Indecision is one of the most prolific sources of human misery and discontent. A vacillating heart will destroy inward spiritual calm and rob the soul of its song. Many, we fear, have faced this new year of 1957 and have made some new resolutions handicapped by the dismal memories of past resolutions unkept and vows broken.

The Psalmist offers encouragement to all such discouraged souls by telling us that he too had tried many disappointing things—such as his own human ingenuity and wisdom, his swiftness of foot, vain longings for the inadequate wings of the dove, etc. All had failed him and left him the victim of his merciless enemies. In his distress he

## The New Year and the Fixed Heart

#### General Superintendent Powers

turned to his faith for help and found such glorious deliverance in God that he breaks out in glad song of testimony in the very midst of his trials. The marginal rendering of verse seven (Psalms 57) is. "My heart is prepared, my heart is prepared, O God," etc.

I too can face today and all my tomorrows with the "prepared heart," and so my only "New Year's resolution" was to ask God to search my heart again to see if there were any wicked way in me, for out of the heart are the issues of life. For it is only when the heart is God-approved that I can sing when "my soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword."

I have asked God at the beginning of this new year to examine all those original tenets of my faith and touch again those vital chords of my "fixed heart"—such as:

God is my Heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ is my Saviour and my ONLY hope of salvation. The Bible is my final authority and guide in all things spiritual. It was divinely inspired and written for humble, wayfaring men; and all systems and vain philosophies of men, no matter how cleverly designed, that would becloud its simple message of salvation have been deliberately and finally rejected.

A sanctified heart and life is still my ideal of Christian experience. The Church is the best medium for the investment of life. Men are lost, and God calls me through the Church to help save them. I love God; I love my fellow man; Heaven is my "beckoning home." I hate sin and Satan: I love not the world nor anything tainted by its evil influence.

As God touches these and other vital heart chords, Heaven's melodies stir in the depth of my soul, and I, too, am singing: "My heart is fixed, . . . I will sing and give praise."

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Ps. 57:7-11



#### Telegram

The Kentucky District just recently closed one of the greatest Sundayschool tours that we have ever had, with Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter as special workers, Every zone meeting was well attended and the Potters were loved and appreciated by all of the Kentucky Nazarenes. The district has the Potters slated for another tour in 1958. Our good district chairman, Rev. A. J. Frank, was on this tour; he is doing a fine job as our district church school leader. We highly recommend the Potters as Sunday-school workers; they will be a blessing to any district.—D. D. Lewis, Superintendent of Kentucky District.

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Word has been received from First Church, Syracuse, New York: "On October 21, First Church closed one of the best revivals the church has known; seekers at every altar call. Our new pastor, Rev. Veryl W. Jenkins, was the evangelist, and Don and Wanda Ratliff were the singers and musicians. One proof of the good revival was when our folks gave \$1,353.77 in our Thanksgiving offering-the largest offering ever given by any one church on the Albany District for world-wide evangelism. The revival spirit continues."

#### **ASSURANCE**

By HILDA MORRILL

Fear thou not, for I'll go with thee: I will ever be thy Guide.

I have promised not to leave thee; I will walk close by thy side.

Tho' the storms around thee gather And the sky grows dark above,

I am still a God of mercy; I will keep thee in My love.

Fear thou not the swelling current. Tho' the waters near thee roll.

I have promised to go with thee:

I will not desert thy soul. Reach your hand out; I will guide thee

In a pathway I have known.

I have given thee salvation-I will not desert My own!

Let not your heart be troubled; ve believe in God, believe also in me (John 14:1).

Of all things it is possible to borrow in this world, some people make it a practice to borrow trouble constantly, and the rate of interest is always higher than a man can afford to pay.-Edgar К. Zоок.

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#### MY PRAYER

for the New Year:

Our Heavenly Father, as we enter the new year, we pray Thee to give us wisdom for the problems that confront us. and grant that we may have patience through every trial and disappointment. Inspire us to noble deeds, and give us courage to face in a manly way every battle Thou dost permit us to fight.

Save us from anything that is little and cheap. We have learned that often the sweetest songs come out of the saddest experiences. As the historian Toynbee says, there is "the stimulus of blows"; and the greater the challenge. the greater the "stimulus."

It has been said that without weights even civilization cannot keep going. A little boy took his sister up a mountain path. After much struggling, she said. Brother, there is no path; it is nothing but rocks and bumps." His answer should provoke thought. He said, "Sure. the bumps are what we climb on."

We pray that God will save us from becoming calloused, from being indifferent and unsympathetic in the presence of the needs of others. Grant that we may be saved from the "prison of self." May we always seek to minister. Keep us from peevishness, hypocrisy in every form, and self-conceit.

We pray that God will guide us through the new year; cause us to love more, to be more kind, tender, gentle, magnanimous in spirit, and genuinely Christian to the core.

Help us to choose the things that are excellent and be led in the path and life which Christ came to give. Make us grateful for the ties that bind us together in the family and church group. May we never take these things for granted.

Make us as patient with our own family as we are with others. Give us the hardiness to do Thy work without whining or complaining. Take our feet and help them to move "at the impulse of Thy love."

We pray to make us conscious of our debts, and ever ready to make a response to human need. We trust that our lives will be in Thy hands, and that we will not draw back when the wav becomes hard.

Grant unto us. Lord, perseverance in the proclamation of Thy truth, and may we never permit any lesser aims to take the place of that great mission.

May we, our Father, throughout the new year, exemplify the life of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Help us to continue our practice to "speak evil of no man." and may our conduct manifest Christian graces and virtues to all with whom we come in contact, Amen!

–A. S. London, Sunday-Scho<mark>ol</mark> Evangelist, Oklahoma City

## An Amalekite

By Peter Clark, Retired Elder, British Isles District North

#### II Sam. 1:13

This is a grim commentary on King Saul's disobedience in sparing the king of the Amalekites. Samuel said, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." Saul failed to carry out the command of the Lord to utterly exterminate the Amalekites. It was not something he did; it was something he omitted to do. It was not a sin of commission; it was a sin of omission. Failing to do things may be as disastrous as flouting a divine command. Three things are contained in the tragedy.

#### LACK OF FAITH

Saul believed God when it came to the common Amalekite, but he seemed bereft of faith when it came to the king. He could deal with the little fellow, but the larger one was outside his faith. He could put the common man to the sword, but he spared what was considered the choice individual.

There is an illuminating passage in Jude 5—"believed not." They had faith at the Red Sea, but not at Kadesh-barnea. They had faith for deliverance from the Egyptians, but no faith for dealing with the walled cities and the giants. That is the sin of the Old Testament—"unbelief."

The disciples had the same limitations of faith. "They considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened" (Mark 6:52). They rejoiced in the gospel of supply but reasoned when they saw the gospel of power.

Many Christians believe that God can deal with their sins but not with the sin. They believe He can deal with the outside but not with the inside. They sweep out the house but spare the tenant; brush away the cobwebs but leave the spider behind. Saul lost his throne for an omission.

#### Loss of Victory

It was an Amalekite that took the crown from his head. The crown is the symbol of victory. It may be a garland, wreath, or chaplet. It formed the prize at the Grecian games: it was a symbol of victory. If Saul knew what it was to destroy the common Amalekite, he also knew what it was to be defeated by the choice Amalekite.

The Hebrews knew what it was to have the victory at the Red Sea, but they also knew what it was to be vanquished at Kadesh-barnea. When they saw the inhabitants of the land greater than God, the crown was plucked from their brow.

Peter was called and commissioned and in the shadow of the Cross he said, "Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.... If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise" (Mark 14:29-31). We know that in a test he failed. When he denied his Lord the crown fell from his brow.

This is a common experience among Christians to alternate between victory and defeat, to be on the mountaintop and then in the valley; a seesaw experience expressed in the words of the hymn:

Once I thought I walked with Jesus
Yet such changeful moods I had:
Sometimes trusting, sometimes doubting,
Sometimes joyful, sometimes sad.

Rev. 3:11 warns us, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Some have run the risk and allowed the Amalek of inbred sin to pluck the crown from their brow.

#### Loss of Life

In our reading today we read: "Amalek is a type of our enemy the flesh, and whoever spares him will surely lose his crown at last."

It was an Amalek who slew Saul. We must allow God to deal with that Amalek—the flesh—the carnal mind, or Amalek will destroy us.

Are we rejoicing in the full assurance of faith? Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). In the Epistle to the Romans, the Apostle Paul writes saying: "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Because they believed this blessing was essential some of the old pioneers left their churches, their fellowship, their friends and favours to pursue and obtain it.

It has been said that when a new generation is only told about God's dealings with earlier generations, it does not make the same impression upon them as it did upon those who actually witnessed the miracles.

Our danger is in a new generation of Nazarenes who do not know our history and makes light of this essential truth. We have no other claim as a separate denomination than "to spread scriptural holiness around the world."

We must let God deal with the Amalek of inbred sin!

## "Brother Bigheart"

By W. W. Clay

It might surprise you to know that the most prominent man in the Book of Acts, next to Peter and Paul, was a man who was known by a nickname. Twenty-four times is his name found in the Book of Acts. Paul mentions him in three of his Epistles, while he speaks of Peter in only one, for Paul was closely associated with this man in the early days of Paul's ministry. His right name was Joseph, but seldom was he called by that name. Only once in the Bible is his real name given (Acts 4:36). The rest of the time he is spoken of by his nickname, Barnabas.

That nickname was given to him, not by the common people, but by the apostles. There was a financial crisis in the newly organized Church. This Church right after the Day of Pentecost was still loyal to the law and the Temple, and all its tithes went into the Temple treasury. But soon the newly formed Church began to feel a desperate need for money. The apostles who spent all their time in the spread of the gospel had to have support for themselves and their families. There were very many new Christians who belonged in other lands and had made the trip to Jerusalem to be at the Feast of Pentecost, but had stayed so long that they had to be helped. Widows both among these foreign Jews and among the Jerusalem Christians were widows who had to be supported.

