a successful marriage;

by a Nazarene friend in Idaho, for "the early salvation of my son," that God's voice will prevail, and also for his wife—for a young unsaved husband in our church whose wife is a faithful Christian—for building program needs in their church—for strength for the faithful pastor and wife, who are carrying heavy burdens along several lines;

by a lady in Texas that she may get well if it is God's will;

by a "Herald" reader in Pennsylvania "for a very serious problem in our Christian home";

by a mother in Arkansas "for my two sons and myself; also our church is in need of a Holy Ghost revival";

by a Christian mother in California for her son, that he may turn to God—his wife has taken up with a false religion;

by a Christian lady in Ohio that God will bless and give her wisdom and a deep faith, also peace in her heart and mind and in her home with all of its problems.

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**—Assembly, May 29 and 30, at First Church, Third Avenue N., at 33rd Street, Billings, Montana. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly in care of the entertaining pastor, Rev. Murray J. Pallett, 835 Alderson, Billings. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**NEVADA-UTAH**—Assembly, May 30 and 31, at First Church, Reno, Nevada. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly in care of the entertaining pastor, Rev. M. G. Bassett, 231 E. Sixth Street, Reno. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**—Assembly, May 30 to June 1, at the Civic Auditorium, 3485 Seventh St., Riverside, California (phone Overland 3-8500). Rev. J. E. Smith and Rev. H. E. Burton, entertaining pastors. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly in care of Rev. J. E. Smith, 3468 Spruce St., Riverside. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

**NEBRASKA**—Assembly, May 31 to June 1, at the church, 1021 W. Fifth Street, North Platte, Nebraska. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly in care of the entertaining pastor, Rev. George L. Mowry, 509 West 11th St., North Platte. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

**NEW ENGLAND**—Assembly, May 31 to June 2, at Church of the Nazarene, 37 E. Elm Ave., Wollaston 70, Massachusetts. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly in care of the entertaining pastor, Dr. J. Glenn Gould, 29 Dunbarton Road, Wollaston 70, Massachusetts. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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