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Looking Toward Youth Week

General Superintendent Benner

THE Nazarene Young People's Society is a vital and integral part of the Church of the Nazarene. Too many have considered this organization as a kind of appendix, a sort of "extra," that had no basic relation to the total church fabric. Others—few, we trust—have felt that it was an inconvenient necessity, to be tolerated because it was a part of our organizational setup.

The fact is that any full realization of our total responsibility and opportunity will impel us to give major consideration and place to this society, for it is the church serving for and through the young people. Our Young People's Society constitutes a significant challenge to every Nazarene pastor, and there is no area of our church activity whose cultivation will bring larger permanent dividends. To bring our young people to feel that they are not just "the church of the future," but a valued part of *the church of today*; to train them in the essentials of Christian service; to establish them in Christian living and in habits of participation in the whole

program of the church—surely these are achievements worthy of the best efforts of any pastor.

We as Nazarenes owe a deep debt of gratitude to those who, through the years, have furnished such spiritual, loyal, and wise leadership for our young people. Since 1944 the society has enjoyed consistent development under the devoted, aggressive, and capable direction of Dr. L. J. Du Bois, general N.Y.P.S. secretary. With the counsel and co-operation of the General Council, the scope of service has been steadily broadened to meet the growing needs of our young people in these days.

The most recent emphasis has been directed toward more effective operation in the local societies. This is the point at which our work either rises or falls. So at this Youth Week period, it is hoped that pastors, church boards, and all who have church responsibility, will make every effort to encourage, guide, and support the Nazarene Young People's Society.

"Follow peace . . . and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Next week's issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** will include a report of the meetings of the General Board, and also some high lights of the Superintendents' Conference.

Pastor Dennis E. Wyrick sends word from Louisville, Kentucky: "Broadway Church concluded an outstanding revival on January 9, with Evangelist C. B. Fugett and the Rushing Family. The great auditorium was filled night after night with scores of people seeking the Lord; 631 people in Sunday school on January 9. The pastor was given a three-year call with the largest vote in the history of the church. Pastor and people united in a great, forward-moving program."

Word has been received that Rev. A. J. Fisher, pastor of the church in Centralia, Washington, is seriously ill; now in a Washington Veterans' Hospital for an operation on the spine. Special prayer is requested for him.

Rev. Don W. Lammers has resigned as pastor of First Church in Yuba City to accept a call to pastor the church in Visalia, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Muse, charter members of the Church of the Nazarene in Delmer, Kentucky, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 19. They are the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living; also they have eleven grandchildren. Two daughters married preachers: Mrs. Hazel Dunkum, wife of Rev. W. B. Dunkum, evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist church; and Mrs. Mavis Adams, wife of Rev. Lawrence Adams, Nazarene pastor on the East Tennessee District. Brother Muse has been Sunday-school superintendent for many years, and Sister Muse has been N.F.M.S. treasurer for some time. Mr. Muse is a brother to Eltie Muse, Nazarene missionary who died in India.

Priceless Gems

By Jeanne DeGood

*The gems of life aren't measured
In silver and in gold,
For what is loved and treasured
Is very seldom sold.*

*Unless a gem is cherished,
Its beauty melts like ice;
But love has never perished
Or sold for any price.*

*And when I search for pleasures
That really satisfy,
I find I seek the treasures
That money cannot buy.*

O My Soul, March On!

By June Pittman*

*O my soul, march on with strength
(Judg. 5:21, A.S.V.).*

"O my soul, march on with strength"! Thy God shall still defend thee.

What matter though thou be thwarted in thy very plans to obey Him? What matter though all should seemingly work against thee? Dost thou not remember how God left the Canaanites in the Promised Land in order to prove Israel, whether she would serve God? E'en so, He leaves thy pathway stony and the ravine dark and steep. He seeks to prove whether thou wilt choose from day to day the path wherein He leads—whether thou wilt follow this perfect pathway though thy very world crash beneath thee. He desires that the highest and noblest be wrought within thee though it take thee through the howling blizzard and over the tempestuous sea.

O my soul, knowest thou not that it is of far greater import that thou shouldst expand and grow to noble proportion than that thou shouldst tread an easy path? Then why question ye the lonely road, the opposition of Satan's forces?

"O my soul, march on with strength," and the everlasting arms shall undergird thee.

"O my soul, march on with strength"! Thy God shall march beside thee!

*Parsons, West Virginia

*It is a good thing to give thanks
unto the Lord, and to sing praises
unto thy name, O most High: to shew
forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
and thy faithfulness every night
(Ps. 92:1-2).*

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GLEANINGS

From the Office Editor's Desk

"We appreciate the **HERALD** for its fine articles and editorials, both sources of a richness and depth of Christian light and life so badly needed today. . . . to read the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** is sure to help."—*Indiana*.

"I would like you to know how I like the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. I belong to the ——— church and get a lot of good reading material, but nothing to compare with your **HERALD**. I use a lot of its material in our programs."—*Ohio*.

"I would like to express my love and appreciation for our good paper, the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. I could not get along without it."—*Massachusetts*.

"My landlady was in a rest home and found this magazine [**HERALD OF HOLINESS**] and brought it home to me. I have been wanting a good religious magazine to read, so am mailing \$1.50 for one year."—*Ohio*.

"Well, it is now a little over forty-one years since I have been getting the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**, and how I love that little paper! I read it through from cover to cover. . . . all is good. Just the other day I ordered seven copies for some of my relations for a Christmas present."—*North Dakota*.

"Enclosed find \$1.50 for the renewal of my **HERALD OF HOLINESS** subscription. I just can't get along without the **HERALD**, for it is bread and drink to my soul. It really is worth what it costs."—*Indiana*.

"I praise God for the Church of the Nazarene. I would probably be lost today if I hadn't gone to a Nazarene church just to see what it was like, and God got hold of me that night and saved me; later sanctified me, and I'm happy today serving God. . . . **HERALD OF HOLINESS** is filled with such good reading. I just couldn't get along without it."—*West Virginia*.

"I am a Nazarene and want to say what a blessing the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** has been to me. I am not well and have impaired vision, but have found a great source of comfort both in the poems and in the articles."—*A Subscriber in Oregon*.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name (Ps. 86:11).

"I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord for Ever"

(Concluding article in series of three on the twenty-third psalm)

BY MELZA H. BROWN*

WE HAVE written about the wonderful associations and fellowships to be enjoyed in God's eternal house, and about the glory and wonder of that house. Then we also considered the certainty and the permanence of that house.

There is one more very important truth relative to living in the house of the Lord forever, and I think we should think about that for a few moments. What preparation do I need to make for dwelling forever in the house of the Lord?

To move from one country to another even here in this brief life we make some preparation. Suppose you were going to move from Arkansas to northern Alaska, around Fairbanks or Anchorage, and suppose you were going to live up there only for the next ten years. Yet I think you would have to make some preparation for living in Alaska those ten years, for living in Alaska is not the same as living in Arkansas.

And now let us think about moving from this earthly tabernacle to God's house, not just for ten years, but forever. Think ye not that we should be thinking about making some preparation for the move? I think we should be very seriously preparing for that great life of the soul at home with God.

Has God given us any directions concerning this preparation? I think He has. The rugged and fearless prophet Amos said, "Prepare to meet thy God." The Builder and Maker of the house has some right, I judge, to demand some things concerning the people who are going to live forever in His house. Those who have property here that they let out for others to live in, just on a rental basis, usually make some demands relative to the people who live in their house. But when we invite people to come and live with us in our home, then we certainly want to know what kind of people they are, and we want to have a definite understanding as to what we shall require of those who live in our house.

