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My Prayer for the Coming Assembly

General Superintendent Young

HEAVENLY FATHER, we draw near today in earnest prayer for our coming General Assembly. May Thy presence be felt in the midst of our Nazarene family soon to gather in Kansas City from around the world, for we meet in Thy name. So manifest thyself to us all that the most real part of our meeting together may be our awareness of Thy Holy Spirit's guidance.

Give such unity of heart and mind as only Thou canst impart. Let us exalt Jesus Christ, and may none of us be guilty of despising one who follows Him. May divine love prevail until the saints from faraway places shall feel at home with all Thy children gathered.

Let Thy praises be sounded even in the business sessions. May nothing be done through strife or vain-glory, even for a righteous cause. Let the destiny of our beloved Zion rest with Thee and not with us. Banish

from our midst all divisive influences and help us to plan wisely with the long run in view. Especially be near in situations where the right answers are not obvious and the moving causes at work are hidden.

Renew our great convictions and mark well our paths with holiness unto the Lord. Keep our battle line short, for the enemy outnumbers us. Separate us from all worldliness, both in spirit and practice. May we not consume our Christian heritage upon ourselves by selfish or careless living; rather, let us reinvest it in a needy world. Enlarge our vision and faith to reach souls in every land Thou hast opened to us. Show us how to bring our great commitment up to date. Make us willing in the day of Thy power. Let the Crusade for Souls go on with new zeal as we work together with Thee in creative enterprise for the Kingdom in every corner of our world. In Jesus' worthy name. Amen.

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."—Luke 18:1.

TELEGRAMS

Jacksonville, Florida—Florida Sunday schools "over the top" in attendance on Easter; 8,864 present, with 23 schools breaking all records. Rain and bad weather hindered in North Florida. A great leader and superintendent in Rev. John L. Knight.—**AUBREY PONCE**, *Chairman of Church Schools.*

Wichita, Kansas—Wonderful Easter on Kansas District; \$17,000.00 reported in Easter offering, 14 churches to hear from yet. No doubt goal of \$20,000.00 will be reached. Over 9,500 in Sunday school. Loyalty, co-operation, and devotion characterize pastors and people of the Kansas District.—**RAY HANCE**, *District Superintendent.*

Vancouver, British Columbia—General Superintendent Young effectively expounds Bible holiness in seven conventions across district, traveling three thousand miles, speaking sixteen times in one week. The Hamptons and Mrs. Broyles of British Honduras visited every church, creating missionary interest. Conventions and tours led to climactic Easter Sunday; over \$9,000.00 for missions; 7,000 in Sunday school; 100 join church in Easter membership drive.—**EDWARD LAWLOR**, *Superintendent of Canada West District.*

St. Louis, Missouri—Missouri District Preachers' Meeting just closed with challenging messages from Mrs. J. B. Chapman, Rev. Lawrence B. Hicks, and Dr. Roy F. Smee. All but four pastors present, and several evangelists. Easter Sunday-school attendance 10,135, with 4,325 in St. Louis. Near \$11,000.00 in Easter offering. Churches accepting 10 per cent giving to general interests. Endeavoring to make Seminary goal.—**E. D. SIMPSON**, *District Superintendent.*

Phoenix, Arizona—Arizona District Easter attendance reached all-time high of 5,008; 25 per cent over last year. Much credit goes to Chairman J. E. Moore, Jr.; his efficient and tireless efforts kept churches at their best. Highest in attendance, Phoenix First, 618; Tucson First, 506; Phoenix East, 441; Phoenix Alzona, 351; Chandler, 349.—**M. L. MANN**, *District Superintendent.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pastor Guthrie Hughes sends word from Princeton, Indiana: "First Church 'smashed' all records on Easter Sunday with 609 in Sunday school. God is blessing His work here and the membership of the church is boosting."

The Department of the Army has set apart May 17 as Armed Forces Day; and it is suggested that Sunday, May 18, be observed as Armed Forces Day of Prayer. On this day let us pray especially for our service men and women, their loved ones, our country and its leaders, and all the nations of the world.

Rev. Wallace W. Roseboro has resigned as pastor at Garfield to accept the call to the church in Harrington, Washington.

Rev. Frank M. Brickley, after an eleven-year pastorate at Barnesville, has resigned to accept the call to the church in Lisbon, Ohio.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, was with Pastor Noble J. Hamilton at Ft. Collins, Colorado, over Easter Sunday. On that morning, all previous Sunday-school records were broken with a new high of 283 present.

Dr. C. Warren Jones writes: "This is April 8 and we are at Port-of-Spain, island of Trinidad, about two thousand miles southeast of New York. We are in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Miller, our missionaries. They have three nice girls and a boy. What a fine family! Though we arrived late yesterday, we had a service last night in the city and I spoke to more than two hundred; this morning I spoke at chapel to the students of the Bible training school. Brother Miller has a good school started and

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HERALD OF HOLINESS

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A Monument to an Insect

By Charley McCaul

IN THE CITY of Enterprise, Alabama, there is erected a monument to an insect, the boll weevil. The statue is made of stone, handsomely carved, and stands in the center of busy Main Street.

From early plantation days the farmers of the community struggled to raise cotton—it was their main crop. When it failed, they failed. As seasons unfolded, a serious pestilence was brought forth. A little beetle began to damage the boll of the plant. In time it became almost impossible to "make" a crop.

George Washington Carver, the Negro scientist, and others became desperate and began research. Peanuts were the answer. They found that this underground vegetable could be planted and harvested in the area with very little loss.

Soon peanut-oil mills took the place of cotton gins, and the region became known as "The Peanut Center of the World." Moreover, they found their new profits far exceeded those of their former efforts. Many became wealthy due to the change-over.

And the insect—however destructive—that brought such a boom of prosperity to the community was not forgotten. The statute stands as a memorial to its work.

Is there a lesson here for us? Maybe God lets weevils work havoc in our lives for a purpose. Maybe we are trying to grow cotton when we should be planting peanuts!

ASSURANCE

By Olive Hinton Kerby

*As night comes on high in the sky
The stars shine, one by one,
As brightly now on me and mine
As when Time first began.*

*Each in its separate orbit swings,
Held there by unseen force;
Nor time nor tide nor ways of men
Can change them from their course.*

*And in this world of so much change,
How comforting to know
God's love, like them, shines on us all
With warm, unchanging glow!*



The Dependability Of an Enlightened Conscience

General Superintendent Williamson

UNCIVILIZED peoples in their darkness and superstition have sought to guard themselves against evil by a taboo system. The Christian method has been to enlighten the conscience by the knowledge of moral standards according to the divine revelation contained in the Word of God. The former was enforced by fear of evil spirits. The latter is based upon the knowledge of the character of God and His will for the men who are created with the capacity for moral choice.

The founders and early leaders of the Church of the Nazarene have sought to summarize the teachings of the Bible in the general and special rules contained in the *Manual*. They were so sure they had covered the essential points that they included those rules in the constitution of the church. They then made it impossible to add to or subtract from that code except by two-thirds vote of the General Assembly and ratification by two-thirds of all district assemblies.

A great majority of the church are happy with the position which the *Manual* now upholds. They believe that the preachers should and will give forth the knowledge of the way with prophetic voice and that a reliable conscience will guide the church to victory according to its original purpose and pattern.

There are some who would multiply rules. That course would open the way for everyone to advance his pet notion with the view to making a new law. The result would be a yoke of bondage unbearable, and a *Manual* changed so frequently that it would be without respect or authority. Furthermore, a code subject to additions would be subject also to subtractions.

Modern science has brought television into common use. Some reject it as of satanic origin. We cannot but recall the time when the devil was in the violin, the automobile, the radio. Now we have learned that, though these things are still used to promote evil, yet since they are here to stay we had better use them to promote good as well.

Television has possibilities for evil. Its offerings are sometimes sinful or senseless. The safety of our homes and society is in developing a dependable conscience as to what to see and when to turn it off. Children in Nazarene homes live in a television world. Many believe they will be safer to be taught by God-fearing parents what is good and what is evil than to see all they may, elsewhere, with no cultivation of their sense of discrimination. Again the enlightened Christian conscience is our greatest safeguard.


Calvary covers it all!

The blood of Jesus
Christ...cleanseth
us from all sin.



Pentecost in Prophecy

By A. L. Roach*

PENTECOST was a Jewish feast day, held just fifty days after the Passover. This feast was held in remembrance of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai and the birth of the Jewish nation. It was held in harvesttime and was celebrated by different offerings, and the people were commanded to be glad and rejoice before the Lord.

There were three great feasts kept by Israel: the Passover, the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, and the Feast of Ingathering. These feasts had a threefold purpose. (1) They were a means of worship of the true God. (2) They were used to commemorate three special events in their past history. (3) They were prophetic, looking forward in symbol to something of special significance in the divine plan for man that was to come to pass at some future time.

While Pentecost was a strictly Jewish feast day, it also was a symbol of a special event in the gospel age. There is a close analogy between the giving of the law on Mount Sinai and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost. At Sinai God gave the law, and it was accompanied with thunderings, and lightnings, and the mighty power of God. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came, and was accompanied by a sound like a rushing mighty wind, and tongues of fire sat upon them. The Holy Spirit seems to have designed all these analogies to show that through all preceding ages God had the dispensation of the Holy Spirit continually in view, that the old law and its ordinances were designed only as a preparation for the new dispensation which was to come.

This event at Pentecost had been spoken of by the prophets of the Old Testament. When the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost there was great excitement; the multitude came together and were confounded and amazed, saying, "What meaneth this?" Peter stood up and said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." We read in Joel, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." Isaiah spoke of this day, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy

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seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring" (44: 3). Ezekiel also saw this day. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you" (36: 25-28).

When John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I . . . he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3: 11).

Jesus commanded His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which was the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

The most important thing connected with Pentecost is the fact that the Holy Spirit came on that day, and that He is still present with the Church. No Christian should be satisfied until he has received this baptism with the Holy Spirit as promised by John the Baptist and also by Jesus. It is this experience that will cleanse the heart from all sin, and fill it with all the fullness of God. Every preacher of the gospel should tarry until he has received this mighty baptism with the Spirit, and then he can preach with the unction upon his soul.

Rev. Charles G. Finney said: "To me it seems that the great difference in ministers, in regard to their spiritual influence and usefulness, does not lie so much in their literary and scientific attainment as in the measure of the Holy Ghost which they enjoy. A thousand times as much stress ought to be laid upon this part of a thorough preparation for the ministry as has been. Until it is felt, and proclaimed in the halls of science, and sounded forth in our theological seminaries, that this is an indispensable part of the preparation for the work of the ministry, we talk in vain when we talk of a thorough preparation and course of training. Of what use would ten thousand ministers be without being baptized with the Holy Ghost? I must confess that I am alarmed, grieved and distressed beyond expression, when so much stress is laid upon the necessity of mere human learning, and so little upon the necessity of the baptism with the Holy Ghost."

May God help all of us as Nazarene preachers to be sure that we have received this baptism with the Holy Ghost!

An ideal toward which the Apostle Paul was always striving—and which again and again he urges upon those who read his letters—is that he might be worthy of his high calling in Christ. The "pull of the world" is against us, and we are constantly surrounded by temptations to turn aside to other ways. The true disciple, however, will never cease to "press toward the mark."—*Christian Observer*.

The Holy Ghost Dispensation

By H. C. Little*

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come," and 120 disciples of Jesus "were all filled with the Holy Ghost," it was indeed the dawning of a new era in religious history. Previous to Pentecost only prophets, priests, and kings "received the Holy Ghost"; but since that "great and notable day" every Christian may receive and retain this rich and blessed experience. The period of time from Pentecost to the present, with all its priceless privileges, is known as the Holy Ghost dispensation. Time would fail us to tell of all the manifold blessings of this dispensation, but I desire to consider three of the outstanding results of Pentecost, as revealed in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Purity of Pentecost: After all the outward manifestations had passed, and the emotions had subsided, Peter made it clear that the all-important result of the Pentecostal experience was the cleansing from inward sin, "purifying their hearts by faith." Someone has said, "The heart of holiness is a holy heart." With equal emphasis let us say that the predominant provision of Pentecost is purity. O Christian believer, the Lord is ready to come "with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," and "burn up the chaff [of inward sin] with unquenchable fire."

The Power of Pentecost: While thinking of the preaching and soul-winning powers of the apostles after Pentecost, we often overlook the practical power for victorious living that came into the lives of all who "received the Holy Ghost." Peter, before Pentecost and under the pressure of persecution, denied his Lord through fear. After Pentecost, he boldly declared to the whole Jewish Sanhedrin that they had crucified the Lord. Then, when threatened with imprisonment for preaching Christ, he calmly but courageously declared, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

What made the difference? He had "received power," not only to preach and win souls, but also to be true to his trust in the most trying situations. Sweet-spirited Stephen had the "power" to hold his peace when falsely accused and stoned. He also had the "power," when duty demanded it, to administer a stern rebuke to his enemies, saying, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." Paul declared that in every city bonds and afflictions waited for him; then he said, "But none of these things move me." What was Stephen's and Paul's secret? Each had received the power to press on undaunted and undefeated by the world, the flesh, and the devil, showing the spirit of Christ on all occasions.

