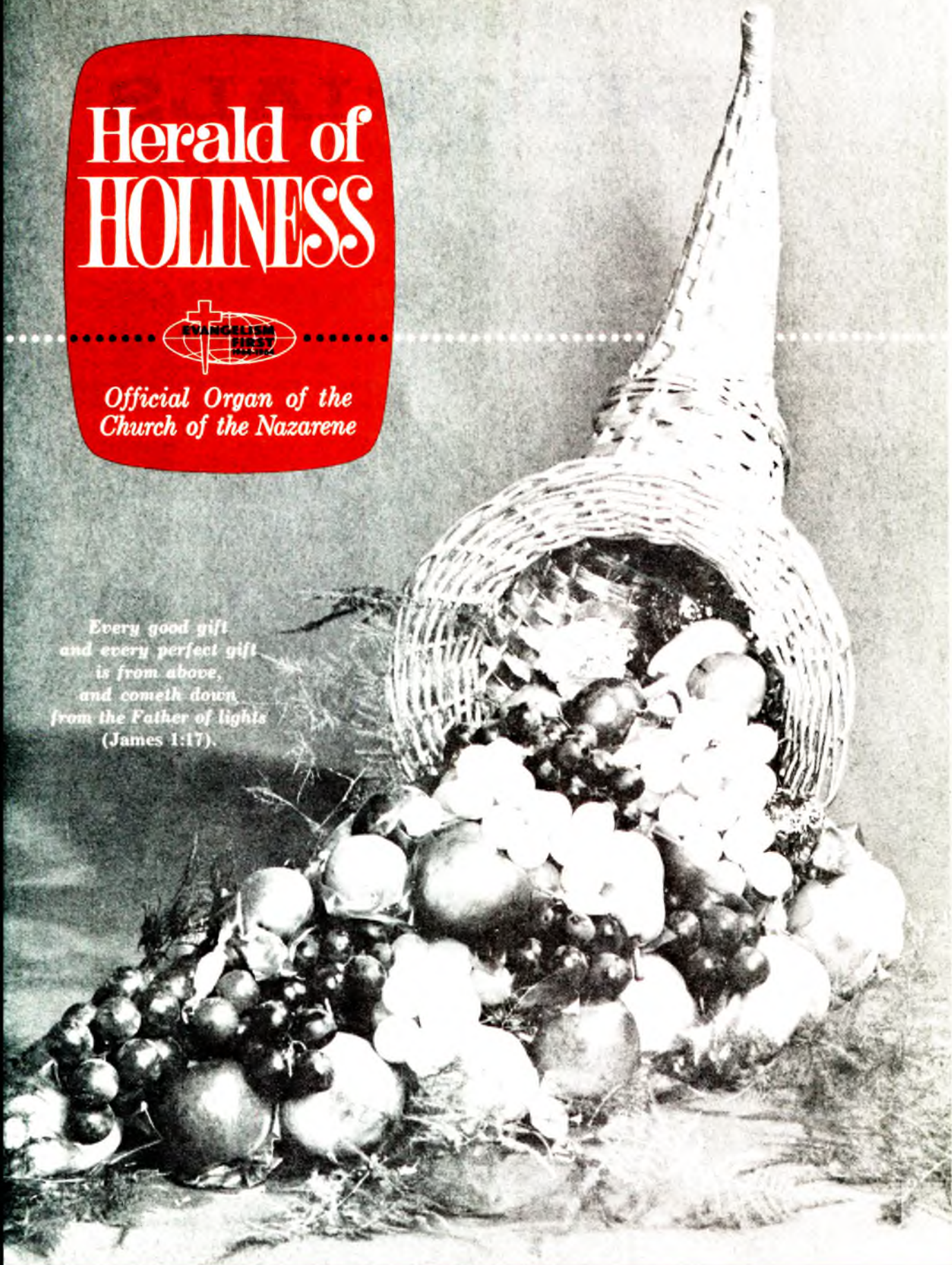


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*Every good gift
and every perfect gift
is from above,
and cometh down
from the Father of lights
(James 1:17).*



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EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Unworthy . . . but Not Ungrateful

Anyone who thoughtfully and honestly considers the bountiful goodness of God must be impressed with a sense of his own unworthiness. However limited life may have seemed to be, when we really count our blessings we find them more in number than the sands of the sea.

Yet we have nothing in ourselves to merit such goodness and grace. All we have received has been given to us, for we came into this world bringing nothing with us. Even when we have toiled for food and clothing it has been with strength drawn from a great many sources, and with the help of a great many others.

There is a wise caution in an ancient Book we need to hear in this age of plenty: "Beware . . . lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied: then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, . . . and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:11-18).

Most keenly do we feel our unworthiness when



The Cover . . .

Tomorrow throughout the United States we pause to give thanks again to God for the

bounties He has poured out so abundantly upon us. The "horn of plenty" in this year of grace, 1961, must mean more to us than the material gifts we have so freely received. It must be a challenge to us to remember the two-thirds of earth's population who will go to sleep tonight hungry and who will be hungry tomorrow. The world does not need our bombs—it needs our Bible and bread for body and soul. Let us strive to do as we have often said, and "turn Thanksgiving into thanks-living."

we think of the goodness of God in the forgiveness of sins and the grace of entire sanctification. We may wish for a thousand tongues to sing, or a thousand lives to give, but even this would never repay the debt we owe for the love that sent the only begotten Son to die in our stead.

But while always unworthy, I need not on that account be ungrateful. Thanksgiving should be a season when we renew the spirit of gratitude to our bountiful Heavenly Father. If it is, it will be a real means of grace to our hearts.

There may be greater sins than ingratitude, but there is none more mean and little. It is a small soul indeed who can take and take without so much as even a perfunctory "Thank you." And small and selfish souls are always restless and unhappy souls.

The sincere expression of appreciation is a privilege as well as a duty. It helps us break through the walls of self-centeredness which build a prison for the soul. It enlarges the capacity for love. It brings a glow of joy to the heart and inspiration to the mind. It does much, much more for the one who expresses the appreciation than it does for the one to whom the appreciation is given.

Really, there isn't much we can actually *give* to God except our gratitude and praise. Shall we give Him money? Certainly, yet this is but returning that which He has given us power to get. Shall we give Him time and strength? These, too, have first come from His bounty. Shall we yield to Him ourselves, as those alive from the dead? Nothing less, surely, yet even here it is His power that has brought our dead souls to new life in Christ.

Love never seeks payment in kind for what it gives. The gifts of God are not bribes to buy obedience. They are mighty incentives to worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving. It is when we bring grateful hearts to the throne of grace that we "give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name" (Psalms 29:2). "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalms 136:1).

It Is Not Too Late!

It is not too late to get in on the Thanksgiving Offering of last Sunday, November 19. Most churches hold the offering open for a few days for those who were kept away from church on Sunday, or who may not have had the money ready at the time.

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340 YEARS AGO



General Superintendent Young

ONE AMERICAN WRITER insists that Thanksgiving is the one day that is pure American. Its origin goes back to an autumn day in 1621. The Pilgrim families of Plymouth, Massachusetts, had invited the Indian Chief Massasoit and some eighty of the Wampanoag tribe to dinner. Their feast included wild turkeys and Indian corn, which Governor Bradford later described as "faire and good of diuerce collours." This original feast was inaugurated with a devout spirit of thanksgiving in the small colony when it became clear that they would have enough food for their second full winter. Bradford reflected, "May not and ought not the children of these . . . rightly say: Our fathers . . . came over this great ocean, and were ready to perish in this wilderness; but they cried unto the Lord, and he heard their voyce, and looked on their aduersitie . . . and thus they found the Lord to be with them in all their ways . . . for which let his holy name have praise for ever, to all posteritie?"

The above feast was repeated in the Massachusetts area every autumn thereafter, and spread subsequently to other colonies until it became an American custom. Today it is "a beloved tradition."

But the spirit of Thanksgiving is more

than an Americanism; it is thoroughly Christian. It has abundant foundation in the Word of God. The Bible itself relates the unthankful to the unholy. Let the Scriptures speak for themselves:

Psalms 34:3—O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psalms 100:4—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

II Corinthians 9:12—For the administration of this service . . . is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.

How fitting that the Thanksgiving season that began in America 340 years ago has spread throughout all our church until it has become a special time to present our world missionary offering to God through the General Budget! In Canada the offering is taken in October, in America in November, and in other countries at some suitable harvest season, but the spirit of Thanksgiving and sharing knows no national boundaries. Let us give together with true thanksgiving!



Cable from British Honduras

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IRREPARABLY.—BEALS.**

General Superintendent and Mrs. Hugh C. Benner are visiting the new churches in Campinas, Belo Horizonte, and Brasilia in Brazil this week. They arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on November 7, and Dr. Benner held the assembly, a holiness convention, and a Sunday school convention for the Argentine field. They have also visited the work in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Next week Dr. Benner will conduct the first provisional assembly and first missionary convention on the new Brazilian field. The Benners will leave Rio de Janeiro by ship on December 1, arriving in New York December 12.

Rev. Ray C. Gery, pastor at Colton, California, for the past three years, has accepted a call to join Rev. Clyde A. Rhone on the pastoral staff of San Bernardino First Church, assuming responsibility for the total Christian education and youth ministry. He will also share in the preaching ministry of this rapidly expanding church.