God is rather unusual in His invitation, for He has proclaimed that whosoever will may come and dwell with Him forever. You will find the word "whosoever" a good many times in the old Book. The Bible. "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16); and, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Now from these scriptures one might think that God was careless about who lived in His house forever. No, not so. There are some requirements. In fact, God is very particular about the character and nature of the people who are to dwell in His house forever. Then perhaps you ask, "How can He give such an invitation to *whosoever* without any

reservations?" That is the remarkable thing about God and His plan for His people. God has not only prepared a house for His people to live in but He has provided the necessary spiritual equipment and spiritual fitness for living in this house.

First, I would call your attention to the fact that God is a Spirit, and naturally His house is a *spiritual house*. You can't live in a spiritual house with a natural body and only a natural life. Thus you will have to find some way to obtain spiritual life to live in a spiritual house. But God has arranged that; He said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). The first birth gives us natural life, but the second birth gives us spiritual life. He said, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, . . . which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12-13). Thus you see by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, or by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart by faith, you are born again and born into a spiritual life which is a life forever and makes possible the living in a spiritual house.

But is life the only thing necessary for living in God's house? No, I think not. Physical or natural life makes it possible for a man to live in the White House of the United States, but it takes more than that to give him fitness and qualification for living in the White House. And so spiritual life would make it possible for living in a spiritual house such as God's eternal dwelling is, yet just life does not give fitness nor qualification. But what doth the Lord require? David, who said he was going to dwell forever in the house of the Lord, also asked that question and then answered it for us. He asked, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?" And then he answered by divine inspiration, "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart" (Ps. 24:3-4).

God is a holy God. If the Bible teaches anything at all it teaches that the Lord God, Jehovah, is a holy God. I do not think I need take time to prove this truth, for surely we believe the God revealed in the Holy Bible is a holy God or that the God who gave us the Holy Bible is a holy God.

But the same Bible that tells us God is holy also tells us that His house or eternal home is holy. Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and surrounded with seraphim who cried one unto another, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." John saw God's eternal dwelling as a holy city and declared that there should in no wise enter into it anything that defileth.

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Our N.Y.P.S. Report

By Lauriston J. Du Bois*

EACH January as we come to our annual N.Y.P.S. General Council meeting and the annual meeting of the General Board, we are conscious of the gains or losses of our work and take time to evaluate what we are doing for the youth of our church. I want to share portions of our annual report with our HERALD readers, as many of you are vitally interested in what young people are doing.

The membership figures of the N.Y.P.S. have picked up this year. We show an increase of 177 societies, bringing our total to 3,331. We show an increase of 3,205 members in the homeland, bringing our total to 84,539. This is an increase for the year of 4 per cent. The membership in foreign fields is bringing our grand total to 91,949.

The giving of the local N.Y.P.S. for the year is as follows:

Local Expense	\$274,603
District Expense	217,737
General Expense	67,314

Total \$559,654

This, compared with last year's report, shows a gain of \$37,542.00, or a 7 per cent increase.

FINANCIAL PROJECTS

General Budget. More and more of the local N.Y.P.S. groups are adopting the 10 per cent plan for their finances, sending in regularly to the General Budget. Thus, there is credited to the N.Y.P.S. for the year the amount of \$22,875.22.

Radio Project. This past year we sponsored the project to buy air time in New York City for "Showers of Blessing" radio program. To date the amount of \$20,647.00 has come in. On October 14 the first broadcast was made over WINS, a 50,000-watt station. This contract costs \$6,656.00 a year. Brother Goslaw reports that contacts are already being made from the program. The entire New York District is enthusiastic about the possibilities of this arm of our church touching metropolitan New York.

Bible Society Offering. The N.Y.P.S. has again assumed the sponsorship for the annual church offering for the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society. This past year the record shows an amount of \$12,916.00 given to the American Bible Society. Reports which we have received seem to indicate that our British Commonwealth churches give in about the same ratio as those in the United States.

OTHER PROJECTS

Youth Week. Sponsored by the General N.Y.P.S. Council, Youth Week is gaining in popularity and influence in the local churches year by year. While there are no compiled records, representative reports show that a great percentage of our churches are giving special attention to the youth

of the church. Revivals, visitation, banquets, fellowship, youth participation, all come in as a part of this emphasis.

Lamplighters' League. As a part of the Crusade for Souls, the General N.Y.P.S. has been pushing the idea of the Lamplighters' League, that nucleus in the local society who pledge to "deal with at least one soul a month about his personal salvation and to memorize the Scriptures systematically." While little attempt is made to keep records as to districts, societies, or individuals who are participating, yet we have been encouraged at the impact this idea has made on our youth program.

Our Theme. The theme adopted by the General Convention, "By My Spirit," has caught the imagination of our youth movement and has reached out to touch many of our young people. In particular, this third year's emphasis, "By My Spirit—Share," is challenging our young people to greater efforts in visitation and soul winning.

Vitalization of N.Y.P.S. Throughout the year we have been asking our leaders to take a look at the local N.Y.P.S. with a view to vitalizing the many weak, ineffective societies. This idea was presented in each of the regional conferences and through our literature during the year. The goal is to shift our objectives to (1) evangelism and (2) training. This has met with a very favorable response throughout the movement. We are encouraged.

PERIODICALS

We have also met with fine response with the change in format of the *Young People's Journal* and *Teen Topics* instituted last year. Our publications are meeting with general favor with an increase in subscriptions. The total subscriptions now stand at: *Conquest*, 28,000; *Young People's Journal*, 8,523; *Teen Topics*, 2,671.

We are encouraged that God is helping us to reach many of our young people through local churches, through our district camp program, and through our colleges. For example, our records show that in our summer camps alone we

FAITH NEEDED

By Enola Chamberlin

*When Jesus walked upon the earth,
And folks gave faith to Him,
He healed the sickness of each heart,
The sickness of each limb.*

*Today His spirit walks the earth
The same as it did then,
And He but waits for utter faith
To give His grace to men.*

*So when we pray, fail to receive
The cravings of the soul,
We know our lack of faith has kept
Our prayers from their goal.*

*General N.Y.P.S. Secretary

had nearly 10,000 young people registered with some 9,300 Christian Service Training credits given and approximately 5,500 seeking God at altars of prayer. We solicit the prayers of all of our people for our young people. We believe in them.

Where Our N.Y.P.S. Is Going

By Ponder W. Gilliland*

"Their founder would turn over in his grave if he could see to what they have fallen now." "He would never recognize the organization he started if he were to see it now." Both of these statements were made in my presence, recently, when a few of us discussed a certain church that once was a tremendous spiritual force in the world; an organization that has long since lost the original path, and is apparently wandering now in confusion.

You are reading these words a few days after our annual General N.Y.P.S. Council meeting. However, I am writing them a few days before that meeting.

In thinking of this meeting, a few days ago, and in trying to prepare my own heart and mind for it, I found myself thinking along this line: If those who first dreamed of Nazarene youth work—those who first planned it, and started it—were to come to our council meeting and speak to us, I wonder what they would say. If they were to speak to us of their original dreams and plans for holiness youth, and then compare them to our program of today, how much divergence from the original path would they find? What advice would they give us? Would they be disappointed in what they found?

Then, I changed the direction of my thinking. I started looking into the future. I thought of the year 2005, just a short fifty years from now. I tried to picture a still growing Church of the Nazarene, with its number of youth greatly multiplied. I tried to imagine what automobiles would look like, and how plentiful private planes would be, and how small the world would be because of increased speed. I attempted to picture the activities of the youth of the year 2005. What tests would they face, and what temptations would they confront? I was sure that no one could too accurately predict the great change that would take place in our world during this time.