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The Pleasure of Pentecost: Please do not judge too soon, if it seems light or trivial to speak of the *pleasure* of Pentecost, after stressing the great importance of its power and its purity. In reading the Acts of the Apostles, one is amazed at the depth of peace, joy, rest of soul, and quietness of spirit of those who were "filled with the Holy Ghost." And when we recall that they were scourged, imprisoned, stoned, lied upon, and persecuted bitterly in every conceivable manner, we are forced to think of their pleasures as one of the outstanding results of their experience of Pentecost.

Paul and Silas are in the Philippian jail; their backs are bleeding from "forty stripes save one"; their feet are in the stocks. It is midnight—but listen, they are singing praises to God! And whatever it is that causes them to sing now, I want it! Stephen is being stoned, but his face is like an angel. And, whatever causes that, I'm for it! Peter is in prison; tomorrow he is to be executed. But, behold, he is sleeping soundly between two soldiers! Whatever it is that will enable a man to sleep within a few hours of his execution, I want it at any cost!

What makes Paul and Silas sing? Why does Stephen's face shine? What enables Peter to sleep? The words of the poet will give us the answer in each case:

*What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace,
Buried deep in the heart of my soul,
So secure that no power can mine it away,
While the years of eternity roll!*

If there were no other results of receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, the purity, the power, and the pleasure of Pentecost would constrain us to thank God a thousand times for the Holy Ghost dispensation.

Sweet Hunger

By Eugene W. Swim, Jr.

*As now I meditate on God,
His Spirit casts away all doubt;
My heart is strangely warmed within;
My soul is blessed; I want to shout.*

*The things of life can't satisfy;
My soul needs God, His perfect love.
The fleeting things of earth will fade;
My treasure lies in things above.*

*Lord, I'm not worthy of Thy grace,
Though yet I suffer for Thy name.
Did not Christ Jesus bear my sin
As on the cross He hung in shame?*

*I cast aside all earthly care.
My soul cries out: "Lord, I am Thine.
Make me more humble, sweet, and pure,
To claim Thy promises as mine."*

The Organ Tones of the Soul

By Hazel Lee*

PAUL REES, in his book *The Radiant Cross*, makes this vivid statement, "The saxophone music of the flesh has gone hooting and slurring unrestrained while the organ tones of the soul have been mute." What are these "organ tones of the soul"? Any of the Christian graces and virtues might be mentioned, but I would pick out three beautiful tones of the soul; they are *forgiveness*, *contentment*, and *gentleness*.

Forgiveness is the rich, deep tone of the soul bringing peace and quiet to restless, unhappy souls all around us. In this age of feverish activity, people inadvertently hurt one another, and those who have a forgiving spirit keep the little molehills from growing into big mountains. They do not count the number of times to forgive, but forgive over and over again. Forgiveness reaches out and writes in the sand, ignoring the accusing fingers of the self-righteous. Forgiveness cries when denied, betrayed, and crucified, "Father, forgive them." Forgiveness offers the full-blown rose of pardon, removing every thorn of remembrance. A forgiving spirit is healing and soothing and a thing of beauty because of its very rarity.

Contentment is the center of the console, the repeated theme of a life lived in God. I do not mean the surface contentment of the kitten purring on the window sill after a full saucer of milk. The organ tone of the soul is much fuller than this. It is the great, calm contentment that comes only to the soul living in the center of the will of God. It reminds one of the cool, quiet depths of the ocean away from the surface storms and the surging waves on the shore. This contentment brings poise into the life and a quiet sense of power—the power of being at one with Infinity. Contentment brings mental, spiritual, and physical relaxation. These tones come from the balanced, harmonious life which has an appealing graciousness that reflects the spirit of the Master, who, although He had no earthly home, yet breathed contentment in His Father's will.

Then the delicate, high tones of *gentleness* rippling in and out of the life—how beautiful they are! There is irresistible strength in gentleness. The more forceful the personality, the more exquisite the gentleness. "Thy gentleness hath made me great." His gentleness, what a thought! The great gentleness of an almighty God who placed His lovely Son in the form of a Babe into the waiting arms of a frail, mortal woman one starlit night! This God who could have consumed the entire world in His righteous anger, refusing to quench the smoking flax or break the bruised reed! Gentleness is a winsome quality exercised by truly great people. They are highly sensitive to the needs of others and never fail to pour oil

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and wine into the wounds of those left bleeding by life's wayside. Godlike gentleness—how often this organ tone is so muted that it cannot be heard, when it should be full and sweet!

These organ tones of the soul should swell in full harmony through the great, golden pipes of love until the weary listeners to the "saxophone music of the flesh" will hear and be so entranced that they too shall learn the secret of living under the Master's touch.

Dear Fellow Servant of the Lord:*

THE LENTEN season has come to a close. Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter have been celebrated. But there is another important day on the Church calendar—it is *very* important. I speak of Pentecost Sunday, coming this year on June 1. To us of the Wesleyan persuasion, whose major emphasis is holiness of heart and life, Pentecost Sunday should not be ignored or lightly regarded. Why should not we, the holiness people, be made as conscious of Pentecost as we are of Christmas and Easter?

Pentecost Sunday is in commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in the Upper Room. But alas, how few realize the importance of the Holy Spirit's coming! Should not the tragic ignorance of this holy event and the spiritual benefits of the baptism with the Holy Ghost present us with a challenge?

Pentecost Sunday should be a high day in all holiness circles. This is our day of opportunity. On this day all of our pastors should preach on second blessing holiness. The entire day should be devoted to this emphasis. The services of the day should be planned with this in mind: the scripture lesson, the prayers, the hymns and songs, and, of course, both sermons.

Preach Pentecost, my brother! Preach holiness! Preach it with unction! Preach it with passion and tears! Preach it with logic and persuasion! Preach it without apology and preach the urgency of the baptism with the Spirit! Spend many hours in prayer and study preparatory to the event. Preach for a verdict! Plan for and expect an altar service with souls seeking the blessing. It might be well for Pentecost Sunday to spearhead a holiness convention.

I appeal to your sense of duty to God and your people. Do not ignore this fervent plea. Pentecost Sunday is *our* Sunday. Let us use it to the glory of God and the sanctification of souls. Nothing will solve our church problems so quickly and so completely as a mighty outpouring of the Spirit in sanctifying experience.

*Letter sent by Superintendent E. E. Grosse to all his pastors of the Washington-Philadelphia District

He who has the truth at his heart need never fear the want of persuasion of his tongue.

"This Is That"

(Acts 2:16)

By Mary Alice Holden

*The blessing waits for all who rest in Jesus,
For those who wish to give Him all their heart—
A filling for the souls whose cups are empty,
Who seek the purifying He'll impart.*

*Then cleansed and filled with joy and love
supernal,*

*What other thrill has earth above all this!
This is the touch of God that fills all heaven;
This is the rapture and the joy and bliss.*

*This is the power to do His will in service
Apostles waited for at Christ's command;
And we who sought for peace and perfect resting
Have found it here within the Father's hand!*

This Matter of Worldliness

By Milo L. Arnold*

Be not conformed to this world (Romans 12:2).

SOME WEEKS ago two Nazarenes met on the street, and one accosted the other with a charge of worldliness. The two were a charming young lady and a rheumatic old gentleman. Their mutual charges have since resulted in losing both to the church and the kingdom of God.

The issue came to a head when they met and the old gentleman saw that the young lady's lips were unnaturally colored. He at once proceeded to charge her with worldliness and, in the presence of passing strangers, he definitely lined her up, much to her embarrassment and the embarrassment of the church of which both are members. She, in turn, went meekly away, smarting under the worldly, legalistic way in which he had accosted her.

Which one had been worldly? I believe they were both at fault. She had yielded to the pull of worldliness in the area where a young woman is most easily tempted; and he to worldliness in the area most likely to a man of his years. It was easy for him to say that the cosmetic complexion was worldly, for such a thing had no appeal to him; in fact, it naturally would be revolting to him. It was easy for her to see that his legalism was worldly, for legalism did not appeal to her; it was revolting to her. Each went away more convinced of the other's worldliness and less conscious of his own.

Herein lies the matter of worldliness. It is difficult for us to recognize it in the light of our prejudices. It is easy for an old, rheumatic man to see the sin in dancing, and it is easy for a gay young woman to see the sin of greed. It is easy for a grandmother with a withering complexion to see the sin of the too-low neck line, and it is

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easy for the high school girl to see the sin of the telephone-gossip line. It is easy for the preacher to see the worldliness of the teen-ager's dime-store jewelry, and it is easy for the teen-ager to see the worldliness of the preacher's high-priced, bright necktie. It isn't hard for the half-blind old man to see the sin of the movie, for it would make his head ache anyway; and it isn't hard for the teen-ager to see the sin of selfishness when the offering plate goes by—for what is the dollar to him, anyway?

Extremes, yes—but suggestive of the place our prejudices can subtly play in our definition of worldliness. Paul warned, "Be not conformed to this world"; that is, be not molded to fit this world. That is, we are not to be attached to it, or shape the contour of our lives to fit it.

Worldliness is more than dressing like the world, or enjoying the entertainment of the world. It is this, true, and a lot more. Some people have conformed to the pleasures of this world and have lost their souls and their influence has hurt the church terribly. It is a tragedy which all eternity cannot overcome. As a church, we must do our utmost to safeguard our people from this peril. Some others have conformed to the appearances of this world, and have been in the vanguard of every fad and fashion. Their appearance has hurt the church, has classed them with the world; many of them have become a part of the world and not of the church. That is a tragedy. We must arise and safeguard our people from worldliness of dress and behavior.

On the other hand, worldliness has reached deep into our ranks and taken our finest men and women on entirely another form of attack. Many a good man has been lost when he became conformed to the "cares of this world"; his life became bent upon them. His time was occupied with them, just as truly as though he had conformed to the pleasures of the world. Many an adult who has wisely guarded the youth against worldliness of recreation has allowed the worldliness of the "cares of this world" to snare him, and rob him of the joy and victory which he ought to have had in his life.

Worldly ease is another of the spots where many of the more mature people will find themselves conforming to the world unless they guard with sincere caution. They would not think of going to a dance; but they would think of getting by at church just as easy as possible. In the board meeting they will stand staunchly for a vital standard of holiness for the church and her young people; but on Wednesday evening at prayer meeting time, their soft-soled house slippers, the sparkling fire, the evening paper, and a nap can seem lots less worldly. *Ease can be worldly.* We can conform to it and lose our souls, and the cause of Christ will suffer.

The bank accounts of this world are legitimate, but we can be worldly about them. Many a person who would not cheat in business because of

the worldliness of a shadowy bargain will be worldly about his giving to God and the church. It can be worldly to put one dollar in the offering when it should be one hundred dollars. It is worldly to be so conformed to the cash of this world that we cannot let it go gracefully.

Some people, who are very rigorous in their conformity to the rules of the church about dress, might act very worldly when they fail to get elected on the board, or when they are not given their Sunday-school class again. *To be petty, easily offended, sensitive, and pouty is worldly*—even if our prejudices do make it difficult for us to see it sometimes.

Strife is part of the nature of the world, and many have conformed to the world in their own dispositions and their own hearts. The Christian must not strive; it is worldly. But when there is a personal issue involved, and we have been done an injustice, how easy it is to overlook the worldliness of our conduct toward those who differ with us!

Selfishness is worldly. No matter where we find it, it is as worldly as any manner of dress or entertainment can be. It kills the soul, cripples the influence, and handicaps the church.

The matter of what type of worldly expression appeals most to our lives depends upon our age, our circumstance, our health, our looks, and our friends. It is easy for the older people to see the worldliness of the young people, and for the young people to see the worldliness of the old people; but we need to become sincere enough in our introspection sometimes to see our own areas of temptation. Am I worldly?

Some people show a worldly tendency in the way they fix their faces, some in the way they furnish their homes, some in the way they drive their cars, some in the way they invest their money, some in the way they seek for office, and some in the way they take it easy on prayer meeting night. Worldliness is a terrible plague, and it opposes the kingdom of God continually. We must fight it with all our might; but let him who casts the first stone be without sin.

P R A Y E R

By Norman C. Schlichter

*I think of prayer as God-designed
To lift my heart to heights sublime.*

*I think of prayer as His own way
To keep me near Him every day.*

*I think of prayer as a mystic rod
That reaches straight to the throne of God.*

*I think of prayer as a chain to bind
My love and hope to all mankind.*

*I think of prayer in any hour
As my certain source of unfailing power!*

The Sage of Happy Hollow Sez:

I remember hearing my mother pray. She had a time and place to commune with her Lord. The men who have been greatly used by God have maintained a rich prayer life. In our age we are too busy running in circles; but we cannot have the same spiritual blessings without a consistent prayer life. When duties of life press the hardest, more time should be spent in early morning prayer. It takes more oil to increase production.

The "Upper Road" or the "Dead End"

By Lorraine O. Schultz*

But the mountain shall be thine (Joshua 17:18).

Recently we took a trip along the coast of Portugal, south of Lisbon. Some miles south of the town of Setubal, we began a steep ascent up the mountainside. There were many twists and turns in the road, and often we could look down into the gorges below. Finally, we reached the top of the mountain. The entire scenery was changed. The view was unspeakable, as we pulled to the side of the road and looked out across the miles of countryside. Off to our right were valleys and farmland. To our left lay the great expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, which appeared like a "sea of glass" from the top of the mountain. The breeze was brisk and freshening. The scene lingered long in our minds as we continued on our way.