So some with a consecration not too often found today sold all they had and put most or all of it

### **Night Vigil**

#### By CHRISTINE WHITE

While others lie in slumber deep, A midnight vigil I must keep; And as I kneel God speaks to me Of the eternal destiny Of heathen in the distant lands, Reaching out with hungry hands.

I hear their cry, I feel their need,
I long to go, to give, to feed;
O friends, how can I live apart,
When truth burns deep within my heart?
How can I rest when everywhere
There sounds the call for earnest prayer?

into the Lord's work. Barnabas may have been the first to do this; at least there was something so generous about him that the apostles gave him this nickname.

This name is a colloquial expression, impossible to translate without remaking it into one of our idioms. Our King James Version calls it "son of consolation." Putting it into our modern vernacular, his nickname would probably have been "Brother Bigheart." His whole life exemplified that name. Always he was helping somebody, no matter what the cost to himself might be. In another scripture we are given a further glimpse of his personality: "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" (Acts 11:24). A good man? Yes, indeed. Barnabas also showed this by his attitude of helping others.

John tells us that not only was Jesus "full of grace and truth," but He came to bestow this fullness of grace and truth on His children (John 1:16-17). Goodness not only means that we will be loyal to truth, but that this graciousness that characterized Jesus will be also in us. Often those who profess to be His followers are too curt, too thoughtless of others, too careless about hurting others.

In Barnabas this graciousness was prominent. He was ready to defend others who were set aside. When his opinions were set aside he kept on working for God. The test of one's spirituality is not whether he gets blessed and shouts, or whether he can give a glowing testimony, but whether he keeps on for Christ in spite of not having his way. The world has little use for the Christian who says, "If I can't have things my way, I'll resign," or, "I'll not pay," or, "I'll go somewhere else."

We know Barnabas had the fullness of the Spirit. His consecration did not fail in a single test. His property was on the altar: his reputation was on the altar. Barnabas defended Saul when he was distrusted by the Church, and risked his own popularity in the Church by vouching for Saul. Then this Brother Bigheart risked his fellowship with Paul by standing up for John Mark. Paul said, "John Mark is a failure." And there must have been something wrong about Mark's leaving Paul and Barnabas or Paul would not have taken this attitude against him. But Barnabas said, "I have

confidence that Mark will be true this time, and that God has a work for him to do." Because of this Barnabas stayed with Mark, even though it meant not working with Paul any more. Later Paul admitted that he was in the wrong, and that Mark was worthwhile to him and to the Church (II Tim. 4:11).

Barnabas' time, too, was on the altar. He was ready to leave his home and go to Antioch, and also to go as one of the first foreign missionaries of the Early Church.

Is your all on the altar now? Is the cry of your heart to be like Jesus, "lowly in spirit"? Do you desire to be "holy and harmless," tender and kind, and of help to others? Do you love God's cause so much that you would make unusual financial sacrifice for it if needed? Is your popularity on the altar, or have you gone into questionable things just to escape the scorn of worldly companions? Is your time on the altar, or do you choose fiction, listening to radio, or watching interesting things on television rather than going calling for Christ or attending the house of God? Is there in your home life, your social life, your business life, as well as in your church life, a radiance that makes others think of Jesus?

I was once a pastor in a small town where lived a man known as an avowed atheist. Past eighty, he was still mentally keen. I called on him. He tried to do all the talking, and brought forth arguments against religion. I was young and inexperienced, and could not cope with him in argument. I told him I knew there was a God, for I knew that God, and witnessed to His saving power in my life. I turned to go, but he stopped me. Said he, "There is one argument in favor of religion that you have overlooked, one that I cannot answer. Right across the road lives another old man, not so agile as I. He goes to church every Sunday. He gives beyond his means to support the church. He never talks about the mistakes or faults of others, even when false rumors have been circulated about him. He is kind and bighearted. He was not always that way. To see him changed and for many years live the life he is now living is the one argument in favor of your religion I cannot answer.'

Just as Barnabas by his life had shown the spirit of the Christ, "who went about doing good," so had this man by his gracious, helpful, and loyal spirit reminded another of the Christ he served. He was just another "Brother Bigheart."

So-called "healing faith" can become adamant and intolerant—refusing all reasonable medical aid—as to be more bold presumption than actual abiding faith.—Mary Sanders.

## **FRAYER:**

## the greatest spiritual power

The greatest spiritual power that we possess is prayer. It is our chief means of grace. Others are only helps to our religious life as they lead to this. The study of truth, union with the Church, attendance at the sanctuary and the table of the Lord, and the strivings of the Holy Ghost himself fail of their effect if they do not bring us to closer personal communion with God. Nothing can substitute for prayer in the Christian life.

Second, no one can deprive us of this power. My Bible might be burned to ashes; I might be cut off from church fellowship, shut up in the cell, or chained to the stake; but when men and evil spirits all combine to rob me of all helps heavenward, the power of prayer remains untouched. The crowning gift still is mine. The unutterable kindness of God is nowhere more visible than in thus making the choicest of our gifts a permanent possession.

Third, prayer is as real a necessity to the spiritual life as nourishment is to the physical. No one can maintain, much less develop, the life of religion without it. A lack of the spirit of prayer in the Christian means that he is living on the lowest levels of piety, that he has little peace and less joy, that he is weak for daily duty and the resistance of temptation, that he is making no progress but often stumbling, and is never very far from the road that leads to apostasy. But with "a heart to pray" we can lay hold of every saving blessing of the new covenant, for God always gives them to us on our knees. Prayer is the lever that lifts the spirit of man; it refines, it strengthens, it consoles, it rejoices. It is at the throne of grace that we win our battles, and feel the "powers of the world to come."

Finally, prayer is equally necessary in Christian work. We never dare to forget that the Church is strong to fight her battles only when she is "endued with power from on high." We may discuss our methods, adapt our plans, rearrange our church machinery, get up great excitement, and float complacently on the waves of popular applause; but it will be utterly useless for the salvation of souls, and nothing better than busy idleness, if we are not in union with Him who is the Source of power. Without prayer we have no Bible warrant to expect that God will be "working with" us, "confirming the word with signs following." Pentecost with its flaming wonders came when they "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." That was God's model lesson for all the ages.

By Evangelist J. S. Logan

# Are We Working Or Only Appearing Busy?

By EDITH CAREY, Johnson, Vermont

We heard something said the other day that was not pleasant to hear, and brought a feeling of hurt to the heart. The speaker was using serious words in a trifling manner. Having completed a difficult task he exclaimed: "I've had to work like Satan."

Yet it is true that Satan is doing more than filling time; he is working hard. Should not Christians consider how hard Satan works to hinder the spread of Christ's kingdom, to make ineffective the labor of Christians, and to overthrow the Christian himself?

When God created Adam and Eve and gave them the beautiful Garden in Eden, the devil did not leave them unmolested to enjoy it. Instead he soon appeared on the scene seeking to destroy their faith in the God who had created them. We all know how well he succeeded. And since that first success he has stayed constantly on the job, never seating himself at ease while the Church was winning the lost world back to God. On the contrary, every gain has been made by hard toil, an unceasing contest with the forces of evil Satan lets loose in the world.

Is this a reason for us to give up in discouragement? Certainly not! We have God with us. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power." That power is ours when we sense how little our strength is. Our part is the putting in of all the little strength we have; then by the power of the Holy Ghost dwelling within us we can win.

Winning requires our all. We need to search



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the depths of our hearts, listen for the whispers of the Spirit to see how truly zealous we are; we must detect whether we are really working or merely keeping busy. We need to labor to increase our spirituality and our activities, or we may drift into a "slowdown" in God's service that could easily become a "sit-down," ending in a quitting altogether when God would cast us out as "unprofitable servants."

Unless we stay where the Lord can keep us filled with His might by the Holy Ghost, we may continue a religious routine of programs and works, and possibly accomplish something; but the vital question is, Are we doing all that is possible for spiritual increase? Are we a "living sacrifice, . . . which is your [our] reasonable service"?

Are we spending as much time as we should alone with God? Are we present in the church services, including the midweek prayer meeting? Are we seeking the salvation of those we meet in our daily lives? Are we doing all we can to establish national righteousness? That means putting religion to work in politics. Righteous persons will be put in office only as righteous people put them there, in town, city, and nation. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). We may see evils in our community and nation that appear too strongly entrenched to be attacked, but if God is with us we can see the "victory ahead."

Prompted by Satan, wicked men put time, money, and strength into evil works which bring sorrow, suffering, and eternal loss to themselves and others. Strengthened by God, we surely ought to work as hard for righteousness and the bringing of blessings in time and eternity to ourselves and to others through us.

The message to the church in Philadelphia reads: "Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word." If we exert our *little* strength and keep the faith, then we may claim the promise made to the church at Philadelphia and all the other "overcomers."

If we see "the mighty host advancing" with Satan leading on, will we by the power of God increase our efforts to defeat him? If we do, we can triumph "over every foe" in our great Leader's name. God is our Help, and, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

## **Diary of a Small Town:**JANUARY

When God drew up the plans for this little town (Yarmouth, Maine) He sketched tall elm trees along a wide street. And He set an ocean at the edge of town, and shook out a white, laughing falls in the middle of the river. He placed quiet,

white churches under the elm trees; and He placed big rocks for the river to wind around; and He made wide, friendly fields for the train to shout across.

By
DOROTHY BOONE
KIDNEY

He set little houses and big houses in neat rows and pulled the sky down close over them—like a big, blue cap over a little boy's ears—and He painted the sky just the right shade of blue so the smoke would show as it climbed up from the chimneys. He fixed the hills so they would send back echoes when the children shouted; and He put the river in a place where the children could walk to it and go skating.

He placed this town carefully, as He made the plans, in a section where snow would fall and cover it . . . and He made evergreen trees to catch the glistening snow, so it would look like Christmas all through the winter. He put the town in a place where there would be red leaves to fill deep gutters—so a child could go "crackling through" on a red-gold autumn day.

God drew up the sketch, and saw that it was good—and He said, "Let it be so"—and it was so!