At first I thought it would be impossible, perhaps, but I wondered: Is it possible to have a youth program and emphasis today that would satisfy the plans of our founders, meet the needs of youth today, and still remain basically the same for the Nazarene youth for the year 2005?

But it isn't impossible!

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I picked up my *Manual* and turned to the stated objectives of the N.Y.P.S. These reveal the dreams and hopes of our founders as to the purpose of our youth work. I read: "The object of the society shall be to build up its members in Christian experience and in holy character, and to instruct them in the doctrines of the church, and to bring about the salvation of other young people. The activities of this society shall be distinctly religious and spiritual." Our God led our founders in saying a great deal in a very few words.

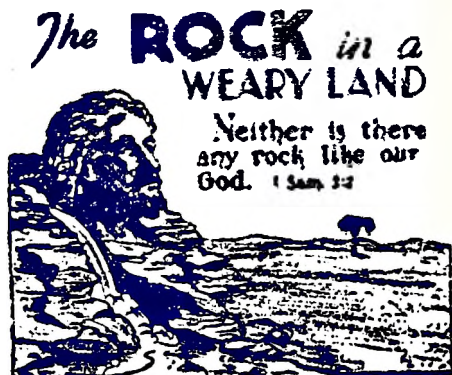
My thoughts turned backward again . . . just one year . . . to the General N.Y.P.S. Council meeting in January, 1954. I remembered how we prayed together, and searched our own hearts, and sought divine guidance in our planning. I remembered how we came out of those wonderful sessions to bring our report to the General Board. I saw again our General N.Y.P.S. secretary read to that General Board concerning the actions of the council: "The following represents the thinking of the council regarding the purposes and objectives of the N.Y.P.S. . . .

"It is our judgment that the dynamic center of the N.Y.P.S. should be *evangelism*. We must vitalize our N.Y.P.S. services as aggressive centers of training. We must study and train ourselves to be good Christians, good churchmen, and soul winners."

I remembered the wonderful presence of God, and the heartening response of the General Board as they listened to this report, which we have given only in part. I recalled the letters and personal words of appreciation that have come through the year from church leaders on every level, expressing appreciation for the emphasis. I remembered that one of these was one of the men who helped start the N.Y.P.S., and he said, "This is what we had in mind."

So I felt that we actually did not need anyone to come out of the past to evaluate our present path with an idea of changing it. It actually parallels the original purposes of our leaders.

Once again I turned my mind to the future. I recognized that I could not accurately predict the world climate of 2005 but it is my opinion that, though details will change, the problems, needs, and conditions will be basically the same. Men and women, and young people, will be essen-



tially the same, no matter the speed of their travel nor the means.

I am convinced that the basic program necessary to meet our needs today will also meet those of 2005. Details may need to be changed, but the fundamental purposes need never be changed.

May I, as General N.Y.P.S. president, speak what I feel to be the heart of our General Council, as well as every youth leader I know across our movement? It is this: "In doctrine, government, and standards, we need no change whatever, no matter how long the world stands. In the practical application of the purposes of our society, we can see little room for improvement." If you ask where we are going, we would answer, "Down the path of making of our youth great *Christians*, great *churchmen*, and great *soul winners* until Jesus comes."

Teen-agers at Work

By Edith N. Lantz*

IT'S BEEN said until it's a cliché, but we continue to give unanimous assent to the statement that our teen-agers are the future Church of the Nazarene. Certainly, we are looking to them to carry on in the years that are ahead; we are confidently depending on them.

But to say they are the church of the future is only part of the truth. The whole truth of the matter is that our teen-agers are *now* a part, and an important one, of our church. They are *now* effectively helping the church carry out its divine commission. They are *right now* doing scores of jobs that wouldn't be done without their help.

One church gives this report about its teen-agers: "We called on the teens of our church for help in advertising our coming revival. They responded, cheerfully, and spent Saturday afternoon placing a thousand doorknob announcements on doors in the vicinity of the church."

Another report brings the information that "our teen-agers rallied to our call for help for the vacation Bible school. With only enough adults to give supervision in strategic places, we carried through one of the best vacation Bible schools our church ever had."

A pastor says: "Within the larger teen-age group of my church there are a group of devoted teens who have covenanted with one another to meet regularly to pray for the unsaved teens, not only of this church, but also their unsaved acquaintances outside the church. Their prayers are being answered. It's the regular thing to have teens among those responding to an invitation to be saved or sanctified."

We can do more than pray that today's teen-agers will let God use them to do the work of the church tomorrow. We can give them tasks that

will make them a working part of today's church. To have faith for them for the future demands that they be kept busy for God and the church *now*.

The Beauty of God

By Sadie Agnew Johnson*

OUR GOD is a God of beauty. He designed this wonderful, magnificent universe. Truly, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Ps. 19:1).

Who can behold a glorious sunset and not realize that our God is the Creator of indescribable beauty! The sparkling dewdrops in the morning sun vie with the radiance of the diamond. The majestic mountains towering heavenward and the peaceful valleys nestling beneath reveal the beauty of our Lord.

Words fail to express the beauty and perfume of the myriads of flowers that bedeck this beautiful world. They speak eloquently of the love of an infinite God of beauty. They are stars that in earth's firmament do shine.

God designed the splendor of the beautiful and costly Tabernacle, rich in coverings of gold, silver, brass, and fine-twined linen. He has chosen to dwell in the temples of our hearts, and God will beautify the temples of our hearts. If we will completely surrender to His will, the great Master Artist will make our hearts radiant with heavenly beauty that will illuminate our pathway in life and bless all with whom we come in contact. He has chosen our hearts as His temple. Each day He will make them more beautiful and He will enlarge them with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, that they may overshadow the beauty of the Tabernacle. He will overshadow them with the Shekinah glory of His presence.

If we desire the beauty of Jesus to be seen in us, in His glory and power, we must tarry in consecration, faith, and prayer for our Pentecost, the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Beloved Nazarenes, if you have not yet tarried for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, do not procrastinate any longer; that your redemption may be according to God's plan for you; that you may not only be saved, but also wholly sanctified; that you may have power to live a victorious Christian life and power for service in His vineyard; that you may "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18); that you may be ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity.
O Thou Spirit divine,
All my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.*

*Director of Teen-age Work, General N.Y.P.S.

*Retired Nazarene Elder, Nashville, Tenn.

INSIDE BRACES

By W. Everett Henry*

A CONGRESSMAN voted for a cause he knew was wrong. When a friend expressed his great disappointment, the legislator gave as his excuse, "You have no idea what pressure was brought to bear upon me." In deep disgust his friend retorted, "Pressure, yes, but where were the inside braces?"

Pressure is a part of life. It begins to come upon us in childhood and continues about us until old age. It may be pressure to do right or pressure to do wrong. It is pressure to do the wrong thing that calls for inside braces.

Of the needed inside braces, these three seem indispensable: strong, clear-cut Christian convictions, firmly established Christian habits, steady and thoughtful sharing in Christian activity.

No one would be so foolish as to suppose the inside braces of the dome of the Capitol in Washington just placed themselves in position. It is equally foolish to suppose that these inside braces will place themselves in position in a man's character. These inside braces must be put in place and made strong by careful and persistent effort, partially by others, chiefly by the individual himself.

Parents, Sunday-school teachers, pastors, and friends may be of great help in the years of childhood, and of real but decreasing help in later years. They may—should one say *must?*—direct our attention to the nature of these braces and their value in life. Beyond that they can hardly go. Each one must build these braces for himself. It is for him to make them strong or leave them weak.