We drove on for some miles, and then started down the mountain. Turning to the left, the descent was rapid, and we soon saw we were on a lower road, which followed the base of the mountain for some little distance. Darkness fell quickly. The mountains seemed to gather in close about us. The road became narrow, and a little farther on we came to a "dead-end," where the road ended abruptly at the foot of the mountain. Here were nestled a few small cottages. Looking above in the distance, we saw where the upper road lay. The light was still there. The fresh breezes were blowing up there, and the ocean appeared like a "sea of glass" from the mountain-top. But here on the lower road, the darkness was gathering. We felt crowded in. The sea no longer appeared calm, for the waves were dashing in upon the shore.

Then I thought of the upper road on our own pathway. Are we walking that upper road in our journey of life, with the sunlight of heaven in our souls, the clear horizon in the distance, and the "sea of glass," as it were, in our view, breathing the pure atmosphere of Canaan because we have been cleansed by the Blood? Or have we turned toward the lower road, content to drop down from the heights we once walked, leaving the pure Canaan atmosphere for the sordid things of life on the lower road, which all too quickly leads us

into the darkness, and thence to the final "dead end"?

*There is an "Upper Road," my friend,
That leads us unto God.
The Canaan breezes blow up there,
Where holy saints have trod;
The atmosphere of heaven shines,
And Jesus is the Guide.
Be sure you're on the "Upper Road,"
With Jesus by your side.*

Is Stalin Guilty?

By William H. Deitz*

SEIZE HIM! Banish him! Destroy him! is the full-throated cry of millions of Asiatics and Europeans as they are compelled savagely to think of the grizzly terror called Stalin.

He is an irrational, contradictory, complex, unpredictable character whose whole being can be summarized only by the word diabolical. However, apparently he fills some of his national slaves with a religious ecstasy. He surely fills millions beyond bloodguilty Russia with unbearable horror. This man exists today as a supremely pitiable deceiver, liar, and one whose destiny can be only the lowest hell. He is one of the devil's best tools.

Take a quick look at the dim and distant past. Look at glorious pagan Greece of old; the trend of that day was saturated with doubt. The same doubt ran through the philosophy of Plato. With the Stoics the atmosphere was thoroughly perforated with materialism, unbelief, and skepticism. Turn to majestic, pagan Rome; open the pages of her illustrious literature—what do we find? Denouncements of vital religion; in its place is hurled high the banner of atheism.

Take the long period from the fifth through the eleventh centuries, better known as the Dark and Middle Ages. Why? Because paganized Christianity was dominant. With the great Renaissance, such a figure as Machiavelli appeared; undoubtedly the disbelief of ages found expression in the writings of this dread genius. He is important in our thinking because he was the philosophical parent of Nietzsche, and his theories were put into practice by Bismarck, Lenin, and Trotsky, which spring forth into Bolshevism and Communism.

Looking at the world in this day and generation, we witness a most menacing and militant opposition to Christianity. Everywhere the whole world is engaged in a great moral war. Some yield to goodness, truth, love, and others to sin, shame, greed, and hate; but none escapes. That is why there is more sin any night in a great city than on a battlefield.

But turning to Russia with its satanic-inspired propaganda. In practice, the most dreadful moral conditions exist in Russia. The dignities of decency are trampled beneath the rough foot of

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communism. We need not enlarge upon the baneful things which are so religiously cultivated and spread from the U.S.S.R. Yes, for the uncounted wrongs towering to the skies, Stalin is to blame. He has sinned against Russia—her past, her present manhood, womanhood, and children—and mortgaged her future. He has sinned against history, for evidently history has taught him nothing. He has outraged God and humanity.

But is he so unique? What about other despotic leaders, such as Napoleon, Hitler, and Tojo? What of all the successive ages which made human corpses their ghastly steppingstones to transitory thrones? Do you not see that all these are but the pawns of a great leader? Stalin is a mere tool; when he goes, Satan remains. When Napoleon died, his proud, lustful, and wicked spirit lived on—only in other incarnations.

The Holy Scriptures remind us that the New Testament speaks 110 times of the devil, and over 70 times of his spiritual hosts, stooges, or demons. The immutable Word sincerely indicates that the devil is not an abstract essence of evil and that demons are not diseases. This is clear, because evil can possibly exist only as the quality of a moral being. Goodness and badness are absolutely unthinkable except as attributes of intelligent moral beings. Just as real as Christ, so was His antagonist. He is referred to as the “wicked one” (Matt. 13:19 and 38); also as a “murderer from the beginning,” “a liar” (John 8:44), and prince of this world.

Stalin is just one of Satan’s willing dupes. When Stalin has served Satan’s sinister purpose and passes to his unthinkable reckoning, there will be others for the “great deceiver” to lure and use. Because Stalin is a responsible human being, he is to blame indeed for his misdeeds. But even as willing an agent as Stalin couldn’t do much alone; it is when he finds willing followers that world-shaking results ensue.

In summary, is Stalin guilty? The Bible clearly lays the responsibility on each one proportionately who has lived a traitor toward God and served as a tool of Satan. If it takes two to make a quarrel, it takes millions to precipitate a world conflagration, and a devil to organize it. In analysis, every life not obedient to God, to Christ, and to the Holy Spirit is an instrument of Christ’s foe, the deceiver, Satan.

You may destroy your Napoleons, your Hitlers, and your Stalins; but as long as men yield themselves to sin and Satan, so long will wickedness be graduating to generalship, and human life will be a repeated story of enslavements and tragedies.

People everywhere, every day, every one, are helping to build either the devil’s kingdom in which perfidy, violence, hate, and greed lead periodically to war, desolation, and death; or they are helping to build the kingdom of God among men in which regenerated, cleansed, God-serving men are living for the glory of God—and in this case they are helping to thwart the plans of Satan (I Peter 5:8-10).

THE EVANGELISTIC PULPIT:

The First and the Last Adam

By Evangelist Fred Thomas*

THE FIRST Adam is the corporeal head of the human family; and Christ, the last Adam, is the spiritual Head of the human family. The first Adam was formed out of the virgin soil; and Christ, the last Adam, was born of the virgin, conceived of the Holy Ghost. The first Adam was the creation of God; the last Adam was the incarnation of God. The creation of the first Adam was his origin into existence, but the incarnation of the last Adam was but His origin into the human family. The first Adam was the image and the divine likeness of God; the last Adam was the revelation of God.



The first Adam was tempted but once and yielded; but the last Adam “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Heb. 4:15).

Through the disobedience of the first Adam, our natural head, all men became willful transgressors. But through the obedience of the last Adam, our spiritual Head, all men can be forgiven of their willful, known transgressions.

Through the disobedience of the first Adam, all men inherited the fallen nature of sin; but through the obedience of the last Adam, all men can be cleansed from the nature of depravity by the merits of the precious Blood by the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Through the disobedience of the first Adam, communion with God was discontinued; but through the obedience of the last Adam, that sacred communion can be restored. Sin separated the first Adam from God. Today, sin separates man from God; and sin will sever man from God eternally. But man, through Christ, who became the supreme Sacrifice once and for all, can be delivered from the bondage and dominion of sin; and thus, through His vicarious sacrifice and priesthood, man can enter into the holiest of all and again have fellowship and companionship with the holy God.

Through the disobedience of the first Adam all men became the recipients of death; but through the obedience of the last Adam all men can be the recipients of eternal life. Everything that man has lost through the disobedience of the first Adam can be finally restored through the obedience of the last Adam. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (I John 3:2-3).

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Sunrise on the Mount of Olives

By Leslie Parrott*

THIS MORNING I saw the sunrise as I stood atop the Mount of Olives. It was no common emotion which grasped me as the dawn began to creep up from behind the Hills of Moab. The first rays of sunlight touched the towers and domes of Mt. Zion on Jerusalem's south side. Moment by moment the sun slipped across the Holy City, shining on its crooked streets until everything, including the Temple area on the east and Gordon's Calvary to the north, had begun a new day. Between us and the city we could see Gethsemane with its new and ancient olive trees. The floor of the garden was sprinkled with red, blue, and yellow wild flowers, for it's spring in Palestine. Beyond Gethsemane was the Brook Kidron and the rock formation framed with giant green cacti where Stephen was stoned. It was here the culprits laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. Beyond all this, we could plainly see the Gate Beautiful, which in old days opened through the city wall into the Temple.

To the south, the sun had early shone upon the hill where Herod the Great had built his palace. It is near there that the United Nations Palace now stands. Beyond it were the Bethlehem hills and near at hand the traditional Pool of Siloam. God's sun shines upon the just and the unjust, for to the south we could also see the hill where Solomon's pagan wives worshiped at their heathen shrines; and beneath the hill the sun finally warmed Absalom's Monument built by David's

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wayward son to his own memory. To this day, all Jews who pass the spot pause to hurl a spiteful stone at the monolith.

When the sun was sufficiently high, Rev. S. C. Krikorian, the superintendent of our Nazarene churches in Palestine, and I climbed down from the tower of the Church of the Ascension and walked to an ancient olive tree where thirty years ago, as a young man, Brother Krikorian and Dr. H. F. Reynolds had spent a night in prayer. We read the story of the Ascension in Acts 1, and together had our morning prayer. As we walked down the Mount of Olives along the approximate path which Jesus took on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, I felt that this early morning experience was also the dawn of a new day in my soul.

America, Back to God!

By Ernest Moore, Jr.*

READING Senator Charles Tobey's recent book entitled *Return to Morality*, I was impressed with his conclusions particularly. He very definitely states that the only hope for survival for our nation is a return by the people to spiritual realities. In a recent message, Dr. Hardy Powers pointed out that the only hope for America and the world is an old-fashioned revival of religion.

This seems to be the general consensus of opinion everywhere. But it seems to me that we Nazarenes have been content too many times to pray with two or three in our midst, saying that "where two or three are gathered together," when the multitudes were passing by on the outside needing God, and we manifested no concern, or not enough.

God is giving us an opportunity today in this Mid-Century Crusade for Souls to win the teeming millions of the lost of earth, and to enable not only this nation to survive but also this civilization as we know it.

God help us as local units to do our part in this Crusade for Souls!

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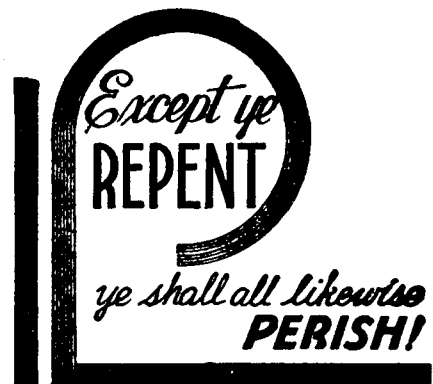
O Little House in Nazareth

By Grace Noll Crowell

"And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. . . . And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth."

*O little house in Nazareth,
Across the years we see
The house the gentle Jesus knew
And loved so tenderly;
The only home He called His own
Throughout His stay on earth.
Oh, blest indeed is your low roof,
Your walls, your sill, your hearth.*

*No other dwelling in the world
Has housed God's kingly Son,
And waited for His footsteps when
His daily work was done.
From out the door He bore a light
To reach earth's farthest space.
O little house, how wonderful
To be His dwelling place!*



Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Mother's Day

THE VISITATION commission in local churches will want to take note that there may be a number of visitors in Sunday school and church on Mother's Day, some of them coming because of the family emphasis. A careful follow-up by the friendship band or callers' group will help to get them back to church. Let us take advantage of these opportunities.

Rural Life Sunday

May 18 is designated as Rural Life Sunday. I read an article recently in which the author stated that three-fourths of the population is totally unchurched in many rural areas. Perhaps we assume that, because the percentage of people in our country living in rural areas is declining, the establishing of the church in these areas is not important. This is not true. The actual number of rural people remains about the same over the years, and nearly one-half of our boys and girls are growing up in small towns or in the country.

If these figures are correct, certainly we should do all we can to extend the church to these people. "If rural America is to be evangelized, it will be through faith and prayer and hard work. If we contribute our share of these, the Holy Spirit will reward our efforts with genuine results."

I am glad that the Church of the Nazarene is recognizing this challenge. We haven't had a lot of publicity about the need of the rural church, but our district superintendents have been awake to our responsibilities. During this quadrennium, approximately 65 per cent of our new churches have been established in open country, villages, and towns of less than 5,000 population. Let us continue this good work.

Thoughts On Soul Winning

He came from a Nazarene family, but during the depression, when jobs were scarce, he was hired as a driver for a beer truck in the post-Prohibition days. It was the wrong business, and it led him to unwholesome companions, to cigarettes, and eventually to drink for himself. He became thoroughly enmeshed in liquor and the liquor business.

Years went by. He married, established a home, but never went to church. Then one summer his little girl attended the vacation Bible school at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, California.

Some time later, she became very ill. He didn't know where to turn, so he called for the pastor of the church where his girl went to the vacation Bible school. She was brought back to health again, and he had been brought into contact with the Christ who died for sinners. He was soundly converted and left his business and his companions.