After pastoring the High Street Church in Springfield, Ohio, for six years, Rev. R. L. Sumner has resigned to accept the call to Trinity Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Evangelist and Mrs. Talmadge Johnson write that, after serving for three assembly years in evangelistic work, they have left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Elk City, Oklahoma. They express their sincere appreciation to all with whom they have worked in revival meetings.

THANKS: We want to express our thanks and gratitude to Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. Gene Phillips and the Iowa District, Dr. Lyle Eckley and the North-western Illinois District, the Reverend Mr. Turbyfill and other Peoria area pastors, the many Nazarenes and other friends who have been so kind; for their

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prayers, telegrams, cards, letters, flowers, and gifts during our recent loss of husband and father. Rev. Raymond M. Hayse, pastor of Golden Acres Church of the Nazarene. Thank you all, and God bless you. We are living in Peoria, Illinois, at 205 E. Maywood Avenue.—
MRS. RAYMOND M. HAYSE AND CHILDREN.

After pastoring the church in Mesa, Arizona, for more than six years, Rev. Cecil Burns has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church in Waco, Texas.

Rev. Merrill M. Morgan has been re-elected president of the Ministerial Alliance in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, where he is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. E. O. Davis, Nazarene pastor in Glenwood, Iowa, has been elected to a second term as president of the Glenwood Ministerial Association.

Rev. Joseph Causey died October 21 in Fruth or Consequences, New Mexico. He was unable to preach much after suffering a heart attack in 1948, but

assisted his wife in various churches where she served as pastor. He had preached in the service on October 11.

WHO DOTH ALL MY MOMENTS SHARE!

*I awaken in the morning
And my thoughts are turned to Thee,
Blessed, blessed Christ of glory,
Blessed Lamb of Calvary!*

*I arise and Thou art with me
As I face my tasks anew;
Deep beneath my occupation
I am thinking, Lord, of You.*

*Evening comes and Thy dear presence
Ever faithful holds me still,
As I rest my weary body
On the pillow of Thy will.*

*Through the night no fears alarm me,
For I'm in Thy loving care;
Blessed, blessed Christ of glory,
Who doth all my moments share!*

By ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON

The RECIPE for Thankfulness

By MENDELL TAYLOR

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Kansas City, Missouri



LEADING newspapers and magazines print many recipes to give the cooks something special for the Thanksgiving Day menu. The specialists in food mixes and the dietitians who design the new recipes will come up with original ideas to make the Thanksgiving meal tastier, more appealing to the eye, and less fattening than ever before. In the light of the various recipe suggestions that are coming your way, I would like to submit for your consideration a recipe for *thankfulness*. This formula is composed of the following ingredients:

Accentuate Appreciation

We are all tenants on the Lord's great plantation that we call the earth. The Psalmist expressed this truth in these words: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalms 24:1). We drink from His fountains and we eat from His granaries. We have a "hand-to-mouth" existence—from His hand to our mouths. His free gifts of sunshine and soil, moisture and mineral resources provide the necessities of life. We cannot make any of these things; we can only receive them.

If we make a "declaration of independence," we say that we earned the money that purchased the food, the clothing, the car, and the push-button automatics that we have. Therefore no appreciation is due anyone but ourselves, for our efficiency in holding a job and drawing a pay check make these things available. This reduces all of life to a cold, salary-conscious, and status-seeking proposition.

On the other hand, we can make a "declaration of dependence," and acknowledge that our life and health, our work opportunity, our food, and materials that make up our push-button paradise, come from the hand of plenty which our Heavenly Father extends to us. This acute awareness of total dependence accentuates our appreciation. Under such circumstances we become equally thankful for the momentous and the minute things that come our way. We appreciate each moment of

time, each breath of health, each bite of food, each drink of water, each flower of beauty, each smile of encouragement, each emotion of love, each idea of truth, each touch of inspiration, and each period of worship. A deep sense of appreciation will heighten the measure of our thankfulness.

Activate Gratitude

An attitude of gratitude always gives altitude to the soul, whereas ingratitude will leave the soul flat and frustrated.

An ungrateful person is maladjusted in all relationships. He criticizes other people for not treating him better and not giving him what he deserves. He offends his friends because he is on the defensive about what he doesn't have that they have. He suspects the good intentions of others and resents the good fortune of others. He puts the worst possible interpretation on what the other person does or says. The ungrateful individual develops a disposition that is antisocial, cynical, and touchy.

On the other hand, gratitude opens the fountains of kindness and generosity in the garden of the heart. A grateful person operates on this principle: "Freely I have received, so freely I will give. Since I have received all things from the Lord, gladly will I share these benefits with those whom I contact." This sharing experience enlarges our lives and enriches those about us. As these dividends accrue, they activate our gratitude to the degree that thankfulness becomes the normal expression of the overflowing heart.

Accelerate Joy

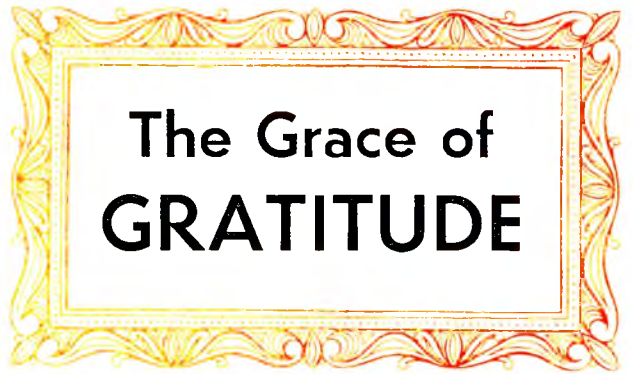
Joy is an imported product. It cannot be manufactured out of anything on this earth. It has to be imported from the divine world. Jesus underscored this proposition when He said: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

Joy and thankfulness are Siamese twins in the

spiritual world. The greater the amount of joy you receive from on high, the greater is your thankfulness for what is imparted to you. As your thankfulness reaches a higher level, your joy is intensified. As your joy becomes more accelerated, so does your thankfulness. You cannot be thankful to the Lord without giving Him praise, and when you praise Him you raise the level of your joy. In other words, the more you brag on the Lord, the more He blesses you; the more you exalt Him, the more He exhilarates you; the more you glorify Him, the more glory He gives you.

Isaiah applies a special quality to joy that is important in our personal living. He said that we would receive the "oil of joy" from the Lord. That means that joy has the same uses in the spiritual world that oil has in the physical world. The latter can be poured on troubled waters to cut down turbulence. It can be put where there is friction, and harsh noises become silent. It can be used as a lubricant to eliminate wear when metal contacts metal. The oil of joy serves these same purposes in the moral and social areas of life. It can calm troubled waters when misunderstandings come; it can cut down harsh noises when irritations develop; it can lubricate interpersonal relations when a person rubs us the wrong way. This type of joyfulness always expresses itself in thankfulness.

The recipe for thankfulness contains three ingredients: appreciation, gratitude, and joy. When this combination is functioning properly, we are in a position to fulfill the Biblical exhortation, "Rejoice evermore. . . . In every thing give thanks" (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).



The Grace of GRATITUDE

By Evangelist E. E. WORDSWORTH

In every thing give thanks (I Thessalonians 5:18).
Giving thanks always for all things unto God (Ephesians 5:20).

GRATITUDE is something none of us expresses too much. The smile, the thanks we give, the little gestures of appreciation, the kindly though small acts—all of these impress our neighbors and friends, and build up their philosophy of life.

Nothing brightens life—our own and others'—so much as the genuine spirit of thanksgiving. A smile costs less than a frown and uses fewer muscles. It is for the most part in the little and seemingly unimportant things of life that the grace of gratitude shines the best. The boy who delivers the paper, the milkman, the mailman, the barber, the waitress at the restaurant, the elevator operator, the valet who holds our coats and hats—all oblige us in one way or another.

At Christmas time, when a pastor, I would give a nice box of chocolates to my special newspaper



*How can I thank Thee for a tree
Whose multitude of singing tongues are free
To give Thee praise! . . .
Or . . . for the silvered shine of one lone star . . .
Just one!
Or . . . for winds that press their cool caress
Against my cheek . . .*

By D. MAUDE GILLESPIE

*And speak
As subtly as when they pass their restless fingers
Through my hair. . . .
How can I thank Thee, God!*

*How can I thank Thee
For lilacs . . . fragrant wet . . .
With rain . . .
Or for the quiet face
Of each April violet!
Oh . . . let
Me possess a trillion tongues!
A trillion tongues be mine!
And yet . . .
How could I give Thee thanks enough
For even one cool snowflake,
Perfect in design!*

friends and also to men in the post office, and their courtesies to me and my church will always be remembered. The unselfish life pays big dividends. "The world is dying for a little bit of love."

Gratitude, however, must be more than a passing sentiment. It must needs be heartfelt and sincere. To forget benefits is to be an ingrate. Shakespeare speaks of ingratitude as a "marble-hearted fiend." But the husband who recalls appreciatively some particularly generous or unselfish act on a wife's part, or a wife who never forgets the gifts her husband bestows, does much to keep the home fires burning and the domestic wheels running smoothly. Some husbands take their wives for granted, and some wives their husbands. How remote such attitudes from former days in "lovers' lane"! It is not enough to say now, "I am more practical." A box of chocolates is still appreciated!