# PEOPLE Watch the Way I Walk

By Clarice Jackson, Edmond, Oklahoma

For as long as I can remember, I have been conscious that people watch the way I walk—and with little wonder. I have spastic paralysis and I walk with a staggering, shuffling gait which is, to say the least, unusual. Long ago I learned to adjust to having people watch me walk. I know that they mean no harm; they are curious about the unusual.

There is a spiritual application which can be made from this experience.

In many ways the Christian is an unusual being. By his very nature he is different from his fellow being. He has become a spiritual being; his interests are no longer the interests he once had.

He has pledged himself to a spiritual way of life. He is learning to adjust patiently to life situations. He has a new concept of life and feels that he would like to share his good fortune with his friends. They, on the other hand, fail to understand his "new nature" and they regard him with curiosity.

People watch the way a Christian "walks" because he is unusual.

It is commonly accepted among people that when a man has become a Christian he becomes a "good" man. It is assumed that he will nevermore make mistakes, nor stumble along the way. There is no way to convince people that the Christian has simply become a "new" man. He is subject to making mistakes, and he is apt to stumble. But the fact that he has become a new man will help him follow the Christian way of life.

Every day of his life someone is watching the Christian. He is measured as to how he conforms in living with the teachings of his church. If he falls short, he hurts himself and his influence with his friend. His repentance can remedy the situation, but the scar will remain. He is watched in his relationship to people.

The best known and least understood of all Christian doctrines is the doctrine of love. It is thought that because we are commanded to "love one another," Christians should not be aggressive in any way. But we cannot allow ourselves to be

abused and misused. Such behavior would deny the truth and dignity of the Christian faith. A Christian is obligated to guard his standards from misinterpretations and keep himself free from "littleness of life." The Christian can best demonstrate the principle of "love" by considerate and kindly service to others.

The Christian's attitude is measured by those who are watching him. If he meets life in a

frightened, uncertain manner, his influence is crippled. If he is cheerful, optimistic, and un afraid, he is admired and respected. He is a true witness for Christ.

It is not an easy thing to meet every situation screnely, but it is a Christian's obligation to him self and to his fellow man to live in simple dignity He must be careful how he walks before the world, because "people watch the way he walks."

### AUTOMATION

By C. B. STRANG, Pastor, First Church, Chicago, Illinois

I am just advised that a well-known company has produced a television set made entirely by automation. That is to say, this set has come off an assembly line completely finished and never touched by human hand. All the parts have been put in place, all the welding and riveting have been done by this new process called automation. And the report is that it is a far better set than one made by hand.

An electronic device fashioned much in the manner of a player-piano record or a tape recorder guides this manufacturing miracle.

It is only the introduction to the marvels of tomorrow. Those who know tell me that our automobiles will soon be produced in the same manner. Someone will introduce the pattern to an electronic device and push a button. And presto-change: the finished product will shortly roll off the other end of the line!

As a result of electronic miracles our whole economy will undergo a revolutionary change.



"The Christian with consecrated money in his pockets can do much good with the power that is furnished to him. In fact, if he can honestly earn great sums of money, it may be his Christian duty to do so."—W. J. Werning in "Investing Your Life."

The four-day working week is not far off. Man's genius will shorten the week more and more. Labor-saving devices will produce more and give more leisure to everyone.

But while labor-saving devices can be operated to advantage in the industrial world there are no easy ways nor short cuts in kingdom work. Intercessory prayer and soul burdens for others cannot be made easy.

No push-button arrangement will ever be invented that will take the place of visitation. Personal work in the church and in the homes must go forward according to first-century patterns. Andrews must always go in search of their brothers. The Simon Peters can be released from prison only after intercessory prayer. Possessions must be dedicated and their owners must follow Christ even though the way is hard.

No assembly line can do our work of cross bearing and sacrificing. Our automobiles may carry us into new communities, but doorbell ringing must go on as in days of yore from house to house.

Gigantic airplanes may carry our missionaries to foreign fields but they can't make their work easier after they arrive.

There is no short cut to repentance, no easy way to restitution. Dying out and sacrifice of self must yet follow the old formula.

There is no nearer way to heaven. The way of the Cross, and that alone, will lead home.

The marvels of the scientific world amaze us, but we stand in even more amazement as we behold a man whose sins are forgiven and whose nature is cleansed from sin.

There is no push-button automation in the kingdom of Christ on earth, so let us roll up our sleeves and get to work!

## A Missionary's THANK YOU

How thrilled I was to receive the books sent me from the Publishing House! They are so wonderful that I can hardly put them down. (Fortunately—for me—the lights go out at 11:00 p.m.). I do appreciate so much all that the Publishing House does to help us on the mission field.

The Sunday-school material that you sent to New York for me has been such a blessing! Our Sunday schools have more than doubled and I'm sure the material we received is one of the reasons. *Thank you!* 



Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, presenting Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Lunn each a beautiful personalized Harper Bible. The Bibles were presented by the Harper Bible Company through Mr. Milton Steinford as a memento of Dr. Lunn's years of service as manager of the Nazarene Publishing House.

Lessons I learned from-

## STREETCAR ADS

By HAZEL E. HOWARD, Redlands, California

Shakespeare wrote that we could find sermons in stones. I have found that is true and I have also discovered you can see God in the commonplace, such as advertising signs.

As I rode on a streetcar one day, the placards above the windows riveted my attention. Each carried a brief message—each had something important to convey. As I pondered over the printed words, I sought for a deeper meaning, like reading "between the lines" of a letter.

The first advertisement read: "Just as a fine sculptor signs his work, so does a reputable manufacturer. The manufacturer's brand is his pledge to you that he will stand back of his product."

God, too, has signed His work of art, I thought. In the perfection of a flower so tiny that it is ignored by thousands who trample it underfoot, we see God's name. The mountains, the seas, the heavens—all bear His signature. Truly "the heavens declare the glory of God."

And in the lovely rainbow, we are reminded of God's promise never to destroy mankind by flood again. How many know that a rainbow is actually circular? Although we can see only half of it from where we stand, yet science has discovered it is round. And as a circle is unending and un-

broken, so are God's promises. In I Kings 8:56, we read: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant."

He has promised us salvation— "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). And power for service—"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12). Then there is His promise to supply our physical needs-"Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matt. 6:31-32). Moreover, He says He will answer our prayers-"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ve receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). And as if this isn't enough, He promises us a heavenly home and eternal life-"In my Father's house are many mansions: . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2-3). John 3:15 tells us, "Whosoever believeth in him [Jesus] should not perish, but have eternal life."

Just as a manufacturer stands back of his product, so God stands back of man. However, a manu-

facturer will not make his product good when you do not follow his instructions. If they read, "Wash the garment in *lukewarm* water," and you use *hot* and the dress shrinks, you cannot expect him to replace it. On the other hand, if we sin and abuse our bodies and our God-given privileges, God will give us another chance *if* we repent and confess our sins.

Sign No. 2 made the suggestion: "Refresh your taste-chew ---- gum. You'll really enjoy this completely different, delicious flavor." I went into a neighbor's home recently where death had come. While the funeral services were being held, I dusted and swept the house in readiness for the relatives' return. As I looked at the lovely pictures on the walls, I could not help noticing that not one had a religious significance. All were in excellent taste and refinement, but Christ was missing. Nor was there a Bible among the dozens of books and magazines scattered throughout the rooms. Much of the reading matter was uplifting and helpful, yet something was lacking. The Word of God truly has a "completely different, delicious flavor" from any other book. As David sang in Ps. 119:103, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

The third sign gave me a thrill. It was as though God was beside me. It said simply: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities" (Ps. 103:2-3).

Sign No. 4 contained only four words. "Golden State to Chicago." With the keen competition

#### Cast Down Your Anchor

#### By PEARL BURNSIDE McKINNEY

When winds of temptation sweep over your soul, And billows of conflict your frail bark would roll; When darkness of night settles down to dismay. Then cast down your anchor, and wait for the day.

Beneath those dark waves that are tossing so high Is a Rock that is able all storms to defy:

When shadows are falling, and hot is the fray— Just cast down your anchor, and wait for the day.

A glorious dawning awaits for the true, When safety of harbor will come into view; And Jesus your labor will richly repay, So cast down your anchor and wait for the day!

between railroads, buses, and airlines, the railroad was paying for space to promote travel. So God advertises, through His Word and through us, His witnesses, the "Only Road to Eternal Life and Happiness." It is the safe way because its roadbed is built upon the Rock of Ages. Meals are served at all hours. And the fare? Our sins. That's all.

"Eyes tired? Two drops of —— bring quick relief," were the words on the fifth sign. It reminded me of the chorus of the song "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus." What the tired eyes of this

## "I Thank God for the People Called Nazarenes!"

It has been an enjoyable privilege to labor through another year in the Church of the Nazarene in revivals and camp meetings. The kindnesses extended to me by both pastors and people have been wonderful, and far beyond my worthiness. At this writing (Nov. 30) I am in my twenty-fifth meeting of the year, with two more (one week each) to go, concluding on December 16.

I was in deep sin when I came into contact with the people called Nazarenes. They extended a helping hand when I needed it so much. They held on to God in prayer until powerful conviction seized and gripped my soul. Twenty-one years ago last March, just a few days after the Lord came into my heart, the doors of the church were opened to me. I have had no reason to be sorry that they received me. When I answered the call to preach, the Church of the Nazarene gave me every opportunity to fulfill that calling, in spite of almost insurmountable limitations. Doors were opened far beyond anything I ever had any right to expect. Always, there have been far more calls than I had the time to accept. There is no other group to which I could have offered so little and received so much.

The Lord has been good to me and mine. I can say with Patrick Henry, the champion of liberty: "My feet are guided by the lamp of experience. I have no way of judging the future, but by the past." There has been no idle time in the past fifteen years, and I have a good slate for many months ahead. Both the victories and mistakes of the past add up to make the tomorrows more challenging to me.—Evangelist Don Scarlett, Oakland City, Indiana.

world need is a glimpse of Jesus to bring joy and gladness and take away the sin and sadness.