I heard him sing in a male quartet last fall and listened as he gave his testimony to God's grace. I wondered if the vacation Bible school teacher had asked herself if it was worth all of the time and effort to teach a group of fidgety girls, or if she had realized that she was helping to win a family to God. Yes, vacation Bible schools are evangelistic opportunities.

Italy

Our work in Italy has made progress during this quadrennium, under the able leadership of our missionary, Rev. Alfredo Del Rosso. Handicapped by lack of church buildings or property of any kind, Brother Del Rosso has nevertheless forged ahead and gathered together congregations of born-again Christians in his home town of Florence, and also in Montal-

cino, Civitavecchia, and Rome. There are three groups meeting in the "Eternal City," one of them less than a mile from the Vatican. In the past year he has been able to start two new churches on the island of Sicily, at Catania and Misterbianco. Most of these meet in homes or small halls owned by the Christians in connection with their business. In each place a Nazarene acts as local preacher in gathering the people together and conducting services between the times Brother Del Rosso can come to them. These leaders are consecrated Nazarenes, devoted to proclaiming the gospel. Last Christmas the wife of one of them, Mrs. Jeanne Padelletti, of Montalcino, slipped away to be with the Lord.

Funds have now been made available and we are hoping to own our first piece of property in Italy. This will mean the possibility for greater advance and more permanence, but it may also mean more open opposition. General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers has just visited our work throughout Italy.

By action of the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board in January, the jurisdiction of our work in Italy has been transferred from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism to the Department of Foreign Missions, as of May 1, 1952. Any correspondence concerning Italy should now be addressed to the latter department.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. *Our Sunday-school class would like to know the age of Mary at the time of Jesus' birth.*

A. No one knows the age of Mary when Jesus was born. However, she must still have been quite young, for Jesus was her first child, and we have reason to believe that she became the mother of several children.

Q. *Was the whole Bible in its original form inspired word for word? I believe that the "message" or "thought" content of the Bible was inspired, but that it was then written down in each writer's own words. Is there scripture to prove the point either way?*

A. In what you have said, you have pretty well described what the theologians call the plenary verbal and plenary thought, or dynamic, theories of inspiration. These two theories of inspiration stated exactly refer to the full verbal, or word, and the full thought inspiration of the Bible. Either view preserves the infallibility of the

Bible and may be looked upon as conservative, or orthodox. There are some in our church who hold to the former view and others hold to the latter. I believe that there are scriptures which may be offered as proofs for either of these views.

Q. *What do you think about a Church of the Nazarene having a Sunday-school Easter egg hunt on Sunday afternoon?*

A. I believe that a more suitable time could be found for it.

Q. *Was the Roman Catholic church the first church organization, and was Peter made its head after Christ? In other words, was Peter as Christ's successor the first pope of the Roman Catholic church, which was the first Christian church?*

A. There is no truth at all in the claim implied in the questions you have asked. Matt. 16:18 means that

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Calendar of Coming Events

UNDER NEWS and announcements, the bulletin of the First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City for Sunday, April 20, had as one heading "Calendar of Coming Events." Here's what I read under this item: "Christian Service Training, May 5 to 9; Seminary Commencement, May 20; Camp Meeting, June 2 to 8; General Assembly Auxiliary Conventions, June 19 to 21; General Assembly proper, June 22 to 28; Boys' Camp, July 14-19; Girls' Camp, July 21 to 26; Vacation Bible School, August 18 to 29."

Such an active program might be duplicated in most of our churches. Of course, we do not have the General Assembly and the other general meetings every year. Also, the Nazarene Theological Seminary, while it is an institution of the whole church, is not so close to many of our churches as it is to those in Kansas City and adjacent territory. Nevertheless, there are our colleges, and every church in our connection has some college in which it is vitally interested. These colleges have their commencements, whose programs the churches in their areas will be announcing.

Why do I mention this calendar of coming events? To direct our attention to the fact that members of the Church of the Nazarene are busy people. What is true of them is also true of every Christian, whatever his church relationship may be. A person cannot really follow God and do much of anything else; laziness and going to heaven are not compatible.

Making a living cannot be escaped. Physical necessities must be provided for. However, while we are making a living we should be on the job for Christ—doing all that we can to help men and bring them to Christ if they do not already know Him. Besides, we must give much of our spare time to Christ and our church.

Many lessons have been drawn from the three sections of Matthew 25. However, I am wondering if the distinctions which are so vividly set forth in this chapter aren't between those who are on the job and those who are not. The five foolish virgins were not ready for the coming of the bridegroom because they had not kept their lamps filled with oil. By the time they were prepared, or were on the job, the door was shut. The one-talent man didn't do anything. He dug in the earth and hid his lord's money, and here's what happened: "Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. . . . And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 25: 28-30).

And then there are those who will be on the left hand of the Son of Man at the last judgment. Their doom and the cause for it are given in these words: "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his

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angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not" (Matt. 25:41-43). There was plenty to be done—the calendar was full of events; but they were spectators, and not participants.

On the other hand, the five wise virgins, the five- and two-talent servants, and those who were on the right of the Son of Man at the last judgment were all on the job. The Christian life was a crusade for them, and they didn't growl about the church taking so many nights in the week or having such an intensive program on, both summer and winter. They realized that we must be about our Father's business, for the night will soon come when no man can work. Men forget about the long hours and the multiplying tasks when an emergency is on.

"Thy Will Be Done"

IT WAS Jesus' very life to do God's will. "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). The Master's judgment was just because He sought not to do His own will, but the will of the Father who had sent Him (John 5:30). This same spirit dominated Him in the Garden of Gethsemane as He approached the Cross. He said, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

"Thy will be done" stands at the very heart of the prayer which Jesus gave His disciples—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth" (Luke 11:2). Above everything else, the true follower of Jesus Christ wants God's will to be done.

As we pray for the General Assembly, the burden of our prayer should be, "Thy will be done." If we really love Jesus Christ and want to obey Him, we will be glad to follow the example He set in His praying and the suggestion He gave us in the Disciples' Prayer. Besides, this is the only way a truly unselfish disciple of Christ can pray. He does not want his own will!

God knows what is best for us as individuals. His way for the church will be best for every member and friend of the church. Again, God's will for the church will steer it in the right direction. We believe that the Church of the Nazarene has its own special mission to perform in the world of today, but it certainly cannot fill this place in society apart from God's will for it.

"Thy will be done." This must be the heart of my praying for the General Assembly. No selfish issue should be permitted to cloud this

Stephen S. White

central issue. Above everything else, we should pray for God to have His way at the General Assembly. Only as I pray thus can I get my prayer through, and only as I pray in this spirit can my prayer have value for the church. No other plan or program for the Church of the Nazarene except God's is worth while.

The Odd Family

"Mr. Freakish"

THE ODD family—it is plenty large. All of us belong to it in some way, I imagine. Of course, I am not nearly so apt to think that I am peculiar as I am to think that you are. Nevertheless, I am afraid that I am eccentric in some way. Still, I am not going to discuss myself or anybody else; I am just going to talk about some of the members of this odd family without mentioning any names. But don't forget, my friend, that you are probably like one or more of the members of this odd family.

Before going further, perhaps I should say that being odd does not necessarily mean that you will not get into heaven at last. In some cases it would likely prevent you from getting there, but in most instances it will just slow up the development of your Christian character. As a personality quirk it will almost always make life harder for you, although you will probably never be conscious of that fact. As a rule, it will be more of a hindrance to those about you than to you. They will be very much aware of your lack of balance at that particular point and will have to pray for grace to put up with it. In a few instances there may be those who will default in their relation to God because of your idiosyncrasy. Usually, however, God will classify the activities which flow from your oddities as mistakes rather than sins.

The first member of the odd family which I shall mention is *Mr. Freakish*. This individual never sees a truth, book, hat, event, action just as anybody else does. He's different! In fact, he prides himself on being different. He is original. No doctrine of the church, Bible truth, or ethical standard which is accepted by the group is exactly as it should be. It may not be off color much, but it is off color at least to an infinitesimal degree. He has the type of mind that does not accept anything from anybody else without revamping it in some way. He is an independent thinker! This novelty, or freakish attitude, probably grows, unconsciously, of course, out of a desire for attention.

The commonplace, the accepted, the age-old—what the church has agreed on—is not glamorous

An Armed Forces Day of Prayer

A recent letter from Dr. G. B. Williamson, secretary of the Board of General Superintendents, calls attention to May 17, which has been set apart by the Department of the Army as Armed Forces Day. In this connection, it is suggested that Sunday, May 18, be observed as an Armed Forces Day of Prayer.

Certainly the Nazarene churches everywhere will plan to make May 18 a day of prayer for our armed forces. On that day we shall pray especially for our service men and women and their loved ones. We shall also pray for our country and its leaders, and for all of the nations of the world in this hour of crisis. Remember May 17 as Armed Forces Day, and Sunday, May 18, as an Armed Forces Day of Prayer!—S. S. WHITE.

or exciting. Let's have the new, even at the expense of being freakish, or odd. I went into a professor's office at the University of Chicago to discuss my dissertation for my Ph.D degree. As I went in, another man left. He had been there on the same mission—to ask the professor some questions about the dissertation he was writing. After I was in and this man was out of hearing distance, the professor said, "Did you see that man who just left my office?" I told him that I did, and then the professor proceeded to give me some interesting information about the young man. He said: "At first, as I listened to this young man and his dissertation, I thought he was a genius, and then before he got through I decided that he was a candidate for the insane asylum." The thing which caused the professor to think finally that the young man was off mentally was the oddness of the young man's subject and thought. I might add that I never heard what the professor said about me after I left. I have reason to believe that he did not say that I was a genius, or brilliant, and I hope that he did not say that I was crazy. My thought in my dissertation was rather prosaic and unoriginal, I am afraid, and, therefore, rather free from being eccentric.

True, or real, originality is worth while; but mere freakishness, or novelty, has little value. Truth should be placed above freakishness, or novelty, or even originality. If originality can be had without shading the truth, then genuine advancement has been made. Otherwise, let us stand by the truth even if it is old and commonplace.

To hasten over into the spiritual Canaan of perfect love is among the first lessons of the Holy Spirit to the young converts.—J. A. Wood.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for May 18: Making Our Homes Christian

Scripture: Exod. 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; Luke 2:41-52; John 19:25-27 (Printed, Exod. 20:12; Mark 7:9-13; John 19:25-27)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee (Exod. 20:12).*

Jesus' attitude toward His home can be seen in its clearest light when we give special attention to Luke 2:49 and 2:51; for we see two distinctly different phases of His life revealed.

Luke 2:49 tells us that at the age of twelve Jesus had a clear and unmistakable understanding of His deity; and, knowing this, He also was aware that human parentage was definitely a secondary aspect. "I must be about my Father's business," was a simple and almost blunt announcement to

Joseph that Jesus claimed a primary divine Sonship and a secondary human parentage. It would have been so easy for Him at that time to have flaunted parental authority, and become a law unto himself. Of course, if He was ever thus tempted, He never yielded a moment; for He had better judgment than that. And we read that He came to Nazareth and was subject unto them.

Christ was quick to hear the voice of His Heavenly Father, but that did not prevent Him from also giving quick obedience to His home discipline. Jesus was teaching us that there can be no true loyalty to God that is not accompanied by true loyalty to

parents. In other words, don't be a rebel at home and profess Christianity at church. It just isn't so!

If I understand the Bible aright, God bases all His commandments for home obedience on the need for spiritual well-being in the life of the individual. Here is the cycle: obedience in the home begets reverence for the home; reverence for the home begets reverence for the church; and those who have a deeply ingrained reverence for the church and sacred things find it much easier to seek and find God in personal salvation. Parents who spoil their children in the home by demanding little or no obedience also spoil them for future sainthood; or, at least, make sainthood much less likely.

Yes, Jesus was dead-right. His sense of divinity only enhanced His splendid obedience to human parentage and made home discipline a shining thing to this very hour.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Dr. Powers Visits Italy*

Dr. Hardy C. Powers was with us the first week of April visiting the work we do in Italy.

Tuesday, April 1, Dr. Hardy C. Powers spoke to the church in Rome. The message of Dr. Powers went deep in the souls, and the presentation of the work of the Church of the Nazarene in the world illumined the congregation in Rome about the extension of the home and foreign missions of our church.

Wednesday we were in Naples and there we gathered some Nazarenes and friends to whom Dr. Powers spoke about the power of the living God and His manifestation through the Church of the Nazarene in the large world.

Far from Florence, nearly seven hundred miles away, we met the congregation of the two churches in Sicily: Catania and Misterbianco. In a small private room we were packed in, and Dr. Powers spoke. At the end of the blessed service, three souls professed to be saved.

In Florence on Saturday, April 5, in the Salvation Army Hall, kindly

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lent to us, we presented the Word of Life to the precious souls of our Church of the Nazarene and some friends with them. Dr. Powers gave one splendid sermon on the rich Gift of God and the possibility of getting everything with Christ and through Him! I have heard in the following days that this message remained impressed in the minds and hearts of the people who were present in the service. Furthermore, through the exposition of Dr. Powers, they know now better the work of the Church of the Nazarene and our doctrine of holiness by faith in Christ.