Gratitude has much to do with human relationships. The *Christian Herald* told the story of a medical student and his patient. A man was brought into McGill University in Montreal whose life was saved by blood transfusion. When he was well again he asked, "Isn't there any way I can discover the name of the blood donor and thank him?" He was told that the names of donors were never divulged. A few weeks later he came back to the hospital to give a pint of his own blood. Since then he has returned again and again for the same purpose. When one of the surgeons com-

mented on this splendid anonymous service he answered simply, "Someone I never knew did it for me. I'm just saying, 'Thanks.'"

We are all "on the receiving end" and others are constantly rendering service in our behalf, so it behooves us to be thoughtful and grateful in response for benefactions so freely given.

There is also a higher relationship than those expressed in the amenities of human experience—our humble gratitude to Almighty God. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, only one, and he a Samaritan, gave thanks to the divine Healer. In the question asked by the Saviour, "Where are the nine?" one senses the disappointment of Christ in not receiving thanks from the healed ones.

All too often we are beggars and receivers minus gratitude. Our hearts are too cold, our lips mute, our lives praiseless, and we are veritable ingrates. St. Chrysostom's habitual doxology was, "Glory be to God in all things"; and it was the last word of his suffering life. In the heaviest loss, the severest pain, the sharpest sting of injury, "in every thing" the ingenuity of love and peace and sweetness will find some token of mercy and grace.

May God grant to you and me that Thanksgiving Day may be symbolic of the soul's desire constantly to express praise and thanksgiving to our adorable Saviour, Lord, and coming King. Let us arise and sing from our hearts the doxology! Amen, so let it be!

Thanksgiving

IN CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, . . . giving him thanks: . . . And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? (Luke 17:15-17)

By ALBERT M. WELLS, Pastor, Sidney, Nebraska

The Ungrateful Nine

CARLYLE SAID, "Every man should put himself at zero, and then reckon every degree ascending from that point as an occasion for thanks."

Alexander Maclaren said, "Thankfulness knits us to Jesus."

Richard Trench said: "To render thanks to Christ is an effort greater than most care to make."

John Henry Jowett said: "Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic."

John Casteel said: "We are not really content until we have shared our happiness with other people, and until we have given thanks to God."

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker said: "If you have

fresh water to drink and food to eat, you ought never to complain."

A little girl said, "I am thankful that I am thankful."

Jesus said, "Where are the nine?"

The account tells us that, while Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He entered a certain village and there met ten men who were lepers. Together they lifted their voices and cried out: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." And Jesus said, "Go shew yourselves unto the priests."

This was a strange procedure, for the priest had no special power to heal. He could only pronounce cured once a person had been healed.

However the ten did not question the instruction of Jesus, but started immediately to the priest. This meant that faith was already at work in their hearts, and, "as they went, they were cleansed."

Nine of these healed men were so wrapped up in the joy of their new-found blessing that they couldn't think of anything else. They could hardly wait to show their families. They probably lost



Give Thanks!



By **KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**

***Give thanks—in everything give thanks!
A mighty God is leading,
And our great Mediator stands
Before Him, ever pleading.***

***Give thanks—in everything give thanks!
Though courage may be waning—
Though joy has hid her happy face,
And in thy life 'tis raining.***

***Give thanks—in everything give thanks!
Each heart must have its sorrow.
Some days must have their bitter tears,
But we may sing tomorrow.***

***Give thanks—in everything give thanks!
No grief is so distressing
But God can turn it round about
And change it into blessing.***



no time in getting to the general store, where they could once again sit down and chat with old friends. Besides all this, they must look for employment, since they were no longer lepers. There were scores of things to do.

The fact is, these nine men become so engrossed with their healing that they forgot where it came from. Here is an incident which strikes a close parallel to the lives of many in our day. God for-

bid that we enjoy the blessings of life and fail to remember where they came from.

The Man Who Was Different

Having observed the behavior of the ungrateful nine, now note the man who was different. In verse 15 we read, "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and . . . glorified God." It is interesting to see how this man personifies "thanksgiving in Christian experience."

First, he did so in *recognition*. He recognized Jesus to be the Source of his healing. We cannot be sure to what cause the other nine credited their healing. Perhaps they just chalked it up to a freakish twist of fate. Or they could have concluded that the source of their blessing was simply beyond any degree of understanding. But *one was different*. He recognized Jesus to be the Giver of this gift of healing.

I think all of us will assent to the idea that we should *constantly* be thankful for life and its fulfillment. But I like the tradition of having a chosen day of the year when we give special attention to gratitude. It becomes a time when we count our blessings, and counting them, we discover that they are countless. Thanksgiving is truly a "turning back" and taking time to *recognize* that life and its accompanying gifts come from God.

Second, thanksgiving in Christian experience is to be found in *realization*. In verse 16 we read that he "fell down on his face at his [Jesus'] feet, giving him thanks." This unique one of the ten realized his creatureliness and insignificance, for he fell on his face at the feet of Jesus in thankfulness. He *realized* his place of humility before the Lord.

Did you ever see a person who was not humble really engage in thanksgiving? Obviously not. But this stand-out Samaritan realized that he was now dependent upon a power outside himself. Thus he fell at Jesus' feet.

William L. Sullivan speaks to this point when he says: "Genuine humility does not arise from the sense of our pitiable kinship with the dust that is unworthy of us, but from the *realization* of our awful nearness to a magnificence of which we are unworthy." This was precisely the case of the thankful man that day. He *realized* his awful nearness to his magnificent Lord, of whom he was so unworthy. It is when we realize our insignificance and unworthiness that we can truly throw ourselves at the Master's feet and give thanks.

The "man who was different" provides for us a lesson in gratitude. When we have *recognized* God as the Giver of life and its blessings, and when we have *realized* the lordship of Jesus, then we have given *thanksgiving* its rightful place in Christian experience.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE:

CHRIST ... the Home Center

By MARCELLA BRAKER, *Randolph, Wisconsin*



THE TIME is early morning. I arise to my early morning quiet time with the Lord. Oh, what a wonderful time in Bible reading and prayer, finding strength for the day! It is in this morning watch that each day is consecrated, each problem is left with the Lord. It begins my day without a single worry and burden, for *all* is in the Lord's hands. I can come forth "in quietness and in confidence."

Our four preschool children know their rising time is set. If they awaken before, they remain in bed until called. Sometimes I sing to them or use music from the radio or records. As each child awakens, I take each one and we pray. First the child himself prays, then I pray, about his own problems and activities of the day. Nine-month-old Dale cannot pray alone, but I can pray that I may train him "in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). How this starts the day in harmony with the presence of God!

We believe Christ is the center of our lives. We teach our children that Christ is with us always, continually concerned about us, and He wants us to remember Him in all our ways.

Our way of training our four children in God's Word is by reading directly from the Bible in the morning after breakfast. In the evening a Bible story book is read in chronological story order except for requested favorites occasionally. During the day we have records, Sunday school papers, and books present as part of their toys.

Someone told us recently that our poor children do not have a normal life. We have no television, and we frequently use Bible story acting and story reading as part of our play. I hesitate to define normal; but this I know, our children are happy. We can talk together, pray together, sing together, play together. It's our own children who many times strengthen our faith because of their complete confidence in God.

I cannot say what our future holds, or what our children's futures will be; but the child's best Guidebook, the Bible, tells us, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:7); and, "Train up a child in the way

he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Our greatest desire as parents is to see each of our children in the way of holiness—and we as parents have the first responsibility, far above teachers and pastors. Our ultimate reward is a happy heart in the Lord, but God is faithful and blesses us day by day. We have had experiences of divine healing, and we know the unequalled joy of a family togetherness in the Lord.

The rewards of words many times has thoroughly blessed us. "Mommy, I prayed to Jesus that I will understand you, and I prayed to Jesus that you will understand me." There is no equal to the blessedness of Christ as the center of a home!

"THANKING" YOUR WAY OUT OF TROUBLE!

By KATHERINE BEVIS

YOU HAVE HEARD it said, perhaps many times, that you can "think" your way out of trouble, but did you know that you can also "thank" your way out of trouble? The only way to disprove this statement is to try it!

If Jesus himself felt the need of thanking God, when He needed the loaves and fishes multiplied in order to solve His problem of feeding the multitude, then surely we need to try this plan. And there is one thing we shall find when we do try—God will never fail us!

The most effective prayer man can utter is a prayer of thanksgiving! It is not a prayer of asking, but it is a prayer of accepting. It is a prayer of

.....
Grief and sorrow teach how to mark the Word. No man understands the Scriptures, unless he be acquainted with the cross.—Luther.
.....

recognizing and giving thanks to God for what He has done for us, and what we know He will do. Giving thanks to God for the help we need, when it is not apparent, is the surest way to enable that help to be given.

The next time you are involved in a troublesome situation, stop for a moment. "Be still, and know . . ." that God is present in all things; therefore He is present in this particular situation. He has the power to solve your problem. *Thank* yourself out of this problem.

When we really realize this—when we really believe it with all our hearts, then we shall find there is nothing to "think out," only to "thank out."

We do not ask an apple tree to bring forth apples. It cannot bring forth any other fruit. Nor do we ask a grapevine to bring forth grapes—it cannot produce anything else.

When we wait before God with a heart full of thanks for what He has already done, we do not have to ask the Holy Spirit for the solution to our problems—they are solved in God's way (the best way), and our prayers become paeans of praise and thanksgiving.

"Thanking" our way out of life's problems opens our eyes to the help all about us and quickens our understanding of God's great love for us. One ancient writer said that our whole lives should speak forth our thankfulness; every condition and place in which we are should be a witness of our thankfulness. This will make the times and places we live in better for us.