Sign No. 6 proved thought-provoking. "Take one minute to be sure. Get a chest X ray." Yes—take a minute to be sure, but—get a heart X ray. "If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (I John 3:21). Let's take a minute to make sure of our soul's salvation—sure we haven't lost the touch of God on our souls in the rush and scramble of everyday living. Lately, almost every person I have met has said, "I don't know where the time goes. I never get half done that I want to. I just can't keep up with time." But we can keep up with God, if we will!

Sign No. 7 was a challenge—"Take your problems to church this week. Millions leave them there." But most churches only open their doors on prayer meeting night and Sunday morning and evening. Supposing my problems occur at other hours? Supposing they are too difficult for me to solve? Perhaps they must be handled at once and there is no minister available; what shall I do? The answer came to me when I was beset by a difficulty. Disappointed and discouraged, I longed to cry on someone's shoulder, or at least for someone to whom I could unburden my heart. But no one was near. Then the Lord spoke. "Take it to the Lord right now. Cry on *His* shoulder." When I obeyed, my worries were borne away on the wings of the song: "Count Your Blessings."

It may be others will discover different thoughts hidden in these seven signs. Perhaps if Shakespeare were living today, he would find there are "sermons" not only in stones, but everywhere—even in street-car advertising.

## A Gun, a Hatchet, and . . . a Bible

By a Pastor

"A gun, a hatchet, and . . . a Bible." These words were spoken by a heartbroken mother who was relating to me by phone the possessions found on her thirteen-year-old boy as he attempted to run away from home.

"Butch" (appropriately named) was found trying to hop a freight train for points unknown. Upon being picked up by the authorities he was taken to a local detention home for boys. He explained to the juvenile officer that he was tired of his father's continual drinking, of the repeated beatings, and of the lack of love and attention at home. Finally in desperation he attempted to escape the misery of home and thrust himself upon

the mercy of the world. In preparing for this departure, Butch had wrapped some of his new school clothes in a bedroll, along with his gun, his hatchet, and . . . his Bible.

Following the conversation with the mother, I thought of the somewhat discouraging efforts that we had made to get Butch out to Sunday school. Many times one of the church families would drive several miles to pick him up, only to find that he had too many chores to do and would not be able to come. The temptation to give up was strong, and we almost yielded to it.

But I'm glad we kept at the job. The Church of the Nazarene had made an impression on this boy in his early teens; so effective was the impression that when he decided to forsake home and family he would not forsake his Bible. It makes me feel that all we have done is not in vain. As he faced the future he wanted to do so with the Bible in his hand and in his heart.

Needless to say, the future of this boy is uncertain. To return home means to return to punishment and moral poverty. Only God knows what is in store for a boy with a hatchet, a gun, and . . . a Bible.

But I have this feeling about Butch, and about all who are influenced by the Church of the Nazarene, that if we can prove to them the value of God's Book in everyday living and teach them that it is their Chart in life, then and only then will their future be secure.

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

To those who know a little while The gray companionship of pain—

God, give a confidence, a faith, As comforting as April rain.

### PRAYER. . . For All Who Are III

And pausing by the beds of those Whose healing and release Will only be eternity,
God, give a heart-deep peace!

By GRACE V. WATKINS

### Little Talks on the Holy Spirit:

#### V. The Holy Spirit and the Prophet

The source of prophecy is the Holy Spirit. We read, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21). This teaching is verified in many places in the Old Testament. In II Chronicles, chapter 15, we have these words: "And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you" (vv. 1-2). Again, we have in H Chronicles 24: "And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you" (v. 20).

Ezekiel says: "Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the Lord; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them. Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it. Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God" (11:4-8).

Micah puts his prophetic impulse more dramatically: "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin" (3:8); then he goes on and gives his prophecy of coming judgment.

It must be remembered that a prophet is not a prophet merely because he receives a revelation from God; he may get a revelation from God, and may not get with it a demand that he give it to others. The true prophet not only gets a revelation from God but also is called to pass it on to those who need it; he is God's messenger to people who have disobeyed Him. He is the medium through whom the revelation gets to the people. His call is to prophesy, to "tell forth" that which has been revealed to him.

In this connection we must be careful not to think of prophecy as merely prediction, or foretelling of future events. It could be, and often is, just forthtelling; that is, the bringing of a message which God has given through a certain person to the people. All true preachers are prophets—men who live with God and get His message and then go forth to bring it to the people. You might say, "I have always thought that the preacher gets his message from the Bible." He does, but what message he should get from the Bible, and just how he should give it to the people—in what thoughts, terms, and words—is a matter of divine leading, the direction of the Spirit.

There is no higher calling than that of a prophet. I would to God that more of His preachers today were real prophets. God help me, and God help



you! Let's be sure that the word which we bring to the people from Sunday to Sunday is His Word and has the present blessing of the Holy Spirit. The truly great preachers have all been prophets. And I do not mean by great just those whose names have been published abroad, or who have become famous from the standpoint of men. I mean those who have stood before people and preached the Word with the anointing of the Spirit upon them for that particular truth and occasion. The prophet is primarily a forth-teller, and that which he is to tell forth is given to him by the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Prophecy.

### "Keep Your Eye on the Sky"

"Keep your eye on the sky"—that is the business of those who are in the Ground Observers' Corps, those who are watching to see if any enemy planes are coming. Our government is constantly seeking for volunteers to help in this work. We must be on guard all the time.

This slogan, "Keep Your Eye on the Sky," when applied to the spiritual realm, suggests the thought of both the vertical and the horizontal—the heavenly and the earthly. We are to keep our heads in the clouds while we keep our feet on the ground. We need to look "unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," but at the same time we should be alert to those about us, to the people of this world who are in need.

Are YOU in the Master's Ground Observers' Corps? If you are, you'll not succeed unless you

"keep your eye on the sky." After all, the Christian life is on two foundations; one is God, and the other is concern for men. A Christian is a failure if either of these is absent. We must keep up our communion with God, and we must not fail to keep in touch with men; the two go hand in hand. You must "keep your eye on the sky" in the Ground Observers' Corps. Even among those who claim to be followers of Christ, there are some who are merely stargazers. They keep their eyes on the sky, and that's all they see. They live apart from men: they do not contact those who are in sin, they do not see nor meet the misery and need of the world. There are others

#### STEPHEN S. WHITE

who are so busy on the ground that they see only men and the earth on which they live; their sights are not lifted, their hearts are dull and lifeless.

Jesus saw the masses as sheep without a shepherd. He was in the Ground Observers' Corps; His eyes were not shut to what was going on around Him; in fact, it was His love for lost men that caused Him to leave the heavenly city and sojourn among men. However, along with this, we must remember that He was in constant communion with the Father; He had the heavenly uplook. He knew what the skies meant, and He could read the meaning of the stars. He kept His eye on the sky, and at the same time He was a member of the Ground Observers' Corps.

The true follower of Jesus Christ is a citizen of two worlds; he must not withdraw from either. He doesn't fail to see the significance of both. He loves and serves God, and at the same time he is loving and serving man. Our only hope in the battle against sin is to make a place for both God and man.

### Charles Williams Augustus Josephus Sunflower Sidney, Sr.

The colored man who shines shoes in a certain barbershop told me his full name. It is Charles Williams Augustus Josephus Sunflower Sidney, Sr. In discussing it, the colored man said he didn't know why they put that word "Sunflower" in there. He seemed to be able to see some reason for the other names, but not for that one.

What's in a name, anyway? There isn't anything much in most of the names parents give to their children today. Once parents sought religious names for their children, but not so much any more. Now they seem to do their best to make them bizarre and different.

In Bible times, names often had some significance. They were revealers of one's character. Jesus was called JESUS because He was to save His people from their sins. Another name which He had was Emmanuel, "God with us." He came to reveal God, to give us a look at God here in this world. As Christ, He was the anointed One, the kingly One, the Messiah.

Jacob's name was changed to Israel after he wrestled with God all night in prayer. Jacob, "one who takes by the heel," or "supplanter," after this night of prayer became Israel, "God rules." His old grasping nature ([acob) had given way to a nature that was ready to submit completely to God. Simon became Cephas, or Peter, a "rock." His new name, Peter, represented a much higher type of character than Simon. Please remember also that he wasn't both Simon and Peter all through his life, as some would tell us. They look upon Simon as representing the weak side of his character, and Cephas, or Peter, as representing the strong side. Then some would claim that all through his life there was a conflict between these two naturesthe Simon-nature and the Peter-nature, the weak nature and the strong nature, or the sinful fleshly nature and the spiritual nature. But that is not the case. He ceased to be Simon and became Peter when Christ took full possession of him.

Another important fact about names is that a person may dignify or degrade a name. In other words, the name begins to be associated with the character of the person who bears it. This was true of Nero, Judas, Pilate. A name, whatever its associations may have been, cannot either make or break us. It is the bearer who finally makes it have meaning; makes it good or bad. Many persons have taken on the name "Chris-What kind of idea of a Christian do men get from YOU or me? Do we honor the name Christian or do we drag it in the dust? Remember, names, whether we want them to or not, in the end mean something; they come to be associated with the people who have them. They are prophetically associated with what the child. or the individual, is to become, as is the case oftentimes in the Bible-the name fits the character of the person after he has grown up. If the name is given carelessly or with no thought of conveying any character significance, it sooner or later will come to convey that anyway. People will associate our names with what we are, in spite of everything. Have you honored or dishonored your name?

"What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?" (Job 21:15.)

The two questions in this text may be answered only by those among us who have incorporated these two ideals in our lives—service and prayer.—Earle F. Wilde.

## SPIRITUAL ECHOES

By MONT HURST, Dallas, Texas

Blessed is the Christian who has learned to shut out the world and shut himself in with God for closer communion. He thrills to the moments of blessed meditation and revels in the echoes of the reality of the Spirit within.

There is nothing to compare with an echo from the heart of God which is heard in the heart of a Christian. It is an experience that becomes a milestone in holy experience on the highway of daily life.