The Apostle Paul came from Palestine to Rome via Malta, Syracuse, Regius, and Puteoli. We made nearly the same journey, visiting Rome, Napoli (near Puteoli), and Catania, which is between Syracuse and Regius. We had the same message, the same Spirit, and the same result, the salvation of souls. Today we may use modern transportation but the old, old gospel is the same and it has the same power, in the precious name of Jesus! May the Lord bless our dear brothers and our dear church as it sends our general superintendent to encourage us to fight the good fight of faith and to bring souls to Jesus!—ALFREDO DEL ROSSO, *Italy.*

Plans Set for Haiti

A week from today [April 14] I will go up to Gonaives, where I will spend a week of station visitation and contact with our preachers. We have outlined a program of instruction and revivals for our southern stations between now and the fall, and we trust the Lord will help us to get this area well established as we personally concentrate on each station for one month. We plan to have both a summer and a fall session of the Bible school. I have already prepared most of the material in French, and it needs only to be duplicated. We are trusting the Lord for a new impetus and blessings.—PAUL R. ORJALA, *Haiti.*

Visitation Values

Eighteen months ago, accompanied by one of my native girls, I for the first time visited the humble little cottage wherein lived Fritzgerald Jackson, his wife, and eight very lovely children. My mission was for a distinctly spiritual purpose.

Fritzgerald Jackson for nearly twelve years had been living far from God. He had become a devout follower of a very terrible teaching. Within his soul he grew more wretched and miserable every week, until he had lost his grip on life. Many would say of him, "This is an impossible case." But, not so! Our God is the God of what may seem impossible.

That unforgettable morning the Spirit of the living God came in His

same real and wonderful way. For more than one hour, under His special anointing I labored with this precious soul. The Christian wife, who had struggled alone for so long to keep the family together, was also under the burden. Thank God, our efforts were not in vain. The results came after everyone in the room had knelt before the living God. I led the way in prayer, followed by the long-time prodigal son. How that precious father prayed that morning, acknowledging himself as a vagabond on the earth! He prayed until he prayed through. What a glory filled the room! Of course the wife's prayer was then one of praise and gratitude.

In later months the father, mother, and eldest three children united with our church at Bank Hall. It was a memorial afternoon when Fitzgerald Jackson accompanied his eight children to our Sunday school.

Tonight how glad I am for that first morning spent in the home of Fitzgerald Jackson! The results were lasting. Just the other night he sat on the front seat with a happy face. But this very afternoon I was called upon to stand behind the sacred desk and speak some final words of tribute to this child of God who had met with a tragic death and only last night answered the homeland call.

Do pray for your missionaries in their work of visitation. Only eternity will reveal the value of visitation work. Pray for this precious bereaved family.—Mrs. A. O. HENDRICKS, *Barbados*.

THE QUESTION BOX

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Peter's confession that Jesus Christ was the Son of the living God, and not Peter himself, was the rock upon which Christ built His Church. Matt. 16:19 does not mean that Peter was given power to forgive sins. This verse may easily be interpreted to mean the function of the church in excommunicating members from its midst or the right of Peter as an apostle to present the gospel message to men who would be saved or damned, forgiven or not forgiven, as they accepted or rejected the truth preached. Anyway, this nineteenth verse could not be power bestowed upon Peter alone, for the same power is given to all of the apostles in Matt. 18:18. Here Jesus stated again what He said in Matt. 16:18, but in this case He is talking not just to Peter, but to all of the apostles. If anyone has any inclination to deny this, let him read Matt. 18 from the first verse on through the eighteenth. If Peter had the power to forgive sins,

then all of the other apostles had it also. Further, if this was one of the things which made Peter pope, then the same statement would have made all of the apostles popes. Besides, all of the apostles as well as Peter along with the prophets were made a part of the foundation of the Church, according to Eph. 2:19-20.

There are some other facts which are unanswerable proofs against the claim that Peter was the first head of the church in Rome. The New Testament nowhere even intimates that Peter ever was in Rome. Paul, we know, was there, but not Peter. Paul was far more the leader of the apostolic group than Peter. In addition, Paul claimed full equality as an apostle with Peter as well as with all of the other members of the apostolic group. More than this, he even took the liberty to correct Brother

Peter on one occasion (see Gal. 1:1, 11-17; 2:6-15).

In the Early Church, according to the Acts of the Apostles, Jerusalem was the chief center of the Church with Antioch as the secondary and Gentile capital. Rome was not in the picture at all, from this standpoint. Also, James, the brother of Jesus, was the head of the Jerusalem church, and not Peter; and in the great Jerusalem Council, recorded in Acts 15, James, Paul, and Barnabas had a more significant part than Peter. Finally, there is absolutely nothing in the New Testament which points to the fact that the Roman Catholic church was the original Christian church, that the church at Rome was the first or leading Christian church in the beginning of the Christian era, or that Peter ever had any connection with Rome or the papacy.

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

The Unclean Atmosphere

THE TASK of keeping a clean mind is extremely difficult in the world as it is today. Modern youth must constantly breathe the polluted atmosphere. At times we try to hold our breath; other times we try to imagine that the impurity is not there; but we finally conclude that we must face reality.

The conversation of school associates, magazine ads, billboards, talk on the street, newspaper headlines, and nearly everything we face today has its suggestive implications. Humor has degraded to vulgarity with even supposedly decent people sometimes betraying us. The entire day in which we live is saturated with sensuality.

But instead of absorbing this pollution or yielding to this pressure, the Christian young person must remain pure. It will not be easy. It will take diligence and real effort. But it must be done. We must have a set purpose to keep clean, and then fortify ourselves against every subtle and degrading pressure.

God has called us to be clean in the midst of uncleanness. We are to be as the lily growing out of murky, swampy water; and He has promised a power whereby we might be kept from the evil of the world. Let us set ourselves to fulfill God's purpose in our lives.

Prayer Tower Requests

May 4-10

Jerusalem

Samuel Doctorian, a graduate of Hurler Nazarene College in Scotland,

has returned to his native Jerusalem and is in the process of establishing a work in the old part of the city. Rev. and Mrs. Alex Wachtel will soon sail to Israel to make an earnest effort to revive our work in the new part of the city in our valuable Nazarene property there. Let us pray for both of these sections of the Holy City.

May 11-17

Nazarene Theological Seminary

This is the week which sees the seventh annual commencement of the seminary. Out of a student body of 201 this year, 42 will be graduating to go out into active Christian service. Of these, 35 will go to pastorates, 3 will enter evangelistic work, 4 are called missionaries with 3 leaving for the field this year. Let us pray for these graduates, for the other members of the student body and faculty out in summer activities, and for the many needs incident to building a seminary building.

While placing the emphasis always on Christian love, it would be well to remember that courtesy and thoughtfulness sometimes mean more than one thinks. The Bible says: "Be courteous"; "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much"; "For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech. 4:10), and "The little foxes . . . spoil the vines."

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

Rules for the Day

It is always easier to set down rules by which you think others should live than it is to choose a rigid creed for yourself and then live by it. This fact I know is true, and yet I believe we all should try our best to live more exemplary lives day by day.

The other day my husband was reading some messages written almost one hundred years ago by Bishop Middleton of England. He came across the Bishop's "Rules for Living," and immediately copied them and took them as his own. I find them exacting, but stimulating. For these reasons I am passing them on to you, hoping they may lift you in spots where you need some prodding. Study them and copy them if you find they put you "on your toes." They are well suited for either a man's or woman's life.

1. Persevere against discouragements.
2. Keep your temper.
3. Employ leisure in study, and always have some work in hand.
4. Be punctual and methodical in business, and never procrastinate.
5. Never be in a hurry.
6. Preserve self-possession, and do not be talked out of conviction.
7. Rise early, and be an economist of time.
8. Maintain dignity without the appearance of pride; manner is something with everybody and everything with some.
9. Be guarded in discourse, attentive, and slow to speak.
10. Never acquiesce in immoral or pernicious opinions.
11. Be not forward to assign reasons to those who have no right to ask.
12. Think nothing in conduct unimportant or indifferent.
13. Rather set than follow examples.
14. Practice strict temperance, and in your transactions, remember the final account.

Straight Paths for Your Feet

OF COURSE, today we blame most of the car accidents to one of two things—the drinking of alcoholic beverages or speed. But there is also another reason why cars do not always go where the driver intends them to go. Even as I mention it, however, I can almost hear you back-seat drivers say, "If he had been driving slower he could still have

made it." I will have to agree at that point. The cause of some accidents is that the road slants in the wrong direction on the curves. It seems a small defect, but it can easily cause much trouble and grief.

When I was a little girl, my parents purchased a brand-new 1916 Ford. Today, if one exactly like we had then were driven down the street in a parade, everyone would look on it as an antique. But when our family first climbed into that new Ford, it was no antique, I tell you! It was "stunning"! Every one of us children as well as both of our parents was proud of that car.

Owning a car naturally made taking a trip a necessity. We decided to go for a visit to a little town somewhere in the northeast part of the state of Texas. We climbed into the machine and off we started.

Now, if one drove thirty-five miles an hour in those days, he was speed-

Christian, Think—

By Betty Walker

Think of the heathen across the sea.
They have a soul, like you and me;
But they live in darkness, surrounded by fear.

No one has told them of Jesus, so dear.

They worship gods of wood and stone,
Who neither see them nor hear their moan;

They live in kraals that are dirty and cold.

You see, friend, they're still outside the fold.

Millions are living who soon will die—
Hear them weeping, hear their cry!

Did you say, "Let them alone, they'll be all right"?

Maybe so, but what of you—you with the light?

Let us pray and give as never before
To send the gospel to the heathen's door.

They're the "other sheep" not of this fold,

That Jesus said He'd bring; they must be told.

Look on the field, the harvest is white.
We must work while it's day; it soon will be night.

We know not the hour, nor even the day,

When Jesus will come. Then what will you say!

ing. My father drove along at fifteen and twenty miles an hour on the straight road, but always slowed up when he came to the curves.

As we came within five miles of Dallas, another car came toward us. It was on the other side of the curve. The other car took the curve at the same time we did. It took the low, smooth side of the curve, and that left us the high, ditch side of the curve. Father hadn't slowed down quite enough for such a peculiar curve, because usually there were few or no cars on the highway, so everyone took the smooth, low side. Just as we rounded the curve, our car became overbalanced and went right on over into the ditch.

Children, adults, bags, lunches, books, and all rolled right over to the side. Quickly all humans crawled out and, the car being fairly lightweight, a couple of men helped Father raise it to its wheels again. But when we got back into the beautiful car, the top would not stay in place unless four of us children held up the rods which had broken loose from the sides of the car. The next five miles we drove slowly, and with all the strength we children could muster we held on to those rods.

There wasn't very much wrong with that curve. Just a little! You see, so many people had taken the curve on the wrong side of the road that it was worn down until it could hardly be used on the side it was supposed to be used.

If everyone using the road had carefully acted as if there were another car on the other side of the curve, the road would have been worn down evenly and everyone could have taken the road safely.

There—it is so easy for us as Christians to take the easy way of life. Sometimes we take this easy way so often that the path behind us is made unsafe for those who follow. Oh, we don't do big wrongs. We try to live by the rules of life; but when the way gets hard, we take the easy path instead of remembering those who follow and who will run into trouble when they are forced to take the "high, ditch side of the curve."

Always be sure that the road you follow can be safely taken when more than one person is on it. Follow the safe and sure path of life, remembering the words, "Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way."

There is no substitute for prayer. If we would prevail with God we must pray. Luther, Wesley, Finney, and Spurgeon knew this lesson. Prayer was the all-consuming passion of the Apostles.—*Selected.*

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

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already the school has begun to pay dividends in turning out workers. It is not difficult to see that there are wonderful possibilities on this island, where nearly one million people live. The city of Port-of-Spain is the hub of the Caribbean area. Tonight we are to have a service at our St. James Church here in the city."

Nebraska District, under the leadership of Superintendent Whitcomb Harding, has had a good week's zone tour with Dr. L. J. Du Bois, general N.Y.P.S. secretary, as the special speaker and Rev. L. C. Schwanz, district N.Y.P.S. president, accompanying the party. Dr. Du Bois' stirring messages challenged both pastors and laymen in his emphasis for the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls.

Pastor Carl L. Wooten sends word from Marion, Ohio: "First Church broke all previous records with a good missionary offering. Our Easter offering was \$3,742.21—the best by far we have had. The Junior Society, with Mrs. Wooten as supervisor, raised \$1,188.00 of the amount. We had a good day in every department of the church on Easter Sunday, and we thank God and our fine people."

After more than seven years as pastor of the church at Lisbon, Rev. Carleton D. Jones has resigned, to accept a call to the church in Barnesville, Ohio.

Evangelist Harry McElrath writes that he is leaving the field to accept a call to pastor the Palmdale Church at Tucson, Arizona.

Evangelist Archie Woodward, after fourteen years of consecutive evangelism, has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church at Van Dyke, on the Eastern Michigan District.

District Church School Secretary John L. Moran sends word: "Albany District surpassed all previous records in Easter Sunday-school attendance by over 700. The goal was 4,662, but our attendance soared to 4,725, with every school reporting. The 'big four' among the churches were: Elmira, 326; Rochester, Lake Avenue, 310; Niagara Falls, 291; and Binghamton, 238. A wonderful day and wonderful giving for the Easter offering."