When we ourselves are monuments of God's mercy, it is fit we should be patterns of His praises, and leave monuments to others. God gives us this life to do more than just to live it. We live not merely to live; this life is not the end in itself, but we should live it in praise to the giver of it. Are we thankful even in the face of problems, sorrows, and disappointments?

Let's fill our hearts full of thank-you prayers! A spirit of thankfulness is irrevocably linked with love and appreciation, with faith, and with recognition of God in every condition of life. God's Word says: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalms 107:8)

Thank God for everything: for life's trials that make you stronger, for everything that comes your way. Thankfulness blesses and enriches our daily lives.

Thankfulness is not only deserving a special day—THANKSGIVING DAY—but it merits everyday observance.

DETOURS



by
PAULINE E. SPRAY

IF one does any amount of traveling, he is bound to run into detours. They seem to be scattered quite frequently about the country, especially during the summer season.

Detours are often rough and bumpy. Clouds of dust accompany those traveling these temporary routes.

Despite the discomfort detours offer the traveler, they often lead through interesting places. Sometimes they offer scenic beauties not afforded him on the main highways.

No matter how far the detour takes us out of our way, it always brings us back to the main highway if we pay attention, watch the signs, and follow the instructions given.

So it is with the Christian life. Often our lives run along smoothly—so smoothly we give little attention to living. It's like the smooth pavement

over which we glide in our automobiles with little effort and attention. But then a "detour" sign suddenly appears, and we must go where the pointer directs.

Detours often interrupt the easy gliding of our everyday living. Perhaps the "detour" is illness or disappointment. It may be the loss of a loved one. At first we cringe at the appearance of the detour. We try vainly to escape it. When all other means of travel are denied, we follow the inescapable path and suffer through the bumps, the jolts, and the dust.

However, when one has accepted the "detour" as a thing allowed by the Lord, he may feel His presence closer than ever before and find unusual blessings in store along the way—more than during the smooth gliding of easy travel.

If the Christian trusts the Lord implicitly and unquestioningly, He will guide him safely through the hour of tribulation and bring him out on the highway once again.

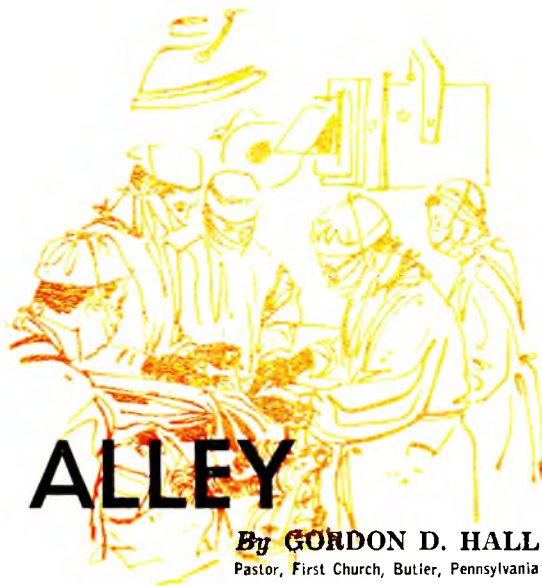
"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way" (Psalms 37:23).

Detours may be distressing, but we must remember they are temporary. So it is with the difficulties a Christian is allowed to endure. Sorrow may last for a night, but "joy cometh in the morning."

WE LIVE in "Hospital Alley."

In the third house up from us a man is convalescing after a siege in the hospital during which loved ones despaired of his life.

Next to him lives a man who had major surgery about two years ago. Shortly after he returned to work his right leg was crushed in an accident. He has had this leg in a cast for eighteen months. Every six or eight weeks the cast is removed and hope rises, but each time the heartbreaking report is that the bones aren't knitting and another cast must be put on. The sober truth is that he may



HOSPITAL ALLEY

By **GORDON D. HALL**
Pastor, First Church, Butler, Pennsylvania

lose his leg after all these months. During this time his wife has been hospitalized twice for surgery.

Next to us the pleasant, dark-haired Italian lady is finding it hard to smile lately. Just a few days ago her husband returned to the hospital he left only a month or so ago. The report: malignant tumor; no hope.

In our house right now things are a bit upset. The "queen of the parsonage" has only recently returned from the hospital and a rendezvous with the surgeon's knife, an appointment her husband has kept three times during their brief ministry here, and which seems to have taken something out of him in more ways than one.

But what is the purpose behind my relating these unpleasant experiences? Surely all of us could add many tragic stories to this list. Allow me to point out this: the first family is Roman Catholic; the second, liberal Protestant; the third, Roman Catholic; and the fourth, Nazarene. Quite a difference in religion, but pain and suffering have come to us all.

Perhaps "Hospital Alley" has had a bit more than its share of sickness, suffering, and surgery the last two or three years; but I think perhaps it's fairly representative of the world in which we live. There is so much of heartache and tragedy everywhere we look. Anyone can see it; and we who are Christians can see, beyond the physical anguish and suffering, the worst disease of all—sin. Surely the world needs to know that there is a "balm in Gilead."

But it's right at this point that I am bothered sometimes. Sickness, heartaches, and trials come our way and too often we seem to feel that they come because we are Christians. We look at the fellow walking out of his lovely house, with a big cigar in his mouth, to climb into his new Cadillac; and, filled with self-pity, ask the pastor, Sunday

school teacher, the man in "The Answer Corner," and anyone else who will listen, why we Christians have it so hard and the sinner has it so easy.

Just a few hours away from the suffering of the Cross, Jesus comforted His disciples, "Let not *your* heart be troubled" (John 11:1). While suffering excruciating pain on the Cross, He prayed for those who had crucified Him and even then were mocking. The Apostle Paul, having learned "in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 1:11), wrote letters of encouragement to various individuals and churches while he himself was confined to prison. He had no time for self-pity. His concern was for others.

Jesus warned us, "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). Many a dear saint is suffering and none of us escapes it; but God forbid that while millions are suffering here and have only eternal night ahead (unless someone reaches them with the gospel) we be found wasting our pity and compassion on ourselves. If we are to reach needy people with the gospel in this our day, we must forget ourselves in utter abandonment to God and the needs of souls. And remember that whenever we seek to lift another's burden we lighten our own.

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But every effort should be made to complete the offering and mail it to General Treasurer John Stockton without delay. We shall report through the pages of the *Herald* from week to week as the latter tabulations of the total become available. This ought to be the greatest missionary offering in the history of the Church of the Nazarene.

We Are Thankful!

By ESTHER SKINNER WOLFE

Lord, we are thankful for a thousand things—
Yes, a million things or more;
We can count our many blessings
And be grateful o'er and o'er.
But if, as we are rejoicing,
We forget to stop and pray
For the many who are needy
Or who may have lost their way;
If we forget the heathen,
In the lands across the sea,
Then I believe we are not worthy
Of our Christian liberty.
Yes, we count our many blessings
As we bow our heads to pray
And are grateful that we know You,
On this Thanksgiving Day.
We are thankful for so many things,
For homes, for land that's free,
And we know the joy of true worship
As we lift our hearts to Thee.
But we would not forget to thank You
For the glorious opportunity
Of praying, Lord, for others
Less fortunate than we.

PAUL and NERO

By WILLIAM J. NICHOLS

ACTS 27:24 STATES: "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar." So we know that Paul and Nero faced each other. We are not given any of the details, but a meaningful meeting it was.

Nero was well known to the world and the Church. Paul was well known to the Church but not to the world in general. Nero was important to that generation only, but Paul has been important to all generations since. The comparison between these two men is interesting. Paul is an example of what the grace of God can do for man. Nero is an example of what sin can do to man.

Nero's countenance had been marred by years of dissipation and sin. He is said to have been

of less than medium height. He had brown hair and dull gray eyes. Paul was a small man, "mean of bodily presence," and had weak eyes. Yet Paul's very countenance spoke of a great character and strong will power.

Nero was a sovereign of the pagan world; Paul was a leader of a small and seemingly insignificant sect of people who were called "Christians." Nero lived in a vast and elaborate palace with the finest of furnishings; Paul lived in a cold, damp, dreary prison cell. Nero's diet was fine imported food from all over the world; Paul's food was that which was served in prison. Yet the startling thing is that Nero is the one who was poor and in bondage; Paul is the one who was free and rich in things eternal.

It is said that Nero never wore the same garment twice and traveled with a thousand baggage carts. Paul had only the thin, worn garments on his back. He even had to write to Timothy and ask that he bring his cloak before winter. Nero had an excellent education and was reputed to be a poet, singer, and actor. But none of his writings are remembered today. Paul's letters have been cherished by men of all ages.

Nero demanded loyalty and obedience through the fear of death. Paul demanded love and obedience by giving his own love. Nero murdered his mother, his wives, and his friends. Paul gave his life spreading the gospel of Jesus to those who hated him. Nero shocked humanity by his crimes. Paul turned humanity to God by his sacrifice.

Nero died a cowardly, suicidal death; Paul died as a brave martyr. Nero died eternally; Paul lives everlastingly. Paul's way of life stood the test even unto death; Nero's did not.

History has a way of evaluating men, as someone has observed, for men name their sons "Paul" and their dogs "Nero."

These two men represent the two ways of life. Each of us is going the way of either Paul or Nero. There is no middle ground. We may not rise to the heights of Paul or sink to the depths of Nero, but we have the potentiality to do so. Let us so live and serve Jesus Christ that at the end of our journey we can say with Paul: "I am now ready . . . I have fought a good fight" (II Timothy 5:6-7).