Strong Christian convictions cannot be developed without knowledge, and knowledge cannot be secured without individual effort. The needed knowledge is available, but many will not put forth the effort required to make it their own. This failure may be due to mental laziness or to a tragic underestimation of the value of such knowledge. Whatever the cause resulting in the failure to build strong Christian convictions, such convictions are apparently greatly lacking in American life.

Everybody forms habits. The process begins in childhood and carries on into old age. Many habits we just "fall into." We didn't intend to form such habits, but before we were really aware of what was happening, they had become a part of our daily living.

We do not just "fall into" *steadfast Christian habits*. These are habits with a particular "slant." Habits cannot be called Christian unless they partake of a particular and differentiating quality.

They must be Christlike in spirit and in outcome. They can be formed only as we know Christ and seek to be like Him.

But we can form such habits. God has equipped us to do so. With purpose and persistence we can form the habit of reading the Bible daily, of stated and ejaculatory prayer, and of placing Christ and His work at the center of our consciousness. Every man is altogether too susceptible to pressure unless he has formed firm Christian habits.

Another inside brace that is possible to every man is *thoughtful sharing in Christian service*. Christian service takes so many different forms, leads out in so many different ways, that no one can be excluded from sharing in it if he so desires.

But there is so much Christian service that is haphazard and without thoughtful, steady purpose. It is easy to flit from one Christlike effort to another, to be busy all the while yet show but little, if indeed any, well-thought-out purpose to render substantial service to man or to God.

The sharing in Christian service that is a strong inside brace must be wise, understanding, and steadfast. It offers full scope to our greatest powers, and calls to full exercise our finest sensibilities and our noblest characteristics. It builds for every man who engages in it "more stately mansions . . . as the swift seasons roll," and brings him more and more beyond the danger of giving way to the evil pressures of life.

Other Mothers' Sons

By Frances B. Erickson

*O loving Christ, whose mercy never faileth,
Thou Shepherd who didst die for Thy lost
sheep,*

*Prove once more that fervent prayer prevaieth
To woo young hearts unto Thy mercy seat!*

*How few were ever taught Thy sacred precepts,
Or learned to pray beside their mother's knee!
How many choose the way that "seemeth right,"
And blunder down to hell's eternity!*

*Only Thou canst comprehend the influence
Of just one single consecrated soul;
Like tides that sweep along the boundless sea-
shore,
So sweeps Thy power thro' lives redeemed, and
whole!*

*May other mothers' sons find real deliverance
From all the guilt and power and curse of sin;
Because I prayed, may I someday in glory
See other mothers' sons come marching in!*

*McMinnville, Oregon

The Armored Christian

By M. Dale Brown*

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Eph. 6:13).

ST. PAUL lay in prison at Rome, as he said himself, bound with a chain, "for the hope of Israel," to the Roman trooper who watched him day and night. He employed his prison hours by writing—first to the Asiatic churches of Ephesus and Colosse, to the Christian slaveholder Philemon, and at a somewhat later date to the Macedonian church at Philippi.

It was very natural that the language, like his thoughts, should be colored here and there by the objects around him; and we find that, while writing this circular Epistle to the Ephesians, his eye had actually been resting on the soldier to whom he was chained. In the outfit of the Roman Legionary, he saw the symbol of the supernatural dress which befits the Christian. The ornamented girdle bound around the loins, to which the sword was commonly attached, seemed to the Apostle to recall the inward, practical acknowledgment of truth which is the first necessity in the Christian character.

The metal breastplate suggested the moral rectitude or righteousness which enables a man to confront the world. The strong military sandals spoke of the readiness to march in the cause of that gospel whose sum and substance was not war, but spiritual, even more than social, peace.

And then the large, oblong, oval wooden shield, clothed with hides, covered well-nigh the whole body of the bearer, reminding him of Christian faith, upon which the temptations of the evil one, like the ancient arrows, tipped, as they often were, with inflammable substances, would light harmlessly and lose their deadly point. The soldier's helmet, pointing upward to the skies, was a natural figure of Christian hope directed toward a higher and better world. The sword at the side, by which he won safety and victory in the day of battle—and which, you will observe, is the one aggressive weapon mentioned in this whole catalogue—was the emblem of the Word of God, which wins such victories on the battlefields of conscience. It pierces even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, and is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

Thus girded, thus clad, thus shod, thus guarded, thus armed, thus covered, the Christian might well meet his foes. He was indeed more than a match for them, and might calmly await their onset. The Christian soldier differs from the merchant or the farmer in that he has to deal with

the antagonist. He differs from the racer at the games in that his antagonist is not merely a competitor, but an enemy in good earnest.

It was this which made the metaphor in the Apostle's conception so exactly correspond to the actual facts, to the real case of the Christian life. The Christian is not merely making the best of his materials; he is not merely engaged in a struggle for spiritual success; he is, before everything else, engaged in a stern and terrible contest with implacable enemies. The forces arrayed against him are such as to oblige him to spare no exertion and to neglect no precaution whatever if he is to escape defeat. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand . . ."

God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him (II Chron. 30:9).

God's face will be turned away from us, so long as we are going in the wrong direction—
EARLE F. WILDE

"I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord for Ever"

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Now it doesn't seem at all unreasonable to expect that a holy God who has built a holy dwelling place would require a holy people to live in that holy dwelling place with Him. And that is exactly what the Bible teaches that He does require. He says, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." This is why David said that, to stand in His holy place, we would need clean hands and pure hearts. Clean hands, or a right outward life, come with the new birth, but God also requires purity. But how can He make such demands of us poor, frail human beings, and how can anyone ever live with God forever if His requirements are for purity and holiness?

It would be an impossible situation except that God takes not only the responsibility of providing the divine or spiritual life but also the responsibility of providing the necessary soul preparation of cleansing from all sin. Thus, Jesus, "that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). A beautiful garment of holiness and righteousness, or a heart made pure by the cleansing fountain, is within reach of every one born of the Spirit. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find" for, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification."

Why shouldn't we dwell in the house of the Lord forever, when He has provided the house, the eternal life, and the character fitness for living in that house?

Surely we should all say as David said, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

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The key to a full, happy life—

G I V E

By Leslie E. Dunkin*

GIVING is the key to life, especially to a full, happy life. Receiving with no giving leads to death. The Dead Sea became such by receiving with no giving. Everything around the Dead Sea is dead because of the lack of giving. The word G-I-V-E unfolds the personal value from giving.

G—*God's gifts are ours to share.* Everything we have is a gift—yes, a loaned gift—from God. The Creator gave His creation to mankind. God gave man His image. The Golden Text of the Bible tells us that “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son” (John 3:16). In like manner, Jesus was giving continually, from Bethlehem to the Ascension.

This giving pattern for living extends to all phases of life. Both the animal and the plant world are guided by this. When an animal or plant ceases to give, extinction soon comes. When giving is the main policy, this life increases and spreads.