Pascagoula, Mississippi—Our church recently closed a good revival with the Rev. Joseph Bierce as evangelist. Brother Bierce had much liberty in the Spirit, and his ministry in song, illustrations, and preaching was greatly blessed of God. There were thirty-three seekers, and several new folks attended the services in the church. Many of our Sunday-school pupils were won to God, and some sanctified. Brother Bierce's ministry was so much appreciated by our church that the board wants him back for the third meeting next year. This work is going ahead.—James A. Todd, Pastor.

Dr. Haldor Lillenas writes: "Mrs. Lillenas and the writer have recently returned from a tour of music evenings conducted in sixteen churches on the Northern California District. Most of these services were well attended and many visitors were present. In the far-flung, beautiful, and prosperous San Joaquin Valley, we traveled extensively. Here, and in other sections of this district, we have many excellent churches and a fine class of people. We greatly enjoyed our fellowship with the pastors and their families, and we also met many friends of former years. Truly, the Church of the Nazarene on the Northern California District is in good hands under the consecrated leadership of the efficient district superintendent and his efficient corps of pastors and other church workers. The grace of God means more to me than at any time in the past, and I consider it a privilege to have a small part in the work of God's kingdom here on earth."

Pastor Willard F. Rogers writes: "Upon resigning as pastor of the Mayland, Tennessee, church, after a four-year pastorate, we came to the Houston, Mississippi, church in October of 1950. In the time we have been here, by the help of the Lord and the good people, we have been able to wreck the old parsonage and rebuild a nice new, modern one, with very little indebtedness. Our people have a vision for relocating and enlarging our church building soon. We have a very active and good missionary society, Junior Society, and young people's society. We have had three revival efforts since coming here: in May of '51 with Dr. J. D. Saxon; in November '51 with Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Beasler; and we have recently closed a week-end meeting with Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Cox of Mayfield, Kentucky. This short revival has been a great blessing to the church and town. The crowds were the largest we have had; time after time the Holy Spirit moved mightily under the anointed preaching of Brother Cox. The day services proved a great blessing. Thirteen souls found definite help at the altar and the entire church is mightily stirred. Our Sunday

school is growing, and we have received twelve good members into the church. We love and appreciate our good people of the Houston church, the Mississippi District, and our good superintendent, Dr. J. D. Saxon."

Orlando, Florida—First Church recently enjoyed the greatest revival in its history according to some of the members who have been here from ten to fifteen years. There were over four hundred seekers at the altar during the campaign, which was advertised as an "Indoor Camp Meeting." Rev. Ralph Sexton was the evangelist. He was mightily used of God; his messages stirred this people as nothing else has in years. There will be a return engagement. During the first week of the meeting Rev. Joe Darity sang his way into the hearts of the people. We will always thank God for the great contribution he made to this church. Professor Paul Qualls was the singer during the second week; he never sang more beautifully and was a blessing to us all. God has let us live to see one more old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival with Holy Ghost conviction and Holy Ghost results. Since the revival, we have received twenty-seven new members into the church and 95 per cent of them came by confession of faith. Orlando First is on the march. All Sunday-school records have been broken in the last month.—W. Blanchard Horne, Pastor.

Paradise, California—The Paradise Mission has just closed a good meeting with Evangelist Thomas Hayes. His messages were timely, God-honored, and some souls prayed through to good victory. This is a new place and it seems this was seed sowing. We are to organize this week with a beginning of thirteen and leave the roll open for a short time. Brother Hayes is a good preacher, a mighty man of prayer, and knows how to stand by the pastor. Finances came easily and a nice love offering was given the pastor and his wife. We have purchased property for a church and expect to remodel and enlarge soon.—J. P. Fisher, Pastor.

Pontiac, Michigan—The Clintonville Church recently held a revival of God's work. The preaching was done by our fine pastors of Pontiac, who carried a burden for this work. Each pastor did a beautiful job of lifting up Christ in regeneration and in holiness. Brother Joe Worley, who recently graduated from our Olivet College, did a wonderful job as soloist and conducting the congregational singing. His ministry in song contributed much toward winning our own young people and new ones to God. The type of songs that Brother Worley sings and God's added blessing make his ministry in song a ministry by itself. The church felt that this was the best revival that we had ever had.—R. F. Dickinson, Pastor.

Toboso, Ohio—A new home-mission work was started here in the fall of 1950 with a tent meeting. Later services were held in private homes and a tent was used through the summer months. We bought and paid for two nice lots, and built a 24 x 40-foot church building through the labor and sacrifices of four families. There is a very small indebtedness. We just closed a two-week revival with Rev. D. E. Pritt as the evangelist. He is a wonderful man of God and his ministry was a great boost to us. There were fifty-one souls seeking salvation, and almost all received definite help from God. This was one of the greatest revivals we have ever seen

with the power of God on every service, people getting blessed and letting God have His way. On March 5 Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, our district superintendent, was with us and brought us a stirring message, after which he organized our church with sixteen members; the charter will be open until Easter Sunday. Our good pastor is Rev. Chester G. Sidle, whose faithful services are appreciated.—Mrs. Alice Holtz, Reporter.

Ranger, Texas—We recently witnessed the greatest revival our church has had in the past fifteen years, with the C. C. Coolidge Evangelistic Party. Brother Coolidge preached nightly with the help and blessing of God, bringing us many wonderful heart-searching and holiness messages. A great interest was created by the beautiful chalk drawing and vibraharp music by Sister Coolidge. These people were called by the church with no promise of a set offering; but with their faith and courage in God, their untiring efforts were repaid many times. We have extended a hearty invitation for them to return for another revival. Brother Coolidge won the hearts of nearly one hundred outsiders who had never been inside the church at any time. At different times even other visiting denominational ministers helped pray people through at the altar. We witnessed more people at the altar than in any previous revival. As a result of this good revival, there will be a fine class uniting with the church, which will nearly double its membership.—Mrs. B. D. McGraw, Church Secretary.

Picture Butte, Alta.—On March 24 Dr. Edward Lawlor, district superintendent, was in charge of the service celebrating the local church's twentieth anniversary and also the dedication of the addition to the church. During the past year, twenty-four feet was added to the building, a completely new heating system installed, and the interior redecorated, including new pews. The Sunday school during the month of March averaged 175, which broke all previous records. God has been blessing the work of holiness in this small town with a population of 850.—Albert O. Loeber, Pastor.

Evangelist Ira E. Fowler writes: "Revival fires are still falling. In my recent revivals, the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. While we were in Missouri Valley, Iowa, God lifted the church out of many difficulties. Almost every night, souls sought Christ at the altar; others found victory in the parsonage. On the last Sunday of the revival, the fine pastor, Brother J. K. Adams, received a unanimous three-year call. I also enjoyed working with Brother and Sister Geeding, who are pastoring a growing home-mission work in Lebanon, Missouri. God gave a good revival there. Many friends were made for the church through the revival and the radio broadcasts. I have a couple of open dates for this summer, one in July and another in August. These are fine tent or camp-meeting dates, and I would be happy to slate them where God may lead. My program is complete with preaching, singing, music, and poetry. Write me at Hollywood, Maryland."



As Received by
T. W. Willingham, Executive Director
Nazarene Radio League

IN RADIO broadcasting the audience is composed of people from all walks of life and they are reached in various manners. A glimpse into the mailbag will show this.

"I'm a heart patient, have been bedfast a long time. I want to tell you how much you have helped me. Your Sunday service was so wonderful. At times the cross has been almost too heavy to bear, but He always helped me carry it. I shall remember what you said this morning. Remember me in your prayers."—A Kansan.

"As a staff announcer and programing assistant, may I commend you for the excellent manner in which you present the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Showers of Blessing* is quite convincing in its appeal to the unsaved.

"Doctor DeLong's message entitled 'For What Are You Waiting?' was very pertinent. May I have a copy?"

"Thank you so much for your co-operation in this matter and may God bless your worthy efforts."—From a network announcer.

So it goes—a man in an auto, a sick man, a lady in the kitchen, a minister meditating, a homesick, wayward boy or girl—yes, the little fifteen minutes you make possible becomes literally *Showers of Blessing* as it points all to the Author of all blessings.

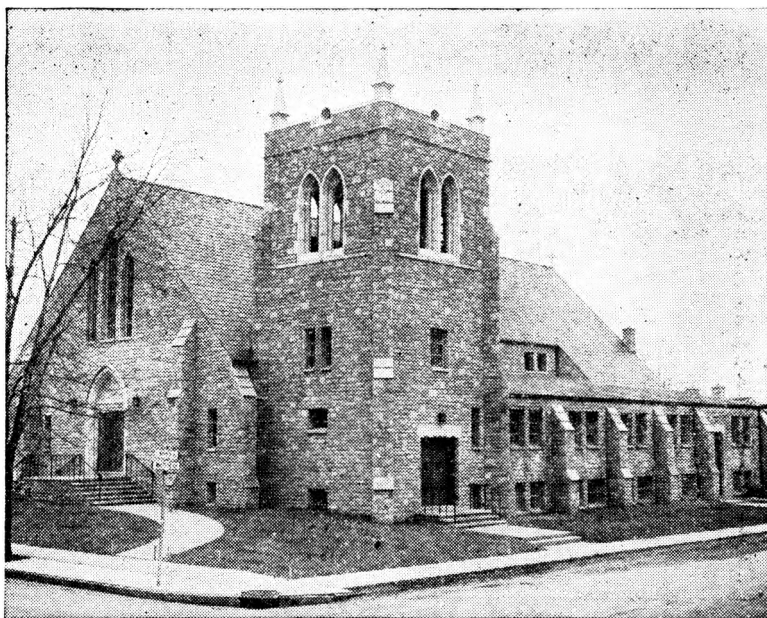
Buckhannon, West Virginia—Our church has had a very successful revival meeting with Rev. W. E. Haggard as the evangelist. Several new contacts were made for the church. Brother Haggard's messages reached to the hearts of the people, blessed the Christians, and caused the sinners to see their need. Brother Haggard carries a burden for the revival and really preaches under the anointing and power of God. The church gave him a call to return in the fall of '53. Buckhannon church is moving forward for God; it gave the pastor and family a unanimous call to return another year, also gave them a raise in salary and a fine love offering. We have purchased a lot to build a new church and parsonage. God is working and people are praying through. We have a group of Nazarenes who are loyal and faithful to God, the church, and the pastor.—Reporter.

Evangelists J. Lester and Edna M. Seel report: "The last three months have been among the best in our evangelistic ministry. We have constantly emphasized and honored the Holy Spirit in the six meetings just closed, and God has given us the increase with nearly five hundred definite seekers during this period. Many of these have joined the Church of the Nazarene. To Him be thanks and praise."

Nashville, Tennessee—On March 15, Woodbine Church closed one of the best revivals of its history, with Rev. A. C. Rowland as the evangelist. Sister Rowland and daughters, Norma and Miriam, were in charge of the singing. Prayer meetings that were outstanding on account of the presence of the Holy Spirit preceded the meeting. The songs and bright testimonies of the singers were a source of inspiration, especially to the young people. Sunday-school enthusiasm ran high as a result of a unique and successful campaign conducted by the evangelist, in co-operation with the pastor, Rev. W. A. Jordan, with a record attendance of 234. The blessings of God were upon the searching and uplifting messages brought by the evangelist. Good crowds attended with interest; new converts found God, backsliders were reclaimed, believers sanctified, and the church people moved up into a deeper and richer experience. The meeting was climaxed with an impressive dramatization of the Ten Virgins; and the people were deeply stirred by the Spirit. Sixty-one people knelt at an altar of prayer, thirty-one of whom came forward the last night, and several members were added to the church. It was truly an old-fashioned, God-given, Holy Ghost revival.—J. Garner, Reporter.

Warren Avenue Church, Columbus, Ohio

Dedication of this new church building was on Sunday afternoon of March 30, with Dr. G. B. Williamson giving the dedicatory address, and Brother Curtis Brown as the song evangelist. Rev. Harris B. Anthony has been pastor for fourteen years. Ground was broken for the construction of this building on May 29, 1950, and the cornerstone laid on November 26. The style of the building is modified English Gothic. It has a complete ground or basement floor, first floor and balcony, with a tower located on the southwest corner. The exterior of the building is made of native Columbus limestone, with Indiana limestone trim; all doors are white oak. The nave, chancel, and balcony windows are set in Indiana limestone frames. The nave, narthex, chancel, and balcony windows are made from antique stained glass. The foundation is solid poured concrete. Ceiling construction is open timber work and all exposed woodwork is oak. All finish hardware, church lanterns, and outside lights are of solid bronze. Church furniture in the nave, chancel, and balcony is white oak. The basement of the church contains an assembly room, fifteen Sunday-school classrooms, church office, etc.; on the first floor are located the nave, chancel, narthex, five Sunday-school classrooms, nursery, pastor's study, secretary's office, and organ chamber. All plaster is done in a beautiful Spanish tex-



ture. An up-to-date sound system has been installed throughout the building, with a belfry broadcasting system in the tower. Heating for the building is gas-fired, hot water, with radiant heat in the basement and hot

water convectors upstairs. Ralph R. Orr was the architect for the building, which fronts 95 feet on S. Warren Ave., and 105 feet on Whitehead Road; the building has a seating capacity of approximately 1,400.—Reporter.