In our aversion to compromise, there is danger that we will become unkind and censorious. It is so easy to pass on from fidelity to our own conscience to the "judgment seat." Commendable loyalty easily degenerates into condemnable obstinacy. The true prophet of God by a slight loss of grace becomes the contemptible mote hunter.—J. B. Chapman.



THE CHURCH AT WORK

HOME MISSIONS

ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Overseas Addresses

In answer to the requests for addresses of our district superintendents and pastors in the overseas home mission districts, we are listing them below. Some may wish to cut out and keep this information for future reference. Only the pastors from the United States and Canada are included. The Department will be glad to furnish the addresses of any other overseas pastors upon request. We also have a list of names of all the members of the families of these ministers, with their birthdays, for those who would like to have this information to send birthday cards and remember the families in prayer.

We are sure that these pastors would be glad to receive Christmas greetings from you. Contact your post office for the correct overseas postage.

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Christmas Time

Is there a home mission pastor on your district that your church, missionary society, N.Y.P.S., or Sunday school class can bring happiness to through a gift or pounding? Contact your district superintendent for the name of a deserving pastor on your

district. Your thoughtfulness will brighten Christmas for his family. If you wish to provide a Christmas remembrance for a pastor's family in our Negro work on the Gulf Central District, write to the Department of Home Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Note from New Guinea

We've just begun our school session and our hearts have been encouraged over the response of the boys. We had a good service with them last night, and are beginning a revival next Sunday. We're praying the boys will feel God's Spirit calling them to real Christian service among their own people.

We hope to start two new churches and a new village school soon.

The children are well and we cannot be grateful enough for all of God's blessings to us. It is such a privilege to serve Him here in New Guinea.—WANDA KNOX, *New Guinea*.

Moving Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Pattee and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Tryon are now in the Philippine Islands at our Nazarene mission. Brother and Sister Pattee are beginning their fifth term of service, and Brother and Sister Tryon are new missionaries on their first assignment. Their address is Box 14, Baguio City, Philippine Islands.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Stroud have sailed to Korea for their first term of service. Their address is: LETTERS: Church of the Nazarene Mission, APO 301, San Francisco, California. FOR PACKAGES: Send to—Church of the Nazarene Mission, IPO 1327, Seoul, Korea. It is very important that these instructions be observed carefully, as they are government orders, and failure to follow them will result in the mis-

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Nine Months in Africa

It is now past nine months since arriving on the Blouberg Mission Station. New language, new people, new customs—yet within my heart these have been the happiest months of my life: seeing God's will fulfilled, claiming His promises, and realizing more and more His great power.

At present I am about to take my first oral and written language examinations. I have found the language difficult but interesting.

I have had a little difficulty with my health, but I believe God has touched me, for which I praise Him.

We are looking forward to our council meeting with Dr. Williamson, and praying for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, with a greater vision for all of us, of the lost and of the work He has called us to do.—MABEL TUSTIN, *Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.*

(NOTE: Pray for Miss Tustin, that God will continue to touch her body and give health and strength that she may have a long life of service for God in His harvest field.—EDITOR.)

Mozambique Bible School Full

We have opened our new term with our largest enrollment ever—fifty-five regular students and seven special students. God is blessing this new semester and giving some wonderful spiritual victories! Praise His name!—LORRAINE SCHULTZ, Mozambique, Africa.

Swaziland Reaches Out

We are trying to keep evangelism before our people so that it will be a vital force for good during these very crucial times in Africa.

We had a wonderful camp meeting the last of June and first of July. Our two Swazi special workers preached on holiness in nearly every service and the Lord honored their messages, giving us at least 140 seekers during the three days of the camp. One of the older Swazi ordained elders said that it reminded him of the camp meetings of the early days during the time of Rev. Harmon Schmelzenbach. A great host of young people came forward, pledging that if God should call them to full-time Christian service they would answer the call. This is our greatest need next to revival.

We are asking the Lord to give us twelve new students in Bible school from our zone next year. During the latter part of July and the first of August we had 3 tent meetings in new areas in the bushveld with a total of 136 seekers in the 3 meetings. The local chief came out for prayer in one of them and he really seems to be in earnest in wanting to be a Christian. This could be a great blessing to the people and we will appreciate your prayers for him. We are continuing services in all these places and we will probably be able to establish churches in some, if not all, in the near future. Join us in prayer for permits for each of these 3 places together with at least 5 others where we very much need to establish regular outstations.—D. H. SPENCER, *Swaziland.*

THE N.Y.P.S.

PAUL SKILES, Secretary

From the report of Missionary Orpha Cook, youth director of Trinidad and Tobago:



I am bringing to you my third report as youth director of the district. It has been a joy to work with the young people and children of Trinidad and Tobago.

N.Y.P.S. Adviser—Last year's N.Y.P.S. convention, introducing the quadriennial theme, "HIS," challenged all present to a deeper devotion to God and His kingdom, and set the pace for the year's activities. The young people have enthusiastically participated in the district and zone events.

In January a quiz on the church rules, taken from the *Manual*, was highlighted in the N.Y.P.S. zone rallies across the district. Many young people participated and they as well as the congregation benefited from the hearing of the church rules quoted.

In February, the N.Y.P.S. sponsored a district-wide outing on Carnival Day. This was jointly hosted by Santa Cruz church and N.T.C. A large number of young people gathered for a fine day of Christian fun and activity which was climaxed in the evening by an indoor campfire. Dr. Lloyd Byron from the U.S.A. was the guest speaker. The district quiz play-off was one of the features of the campfire service, when winning quizzers from each zone competed for the prize offered of a free registration to youth camp.

Rev. John Lal has again done a good job of being district president. Because of lack of funds he has been limited in promoting and visiting the local societies. There is still much ground to be gained so far as effective N.Y.P.S. operation, but we feel some progress has been made.

District Camps—The third youth camp was held April 3 to 8 at Santa Cruz. There was a registration of 107 this year. We were honored to have as our guest speaker Mr. Paul Skiles, general N.Y.P.S. executive secretary. His spirit, influence, messages, music, and teaching made a profound impression upon those present. His attitude, "This is camp, relax," was good for all of us. A nautical theme was developed, and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" was the theme song. The staff and group

leaders worked together as a team. Brother Skiles said that he had never seen finer co-operation and enthusiasm. Two more "HIS" series books were taught and 86 credits earned.

The quiet working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the young people and the response to the altar calls, without any pressure, was something beautiful to see. We thank God for answered prayer and pray that the effects may be lasting.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Northwest Indiana District N.Y.P.S.—Church Schools Tour

In the dawn of what promises to be one of the best years of the Northwest Indiana District, the annual N.Y.P.S.—Church Schools tour was launched with apparent success for eight days in September.

Rev. Darrell Luther, district N.Y.P.S. president, presented an inspirational challenge to meet the objectives of the year. Among the many items given special attention was the district N.Y.P.S. home missionary emphasis of contributing some two thousand dollars to the new church at Griffith, Indiana. There is a fine rapport existing between the District Council, which has a most capable and energetic personnel, and our beloved district superintendent, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, who has given his best in the support of the general and district N.Y.P.S. program. With an optimistic view we look forward to a victorious year in HIS service.

The enthusiasm of the district church schools chairman, Rev. Owen Burke, was contagious as the district award-winning attendance contest to "Put a Man on the Moon" was set in motion. When the goals are reached, the district will have had its greatest number in attendance with a substantial increase in average attendance. Every area of the district church school program will be strengthened by this contest.

Emphasizing every area of the total church program, Dr. George Coulter, our very capable general foreign missions secretary, stirred our hearts with his messages, emphasizing that the whole of the church and its program is the maintaining of Spirit-filled lives and the constant outreach for new converts through every department of the work.

While District Superintendent Morgan stayed in the background during the tour, it was his keen ingenuity and constant concern for the success of the church that set the tour on its course toward success. We all love and appreciate our district superintendent.—RICHARD H. NEIDERHISER, *Reporter.*

District Assembly of South Africa (European)

More delegates and visitors attended the twelfth annual assembly of the South Africa (European) District than ever before. They came from British Central Africa (Nvasaland), the two Rhodesias, Mozambique, and the four provinces of the newly formed South African Republic.

The N.Y.P.S. and N.F.M.S. conventions were held, along with the assembly, in the Y.M.C.A., Johannesburg, the only church-occupied center that can now adequately provide the necessary facilities for this rapidly growing district.

All were greatly encouraged by a group of seven from Mozambique, where we have two churches: one in Lourenco Marques, the seaport; and another fourteen miles inland. Brother Dias, the pastor of these two growing churches, survived a serious automobile accident and came, walking stiffly with both legs in plaster.

The visit of a general superintendent every two years is looked forward to with keenest anticipation. Dr. G. B. Williamson proved to be both thoroughly human and easily approachable, a great leader and a wise chairman. Never before have we been made so conscious of the "family" relationship existing among us.

In his report Dr. C. H. Strickland, district superintendent, told of new advances into Nvasaland and Southern Rhodesia. He also introduced Ds. (Afrikaans for Rev.) G. J. van Rensburg. This worthy brother led for many years what has now become our first Afrikaans-speaking church on the Rand. Brother van Rensburg brought into our church about fifty-five good folk with an excellent holiness tradition, along with a church-cum-parsonage of about \$14,000.