Spiritual echoes come from many situations. They're more plentiful when we're in an attitude of prayer than at any other time: however, they can also reverberate from the inspired words and melody of a hymn, a testimony, a scene of conversion, the sweeping in of the Holy Spirit, and from manifestations of Christian love.

If we would emulate Christ, we will depart from the crowd at regular times and forget the world as we talk to God and pause to listen to the glorious echoes of the music from heaven! Christ loved for people to be about Him, but He also loved to be alone at times. Very often He went up the mountain or secluded himself in the wilderness in order to hear heaven's symphony as the accompaniment of His talking to His Father.

The sweetest music is that of the angels of heaven, but we must be still to hear it. We must be still and know that God is real, the Giver of all good gifts, and that His gifts are bestowed with the accompaniment of heaven's music. The echoes of this glorious music will linger on and on in our souls as God has His way in our lives and we empty ourselves of things mundanc.

Music is one element always associated with angels. The birth of our Saviour was heralded by music and song of angels. Echoes of this music can be heard at any time of the day or night. The world has been filled with spiritual echoes since the first day in the Garden of Eden. The Master Composer is still at work before His keyboard in heaven's studio, where He has composed spiritual

### **Cluttered Beaches**

By J. WILMER LAMBERT, Pastor Porterville, California

While strolling along the beach one day, I was intrigued by the soothing calmness of the rolling waves against a smooth, sandy shore. But as I walked farther, my eyes fell on much debris and litter. It told the story that at some time this calm sea had been troubled. Yes, it had been much troubled, for all of this driftwood and trash had rolled in on a high tide pushed by forceful winds. No doubt the tossing waves had been pounding with great anger against the battered beach.

My mind went back to the words of Isaiah: "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (57:20-21). Strewn along the shore lines of life are much wreckage and debris that tell the striking story that sin has been at work. The wicked are like the troubled sea, for in their hearts there is no rest or peace. Their waters cast up mire and dirt.

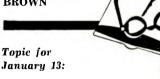
How prone we are to condemn the wicked in our world today, when really what we object to is the wicked spirit that drives men to wickedness! We are not opposed to the man, but we object rigidly to the spirit of sin that is ruining the man. The debris that clutters his life is caused by the winds of Satan and the waves of sin. Let us look diligently and search earnestly for ways to deliver humanity from the surging storm. We must work untiringly at the task of saving.

If we are to restore peace and calm to the troubled lives about us, we must call on Him who controls the elements. As Jesus spoke to the Sea of Galilee, "Peace, be still," so He stands ready to calm the troubled lives about us today!

music for each of us. Each of us has a special number all his own. To recognize this music is to be in perfect harmony with His will. Our lives should be filled with this music and its echoes day by day. It brings peace, love, tranquillity, and conformity to His divine will. Spiritual echoes come from the reality of the sanctifying presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Let's do all possible to keep them reverberating within our souls, hearts, and minds!

### Sunday-School Lesson

MELZA H. **BROWN** 



#### How to Resist Temptation

SCRIPTURF: Matthew 3 and 4 (Printed: Matt. 3:16-17; 4:1-11)

GOLDEN TEXT: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (Matt. 4:10).

The lesson begins with Jesus' baptism, which brought the approval of God and the visible presence of the Holy Spirit, and concludes with His temptation, which brought Him into direct combat with the power of evil, even Satan himself.

John the Baptist was preaching repentance and baptizing those who had repented. He refused to baptize some who had not brought forth the fruits of repentance. However, he hesitated when Iesus came to Him for baptism, not because Jesus did not need repentance, but rather because he felt his own unworthiness in the presence of the sinless One. Jesus insisted on the rite of baptism to fulfill all righteousness, thus humbling himself and setting an example to all believers.

Jesus was baptized as the Son of Man, and the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him and a voice from heaven declared Him to be the Son of God.

In both the temptation and the baptism of Jesus the dual nature of Jesus was manifest; He was both Son of Man and Son of God. To fulfill all righteousness was necessitated as the Son of Man. and the voice from heaven proclaimed Him the Son of God. In the temptation Satan recognized His deity but Jesus met the temptation as the Son of Man. Jesus, as the Son of Man, was tempted in all points like as we are; but as the Son of God, He could not be tempted, for God is not tempted. Satan desired to defeat the Son of God and tried to get Jesus to doubt His deity or to prove it in response to Satan's suggestion. But Jesus met Satan as the Son of Man and proved that man filled with the Spirit can defeat the power of darkness.

The temptation also proves the reality of a personal devil, the enemy of the soul. It also proves that the enemy can be defeated and that the way to defeat him is with the Sword of the Spirit.

There is something right in each temptation but also real evil in each case. Satan's method of defeating man is by confusing the issue and mixing truth with error. Each of us faces the same temptations in principle that Jesus met, and His example points the way to victory for us.

It should be remembered, however, that Jesus did not meet the conflict with the power of evil until His baptism and the descent of the Holy Spirit. This symbolizes our need of the Holy Spirit if we would overcome the adversary of our souls. Jesus' promise is, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech.

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## SUNDAY-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT

	Last Year	November	Percentage
	SOUTHEAST ZONE		
Florida	7.332	8,228	112
Mississippi	2,740	2,878	105
North Carolina	3.826	3,983	104
Georgia	5,800	5,935	102
West Virginia	11.237	11,339	101
East Tennessee	5.943	5.962	100
Alabama	7,310	7.301	100
Virginia	3,286	3,210	98
Eastern Kentucky	5,336	4,997	94

Districts not reporting: Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina

	EASTERN ZONE		
Akron	11,607	12,403	107
Washington-Philadelphia	10,665	11,021	103
Pittsburgh	8,691	8,938	103
New England	6,848	7.024	103
Albany	3,405	3.335	98

District not reporting: New York

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В	RITISH ISLES-CANADIAN	Zone	
Canada Pacific	1.082	1,168	108
British Isles South	3,228	3,208	99
Maritime	1,008	955	95

Districts not reporting: Canada West, Canada Central. Australia

	SOUTHERN ZONE		
Houston	3,660	3,901	107
Kansas City	9,345	9,684	104
Northeast Oklahoma	3,937	4,008	102
Abilene	5,843	5,878	101
Southwest Oklahoma	5.794	5,825	101
Kansas	8.079	8,097	100
Southeast Oklahoma	3.821	3.817	100
Northwest Oklahoma	5,925	5,912	100
North Arkansas	3.589	3.570	99
San Antonio	3,780	3,742	99
Dallas	5,167	5,091	99
Nebraska	2.813	2,612	93

Districts not reporting:	South Arkansas, Loui	siana	
	SOUTHWEST ZONE		
Hawaii	606	760	125
Los Angeles	9.377	10,218	109
Southern California	11,176	11,829	106
New Mexico	3,145	3,266	104
Colorado	6,304	6.460	102
Northern California	15,382	15,357	100
Arizona	3,758	3,704	99

District	Last Year	November	Percentage
	NORTHWEST ZONE	:	
Minnesota	2,226	2,485	112
Washington Pacific	5,241	5,821	111
South Dakota	736	803	109
Nevada-Utah	915	963	105
Oregon Pacific	7.324	7,618	104
North Dakota	1,672	1.703	102
Idaho-Oregon	5,979	6,058	101
Rocky Mountain	2,456	2,420	99
Northwest	7.119	6,972	98
District not reporting:	Alaska		
	CENTRAL ZONE		
Indianapolis	9,071	10,254	113

	CENTRAL ZONE		
Indianapolis	9,071	10,254	113
Southwest Indiana	9.014	9,743	108
Chicago Central	5,500	5.923	108
Central Ohio	13,590	14,279	105
Western Ohio	14,532	15,068	104
Illinois	8,639	8,919	103
Michigan	8,507	8,761	103
Northeastern Indiana	9,869	10,002	101
Eastern Michigan	8.624	8,645	100
Northwestern Illinois	5,925	5.332	90
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Districts not reporting: Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Northwest Indiana

Estimated Average for November, 1956 Increase over last year's average Percentage of increase 406,289 9,601 2.4

ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary



#### My Church Offering Envelope

Did you ever stop to count your offering envelopes for the year? Did you ever then figure how many envelopes your church buys for its members?

Well, I never did, but today I would

In my church, the offering envelope boxes are distributed in September, right after the new assembly year begins. Each year there are fifty-two envelopes in my box and this includes the special-day envelopes such as Christmas and Easter. Until recently I have thought of my envelopes as impersonal moneyholders. From now on, I shall think of them as having been prepared meticulously for me and for the members of my church.

While my husband and I were on a sales trip through the East, we stopped at Richmond, Virginia. Here it was in our itinerary to visit the Publishers Envelope Company. All we knew was that the church-offering envelopes were manufactured in this plant. It was difficult to pick out the building in which the envelopes were made, for there was not a name on any of the doors or even a

sign on top of the building. Even once inside the building, there were no signs telling the business of the factory.

#### ONLY ENVELOPES

Mr. Hughes owns and manages the Publishers Envelope Company. He graciously received my husband and, after a few moments of visiting, he insisted that I come in and go through the plant.

I thought I would find large envelopes, small envelopes, Manila envelopes and every other kind of envelope in use in this land. The factory building was large. It looked large enough to produce all the envelopes which lie on the counters of the stores to which I pay visits.

Imagine my surprise when I found that the Publishers Envelope Company manufactures church offering envelopes only—and that the whole factory is filled with workers and materials for the making of this product!

I learned that the factory has no name on its doors because it is really a part of the churches' own publishing houses. Churches may order through their own publishing houses only.

#### 4,500 CHURCHES

I had asked twice before I could believe that each individual church has envelopes made to suit its needs. Even as I realized this to be a fact, I asked,

"How many churches are there in the Nazarene denomination?"

"There are around 4,500 in all," my husband answered.

The meaning of this information gradually took root in my mind. This envelope company makes individual printings of envelopes for up into the thousands of Nazarene churches every year.

All these years I have thought that all Nazarene churches had envelopes just like my church.