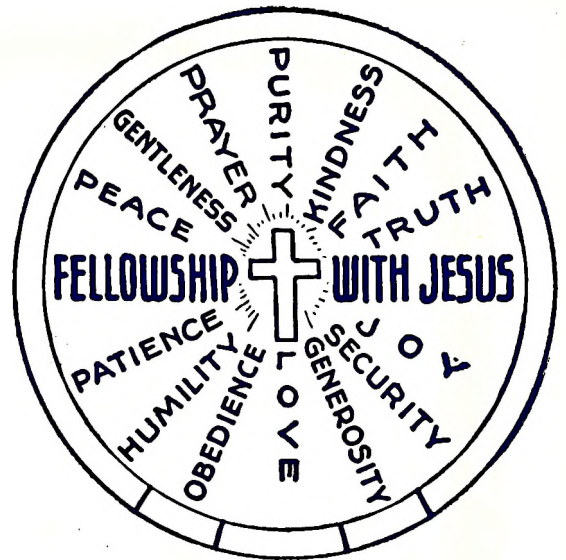
God's gifts are given to us, not to keep and hoard, but rather for us to share with and give to others. They are really placed in our keeping for us to use and then pass on to others. Giving is a recognition and use of God in our lives. We acknowledge that God has given and is giving to us. At the same time we accept God's plan of sharing. Giving is God-living for us. As God has given of himself to us, so we are to give, to share, or pass these God-gifts from our lives to others.

I—*Invest in God's blessings.* True giving is not depriving ourselves of something intended for us. It is not depriving ourselves sacrificially of what is ours. Since it is the giving, sharing, or passing on of God's loaned gifts to us, we find that we are really investing in God's blessings.

Malachi warns that when we fail to give at least the tithe, or one-tenth, we become robbers. The question is raised, “Will a man rob God?” and then followed by, “Wherein have we robbed thee?” and the explanatory reply is, “In tithes and offerings” (Mal. 3:8).

Malachi then explains how true giving is an investment in God's blessings. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts” (Mal. 3:10-12).

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Jesus emphasized this same thought of true giving being an investment in God's blessings, when He said, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:38).

V—*Values are recognized and used.* We see that money in itself has little value. The same is true with other possessions that money can buy. The value of these for us is determined largely by the use we make of them. The same money may produce misery or happiness; it may become a blessing or a curse. This is not due to the money itself. The results are due to the use that the possessor or giver makes of it.

The same is true of our giving. The mere act of giving is not valuable for us. It must be true giving, giving with a recognition of the fact that what we have really is God's and we need His guidance. We soon find we can give more than money or what money can buy. This spirit of sharing can find expression in all phases of our lives. Once we are in the spirit of giving, we find ourselves doing it naturally and continually. We think of ourselves as sharing with others what God originally shared with us.

God has given us time, so we are ready to share this with others. He has given us happiness, so we let others have the benefit of that. He has given us love, so we share it. The Creator has given us certain abilities, which we have developed to a greater extent than other people have theirs, so we share the benefits from these with other people. God has given us spiritual strength that we may share or use it for the benefit of others. Thus, many values appear in our giving.

E—We find ourselves *enriched from our giving*, much more than we would be otherwise. True giving begins with a personal recognition of God. What we have is merely a loaned gift from God. A recognition of God's ownership of or presence

in what we may have gives us a deeper thought of how we are to use this.

True giving places God in partnership with us. We are handling God's money, a loaned gift from Him. We determine how much we are to use by giving to others for God. He blesses not only what we give, but also what is retained for our own personal use. With God as our Partner, the greatest success and blessing will be ours without fail.

God is in partnership with us, so we are in partnership with God. This partnership works both ways. He shares and blesses what we have, and the use we make of His loaned gifts to us. In turn, we share and are blessed by all that belongs to God. God's artistic masterpieces of nature are ours to see and enjoy. We share in whatever is His. We know that all belongs to Him, so we are sharers in everything.

The real question changes from "Can we afford to give?" or "How much can we afford to give?" to "Can we afford not to give and share?" or "How much can we afford to retain for our personal use?" when we see G-I-V-E in its full meaning.

SHIPS THAT NEVER SAIL

By Clyde W. Rather*

Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber (1 Kings 22:48).

TRAGEDY in the world of shipping! Ships destined for a valuable trade, but never a voyage made! Not downed in battle; not shattered in a storm; but broken in port! That is oblivion! But how many of us destined to sit with Christ in heavenly places, destined to some high daring for the Kingdom's sake, are content with never a voyage, never an adventure!

We are satisfied with security of property, cheap praise, the consolations of a comfortable religion. We know little or nothing of the thrill of giving ourselves to some stirring cause for Christ's sake. We have been too satisfied with earth when we might have had heaven. We have been satisfied to be so little when we might become so much.

We would pray: "O Lord, forgive us for our narrow vision. Stir our minds to high desires. Make us dissatisfied with anything less than thyself and Thy best. Put such a divine urge within us that every person we meet becomes an opportunity for soul winning. Help all of us Nazarenes to realize our high calling in Christ Jesus; give us faith equal to the task set before us and give us the strength to accomplish all for Thee. Amen!"

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"Now the Day Is Over"

By Ralph Mickel*

ASUNSET is intriguing and captivating. One is made to feel that he has reached the end of something—the end of a day; yes, but more than that, it is the end of a day's work, whether it is well done or not. If through carelessness or inability the day's task remains unfinished, nothing can be done to change it. It is also the end of a fixed portion of life. That much of life is forever past—"Now the day is over." Never again will we have the opportunity or privilege of reliving this day. We do not live all of life at one time. It is measured to us in days. As the shadows of the evening steal across the sky, it is blessed and comforting to be able to say, "All day long I've walked with Jesus."

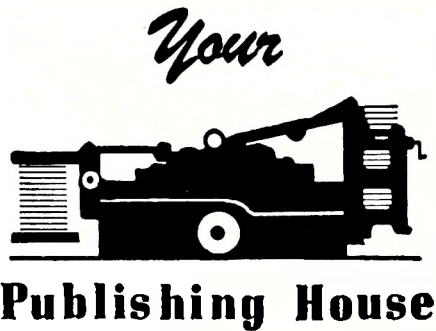
Not only does a sunset make us feel that we have reached the end of something, but it also suggests a beginning. It is the beginning of a night's rest: rest from the labor and burden of the day, relaxation from the confusions and perplexities of modern life, repose that is refreshing after the hours of toil. In addition, it is the beginning of the darkness. It should not be that way, but more people look to God for His protection in the night than depend upon Him for His help during the light of day. It is because the darkness makes them afraid. They feel that more dangers lurk in the darkness than in the light. But we feel safe if we know that God is watching over us.

But there is not only the darkness of night in which we need the Lord's protection. We also need His hand to hold us when we are exposed to the darkness of sin and the darkness of false teaching. If we depend upon our own strength and ability, we will not make it; but with the Light of the World by our side, we need not fear the evil shadows.

Moreover, the ending of a day makes one think of the end of life. We all know that life, as we live it now, is certain to end for each one of us sooner or later. It can be in a sunset of marvelous beauty or in a night of ugly darkness. What we do with Jesus as our Saviour, how our lives are lived by His saving grace, will determine whether we experience the beautiful sunset or the dreadful darkness. Remember, you make the sunset or darkness with which your life will end. If you turn away from the Light, you can have only the darkness. Jesus is the Light; turn and walk with Him through life's day and your life will end in a sunset ablaze with the glory of God.

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Salvation is by faith (lest any man should boast), but its most convincing testimony is to be found in what it does. Good works do not mean salvation, but salvation means good works.—E. DRELL ALLEN.



An Alberta, Canada, customer writes:

"We do appreciate our publishing house. It is one of which we as a church can well be proud. I, personally, am glad to recommend it to my friends, for I know they will always receive prompt, courteous service. I would also like to

tell you how very pleased we are with the vacation Bible school material. It has certainly improved greatly in the last few years and is now, I believe, second to none. God bless you there in all of the work you are doing."