Evangelist Roy Lewis reports: "I am enjoying my work in the field of evangelism and praising the Lord that the days of old-fashioned revivals are not past. I began the year at our Mt. Hope Church, Berne, Indiana, with Rev. Doyle Hofferbert; then at Patricksburg, Indiana, with Rev. Cecil Newby, God gave us a mighty visitation of His holy power in the salvation and sanctification of souls; at Modoc, Indiana, with Rev. Clyde Smith; then to the Hebron church with Rev. Miss Hollingsworth; and to Indianapolis, Indiana, with Rev. Harry Carter, where the fire fell, with the saints shouting for joy and sinners running to the altar seeking God. My last meeting was with Rev. O. W. Sciscoe, at Hagerstown, Indiana. In this meeting many souls prayed through, including a family by the name of Wesley who are descendants of Charles Wesley."

Grand Junction, Colorado—Sunday night, March 30, marked the close of a very fine revival at First Church. Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Chatfield were the evangelists. Counting as they came, there were seventy-six people seeking God for justification or sanctification. The attendance was very good, the interest was unusual, and the spirit throughout the entire meeting was wonderful. The Chatfields were cordially received by all, and their ministry in sermon and song won

the hearts of our people. They were called unanimously by the church board to return for another revival, and accepted. Our church is making progress spiritually and numerically, having received twenty members during this assembly year. Unity and harmony prevail among the people.—C. W. Henderson, Pastor.

North Star, Michigan—Our church has had a successful revival with Evangelist Loran Irby. We greatly appreciated his rich gospel messages. There were a number of seekers at the altar, some for the first time, some to be reclaimed, also a number for sanctification. We believe the church will go on to greater things.—E. W. Burk, Pastor.

Olds, Alberta—Since our coming here last July, there has been a steady growth in all departments of the work. We conducted a vacation Bible school in August with good results. In November, Rev. O. Kilshaw of Claresholm came to our church for a ten-day meeting, which resulted in seekers at our altar and some new members added to the church. Dr. Oscar F. Reed, of Calgary First Church, has just concluded a week of special services with us. His ministry was heart-searching, constructive, and blessed of the Lord with victory around our altars. Attendance and interest increased each night with a climax on Sunday. All previous records were broken in Sunday school

with 141 in attendance. Dr. Reed spoke to the Junior Department, and thirteen boys and girls knelt at an altar of prayer. Our Sunday school shows an increase of more than 50 per cent over last year at this time. We are encouraged.—Wm. C. Baptiste, Pastor.

Muldrow, Oklahoma—In April we had a very fruitful revival with Evangelist John Burgess. The entire church was helped, sixty-three people sought God at the altar of prayer, and we expect to receive more fruit from this meeting. Brother Burgess preached the old-fashioned gospel with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He was given a call to return next year. A nice love offering was given the pastor at the close of the revival.—Olen Emory, Pastor.

Dr. D. Shelby Corlett, evangelist, writes that he has some open time, May 25 through June 15, which he can give either for revival meetings or holiness conventions. Contact him, P.O. Box 47, Anaheim, California.

Evangelist Lottie Phillips writes: "At this writing I am in a meeting in Plymouth, Indiana. I have three open dates for this calendar year: November 12 to 23, November 26 to December 7, and December 10 to 21. Will go anywhere, but would prefer close to Indiana, Ohio, or Illinois. Write me, % Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee."

Evangelist J. L. Woolman writes: "I will be in a revival in Chicago, Illinois, May 27 to June 8; then have an open date, June 10 to 22. I'd like to slate this date in that section, or between Chicago and Kansas City; or would give some church one week, June 9 to 15. Write me, 209 N. Hammond, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "We had a wonderful tour with Superintendent Mack Anderson of the Georgia District. 'Mack' was a successful evangelist for many years. He is a good man, an earnest preacher, and a good soul winner. His wife is a lovely, consistent, kind, and cheerful helpmate. They have given five years to the Georgia District. The church membership now stands at 3,000, with 65 churches, and near, 5,000 in Sunday school. The pastors and laymen love the Andersons. He has had only six negative votes in five years. The people were responsive to our message, co-operative, and appreciative. They were kind and liberal in their support of the district

program, and pledged to build their schools larger. Scores of towns and small cities in Georgia without a Church of the Nazarene. It is a ripe field for home evangelism. Mack says if he had \$50,000.00 for home missions, he could establish twenty-five new churches. May God supply the needed funds for saving the people of this Southern state is our prayer!"

Bristow, Oklahoma—We accepted a call to pastor this church last November 20, and on January 24, 1951, an unexplained explosion and fire destroyed both the church building and parsonage. We immediately began construction on a new building, and in August we moved into the new buff-brick building worth \$40,000.00, with an indebtedness of less than \$13,000.00. Best of all, God is working among us. We closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church on February 13, with the Rowland Evangelistic Party. They were at their best, and approximately seventy people were at the altar seeking God for pardon or purity. There was no

preaching at all in the morning or evening services on the closing Sunday, as the altar was filled during the singing. Twenty-four people were received into church membership as a result of this meeting. This is our second pastorate with the Bristow Church and we are on the first year of a three-year call. We have received thirty-four members into the church since our assembly last September.—H. A. Carman, Pastor.

Rev. Mrs. Mary Orr Lucas, pastor, writes from Houston, Texas: "I plan to leave Woodsdale Church on April 15, feeling led of the Spirit that my work here is finished. God has greatly blessed our efforts at Woodsdale, and the people are wonderful and co-operative. The church will be two years old on June 11; and we have 44 members with an average Sunday-school attendance of 92 for March. I plan to be at home in Ada, Oklahoma."

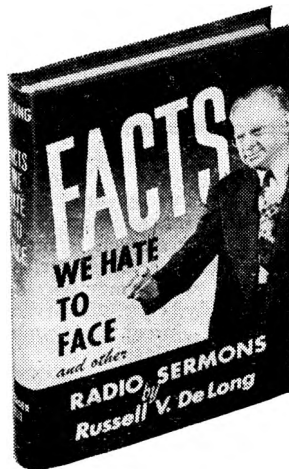
Quanah, Texas—Our church has had a splendid revival with Evangelist O. F. Langford doing the preaching. We have never seen more fasting and praying and more definite results than in this meeting. Brother Langford's preaching was of the highest type; he is sound in doctrine and preaches without fear or favor. A number of souls sought and found God in pardon and purity at the altar. The crowds increased from night to night. Finances came easily, with the pastor receiving a \$12.50 increase per week in salary. All attendance records were broken in Sunday school with 107 present on the last Sunday. A nice class was received into membership of the church, making a 10 per cent increase. We praise God for the wonderful way in which He is blessing the work in Quanah.—C. C. Calhoun, Pastor.

McEwen, Tennessee—The Pine Hill Church is strictly a rural church in a community of about two hundred families, within a ten-mile radius, and four other churches in this same area. Arriving here three years ago in July, we moved into two Sunday-school rooms, with six in family and not a penny in the church treasury, and began our plans to build a parsonage. Finding a small group of humble farmers willing to sacrifice and work, in less than six months we moved into the new, seven-room frame parsonage. This was accomplished by donations of timber and money and labor by the church members and our many friends. This, our third year, promises to be the best. In building, we have two new Sunday-school rooms and a garage with a side room; our giving is better for all purposes; we have increased in numbers in all departments, with five new members this year. In our Sunday school, our average attendance is up about 25 per cent, with an average of 66 for the first six months, then climaxing Easter Sunday with 169 present, to

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break all previous records. This was accomplished by our people in faithful visitation. The spiritual condition of the church is good. Our plans are to have all church properties clear of indebtedness by our assembly.—C. L. Ishee, Pastor.

Wichita, Kansas—West Side Church closed a revival Sunday night, April 13, with Dr. Howard Jerrett as evangelist and Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith as our song evangelists. This was one of the most fruitful and successful revivals West Side ever has had. The altars were lined night after night and scores were saved or sanctified and helped spiritually. We feel our church is far up the road spiritually, and we are looking forward, knowing that God is going to help us.—Harold Jones, Pastor.

Evangelist U. E. Harding writes: "We have discontinued our work in Arcadia, Florida, and are moving to southern California. We are now open for evangelistic calls on the West Coast. Write us, 1006 East 17th St., Long Beach, California."

Rev. W. E. Carlton writes: "I am resigning as pastor of our Northside Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and re-entering the field of evangelism at the time of our district assembly, August 8. I am now making up my slate. Write me, 2607 No. 19th St., St. Louis, Missouri."

North Manchester, Indiana—This church recently closed a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dobbins as the evangelists. The Spirit-filled preaching of Brother Dobbins was greatly appreciated, and a number sought and found God a very present Help in time of need. The splendid music was enjoyed by all, as were also the fine chalk pictures drawn each evening by Sister Dobbins. We have appreciated the presence and blessing of God here in North Manchester.—H. W. Spencer, Pastor.

Monett, Missouri—Our church has had a very successful revival meeting with Rev. Bertha Pults as the evangelist and Rev. Wesley Harmon, pastor at Sarcoxie, as the song evangelist. God blessed the efforts of these workers, together with the faithful members of the local church, to give us twenty-three seekers and happy finders. On Palm Sunday we received a class of three members into the church. We came to this church after graduating from our Nazarene Theological Seminary in May of 1951. Last month our Sunday-school average attendance was fifty-seven, whereas last year's average was forty-five. Since our coming here the people have caught the vision to become a 10 per cent church, 10 per cent of all offerings going into foreign missions. God has blessed our finances in an unusual way since that time.—Raymond E. Westmark, Pastor.

Evangelist H. H. Hooker writes: "I plan to be on the Western Coast and in the Northwest the latter part of the winter and spring of next year; have some time I could give to pastors and churches who desire my services as an evangelist. Write me, Box 832, Jasper, Alabama."

Muncie, Indiana—Five Points Church recently closed a very profitable revival meeting with Rev. Alva O. and Gladys Estep as the evangelists. They were mightily used of God in presenting the rugged gospel in sermon and song. Our church was greatly strengthened, and twelve new people were added to the church membership. Muncie Five Points Church has given a call to their pastor for the seventh consecutive year. This church is one of the ten largest churches on the Northeastern Indiana District. Our average in Sunday school for the month of March was 235. Muncie, with a population of less than 60,000, has seven very much

alive Nazarene churches, with more than 1,600 in Sunday school on Sunday, March 30. We are in the Crusade for Souls.—J. A. Duncan, Pastor.

Evangelist Loran Irby writes: "For the past six years, we have had the privilege of laboring in the evangelistic field. During this time we have worked with some of God's finest people. Never once have I felt that I was being mistreated, as those with whom I worked always gave me their best. God has been very gracious to me, with many souls seeking God, and many soul-inspiring scenes around our altars. As the Spirit opened the Word to us, we have enjoyed the privilege of preaching the Word in the beauty of holiness. Feeling that God would have me close my evangelistic work, and re-enter the pastoral field, in which I have had more than fourteen years' experience, I am ready to assume that relationship with any church that God might direct to call me. Write me, P.O. Box 108, Kokomo, Indiana."

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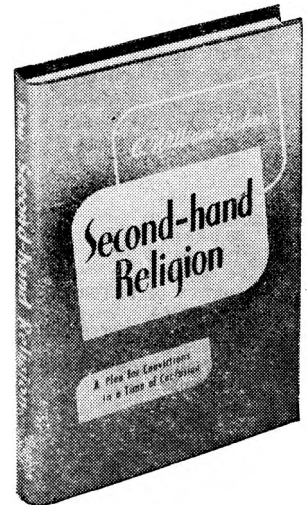
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Song Evangelist Leland R. Davis reports: "The Lord has truly blessed in our work this winter as song evangelist. I have been privileged to participate in several Heaven-sent revival meetings. I have worked on the Akron, Pittsburgh, Southwestern Indiana, Albany, and Ontario districts and helped in one meeting in Ottawa, Quebec. I have open time for the summer months and would like to fill it with revival meetings, or as pianist for camp meetings. I truly enjoy returning to the Lord the talent which He has given me. I may be contacted at 2021 12th St., Akron 14, Ohio."

Evangelists J. H. and Maggie Crawford write: "Owing to a change in our slate, we have an open date, June 3 to 15. We will be closing a revival in Aurora, Illinois, on June 1, and would like to slate this open time somewhere in that section of the country."

Brunswick, Georgia—The last few months have been some of the most fruitful of our ministry. Our work here has shown some marked increase in interest of the whole church program. A youth revival with Rev. W. E. McCumber as evangelist proved very helpful, with numbers of our young people finding Christ. Our general W.F.M.S. president, Mrs. Louise Chapman, was with us for a very special mission service, after which our church board voted to give a "tithe of the tithe" into the general church. This move has proved a great blessing to our people. We are now improving our Sunday-school plant to make more classrooms to care for our attendance. *Showers of Blessing* reaches the public each Sunday morning at nine o'clock over station WGIG. Our people have been

Song Evangelist Linwood W. Henry writes: "I will be in a meeting in Homer City, Pennsylvania, May 6 to 18. Also, I am qualified as a counselor and teacher, having worked in New England camp meetings for about nine years. I shall be glad to accept calls for revivals, or as a singer or boys' counselor at vacation Bible schools or camp meetings, after May 20 until the second week in July. Write me, 97 Douglas St., Uxbridge, Massachusetts."

kind in allowing us to be away for two revival campaigns this year. The first one was held for Central Church, in Little Rock, Arkansas, where Rev. Ernest Sullivan is the pastor. Rev. E. J. Bowers and wife were in charge of the singing, and their special numbers were a treat to all. A wonderful crowd of holiness people make up the membership of this fine church and God gave some real victories in the meeting. The second campaign was for our First Church in Burlington, Iowa, where Rev. George Lake is the pastor. Here Brother Curtis Brown was our co-worker; his singing is of the very best. It was a real joy to labor with the pastor and people of this church and we rejoice in the victories won. We believe in the program of the Church of the Nazarene around the world.—V. J. Shetler, Pastor.