As we walked through the plant, Mr. Hughes pulled out envelopes from different boxes and from various shelves—Nazarene envelopes. During our survey, he did not show me one envelope which was like the one I use.

"Do you mean that all our churches have different words printed on their envelopes? None of these you have shown us are like mine."

"How could they be like yours?" Mr. Hughes asked. "Your church has a different address from any other church and probably your special needs are different."

#### THE WORK OF THE LORD

Here my curiosity got the best of me Much to the surprise of my husbane as well as the manager. I reached into my purse and brought out one of my own envelopes.

"Here," I turned to Mr. Hughes, "thi must be the best arrangement for al envelopes. It works perfectly for us."

Mr. Hughes studied the envelope for a moment before he said. "I don't know of any other church which has one printed as you have yours."

I replaced my envelope in my purse This time. I placed it there with more care than I had done at any previous time. This was an individual thing. I had seen boxes being filled by women as we came along the assembly line of workers. Even after most of the envelopes had been prepared with numbers which ran consecutively, one woman had to place the "special day" envelopes in the correct sequence in each box.

Some of our churches start their years in April, some in May, some in January, yet the numbers on the envelope must agree with the dates.

The envelope company makes many thousands of boxes of envelopes each year. Each offering box contains fifty-two envelopes. I was thrilled to learn with what care our Lord's work is carried forward. From now on I shall be even more careful to place my tithes and offerings in the correct envelopes—these envelopes which have been made especially for me!



#### REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

**Mailing Address** 

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Penn have moved to Capetown. South Africa, to begin work among the Cape Coloured people. Their mailing address will be: P.O. Box 20, Athlone. Cape Province. South Africa.

On Furlough

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Esselstyn arrived from Africa on December 3, 1956, for a year's furlough.

#### Returned to Field

Mrs. Bessie Grose arrived in Africa November 29, 1956. She will return to her former station at: Missao Nazarena, Tavane, Manjacaze, Portuguese East Africa.

#### The Challenge of Lima

The challenge of this vast metropolis with its one and a half million needy souls is before us. Our present church in this densely populated area seems very inadequate for the tremendous need. There are Nazarenes scattered all over this sinful city and we feel that God would have us open up other preaching points and seek to utilize the latent talents of our people to evangelize their own countrymen. Truly the fields are white unto harvest.

Recently we visited a home with a family of thirteen small children. They were desperately poor. We realized that Christ was the only solution to their multiple problems. Only He could give joy and peace in such surroundings. Engaging the mother in conversation on spiritual things. I eventually asked her where she felt she would spend eternity if she should die. Frankly she answered, "In hell."

She did not want to be lost and was ready to accept God's offer of mercy. In that poverty-stricken home we knelt together and pointed the woman to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. She was only one of the hundreds here in Lima who are ripe for the message of salvation. May God give us pure Calvary love to win the lost for Him. The thirteen children in this family are now attending our Nazarene Sunday school.—GWLADYS HEAP, Peru.

Change of Address

Rev. Elvin Douglass has requested that his mail be sent to Apartado 193, Chiclayo, Peru, South America, to avoid delays, as his new station is too remote for regular mail delivery.

#### News Items from the Fields

God gave us one of the greatest times we have known in our second N.Y.P.S. camp and Institute. We used our own British Honduran preachers and God blessed them in a wonderful way. Seventy of us gathered near Benque Viejo on the banks of the Mopan River. Souls were brought to Jesus, hearts were sanctified, everyone received spiritual food, and the growth in grace is manifested in our faithful Christians.

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## Department of Evangelism

#### V. H. Lewis, Secretary

The Crusade for Souls Commission is continuing the publishing of the list of churches, by district, who qualified during their last assembly year for the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. The group qualification standards were published in the November 21 issue of the HERALD.

We congratulate the following who have obtained a Certificate:

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Church	Group	Gain	Membership
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Meridian Oakland Heights	II	13	67
Hattiesburg First	Ш	33	133
Northeastern	INDIANA I	DISTRICT	
Eaton	I	20	36
Elkhart Grace	I	11	26
Albany	H	12	70
Portland	111	20	85
Anderson First	IV	36	280
Muncie South Side	$\mathbf{v}$	38	355
Northw	EST DISTRIC	ΩT	
Ephrata	11	12	44
Spokane Crestline	11	15	77
Kennewick	Ш	22	123
Spokane Bethel	111	29	143
Northwest O	кілнома 1	DISTRICT	
Oakridge	I	17	29
Meridian Park Warr Acres	II	24	121
Northwestern	ILLINOIS	District	
East Peoria	I	11	26
Farmington	I	10	14
Rockford Parkside	II	15	38

OREGON PACIFIC DISTRICT				
Coquille	II	12	61	
Grand Ronde	II	12	38	
Gresham	II	16	47	
Klamath Falls First	II	14	76	
Roseburg	111	18	144	
Eugene	IV	29	302	
Portland Moreland	IV	25	235	
Tillamook	IV	27	186	
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Indiana	I	12	23	
New Kensington	I	15	36	
Windber	I	13	36	
Freedom	П	15	62	
Washington Second	П	14	40	
Kittanning	III	66	130	
Titusville	III	19	67	
San A	Antonio Di	STRICT		
Monahans	I	9	17	
Harlingen	II	16	61	
South D	AKOTA DIST	RICT		
Rapid City	I	9	26	
Southern C.	ALIFORNIA I	DISTRICT		
Colton	H	20	76	
Compton Trinity	II	25	76	
San Pedro	II	26	83	
South Whittier	II	12	44	
Spring Valley	H	12	70	
Ontario	IV	27	224	
San Bernardino First	IV	37	250	
South Gate	IV	25	215	
San Diego University	$\mathbf{v}$	90	446	
SOUTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT				
Newburg	I	10	29	
Mackey	II	23	87	
Evansville Victory Chapel	III	18	150	
Bloomington First	IV	40	241	

What do you think of preachers and laymen who watch prize fights and then go out and talk about what they have done to the unsaved that you are trying to get saved?

I wouldn't like it. I think prize lights are animalistic and sadistic. If I were a Christian and couldn't find something more refined to look at and talk about. I would be ashamed of myself. After saying this, I must confess that not everybody agrees with me as to prize lights, and I would not want to go so

far as to say that I am absolutely sure that everybody who looks at them is bound to go to hell. I will say this, though, that I can't see how such practice can be anything but demoralizing to a person's intellectual, moral, and spiritual life.

Can people be forgiven for living in adultery when they go on living in adultery, or does it mean that when God forgives them they are not living in adultery, although they have been divorced and remarried without Bible grounds? I know people who married when they were divorced for other than Bible grounds. When they did it, they believed that they were entering into a contract which meant that they would live in adultery. Now they would like to be Christians; what shall I tell them? I would like to help them.

I would do my best to get them to accept Christ. I would not in most instances advise them to break up their present homes. However, they should keep their hearts open to the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Having said this, I have something more to say on this subject. While I do not set myself up to be the judge of such people. I would not knowingly take such people into the Church of the Nazarene, for in so doing I would violate the Manual, which I am pledged to enforce. I am for the strong stand which our church takes against divorce. I am aware of the fact that its position on this subject works a hardship on some people, but on the whole it is a blessing. I am sure of this after making more than one careful study of the curse of the broken home. Only vesterday I talked to a woman who supervises the counselors and counseling

for the girls of ten high schools. Among many other things, she said that in their counseling they helped the girls as to their home problems as well as their school needs; and the first thing she mentioned in connection with the former was the broken home. If selfish parents could realize just a little of the curse their divorce and remarriage was to bring upon their children, they would not be so ready to embark on that way of living. I have the greatest of sympathy for those who have gotten themselves mixed up with divorce and unbiblical remarriage. Certainly we should be kind and patient with them and leave judgment in the hands of God. Nevertheless, we should not take such people into the Church of the Nazarene in direct violation of a rule of the

The Bible tells us that children are to honor their parents. This means that they are to obey their fathers and mothers. In the light of this teaching, what is this sixteen-year-old girl to do? She was saved at one of our churches, and her father wouldn't let her go back to the church. He said that she didn't even know what she went to the altar for.

Eph. 6:1 says that children are to obey their parents in the Lord, but what this father did certainly was not in the Lord. It did not have God's sanction. Nevertheless. I believe in children obeying their parents. Perhaps she could talk to the pastor of the church and other interested parties in the church and they could influence the father to change his mind and permit his daughter to attend the church. If not, then it might be best for her

to pray much and keep in touch as best she could with some of the church until she is eighteen. Then she would be on her own enough to go to the church, even though her father was opposed to it. In concluding, let me say that I cannot conceive of a father opposing his daughter's attendance at a church where she has been saved. If his attitude results in her backsliding, he will live to regret it if he has any sense of true values left in him.

What Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil? Was it God's Spirit or the spirit of the devil?

It was God's Spirit, or the Holy Spirit.

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Our carpenter, Duncan Jenkins, gave the last testimony of the Institute, at the final service on Friday morning. Duncan was once a drunkard and in prison for stealing. We ministered to him at the request of his relatives. God got to his heart there in the prison. He was in charge of the cabinet shop while there and did excellent work. We all felt he could do wonderful service for us in our college carpenter shop when he had finished his sentence. On the day he was given his freedom, he came to us in Benque Viejo. He was a changed lad. He began to work for us and has proved his value in every way. His testimony to all of his old cronics has proved that God still lives and changes men.

On the Saturday morning after his testimony, Duncan did not come to work. He was found dead in his bed at nearly noon. The neighbors said he sang hymns until after midnight. He slept away without a struggle. The peace of God was in his heart and upon his features in death. The post-mortem revealed that he had had a heart attack, though he was only thirty-five. He has left a tremendous impression upon all who knew him, and his influence is still felt, though He has gone to meet his Master.—Ronald Bishop, British Honduras.



Chapel attendance of air force personnel and their families for the third consecutive year passed the ten-million mark during fiscal year 1956, it was announced November 25, 1956, by Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains.