Our reply:

"Thank you for your gracious words of appreciation and encouragement. We at the publishing house feel that our work is more than commercial buying and selling; we have a definite sense of mission, of contributing to the worldwide program of the church. It is on this basis that we plead for the wholehearted support of our ministry and laity. Your kind expression of appreciation assures us that many of our people understand what we are endeavoring to do and why. We appreciate the contribution you are making and the support you have given the publishing house. Don't hesitate to call on us whenever we may be of assistance.

"—NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE"

FOREIGN MISSIONS

NEWS NOTES

Last week I saw Brother Baltazar Rubio in Chiclayo. He had left Yama Yakat the day that Sister Douglass and the little boys arrived by plane. He met Brother Douglass as he was coming out. Brother Douglass was on the big river at Bella Vista, building a raft of the barrels containing his things—at least, those that he had been able to bring through. Some of his stuff was still stacked at the place of the landslide. Brother Rubio estimated that Brother Douglass must have arrived at Yama Yakat a day or two before Christmas. We trust and pray that he made it, for that would have been just a month after Mrs. Douglass had arrived there, and she would not have had any word from him, unless, possibly, the week before, Kaikat had been able to give her some news on his return from the coast.—IRA TAYLOR, *Peru*.

More News, and A Prayer Request

The Flinners arrived in Talara on the thirtieth of December. The Torgrims, Miss Mary Miller, and Taylors met them at the plane. They had a pleasant trip down with no ill effects to any of them. How thankful we are that our small worries over entrance permits are all in the background now and these fine young missionaries are with us, ready to get into the harness! We like them all very much and anticipate their finding large fields of useful service here in Peru. Yesterday (Friday) on our day

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

of prayer and fasting we had the pleasure of having Brother and Sister Flinner and Miss Miller with us. Due to the way we are so widely scattered, it is more common that each missionary family has these prayer times without others present. God has answered very definitely many of our prayers in these days. It is certain that we depend much on divine help.

* There are some very serious problems now with regard to pastoral placement. We would appreciate your prayers for God to guide us in them all. We want only His glory.—TAYLOR, *Peru*.

New Missionary in India

Rev. and Mrs. Cleve James have a new son, Keith Dennis James, born December 19, 1954. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

New Addresses

Rev. and Mrs. William Pease, Basim, Berar, M.P., India

Miss Lois Drake, Post Office Box 14, Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa

Miss Edna Lochner, Endingeni, P.O. Pigg's Peak, Swaziland, South Africa

Miss Evelyn VerHoek, Coban, A.V., Guatemala

Miss Miriam Evans will be leaving England around the first of February. She will be stationed at Stegi, Swaziland, South Africa.

Blessings

At Stegi Bible School

At the Bible school God has been visiting us afresh. In a series of meetings conducted among the students by Rev. John Mazibila, God came down among us in an unusual way, and a large number of the students entered into the fullness of the blessing. A new atmosphere of eagerness to receive the truth was created, and the spiritual life of the entire school was quickened. At the time this is being written, the students are busy preparing to write their end-of-term examinations. Twelve students will be going out into full-time service at the end of the year. The term will end with a Bible conference, when all our leaders in the Swaziland District will be present.

* Please pray much for these graduating students as they begin their life of active service for God among their people.—H. K. and M. BEDWELL, *Swaziland, Africa*.

Prayer Request

Mrs. Lester Johnston, Argentina, is very ill. Please pray that God will touch and restore to health this servant of His who has been ill much of the time since going to the field.

To be possessed of God and indwelt by Him is the finest and best preparation for the unpleasant. . . . This sends us to meet today with courage and a song.—IRENE IMBLER.

"Concentrated" Youth

A LETTER came to my desk a few days ago which spoke of a certain couple's deep *concentration* to God. The husband is a minister, a college graduate, and is pastoring a recently organized Church of the Nazarene. He has a wife and several small children. A position which would pay him four times as much as that which he receives as pastor has been offered to him. He has to take outside work, when he can get it, in order to keep going financially. Still his "concentration to God," as the letter said, is complete.

The writer of the letter, a layman, said of this young man, "He never asks the church for money for himself." He'll push hard to keep the budgets paid, but more than once has left the church on Sunday night without any money, and without mentioning the fact that there was nothing in the treasury with which to pay his salary.

It is needless to say that God has stood by him, and has raised up good laymen to help him bear the many financial burdens which are his. Some of them have given not only their tithe, but much more, and I am sure God will bless them for it.

I mention these facts in this "Youth Week" issue of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* because it is an excellent illustration of real consecration, the kind of consecration which has made the holiness movement and the Church of the Nazarene. Moreover, there are many illustrations of such consecration in our church today among both our ministers and laymen.

The writer's use of the word "concentrated" also impressed me. After all, a consecrated life is a concentrated life. If a person is consecrated to God, he is sure to be concentrated to God, or on God and His kingdom. The Apostle Paul said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul's consecrated life was a concentrated life; "this one thing I do." The same is true of this young and talented pastor, and of the laymen who are standing by him. Their purpose is to do one thing, advance the kingdom of God. To accomplish this, they are ready to make almost any amount of sacrifice.

I am not surprised that Paul says in verse fifteen, which follows the words I have already quoted from him, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." In other words, we must be one within, perfected in the love of God, before we can be one without. We can't do "one thing" until we *are* one thing. Holiness of heart brings holiness of life. Consecration, concentration, and commitment without follow from consecration, concentration, and commitment within. Thank

Editorials

God for the Nazarene Young People's Society, and for the youth of our church! I think that oftentimes they are more ready to meet the challenge of consecration, or concentration, than are some of us older ones. They not only talk about consecration or concentration; they exemplify it day by day. God bless them and continue to enlarge their vision and stimulate their passion to serve Him!

LET'S PRAY

For Our Youth

ONLY today I heard some interesting facts about a young man who is in the U.S. Navy. He is on one of the big battleships. Recently he was reclaimed, and is now doing everything he can to get his buddies to God. His mother, who is very happy that her son has been reclaimed, is joining with him in praying for the young men on board the battleship. The son is using her letters to help him win them to Christ. Not long ago the mother received a very fine letter from one of the boys.

The thing I am thinking of particularly in this connection is that this mother is earnestly praying, not only for her son, but also that God will bless his efforts in reaching the other boys on board that battleship. May God answer her prayers and grant success to her son as he deals with his friends.

This suggests the need for prayer for all of our young people. It is far more effective to pray for them than it is to criticize them. They are the hope of tomorrow, not only for our church, but for the world. Let's do our best to bear them up to the throne of God day by day. Remember, there is no greater power that any man can wield than the power of prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16). "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:12-14). The Bible is full of promises to those who genuinely pray. Let's pray for the youth of our church.

Little Talks on "The Art of Living"

V. Optimism

ANOTHER essential element in the art of living is *optimism*. There is a sense in which it easily follows from faith in God, in one's fellow men, and in one's self. It is difficult for me to see how anyone can have these three types of faith and not be optimistic. However, there are some who seem to have them, to some extent at least, and yet are pessimistic; life seems to look pretty dark to them. This is not normal. Optimism should naturally follow from faith in God, in our fellow men, and in ourselves. The Apostle Paul tells us that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Certainly, we ought to be in that category if we believe as I have indicated.

Again, Christ himself had an optimistic outlook upon life. At the close of His farewell address to His disciples, He said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). He was only a few steps from the Cross, and yet He said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." He was not exhorting His disciples to have that which He himself did not have. This is proved by the verses which follow in the next chapter, that is, in John 17: "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." And then He said, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." There is no sense of defeat in this great prayer of Jesus. He prays as if the victory which He was to achieve on the cross had already been won. He looked forward to all that was to come with a wonderful spirit of triumph. He was optimistic. Pessimism and Christianity do not go together. Even in spite of the present conditions in society, those who believe in God, in their fellow men, and in themselves as children of God should not be hopeless. They may have to go through the valley of sorrow and disappointment, but there is always a light shining there. The glory of the Lord is their strength. They know that the enemy will finally be defeated.