The Bible College, with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, acquitted itself very well. The student body, although small in number, is by far the best in its history; their singing was superb. At the close of this year a new major step is being undertaken with the relocation of the college onto the Rand, which will bring it closer to the bulk of the churches and make holiday work and lecturers more easily available.

For the first time a general superintendent preached in the Johannesburg City Hall. Our little crowd made an excellent showing in this huge auditorium, while the improvised altar witnessed miracles of divine grace as seekers after God found new life in Christ.

Five of our faithful brethren were ordained on the closing night, among them Brother M. M. C. Dias, who was so graciously and miraculously preserved to us a few weeks ago.

Of interest to our other districts was the ratification by the assembly of a draft Savings Pension Plan which would take care of the "tomorrows" of our retired elders, etc. This plan has been faithfully supported by our churches and the ministers, and enjoys the approbation of the General Board.

This assembly was marked by a very definite spirit of unity—as of a family united. Three language groups felt completely at home in the Lord as together we faced the task of planting the Church of the Nazarene in the soil of southern Africa. In a continent torn by racial division this spirit of brotherhood is found only in gospel enterprise. Only around the Cross does such sweet fellowship prevail.

Upon our hearts, united in a great endeavor, the district superintendent laid certain goals: "Up, brethren, 707 members must become 1,000 (over a two-year-

period), and we must add 5 churches!" —I. H. M. BARRON, *Reporter*.

Southeast Oklahoma District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The tenth annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the Southeast Oklahoma District convened in First Church, Shawnee, with Rev. Ralph Simpson, host pastor.

The past assembly year has been one of success and new ventures in the work of the N.Y.P.S. on our district. For the second successive year the enrollment at camp and institute has exceeded three hundred, with literally scores of victorious seekers at the altar under the ministry of Rev. Raymond W. Hurn. Our initial district PALspiration rally was held at Easter time at Robbers' Cave State Park, which is the site of camp and institute as well, with nearly two hundred in attendance, almost entirely teen-agers.

District President Thomas Gilliam gave his fifth and final report to the convention. He has already moved to his new pastorate in Springfield, Missouri, Scenic Drive Church.

Rev. Clarence M. Parker was elected district president; Rev. Harold L. Rains, vice-president; Rev. Wilbur Brannon, secretary; and Mr. Lenard Stubbs, treasurer.

The convention closed with an evening service of evangelism as Rev. Ray Lynn Hance of Kinsley, Kansas, brought a Spirit-filled message to a capacity audience, and many souls found Christ.

The Southeast Oklahoma District with Rev. Glen C. Jones as district superintendent faces a bright future with a progressive, up-to-date program for our youth. —*Reporter*.

South African (European) District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The warmth and friendship of the eleventh bilingual N.Y.P.S. convention reached a still higher level of blessing, vision, and achievement than ever before. Statistics can scarcely convey any adequate idea of the challenge presented and accepted, of the spirit of oneness prevailing, and of the profound sense of the divine presence in the midst.

We are happy to report three newly organized societies, bringing the total of operating groups to twenty. Of these three societies, one was a group of forty-two from a church on the Rand that joined us four months ago. The total membership is now over six hundred, and money raised is \$150.

Last year's notable advance came when the president, Rev. I. J. Kriel, appointed Mr. David Whitelaw (student at South African Nazarene Bible College) as zone director of the new Rand Zone. The impressive list of activities by this new zone challenged the other societies, and three new zones have been asked for.

The South African N.Y.P.S. launched a new venture in the shape of a Senior Youth Camp at our Immanuel Park campgrounds—ages, fourteen years and up. This was well attended and a good spirit prevailed. Such glowing reports came from this camp that it has been

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included as a regular annual feature of our district activities.

The close of the convention was a heart-softening experience. Eleven of our finest South African Nazarenes knelt at the altar in an act of dedication to God for the furthering of the aims of the N.Y.P.S., challenging all present to new heights of sacrifice and devotion. —I. H. M. BARRON, *Reporter*.

Louisiana District N.Y.P.S. Convention and Institute

The annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the Louisiana District convened August 14 at the District Center, Pineville. Rev. Ray Atwood, district president for the past three years, presented his final report, which showed gains in the work. He stated that he had accepted the pastorate of the Edgewood Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The convention presented the retiring president a love offering of one hundred dollars. Rev. Donald Peal, who had served three years as vice-president, was elected as the new president.

Upon adjournment of the convention, the annual youth camp and institute began and continued through noon of August 18. Dr. Mendell Taylor, camp speaker, endeared himself to youth and adults alike. His messages were of the highest type, informative, and laid an excellent foundation for more intelligent seeking at the altar of prayer. The closing service will be long remembered by all present, as wave after wave of the Spirit of the Lord swept over the hearts of all present.

The wise counsel and godly example of our district superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. T. T. McCord, made a valuable contribution to the success of the camp. The N.Y.P.S., along with other departments of the district, are united under the leadership of Superintendent McCord in promoting the work of the Kingdom through Nazarene channels here in Louisiana. —JOE G. CORDILL, *Reporter*.

Wisconsin District N.Y.P.S. Convention

With the singing of the theme chorus, "HIS," the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Wisconsin District N.Y.P.S. convened on August 12 at Camp Byron, with Rev. Dwight Millikan, district president, also member of the General N.Y.P.S. Council from the Olivet Zone, presiding.

The opening devotional message was presented by Rev. Wesley K. Poole, secretary of the Southwestern Ohio District N.Y.P.S., and pastor of the Knollwood Church in Davton.

The district president's report revealed

a good year of progress. For the twelfth consecutive year the youth sponsored the payment of the Olivet Nazarene College budget in full by district preachers' convention in October. The societies participated 100 per cent in the American Bible Society offering; the *Conquest* subscription quota was exceeded by 108; and 150 young people attended the annual spring banquet at Green Lake. The challenge of our president was to a deep commitment of our youth to the cause of holiness evangelism.

A unanimous vote was cast for the re-election of President Millikan. Other officers elected were: Rev. Gordon Wetmore, vice-president; Rev. Marvin Donaldson, secretary; Rev. Albert Pemble, treasurer; Mrs. Millard Reed, N.J.F. director; Rev. Robert McCoy, T. F. director; Rev. Millard Reed, Y.A.F. director; Lois Pannier and David Fry, teen representatives; and Norma Surber and Stuart Meisner, young adult representatives.

Zone presidents reported various and interesting activities, from youth revivals to zone rallies, Bible quizzes to singspirations, and summer recreation of many kinds.

The high light of the afternoon sessions was the teen-talent program. The Spirit blessed this part of the program in a special way.

The Olivet Nazarene College scholarship award of one hundred dollars was given to Reva Kinnersly of Columbus, Wisconsin.

Wisconsin District youth appreciate the godly leadership of Superintendent Donald Gibson and President Dwight Millikan, as well as the council.—**HAROLD L. FRYE, Reporter.**

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Crescent, Oklahoma—Recently our church had a very successful revival with Evangelist Thomas Hayes and Brother Edward Wolpe as the special workers. There were seekers in nearly every service, and several were healed of physical ailments. Brother Hayes is a kind, lovable man with great faith for victory. With great earnestness and simplicity, he holds the crowds well and gets results. Both his spirit and message help to build the church.—**B. N. WIFE, Pastor.**

14 SUNDAY NIGHTS

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EVANGELISM

Buffalo, New York—Our church enjoyed a very fine revival recently with the Pickering Musicalaires as the special workers. During the meeting a special candlelight service was held on Saturday night, and this sacred concert was much appreciated. The outstanding feature of the revival was that thirty-five "brand-new" people attended during the

six days. Ten seekers bowed at the altar of prayer, and the church people were greatly blessed and helped.—**WILLA STRONG, Secretary.**

Kankakee, Illinois—Sunday night, October 15, marked the close of the fall revival at College Church with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool as the evangelist, and Professor Curtis Brady as director of the music. A wonderful spirit pervaded the campus and the church during these days, and several times during the meetings the church was filled to capacity.



"SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

November 26—"Of Fields and Fire," by Wilson R. Lanpher

December 3—"The Road Back," by E. W. Martin

December 10—"The Bible—the Word of God," by E. W. Martin

December 17—"Religion in the Atomic Age," by Mendell Taylor



On the closing night there were more than eleven hundred present. Dr. Vanderpool was at his best, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested in an unusual way in both the singing and the preaching. Over three hundred sought the Lord for saving and sanctifying grace. This week marked a united effort on the part of students, faculty, and community in behalf of a genuine revival. These are encouraging days in the College Church.—**FORREST W. NASH, Pastor.**

Cedar Falls, Iowa—North Cedar Church recently closed a ten-day revival with Evangelist J. W. Humble. His ministry was edifying and our church moved up as God dealt with hearts. We have had two of our best meetings with Brother Humble during our pastorate here. Our Sunday evening services have increased in attendance from the forties to the eighties, and fifty-seven members have been received during our six years. We appreciate the ministry of Brother Humble.—**W. D. HUFFMAN, Pastor.**

Columbiana, Ohio—Recently our church had a wonderful revival with Evangelist James A. Rodgers. Two entire families were won to the Lord, new members were added to the church, and a city patrolman prayed through to God in the pastor's study, and another businessman prayed through to God in his home during the campaign. God certainly used the deep Bible messages of Brother Rodgers, and the blessing of the Spirit rested upon the services.—**JOHN R. DOWLEY, Pastor.**