The year's attendance figures included 10,616,000 at services conducted by air force chaplains and 1,547,000 at services conducted in air force chapels by civilian clergymen, serving as auxiliary chaplains. These clergymen are appointed whenever there are no chaplains of one of the major faith groups assigned to a base.

Chaplain William Wyland Huffman, recently stationed at U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, writes the following report:

"During the past few months all of the ships of my destroyer squadron have been in Europe (Mediterranean area, and northern Europe). We have had 280 midshipmen with us for this cruise. It was very eventful and interesting. Every evening we had evening devotions on the deck of the ships. Hundreds of men came out for these devotions and many said that they were spiritually touched.

"While my ships were in Belfast, northern Ireland, I had the privilege of attending the Belfast Church of the Nazarene and preached for the church on two occasions. The spirit was wonderful and the pastor very gracious to us. I find that Nazarene people are the same the world over, full of Christ

and zealous to fulfill the work of God. My heart was inspired by the great spirit of the Irish Nazarenes. Their love for God cannot be described in words. I can sincerely say that I received a rich blessing and left Ireland feeling spiritually refreshed.

"While we were in Ireland, I was privileged to hear Sister Lotta, a Scottish Nazarene missionary, returned from Africa. Her great spirit of unselfishness and Christian love was contagious and inspired all who heard her."

Rev. Ed McConnell, pastor of Marysville, Washington, Church of the Naza-"Our servicemen are rene writes: purchasing an American flag set to be presented and installed in our new church building."

NAZARENE SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION

Hander W. Hillland Director



#### Our Transmutations

I have thought often of God's transmutations—the miracles of grace by which ashes are changed to beauty and sinners to saints. But this week I amimpressed by the miracles He has left for us to achieve, by His enabling.

Monday:

Every organism in the world around us is creating marvels every day. It is reaching out, changing dead matter into living force, assimilating, selecting, rejecting, transforming what seems random, accidental, into order and form, under the dominance of a single purpose. So we, if committed to the prayer, Thy will be done in earth," see all the helter-skelter circumstances of life as raw material to be turned into positive, eternal values.

Tuesday:

It has been said that the principles by which organisms perform their miracles are (1) randomness into order, (2) matter into spirit, (3) cold, impersonal stuff into living personality. The miracle of cosmos (order) out of chaos in a human life, the miracle of spirit value wrought out of every ugly accident," the miracle of a Christlike character emerging from deadly routine or crushing injustices—these are the whole-souled Christian's transmutations. through grace utilized by his own obedient faith.

Wednesdau:

The miracle of assimilation: routine of daily prayer and Bible reading, even seems uniuspired, routine of sermons heard, prayer meetings attended. testimonies given-transmuted into shining grace for the hour of trial and shining radiance of an unconscious in-Iluence for Christ.

Thursday:

The miracle of spiritual perspective. Cruel losses that tear the heart transmuted into firm trust in the love of God, as we prove His understanding comfort: into warm sympathy with those who suffer. Problems that stagger the mind transmuted into confidence in the wisdom of God, and skill in making contact with the unerring Guidance and available Power; into knowledge to share with those who have lost their way.

Friday:

The miracle of Christian character. Insults, injustices, unkindness transmuted into Christlikeness. Misunderstandings. disappointments, discouragements transmuted into emotional stability, poise, and steadiness of purpose. For we endure, "as seeing him who is invisible.

Saturday:

The miracle of investment: dimes and dollars transmuted into souls saved and lives transformed; the coin of earth into treasures in heaven.

Sunday:

Temptation into strength, monotony into romance, everyday demands and irritations into a song of praise. One who is living to hear the "Well done" will not allow things to "just happen." His "directed stubbornness" (some call it self-discipline) will set his vielded will to work on transmutations,



By L. J. DU BOIS

#### Hungarian Ministers at Work

Dr. Frank Fry. of the World Council of Churches, reported at the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society that the clergymen of Hungary are busy. The churches are full of worshipers whenever they are opened. For the first time in years the clergy are allowed in the hospitals. How long this freedom will be allowed no one knows. Probably as long as the government has its hands full with the revolutionary groups in the country. Meanwhile we can thank God that a spiritual ministry in an hour when a nation needs it so acutely is not cur-

#### **GI** Ministers

Chaplain Ivan Bennett, former Chief of Army Chaplains, has reported that since the GI Bill of Rights was passed 36,000 young men have come out of the service to use their educational assistance to study for the ministry. It is one of the good by-products of war that young men see the need of investing their lives in a program to redeem the lives of men rather than destroy them.

#### Church Merger Talks

The turn of the year is seeing intensified talks of more mergers of Protestant denominations. In December the Lutherans, including the United Lutheran Church in America, Augustana Lutheran Church, Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, and American Evangelical Lutheran Church and totaling 2.861,000 members, began talks in Chicago which might lead to organic union. The Presbyterians (U.S.A.) and the United Presbyterians are in the process of voting on merger. Forty-nine of 250 presbyteries of the U.S.A. group have approved the plan. Voting among United Presbyterians began January 1.

#### Prime Needs of Christianity Cited

Christianity Today (issue of Nov. 12) reports that four Protestant clergymen of as many denominations sat down in Oklahoma City to summarize the needs and faults of preachers. The findings came out like this:

"More forceful presentation of hardand-fast Biblical rules with a 'thussayeth-the-Lord' emphasis, instead of man's opinion, is needed to meet modern world needs. People have heard the word of man. Now they want the Word of God, because they've tried everything else and it hasn't worked." Among the faults pinpointed were:

Vague rambling in sermons with no clear-cut point—often done to please congregations instead of enlighten them.

Pretentious and highly colored delivery, with either little or no feeling, or an ostentatious amount of it.

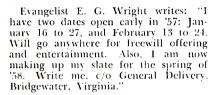
Increased cutting of sermon length to "make it easy on the congregation." "Toning down" of the spiritual message to "please people" or make the Word of God "flexible."

Timidity in stressing the harder demands of religion in action.

Members of the congregations didn't get off entirely free. "Greater consecration" was urged by the ministers.

Signers of the statement included a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Disciple.

## NEWS of the Churches



Muncie, Indiana—In November the Mayfield Church had a splendid revival with Rev. Thurman Oren and Sherman and Elsie Gillespie as the special workers. With the sound holiness preaching of Brother Oren, and the inspirational singing of the Gillespies, God came and we saw thirty-one seekers at the altar of prayer. Two new families united with the church and are showing fine progress with the Lord. We are encouraged here with new people finding God, the fine spirit that prevails among the members, and our field of opportunity.—Kenneth Hawkins, Pastor.

Evangelist C. I. DeBoard reports: "God is blessing and helping since I have entered the evangelistic field. I have conducted revival services with Rev. Robert E. Hollis at Chandler, Oklahoma; Rev. F. A. Welsh, Kirkwood, Missouri; Rev. J. C. Reedy, Orland Park, Illinois; and Rev. R. A. Gilster, Riverton, Wyoming. It was a great joy to work with these fine pastors and their people, and it is a great joy to win souls for the Kingdom. I have some open time in '57, and will be glad to give dates for week-end or one-week meetings, also teachers' training classes, and supply the pulpit when the pastor may be away over Sunday. Write me. 24 Sharilane Drive, East St. Louis, Illinois."

High Point. North Carolina—Calvary Church recently had a good revival with Evangelist Harold Loman; best attendance in years. The church was greatly helped, also received 11 new members, 9 by profession of faith. Average Sunday-school attendance for the past six Sundays, 208. We have just completed the installation of asbestos siding to the church building, and painted the exterior woodwork. We are now in our sixth year with the good people of Calvary Church, and give God the praise for steady progress in all departments.—A. H. Johnson, Pastor.

Martinsville, Indiana-Rev. Earl Marvel came as our new pastor last September; we have seen some remarkable gains during the first thirteen weeks of his ministry with us. We have added eight new classes to the Sunday school, and for the thirteen-week period the average attendance was 332-a gain of 78 over last year. On Rally Day, November 18, we had 466 present. The vember 18, we had 466 present. Thanksgiving offering was \$400.00 and the Alabaster Box opening amounted to \$163.00. We have added 24 members to the church, of which 17 were by profession of faith. We have set our goal to be a "10 per cent" church for this assembly year in general giving. We thank God for His blessings, for our leaders, for the spirit of co-operation among our people, and we are encouraged.-Robert E. Warner, Secretary.

Elgin. Illinois-Our eight-day meeting proved to be a reviving of the whole church and it also reached out to some nonmembers. Dr. and Mrs. Russell V. DeLong were mightily used of God in bringing the messages in sermon and song. Aside from the definite work of grace wrought in the hearts of many seekers, the influence of the speaker for "Showers of Blessing" was felt throughout the city. The pastor was privileged to conduct morning devotions on the local radio station the week of the meeting; also Dr. DeLong was interviewed on the local station broadcast, and addressed the Rotary Club in a well-attended meeting. Our church is moving along on every line, and we are keeping up with all budget giving and projects, and are a "10 per cent" church for missions.—George J. Franklin, Pastor.

Coraopolis, Pennsylvania—On November 4 our church closed a good revival with Rev. Raymond Taylor as the evangelist. He preached with the power of the Holy Spirit, which brought conviction to the unsaved and the unsanctified, and there were a good number of victories at the altar. Brother C. C. Childers was our song evangelist, and he was a great blessing as he sang the old songs which presented a message. On the closing Sunday we had three services, and the Revivalaires sang the glory down; they are a good quartet. Ten members were added to the church, and the spirit of the revival continues.—L. T. Wells, Pastor.

Peoria, Illinois-The recent revival at North Side Church was one of the best in the eleven-year history of the church, during which time I have been pastor. The Spirit of God has been with us, and we have had good revivals-we were ready for this one. During several weeks just prior to this meeting we had twenty-four seekers in the regular services. sometimes without any preaching. Miss Mary Anne Freeman was the evangelist, and it seemed God took charge the first night, and gave seekers. The meeting continued for the third week. and the seekers kept coming, and God's Spirit continued with us. There were fifty-nine seekers, with only a few repeaters. We appreciated the ministry of Miss Freeman with us.—J. RUSSELL Gravent, Pastor.