What has been said of Christ could be said also of the Bible. It deals with sin, and has much in it that, taken by itself, would be discouraging; but while it is a Book on sin, it is still more a Book on redemption, redemption through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. No one can read the Bible without feeling the atmosphere of optimism which is there. He who would properly adapt the natural to the supernatural, the secular to the sacred, and the physical and mental to the moral and spiritual must be optimistic.

The Book of Revelation, from some standpoints, might be called "The Book of Horrors," since with its judgments it presents a dark and dismal picture; but through it all there is a note of victory. Finally, it concludes with a description of that land that is brighter than day. Heaven's glory is painted before us in words more beautiful than human tongue alone could ever have given us.

Some Nazarenes Are on the Job!

NOT LONG ago a letter was passed on to me which I want to share with you. The writer, a wife and mother, testifies to having been delivered from the dope habit, which had her in its grip for eighteen years. This was brought about, as she says, by the prayers, teaching, preaching, and personal work of Nazarene Christians in her city. Later, she was delivered from the drink habit, which had bound her for twenty years. When writing the letter, she was saved, but not yet sanctified, nor a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

She wrote the letter mainly, however, to tell about the kindness of the Nazarene Christians when a terrible sorrow came into her life. She had been saved and delivered from the above habits, her husband had been converted, when their only son (a young man with a wife and two small children) was drowned. She wrote: "I do want you to know that the Nazarene Christians from all three churches called, or phoned, sent food, and floral offerings." They also prayed with them and read the Bible to them. Further, many of them attended the funeral service. Then the writer added: "I wish to tell you that never have we or our friends or neighbors ever witnessed such an outward show of spiritual love. You will never know the impression it has made on my husband, a new convert, and myself. We are just strangers, not even members of the Nazarene church." At that time the women also came in and cooked the meals and cared for the son's children.

This friend of our church, and writer of the letter which I have presented in part to you, was very anxious that all of our people might know through the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* how wonderfully they had been treated in their time of great sorrow. They lost their son, but God helped them in a marvelous way through the Christian people, as they ministered to them.

Two things especially came to my mind as I read this letter. One was that God is still able

to save people and deliver them from the very worst of habits. That was demonstrated in the case of this mother and wife. In the second place, I know that the Nazarene churches in this city

were on the job. They saw an opportunity to help those in need, and they didn't let it pass by. God bless all of our churches, and help us to have the same spirit in our work for Him!

CRUSADE *for* SOULS



Growing Sunday Schools

THE executive secretary of the Department of Church Schools reported at the recent meeting of the General Board the largest enrollment gain in the history of the church, and the second highest gain in attendance. What makes for growing Sunday schools? According to the *Southern California District Nazarene News*, visitation is a vital part of the answer. In the January issue was the following account of the "Sunday School of the Month":

"In looking over the journal of the Southern California District for 1944, we find that Rev. Nicholas A. Hull was pastor of the San Diego University Avenue Church of the Nazarene. Claire Dorland was the Sunday-school superintendent. They had a membership of 182, a Sunday-school enrollment of 260, and an average attendance of 179.

"In the 1954 edition, we find this same church and pastor, with the support and building of several Sunday-school superintendents, reporting 323 church members, 572 enrolled in the Sunday school, and an average attendance of 434. Our observation is that the end is not yet. Claire Dorland, Hclland Whittington, Ed Murphey, and now Lavalley Ullyot have been the superintendents of this going, growing concern.

"One need not talk long with any member of the congregation until he learns that visitation has been the great factor in the building of the Sunday school. An enthusiastic spirit prevails in the University Avenue Sunday school. We salute you this month."

TEEN-AGERS

Can Witness, Too!

High school Nazarenes can be Lamplighters in the Crusade for Souls Now. This very interesting experience was reported in the *Nazarene Voice* of the Northern California district:

"It all started back in a German language class when opportunity came to choose a name from the German-

English Pen Exchange. Scott Holmes chose the name of Yorck Stenschke, who lived in Augsburg, Bismarck, Germany. Classroom German suddenly came to life when Scott wrote his first letter in German. It was even a greater thrill to get letters in perfect script from his new friend. It seemed that hands reached across the ocean in this new friendship.

"A miracle happened. Yorck was awarded an Exchange Student Scholarship in the United States. He was to live with a family in Los Angeles, California. California was the address of his friend, Scott. If he could only see him!

"The dream came true and Yorck and Scott met face to face for the first time at the station in Eureka. Plans were proposed for Yorck's stay. Would he like to go with Scott to Santa Cruz to a Nazarene Youth Institute for a wonderful week? Nothing could be better.

"Yorck became a veteran Instituter overnight and felt a real part of the whole program. Not only did he make friends, learn new sports, and take part in the skits, but there came a longing in his heart for something Scott and Scott's friends had which he wanted.

"During campfire service Tuesday night, Yorck quickly stepped out at the invitation of Speaker Orville Jenkins. Listen to his own testimony: 'After I waited for two years in vain for the Lord, He found me here in a wonderful way. I'll never forget your Institute. Though I was under people with a religion, I never heard this before. I was happy and saved with you. I am praising and thanking the Lord.'

"When asked what was one of the greatest thrills in his life, Lamplighter Scott Holmes said, 'You don't know the thrill that came to me when my friend from Germany came to the altar at Institute and was saved. That was what I had been praying for and it really made me happy.'

"Scott is one of the teen-age representatives on the District N.Y.P.S. Council. He not only seeks for opportunities to lamplight in high school,

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

but also in his class of Junior boys in the Eureka church."

"GRASS-ROOTS" Crusade Conferences

North Carolina District
February 1-3

Concord First Church
Dr. Roy F. Smee, Rev. W. A. Strong,
Rev. Robert Goslaw

Chicago-Central District
Chicago First Church—February 3-6
Kankakee College Church—
February 7-9

Danville First Church—
February 9-11
Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. S. T. Ludwig,
Rev. E. W. Martin, Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., Rev. Andrew Young, Rev. Alpin Bowes, Mr. R. H. Isaacs.

Virginia District
February 8-10
Roanoke First Church
Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. Roy F. Smee,
Rev. W. A. Strong

Arizona District
February 14-16
Chandler, Arizona
Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Dr. S. T. Ludwig,
Rev. Alpin Bowes

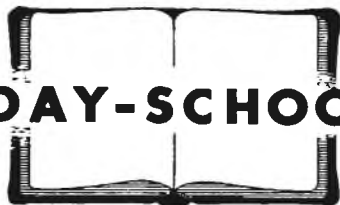
Central Ohio District
February 14-17
Marion, Ohio
Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. John L. Knight, Rev. Robert Goslaw

Kansas District
February 21-23
Hutchinson First Church
Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. Roy F. Smee,
Rev. N. A. Hull

Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice (Ps. 50:5).

Our passport into the glorious presence of God is a covenant with God of our own choosing.—EARLE F. WILDE.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for February 6: The Grace of God

Scripture: Eph. 2:1-10; Tit. 2:11-14; I John 4:10 (Printed: I John 4:10; Eph. 2:4-9; Tit. 2:11-14)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins* (I John 4:10).