Wichita, Kansas—The Rolling Hills Church recently experienced a wonderful revival with Rev. Thomas Hayes, evangelist, and Ed. Wolpe, trumpeter. More than fifty people bowed at the altar of prayer seeking God for pardon and entire sanctification. As a result of

Brother Hayes's rugged gospel preaching, with tenderness and love, the whole church was blessed and revived. A real spirit of prayer and unity prevailed throughout. Brother Hayes is a friend to the pastor. A tithing band was organized, and the pastor was given an increase in salary and a love offering. The revival closed with a fine service and shouts of victory and praise.—**URS RUSHING, Pastor.**

Parkersburg, West Virginia—Southside Church recently experienced a real spiritual awakening under the ministry of Evangelist James Fitch. Members of the church, with the pastor and evangelist, fasted and prayed and God came in a wonderful way. Many seekers lined the altar each night and found Christ as their Saviour and Sanctifier. We thank God for answered prayer—God does still give revivals. Brother Fitch's sweet and humble spirit endeared him to the church, and he left the people stronger in faith and vision. He was given a call to return.—**ROBERT E. SALSBER, Pastor.**

Alliance, Ohio—Recently our church enjoyed one of the best revivals in its history. It was a real pleasure for us to have Rev. Glen Jones as the evangelist, and night after night under the leadings of the Spirit he preached Bible truths that are so much needed in our day. Through much prayer Brother Jones's messages brought conviction to the unsaved and unsanctified, and God met with us in an unusual way. It is a real pleasure to pastor these good folks, and God is helping. We are having good crowds in our Sunday evening services, and for the past several months I have been speaking on the doctrine of holiness in the midweek service. We truly desire to build the Kingdom, and feel that "Shining Lights on Sunday Nights" presents a real challenge.—**J. O. McCASKILL, Pastor.**

THE BIBLE LESSON

By J. W. ELLIS

**Topic for November 26:
Keep On Growing**

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-21; I Timothy 6:11-19; II Timothy 1:3-14 (Printed: II Timothy 1:3-14)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life* (I Timothy 6:12).

A rose stopped growing in our garden. Once a pretty thing it was . . . full-faced and blushing red. But it stopped growing. Its limbs wilted and fell, its leaves curled up, its face turned old and pale. The gardener pulled it up and threw it away. It had stopped growing. Which is to say, it died.

Down our street is a park, and in this park are many trees, and in those trees the birds sing, and beneath those trees the children play. 'Tis a nice park. Laughter rings out from it as if in defiance of bombs bursting in the air. 'Tis a park of paradox. Children look up at the adults as if to say, "Why are you worried?" And the adults look down at the children as if to say, "Why are you not worried?" 'Tis a strange

park. The young are anxious to grow up; the old find happiness only in looking back to their youth.

But I started to tell you about the trees, not the park. One of those trees stopped growing. Life was all around it . . . in the soil, in the air, on the ground. But the tree decided (just how I do not know) to stop growing. So it died. Slowly. But surely. And finally, completely. Looked rather strange as it stood there dead. I think everyone was happy when the Park Department removed it for "burial." Chances are it went up as chimney smoke.

Not much debate is needed to establish the fact that when a rose or a tree stops growing it dies.

What about people? Spiritually, I mean.

If they stop growing, then what? Death. Spiritual death.

To know Jesus Christ as Lord is to be in Him. And to be in Him is to walk with Him. And to walk with Him is to grow in His likeness. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (Colossians 2:6).

What is Christian growth? It is to be "in Christ" and have "Christ in you," not only when heart meets heart in the sanctuary, but when elbow meets elbow on the street. It is the fully satisfied person crying for more bread—the Bread which has come down from heaven! It is bringing the grace of Christ to bear against the grind of life. It is walking humbly before God and man with dignity of person and strength of heart.

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Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

—Rev. E. L. Latham has entered the field of evangelism. He is an elder on our district, an excellent preacher, and I unhesitatingly commend him to our churches anywhere. Contact him, Route 1, Mechanicsburg, Illinois.—Harold Daniels, Superintendent of Illinois District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Virginia Ruth Toombs of Laurel, Mississippi, and Mr. Billie Joe Peak of Floydada, Texas, were united in marriage on October 17 at First Church of the Nazarene with the bride's pastor, Rev. Fred Terraez, officiating.

Miss Joanne Violet Wordsworth and Mr. Peter Glen Severson of Seattle, Washington, were united in marriage on October 7 in Central Church of the Nazarene, Seattle, with the bride's grandfather, Rev. E. E. Wordsworth, officiating, assisted by their pastor, Rev. Morris Chalfant.

Miss Florence Darlene Wade and Mr. William E. Simons of Columbus, Ohio, were united in marriage on October 7 at Whitehall Church of the Nazarene with Rev. C. W. Brown officiating.

Miss Marilyn Ruhl of Oaklawn, Rhode Island, and David Johnson of La Grange, Illinois, were united in marriage on September 30 at First Church of the Nazarene in Providence, Rhode Island, with Rev. Arthur Hughes officiating.

Miss Beverly Kay Toole of Fairbanks, and Mr. Edwin R. Downs of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, were united in marriage on September 24 in First Church of the Nazarene, Fairbanks, with their pastor, Rev. Charles O. Powers, of Totem Park Church, officiating.

Miss Barbara Lee McNealy of Pueblo, Colorado, and Milton Ray Shumaker of Eldorado, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on September 8 at First Church of the Nazarene in Pueblo with Rev. Harold Westlund, Nazarene pastor of Aurora church, officiating.

Miss Carol Laverne Figge and Mr. James R. Black of Columbus, Ohio, were united in marriage on September 2 in the Whitehall Church of the Nazarene with Rev. C. W. Brown, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Daniel Figge, father of the bride.

Miss Emily Baker of Olympia, Washington, and Mr. Harold Kunkle of Juneau, Alaska, were united in marriage on August 18 at First Church of the Nazarene in Olympia with Dr. B. V. Seals, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. E. Baker, father of the bride.

BORN

—to Wendy and Betty (Botner) Parsons of Sterling, Illinois, a son, Monte Lee, on October 3.

—to Christos and Grace (Eby) Georges of Franklin, Massachusetts, a daughter, Pamela Faye, on August 26.

—to Aubrey D. and Emma (Golden) Poe of Midwest City, Oklahoma, a son, Steven Dale, on August 12.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

by a Christian mother in the East for the salvation of a son and his wife, that their home may be saved from divorce for the sake of three small children—she is fasting and praying for their salvation;

by a Nazarene wife and mother in Washington for her husband, a professing Christian but manifests a very critical spirit—for a son, now past fifty, a backslider for thirty years, in a serious physical condition, that both he and his wife may get to God; and for two people with whom she is dealing, that God may save them.

Deaths

DOYLE H. TRACY was born September 8, 1907, in Fairview, and died August 17, 1961, in Kansas City, Missouri. He was converted in 1932, and joined the Church of the Nazarene at Howard, Kansas. Later he was called to the ministry and served as pastor on the Kansas City District, and as superintendent of the Nazarene Rescue Mission several years, from which he resigned because of a heart ailment. He is survived by his wife, Bernice Tracy; three daughters: Mrs. Imogene Morton, of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Mrs. Vonda Breedlove, of Hudson, Massachusetts; and Mrs. Phyllis Mullies, of Denver, Colorado; also two sons, both Nazarene ministers: Wesley D., of Kansas City, Kansas; and Jim D., of Topeka, Kansas. Funeral service was conducted at St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City with the pastor, Rev. Paul McGrady, officiating, assisted by Dr. Jarrette Aycock. Interment was in Green Lawn Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.

MRS. ELLA PATE, age eighty-two, died July 16, 1961, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. D. R. Morris, in Kokomo, Indiana. She was born January 6, 1879, near Springfield, Arkansas. She was married to Henry Grant Pate in December of 1902, and in 1913 the family moved to Vilonia, Arkansas. Here they made their home for over forty years and, as sincere Christians, were faithful in the support of

God's work. Mrs. Pate was sanctified early in 1915, and soon united with the local Church of the Nazarene, where she remained a member until her death. Others of her family continue to carry on in the cause she loved so much—a son, a daughter, two sons-in-law, and a grandson are all Nazarene ministers. She was bedfast for over five months, but through all her suffering she kept a firm faith in God. She is survived by three sons: Fay N.; Aubrey G.; and Major Conley D., chaplain in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colorado; also three daughters: Mrs. Blanche Jones, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, and Mrs. Erma Lee Morris. Funeral service was conducted in the Vilonia Church of the Nazarene by Rev. P. A. Lewis and Rev. Morgan Carroll, assisted by Rev. Ralph Simpson and Rev. Harvey Rathbun, with burial in the Vilonia cemetery.

MRS. BETTY (Foreman) MERRITT, age twenty-three, of Grand Prairie, Texas, died suddenly on August 3, 1961. She was born April 2, 1938, in Bonham, Texas. On July 30, 1955, she was united in marriage to R. D. Merritt. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Sherman, Texas. She is survived by two small sons: Darrell Wayne, age five; and James Edward, age three; her mother, Mrs. G. W. Gossett; and two brothers, Tommy Wayne Foreman and Forest Edward Foreman. Funeral service was held in the Grand Prairie Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Roy E. Wolford, of Grand Saline, officiating, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. Lewis Ingle. Graveside services were held at Cedarlawn Memorial Cemetery in Sherman with Rev. Roy E. Wolford in charge, assisted by Rev. F. C. Hinkle, Nazarene pastor in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

MELVIN W. WALCHER, age forty-four, was killed in his truck on August 20, 1961, at Goodman, Missouri. He was well known by many of the Nazarenes around the country, especially at Kansas City, and at Bethany, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lu, and five-year-old Pamela Sue; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Walcher, of Joplin; and three sisters and four brothers. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Floyd W. Rowe at Bethany, Oklahoma.