Missionary D. C. Reynolds reports: "Our old Emerson Indian missionary group had their first service in our newly located mission station, first door north in the city's post office building. Walters, Oklahoma. Wife and I are living in apartments nine and ten over the post office. We are going ahead in this new post, and using our old Emerson Mission station as an outpost. Please pray for Wife and me as your Indian missionaries."

Evangelist Hugh Slater writes: 'I will be closing out a meeting in Lebanon, Tennessee, February 24, and have the two weeks immediately following open. February 28 to March 10. I have this opening because of a cancellation and would be glad to slate the time while in that section. Also I have an open date, March 27 to April 7. Write me, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527. Kansas City 41. Missouri."

Pastor J. W. Thomas reports from Russellville. Arkansas: "Recently we enjoyed a very successful revival with Rev. Betty Wagner and Miss Helen Lavely as the evangelist and singers. God gave some wonderful victories around the altar, and five new members were added to the church. Miss Wagner is a dynamic holiness preacher, and Miss Lavely is a wonderful musician and singer. I am resigning as pastor here, January 13, and will enter the full-time evangelistic field. Write me, c/o our publishing house. P.O. Box 527. Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Evangelist Daniel Stafford reports: "I am now entering my fifth year in the evangelistic field, and I have the longest slate ahead I have yet had. Pastors and people have been good to me, and God has blessed and given some wonderful salvation services. Recently, I did not get to preach in either of the two Sunday morning services. Due to a change of pastors, I have a choice spring date open in '57; also have two summer dates open, and two spring dates open in '58. In the eighteen years I have been a Nazarene never have I seen God deal more faithfully with souls. I am more determined than ever to preach the beautiful doctrine of entire sanctification. Write me, Box 1514. Indianapolis, Indiana."

#### Michigan District Preachers' Convention

With a very excellent representation of our pastors and their wives, together with the laymen of the western half of Michigan, the Michigan District preachers' convention, November 6 to 8, was a tremendous success by every measurement. The good spirit of the convention was such as could be felt by the people who just "dropped in" on the sessions, while those who were privileged to attend the entire convention were richly rewarded by the genuine spiritual blessings they received.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general super-

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, together with Dr. Howard Hamlin, M.D., and Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent of Central Ohio District, were the excellent workers, and they gave us their very best. These great men, representing the superintendency and the laity of the church, presented heart-warming challenges to do God's work in a greater way.

Under the able leadership of Rev. O. L. Maish, our much-appreciated district superintendent, the Michigan District forges ahead in a real spirit of unanimity. From the early morning devotional services through the inspirational evening services, there was a good feeling among all the brethren. Don Bell and the local Muskegon First Church choir together with all the other special music added much to the convention.—

Reporter.

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Now, whenever you see the name Beacon Hill Press or Lillenas Publishing Company, remember that both are synonymous with the Nazarene Publishing House, which is owned and operated by the Church of the Nazarene and administered under the supervision of its General Board.

Pastor L. L. Kollar reports: "Our church here in Uhrichsville (Ohio) recently had a fine revival meeting with Evangelist W. F. Miller. The morning 'spiritual life' clinics were of an unusual character, with an average attendance of thirty-one adults. On the closing Friday morning we had a blessed healing service. God met with us, new families were reached and won for Christ, and Brother Miller's ministry was well received by the community. Brother Miller is a man of God and

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Men"

carries a burden for lost souls. We are now concluding nearly eight years of ministry here with some of the best and choicest of God's saints. The ministry here has been a high point in our entire life. The community has received us well, and the church has evidenced a gratifying response to leadership. Although we had been given a recall with only one negative vote, we have accepted the call to pastor our Garfield Heights Church in Cleveland."

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#### Wisconsin District

All of our churches did well for the Thanksgiving offering, but special honor goes to Kenosha with thirty-six members and no wealth among them; all wage earners that make anything. Rev. Miss Lottie Rynearson has pastored this people from the start-fourteen years ago. They have purchased a nice church; have a \$5,000.00 debt, which they plan to pay in two years. They support the pastor, carry heavy budgets. and yet went in for a good Thanksgiving offering and received \$1,022.00. Hats off to Rev. Miss Rynearson and her people! Wish we had a hundred pastors leading a like number of churches like Kenosha.-Charles A. Gibson, District Superintendent.

Pastor Frank McConnell reports from Bethany, Oklahoma: "God's blessings have been upon the Williams Memorial Church this assembly vear. In September we had the privilege of having three conventions, with Dr. B. V. Seals as a co-worker, on the Dallas District with Superintendent Paul H. Garrett. Over Thanksgiving we were privileged to be the speaker at the Texas-Mexican District preachers' meeting, with Rev. Carlos C. Stopani, superintendent of the North Mexico District, as the interpreter. Rev. and Mrs. Everette D. Howard are doing a wonderful work among the people of the Texas-Mexican District. During the six years of the organization of our church here in Bethany we have seen over 650 persons reclaimed, sanctified, or converted, and have received more than 400 into church membership. It is wonderful to live for Christ and work for Him through the Church of the Nazarene.'

La Center, Washington-View Church recently had a profitable revival in which a number of fine young people found God in salvation at the altar of prayer. Rev. Newton Kendall's messages were full of inspiration and challenge. He especially appealed to the Christians to be active soul winners, and already we are seeing evidence that these messages were received with open and receptive hearts. God is blessing the people and the program of the church here and we thank Him for His presence with us.-Verd Cochran, Pas-

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#### DEATHS

MISS CATHERINE FLAGLER was born in Kansas MISS CATHERINE FLAGLER was born in Kansas City, Missouri, May 9, 1874, and died in Temple City, California, November 6, 1956. She was converted early in life, and in obedience to the divine call she offered herself for missionary service. She went to China in 1903, becoming associated later with the Nazarene Mission at Tamingfuy she also worked with the National Holiness Association Mission After a furturely she returned to China and worked with the National Holiness Association Mission. After a furlough she returned to China and evangelized among the aged Cliniese women. Returning to America the latter part of 1937, she had served Chinese missions, including the furlough, thirty-four years. Coming to California for retirement, when the Casa Robies Missionary Home was established in 1946, Miss Flagler became the first missionary resident. Here she made her home until the Lord called her. We believe, in keeping with her spirit and foresight, Miss Flagler was ready for her "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." She is survived by only one kinsman, a brother, Philip, eighty-six years old, who resides in Chicago; but she leaves many brothers and sisters in the Lord. Funeral service was conducted in Pasadena, California, by her pastor, Rev.

Nellman Gunstream, assisted by her former district superintendent in China, Rev. Harry Wiese, and by her superintendent at Casa Robles, Rev. A. E. San-

MRS. L. M. MAY died November 9, 1956, at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She was a Nazarene elder for many years, serving with her husband in the pastorate of some of our strong churches. For several years, Rev. L. M. May was dean of Bethany Nazarene College, and Mrs. May was head of the voice department of the college. Brother and Sister May are wonderful people and served acceptably in every field. Mrs. May left a wonderful influence for are wonderful people and served acceptably in every field. Mrs. May left a wonderful influence for Christ and the church. She is survived by her husband, Rev. L. M. May, who is in very poor health. Funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Clayton Garner, assisted by the district superintendent, Dr. I. C. Mathis, Rev. A. L. Belcher, and Rev. Mr. Craig of the First Methodist Church of Tableanth Tahlequah.

WILBERT (Pauline) RUETHER was born MRS. WILBERT (Pauline) RUETHER was born April 20, 1923, at Gary, Indiana. She served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. In 1946 she was married to Wilbert Ruether, who survives. After a serious illness of several months she died in a hospital at Madison, Wisconsin, on October 22, 1956. She left a good testimony of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, John and James (twins), Jesse, and Matthey, also two daughters, Jennifer and Mary; and her mother, Mrs. John Chandler, of Terre Haute, Indiana. Funeral service was conducted at Merrill, Wisconsin, with her pastor, Rev. Elmer Danner, officiating. MRS

RAYMOND WALTERS, age fifty-six, died November 2, 1956, at Frankfort, Indiana. In 1935 he was united in marriage to Ruth E. Grimes, who survives. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Frankfort, and during the past year served as chairman of the board of trustees, and chairman of the building committee which completed a \$150,000.00 project last year. For the past three years he served as lay member of the Northwest Indiana District Advisory Board. He was converted at the age of twenty, and spent many years of his life doing personal work in sanatoriums. Besides the widow, there is a son, Philip R., a student at Olivet Nazarene College. Funeral service was hed in Frankfort First Church, with the pastor, Rev. Harry W. Dickerson, in charge, assisted by the district superintendent, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan. Burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery.

MRS. LILLIE E. HARTMAN was born February 8, 1895, and died October 19, 1956, at the age of sixty-one years. She was the wife of John F. Hartman. She was a member of First Church of the man. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Lehighton, Pennsylvania, where for the past ten years she served as treasurer for the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, and also a trustee. She was a faithful supporter of the church, Her dying wish was for your prayers for her family. Funeral service was conducted in the church by her pastor, Rev. R. O. Parry, assisted by Rev. M. Silfies.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hurn of Richland, Washington, a son, Warren Edward, on November 14.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene couple in New Jersey for a Christian friend whose actions are hurting other people, also for a home problem as to finances—they want God's will in the matter;

by a Christian mother in Indiana for her son in California, that God will bring him home, also that a son at home may be delivered from the drink habit;

drink habit; by a reader in Ohio for the solution of an im-portant problem in their home, also for help for a son in high school; by a reader in Washington, eighty years of age, that God will help her along every line.

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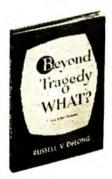
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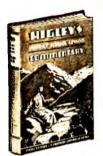
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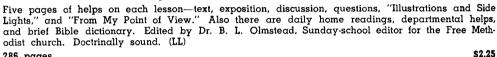
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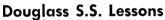
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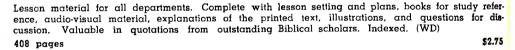






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