Newcomerstown, Ohio—From April 11 to 13 we held a week-end revival and Sunday-school rally. Large crowds attended each service. The Holy Ghost came and blessed, and souls sought God. The Bulla trio composed of Daniel and Horace Bulla and Mrs. Frieda Beckwith (brothers and sister of Pataskala, Ohio) were special workers.—F. H. Wasson, Pastor.

Floyd, Virginia—Our church closed the best revival of its history on Easter Sunday night, with Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Conway as evangelist and children's worker. Many souls found God; the pastor received a large love offering and raise in salary; "Over the Top" attendance in Sunday school, and the church board engaged the Conways for a vacation Bible school and revival in '53. God is blessing their ministry.—H. G. Compton, Pastor.

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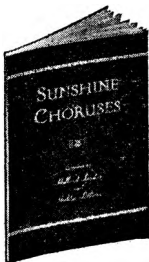
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New York District Preachers' Meeting

The New York District Preachers' Meeting which was held at Butler, New Jersey, March 3 to 5, was a season of real refreshing.

The messages of General Superintendent Vanderpool, given under the power of the Holy Spirit, were just what was needed, and thrilled every heart to overflowing.

All were splendidly entertained by the host pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Olson, and their fine people. The services were presided over by District Superintendent O. J. Finch in his usual efficient manner.

Among those visiting the services were Evangelist R. W. Raycroft, who gave one of the devotional messages, and Mrs. Lucille Broyles, returned missionary from British Honduras.

Highlighting the ministerial participation in the program were two round-table discussions. The first, entitled "Putting the District Superintendent on the Spot," was both unique and profitable. Dr. O. J. Finch answered a number of questions which

were prepared by a panel of preachers. The questions covered varied fields about which many have sincere questions. The second discussion dealt with the problem of the Sunday evening service.

Papers were prepared and read by two pastors, Rev. Donald Strong and Rev. S. N. Smith.

All who attended left the preachers' meeting feeling they desired to be and were determined to be better preachers and pastors.

JAMES L. COLLOM, *Reporter*

Preachers' Convention Illinois District

The preachers' convention of the Illinois District convened March 17 to 19, at the West Side Church in Decatur. Dr. Samuel Young, as the main speaker, fed and inspired our hearts with his good messages. Rev. Paul Hetrick, furloughed missionary from Africa, brought two fine missionary messages which were much appreciated. Dr. Howard Hamlin gave a very profitable talk to preachers on "Living Under Pressure." Several papers were read by pastors on the district, and district leaders presented the district program.

The convention was a time of blessing, inspiration, and fellowship. We deeply appreciate the welcome and entertainment given us by the Nazarene churches of Decatur, and especially by our hosts, Rev. G. H. Harmon and the West Side Church.

The district goes forward under the blessing of God and the able leadership of our beloved superintendent, Rev. W. S. Purinton. Churches are being strengthened, home-mission work is in progress, and new churches are being organized.

GEORGE H. D. READER, *Reporter*

Kansas District

The Annual Preachers' Convention was held in Hutchinson, March 17 to 19, in the new spacious First Church, dedicated the day before. Rev. Mark Smith, pastor, and Mr. L. W. Godfrey, educational director, gave the preachers and their wives a royal welcome and a wholesome stay. The district superintendent, Rev. Ray Hance, had planned a well-balanced program for the preachers, which consisted of papers and messages from various pastors on the district.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers was the principal speaker for the convention. He thrilled the hearts of the listeners with his forceful and inspirational messages which made every session a time of special challenge to all.

Rev. Everette Howard spoke of the Cape Verdians, and also of his new work with the people in the Texas-Mexican District. Brother Howard is one of the great missionaries.

Dr. John Sutherland, a medical doctor of Wichita, Kansas, addressed the preachers twice on the subject of "Emotional Maturity," which proved a blessing to all.

Among the many visitors were Dr. Roy Cantrell, president, and Rev. Curtis Smith, the new field represent-

ative, of Bethany-Peniel College, who brought greetings from the college.

The Kansas District is advancing on all fronts under the excellent leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hance. Mr. Hance, who has been ill this winter, was presented a love offering in order that he might take a needed rest. He has labored unstintingly in carrying the burdens of his people.

CLIFTON NORELL, *District Secretary*

Chicago Central District Sunday-School Emphasis

Our regular Sunday-school emphasis in the six weeks' climb with Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London and Mrs. Eva Gardner was a decided success. We covered almost the entire district in one-day conventions. I do not see how this tour could have been better. The Londons and Mrs. Gardner have the powers to awaken the people and get action. Our church school board is greatly encouraged over the results.

In the midst of the tour we had our preachers' convention at First Church, Chicago, with Dr. C. B. Strang. He is making great progress in his building program. I am closing my thirtieth year as superintendent, and it is my best.

E. O. CHALFANT,
District Superintendent

Hawaii District Assembly

A wonderful spirit of unity and blessing characterized the first assembly of the Hawaii District of the Church of the Nazarene. The assembly was held in the Kaimuki Church in Honolulu, March 24 to 26. In the absence of a general superintendent, our own district superintendent, Rev. Cecil Knippers, presided over the assembly in a splendid way. The opening high light of the assembly was the message of Dr. Paul S. Rees. Other devotional messages were given by Dr. Fay M. Whitsell of Chicago, Henry Tolle of Los Angeles, and Rev. Reuben Welch, pastor of the new home-mission work in Hilo. The evening evangelistic messages were given by Rev. Cecil Knippers.

Rev. Cecil Knippers was elected district superintendent in a unanimous vote of confidence. Reports showed good gains along all lines. The assembly voted to pull for a goal of 10 per cent of all giving for missions. The church at Kailua was organized in December with fourteen charter members. A new home-mission work has been started in Hilo, which is now running a good Sunday school and a mission service in a local housing area. Construction for the new church in Hilo is under way.

Mrs. Cecil Knippers was elected president of the district W.F.M.S.; Rev. Kimber Moulton, Jr., was elected president of the district N.Y.P.S.; Rev. Norman Moore, pastor at Wahiawa, was chosen as district secretary; and A. L. Jenison, Honolulu layman, was selected as district treasurer.

We all sincerely feel that, under God, Hawaii's best years are just ahead.

REUBEN WELCH, *Reporter*



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

"The Lord is blessing us in a most unusual way here in Frankfurt. In Division Headquarters we have several fellows who are Christians. Then there are more Christians just across the street in another *kaserne*. All told, we must have about a dozen or so. There are, of course, those other fellows who follow, not 'afar off' but not too closely. Though they attend our services, they have not come right out and made a profession of faith. We are gradually beginning to see the fruit of our labors.

"We find many fellows who, far from home, forget all about the Church, about Christ, and about their Christian teaching. Our hearts are often grieved when we survey the wrecked lives about us. In my work in particular I have occasion to see deep into the hearts and lives of these soldier fellows during pre-trial examinations and various board cases I take in addition to my regular duties. Sin has ruined life after life and career after career, until men end up breaking nearly all of God's laws and many of man's rules. The pleasure-seeking throng goes madly on its way at an even greater pace over here than it does State side. Here there are no home ties; here there is not the watching eye of the wife or sweet-heart; here in this land moral and religious restraint has vanished, and countless dozens have succumbed to the insidious temptations of Satan. We trust that you shall continue to hold us up before the throne of grace.

"I am rejoicing in good victory in my own heart. If I were to write from now until the expiration of my term of service, I would not be able to list the countless blessings given me from the hand of our Heavenly Father.

"We enjoy receiving our church periodicals from time to time and enjoy, also, the letters that come from the same office. Mail means a good deal more to us now that we have been overseas for some time than it did when the excitement of the overseas movement was on. But more than the mail, we need your prayers. Each day brings new problems and burdens. Often when the going is rough and our hearts begin to get a little heavy, 'Jesus reaches out His hand and helps us through,' and we are made to realize that someone back home has been praying. Were we to make a special request it would be to ask the folks everywhere to remember us in prayer daily."

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**Preachers' Meeting
East Tennessee District**

In our recent preachers' meeting at Tullahoma, Tennessee, God came to meet with us and poured out His choice blessings upon the gathering. Time after time the Spirit manifested himself as songs, papers, and messages were given. We all came away feeling that this was the best preachers' meeting that we had ever had.

For our special worker we were privileged to have Dr. Roy F. Smee, general secretary of home missions and evangelism. His messages, born out of years of experience as pastor and leader, were constructive and inspirational, causing each of us to pledge himself anew that he would strive to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." We thank God for Dr. Smee and the wonderful messages he brought to us.

It was a happy privilege to have Dr. Hugh C. Benner, president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, to give us a clearer picture of the work and plans that the Seminary has for the near future. The general response was to stand by the Seminary and support it in every way possible.

Rev. A. A. Forsythe and his good people in Tullahoma did a wonderful job of entertaining the meeting. All of the churches in that city cooperated with the Nazarenes, taking our preachers into their homes. Another consideration extended to us was the morning devotion period over the local radio station. The District Quartet had charge of this program for two mornings. Brother Forsythe has done a wonderful work in the city of Tullahoma.

We are grateful to our wonderful district superintendent for the fine program that was arranged for us, and for everyone who had a part in making the preachers' meeting the wonderful time that it was to us. We are looking forward to greater victories on the East Tennessee District.

S. M. SHAW, Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—At Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts, PCI old-student reunion, May 27 and 28. Trip to old campus. Do come. Let us know at once please.—Rev. C. R. Sumner, South Shaftsbury, Vermont.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Annie Lois Nannie and Mr. Robert Lee Miller, both of Salisbury, North Carolina, were united in marriage on April 13, at First Church of the Nazarene in Salisbury, with Rev. R. D. Riddle officiating.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Shelton of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Paul Ray, on March 22.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED for a mother and two children in South Carolina—three deaths in the family within six months, and the family needs special help from God—they are Christians; by a lady in Iowa for the salvation of her husband and family, also her father, soon; by a Christian lady in Florida, that God may heal her of a malignant disease; by a mother in Texas for the salvation of her backslidden son and his family, also for herself.

District Assembly Information

AKRON—May 14 to 18, at Akron Armory, High and Bowery Street, Akron, Ohio. Entertaining pastor, Rev. C. D. Taylor, 569 Schiller Ave., Akron 1, Ohio. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

OREGON PACIFIC—May 14 to 16, at Salem, Oregon; church located at 1320 Center Street. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Eugene L. Stowe, 1504 Jefferson, Salem, Oregon. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—May 14 to 16, at Beulah Park Campground, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California. Entertaining pastor,

Rev. F. Arthur Anderson, 4210 Gladys Ave., Santa Cruz. Dr. G. B. Williamson, presiding officer.

NORTHWEST—May 14 to 16, at Church of the Nazarene, Clinton and Alder, Walla Walla, Washington. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. Paul Downey, 827 Washington St., Walla Walla. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer.

FLORIDA—May 21 to 23, at First Methodist Church, Florida Ave. at Tyler St., Tampa, Florida. Entertaining pastor, Rev. G. S. Rogers, 4618 Florida Ave. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—May 22 to 24, at San Bernardino First Church, 1671 Sierra Way. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Clyde A. Rhone, 780—21st St., San Bernardino. Dr. G. B. Williamson, presiding officer.

LOS ANGELES—May 27 to 29, at Bresee Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Washington Street and Bresee Avenue, Pasadena, California. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. G. Taylorson, 1400 Bresee Avenue. Dr. G. B. Williamson, presiding officer.

ALBANY—May 28 and 29, at Church of the Nazarene, 240 Main Street, Binghamton, New York. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Arthur Fallon, 66 Grand Blvd., Binghamton, New York. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

ARIZONA—May 29 and 30, at Phoenix East Church of the Nazarene, 2515 East Street, Phoenix. Entertaining pastor: Rev. George Gardner, 2515 East Harvard, Phoenix. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

NEW MEXICO—June 2 to 5, at the campground on State Hi-way 37, ten miles southwest of Capitan, New Mexico. Rev. Thomas McClain, Capitan, entertaining pastor. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

NORTH DAKOTA—June 4 and 5, at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota. Entertaining pastor, Rev. A. E. Gerdes, Box 303, Jamestown. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer.

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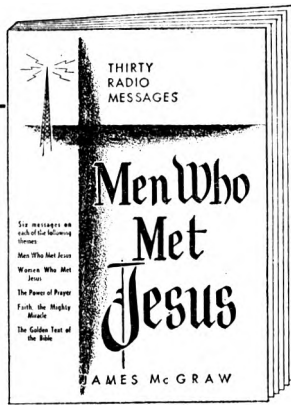
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