GUSTAVE A. RUDEL was born December 31, 1893, and died on July 3, 1961, at Fessenden, North Dakota. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene at Fessenden for thirty-seven years; a charter member, and a dependable pillar. All who knew him were aware of his radiant spirit and genuine friendliness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Rudel; his children, Mrs. L. T. Schroeder, Arthur, Simon, Calvin, Kenneth, and Mrs. Richard Hagemeyer; three brothers, Ed., Bill, and Herb; and six sisters, Mrs. August Kessler, Mrs. Bertha Buechler, Mrs. Curtis Corey, Mrs. Ray Clark, Mrs. O. H. Portner, and Mrs. William Doric. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Wilbur T. Dodson, assisted by Rev. Harry F. Taplin, district superintendent, with interment at Fessenden.

LESLIE DEAN, Jr., infant son of Leslie Dean and Alice Schmidt Neufeld, died August 29, 1961. He was born July 16, 1961. Funeral service was held in Danville, Illinois, with Rev. Phil Miller in charge of the service. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

CHRISTINE JOY, two-day-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Borger of Ottumwa, Iowa, died at the hospital on September 15, 1961. Besides her parents, she is survived by three brothers, John, Ted, and Samuel; two sisters, Mrs. Cynthia Keaster and Leslie; also two grandmothers, Mrs. Fred Borger and Mrs. Winifred Turner. Funeral service was held at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene with Rev. James A. Adams, Nazarene pastor at Ames, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

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Missionaries Arrested in Angola

NEW YORK (MNS)—Portuguese police have arrested four American Methodist missionaries in troubled Angola, according to the Board of Missions of the Methodist church.

The charges against two ministers and two laymen taken into custody are unknown. Their arrest brings to five the number of American Methodist missionaries seized by Portuguese officials in Angola, where a civil war between Africans and white settlers has been raging for nearly six months.

Drunk, Assault Cases Rise After Repeal

OKLAHOMA CITY (EP)—A comparison of figures by the chief of Oklahoma City Police Department shows arrests for drunkenness have risen 50 per cent and arrests for assault have tripled since liquor became legal in Oklahoma in 1959.

Police Chief Dan Hollingsworth compared arrests for one week a year before repeal with the same week a year after repeal. He said comparison of assault cases was applicable since in most of them liquor figures in as a factor.

Burman Christians: "Brethren, Pray for Us"

RANGOON, BURMA (EP)—On behalf of the Christians of Burma, Rev. John Thetgvi, general secretary of the Burma Christian Council, has issued this plea: "We urge our fellow believers throughout the world to pray for the people of Burma. The worst floods of 29 years have left 90,000 people homeless and have flooded over 300,000 acres of rice paddies. The churches of Burma are rendering relief aid in the name of Christ to the best of their ability, and to our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world we plead, 'Brethren, pray for us.'"

Lutherans Report Increase in Membership

GENEVA—Membership in Lutheran churches around the world has increased by more than a million in the last year, reaching a total of 72,588,559 in April, 1961. The figure is given in a new directory published by the Lutheran World Federation, which has its headquarters here.

The gain in membership of 1,486,779 contrasts with the figure for 1960, when the total world-wide membership showed a net loss of 33,288.

The new statistics show 60,088,648 Lutherans in Europe, and 8,431,416 in North America. More than half of all Lutherans—37,860,000—are in Germany. The largest single Lutheran body is the Church of Sweden with 7,000,000 members. (EPS)

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Is it possible to be saved and sanctified and then lose your sanctification without backsliding? I know I have been saved and sanctified, but now I feel I am still a born-again Christian, but I know I am not sanctified. Also, if sanctification keeps one after he is saved, how does he backslide? How does the root of sin or carnality get back into the heart?

As to the first question, there seem to be two schools of thought on the subject. There are those who hold that if you lose anything you lose it all; that whatever would cause the loss of entire sanctification would also cause the loss of a justified relation to God. The other view is that one may, without conscious or known sin, grieve the Holy Spirit and lose His fullness without total backsliding.

Perhaps the following from the pen of Dr. J. B. Chapman, in answer to almost the same question in the *Herald of Holiness* for June 1, 1924, is as good a statement as can be made at this point:

"It is difficult, if not impossible, to explain how a sanctified Christian can lose his experience without forfeiting his justification. Yet, in practice it does seem that there are those who have lost the *fullness* out of their souls who nevertheless maintain a certain fidelity to God and have some measure of blessing upon their souls. . . . The way back to God is always the same as it was when

one came first, so that when one is sure that he is fully consecrated to God, he should appropriate the promise of God and be restored to His fullness right then and there. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

As to backsliding (which I would define as returning to a life of sin, or so lapsing as to lose the witness of the Spirit to the new birth), entire sanctification makes it improbable but not impossible. Adam and Eve were without inner sin, yet they listened to the suggestion of the serpent and transgressed the law of God.

The root of sin or carnality gets back into the heart as the darkness gets back into a room when the light goes out, as poverty gets back into the life after the fortune is lost, or as sickness and disease gets back into the body after perfect health has been enjoyed. In other words, freedom from sin in the heart is a function of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in His fullness.

If God's children today would give to the needs of the church as instructed in I Corinthians 16:2, wouldn't it amount to much more than the tithe and first fruits required under the law?

Possibly so. This verse says, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." The only thing is, one should be sure that what he brings

on the first day of the week is not *less* than an honest tithe of his increase. "Give till it hurts" sounds good, too; but some people hurt too easily when it comes to giving.

Will you explain I Samuel 16:2-5, also 23? What does it mean, an evil spirit from God? Wasn't Saul God's choice in the beginning? Also, II Samuel 5:8-9. Why did David hate the lame and the blind?

In I Samuel 16:2-5, Samuel is directed to go to the house of Jesse to anoint a successor to King Saul. He knows that if the king should find out that he went for such a purpose Saul would have him slain. God therefore directed Samuel to hold a family feast in connection with his visit. Perhaps you are wondering if it was right to conceal the real reason for the visit from the king. Certainly this was both reasonable and right. As A. M. Renwick has put it, "There was nothing wrong here in concealing the primary object and announcing the second."

The phrase "an evil spirit from God" simply describes the fact that Saul's affliction was the judgment of God upon

his sin. Saul had been God's choice in the beginning, but because of his persistent rebellion Samuel told him, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (I Samuel 15:23).

II Samuel 5:8-9 must be understood in the light of verses 6 and 7. The Jebusites taunted David with the claim that even the blind and the lame could defend their garrison against the Israelites. The reference, therefore, is to the lame and the blind Jebusites who were supposed to keep the soldiers of David out of the fortress. This then became the basis of a proverb about the lame and the blind keeping the house against its rightful owner (cf. the A.R.V.).

AN OCTOGENARIAN by the name of George Hart died recently in the city of Glasgow. He was a holiness leader of the first order, greatly respected and admired throughout this large Scottish city. The mission of which this man was founder and lifelong leader has now united with our denomination and is known as the George Hart Memorial Church of the Nazarene.

Visiting this church, shortly after Brother Hart's death, I stood in his study waiting for a service to begin. His personality seemed still to cling to the walls of the room he had frequented so often for so many years. A little card bearing two words arrested my attention. It hung by a cord lopsidedly from the knob of his desk. "Hallelujah Anyhow!" it said.

"Hallelujah Anyhow!" . . .

HALLELUJAH
ANYHOW!

this could be the secret of the man's saintliness. It is an attitude of heart that defies discouragement.

It is good to say "Hallelujah!" at any time, but "Hallelujah Anyhow!" expresses an attitude of real victory. It is akin to St. Paul's advice to the Thessalonians to "rejoice evermore," and it reminds us of the Psalmist's words, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (34:1). There is good reason that we should "bless the Lord at all times."

In the first place, we must remember that every experience that comes to us has been allowed by God. This is not to say that every experience has been sent by God or is ultimately willed by Him. Since, however, God has created man as a free moral being and set him in a universe governed by certain spiritual and physical laws, not only are we free to do good or to do evil, to strive to learn or to remain in ignorance, but we stand to experience in our lives both the consequences of good or evil and understanding or ignorance. We may each, therefore, reasonably expect in life a mixture of pleasant and unpleasant experiences.

But knowing God as we do, revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, we know that His purpose in this temporary setup in this world is of ultimate supreme benefit to mankind in his eternal relationship with the Creator.

Job gave expression to this thought when he cried out in the midst of his sufferings, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: . . . He also shall be my salvation" (13:15-16).

Consider now this thought: If we do not say, "Hallelujah!" in a particular circumstance, what shall we say? Shall we curse; shall we become bitter? Shall we be discouraged and depressed? Either way our personalities will be damaged, the circumstance will not be changed; so the last state of the man will be worse than the first.

When I think of George Hart, slight in body but sturdy in spirit, I know that "Hallelujah Anyhow!" was not a formula for weak, indolent resignation to the buffets of life. He was not the man to be swept passively by the currents of life's inevitables. To him "Hallelujah Anyhow!" meant a determination to hold his head high in all circumstances and to march forward with God.

By **BRIAN L. FARMER, Pastor, Glasgow, Scotland**



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