If we depersonalize evil so that we may explain it in terms of psychological complexes, sociological determinisms, or biological urges, there is no need for any outside help. Man is a god unto himself. The problem resolves itself into educational evolution, social progress, or psychiatric treatment. But man is not just psychologically sick. There is a very deep-seated moral problem—so deep, indeed, that Scripture and human experience join forces to reveal that man is “dead in trespasses and sins.” The Bible, true always to life, offers no hope of automatic progress or inevitable utopia, but rather speaks of conversion, new birth, repentance, judgment, and immortal life. The Bible, being the most realistic of books, takes the question of sin seriously. Sin and death are forever together as the Siamese twins of Sacred Writ—inseparable. “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

There is only one scriptural and life solution to the problem of sin. “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)” (Eph. 2:4-5). Our hope lies wholly in the mercy and redeeming love of God, who forgives the trespasses and sins that separate us from Him, then overcomes their deadly effect by the gift of new life in Christ. We are born again!

Jesus continually emphasized the fact that our Heavenly Father cares for us. He takes care of, feeds, provides for, loves, and protects all His children. Although there are many, yet He is personal in His care. He numbers the hairs of our heads and is with the sparrow when it falls unnoticed to the ground. He loves and cares for each one of us as if he were the only child. He thinks so much of the sinner that He was willing to sacrifice the Supreme Offering on Calvary for his redemption. When one of His children is lost through sin and

disobedience, then He seeks and searches until He finds. If when He finds us we are too weak to respond, then if we will just allow him, He stoops down and, as the shepherd lifts the lamb from the crevasse, so our Lord lifts us from our sin and places us upon His almighty shoulders to take us home. God is with us as a Creator; He is among us as a Son and Redeemer; He is within us as Holy Spirit.

This is our only hope. For what can a dead man do? Abandoned by God, we are helpless and eternally lost. It is by the power of God we are saved. First, last, and always, Christian life is in humbly receiving. God has nothing to sell. He offers life as a free gift—“By grace are ye saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8). He offers to all who will receive, His unlimited, illimitable stores of mercy, grace, fellowship, and love. They are all yours for the taking.

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THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by

STEPHEN S. WHITE

Q. I would like for you to explain I Cor. 3:15.

A. The verse you refer to reads as follows: “If a man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.” Many people have puzzled over this verse. Some of our brethren who believe in eternal security use it often to support their position. One of them in writing of the one-talent servant in the Parable of the Talents stated that he was undoubtedly saved, even though he did admit that it was pretty hard to associate the “gnashing of teeth” with the saved. He should have mentioned also the “outer darkness” and the “weeping” as well as the fact that the Word says that the man was

an “unprofitable servant.” This writer uses I Cor. 3:15 and some of the verses which precede it in order to substantiate his claim as to the one-talent man. He also employs I Cor. 3:15 to do the same for him when he deals with several other passages which are difficult to explain in harmony with his eternal security doctrine. It may be added that Dr. J. B. Chapman, in discussing I Cor. 3:15, starts off with these words: “I heard a noted preacher, in his ‘eternal security’ argument, say this means that we are saved by grace, no matter what we do. So that once we have been regenerated, we

will go to heaven, no matter how many sins of commission and omission we may commit, but that we will lose our reward in heaven if we do not live right and well. This application is, according to my judgment, fallacious and without warrant.” I say, “Amen,” to what Dr. Chapman asserts. I Cor. 3:15 in no way supports the teaching as to eternal security.

We must begin reading at I Cor. 3:10 in order to understand the fifteenth verse. A person will pass the chief test at the Judgment because he has built his work, or house, for God on the true foundation, Jesus Christ. His reward, besides his getting into heaven, will depend on how well he built on the foundation. He may have

devoted his whole life to the work of God but accomplished little because of his lack of talents or judgment. In that case, the permanent results of his efforts would be negligible, even though he was not a deliberate sinner. On the other hand, the person who is guilty of willful sin will not get into heaven, much less get any reward there.

Q. How would you interpret Mark 14:20? My son claims that the doctrine of election, or foreordination, is mainly based on this verse. Will you please give your opinion on this?

A. I don't believe that those who hold to election, or foreordination of either the extreme or mild Calvinistic form, would make much of this verse. Sometimes they do say quite a bit about Judas in connection with their doctrine of election, but they do not concentrate especially on this verse. Of course, this verse does give us an

illustration of God's foreknowledge, but divine foreknowledge does not imply divine foreordination, or predestination, of the Calvinistic type.

Q. Does our church adhere to the belief in "guardian angels"? Where did this idea originate? Was it from Ps. 91:11, where it says, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all ways"? Or does this phrase refer only to Christ, since that was the scripture used by Satan in tempting the Lord? Is there any connection between angels and private saints, in which the Roman Catholic church believes?

A. Ps. 91:11 does not refer particularly to Christ. It is especially a promise for you and me, and, no doubt, has had much to do with the belief in guardian angels, but I would not want to say that the idea necessarily originated with it. So far as I

know, our church never has taken any specific stand as to whether or not there are guardian angels. Nevertheless, I believe in angels and am sure that our church does. Also, as messengers of God, they no doubt at times have a very definite part in the care of God's children. However, this does not necessarily mean that every Christian, or even that certain Christians, have a guardian angel. I would say that there is no connection between private saints, which the Roman Catholic church believes in, and guardian angels; but I may be completely wrong in this, since I know little about what is meant by private saints. Perhaps I should add that many liberal theologians deny the existence of angels altogether. Some of these liberal thinkers hold that there is no need for angels in this Holy Ghost dispensation. But I find nothing in the Bible which rules out angels and their ministry during the Holy Ghost dispensation.

THE HOME CIRCLE

And So They Were Married—

IT HAS been a week and two days now since our only daughter was married. She married a good young man and it was with no misgivings that her father spoke the two words, "I do," thus giving his consent to the transaction. Yet even as he spoke, he realized that no young person fully comprehends the importance of the step he takes when at the altar he joins right hands with his chosen companion.

On the night after the marriage, I spoke somewhat wearily to a dear friend of mine. "Think of all this ado for only a short two hours," I said. But an answer came quickly, "No, not for just two hours, this is for life!" Suddenly what I had done seemed so insignificant, for I knew I could hardly have done too much nor have planned too carefully for this lifetime contract.

The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom. It fell to this man also to pray the prayer of blessing at the conclusion of the taking of vows. He prayed earnestly, unselfishly, and sincerely, even as though he were alone with his God. I asked permission to give this prayer to you, believing it expressed in words what all of us would like to pray for our children when they take so important a step as marriage. The permission was granted. Here then is the prayer a Christian father-minister prayed in

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greatest sincerity for his son and for the girl his son had just promised to "love and cherish" until death.

The Prayer for Elbert and Gloria On Their Wedding Day

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.' We draw nigh unto Thee in the consciousness that 'we know not what we should pray for as we ought,' but with equal consciousness that 'the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities.'

"We have a strange awareness that the infirmity of our paternal heart might easily lead us to request for these—our own children—that which might conceivably lie beyond the range of Thy will. We resist that infirmity and invoke Thy strength to destroy it, for we would hold for them no request—publicly expressed or privately cherished—that would be inconsistent with Thy wise and holy will.

"We would not ask that their larder be always stored with the field's richest viands; nor that their humble services be rewarded by the plaudits of admiring men; nor that the garlands of worldly success be wreathed about their honored brows. But, our Father, and theirs, we would ask Thee

to give to them day by day their daily bread; we would ask that their services be such as to receive Thy 'Well done,' and that at the end of life's day each may be awarded a crown of life.

"Should there come to them the emoluments of office, positions of trust, or honors of church or state, may they accept them with humility and bear them with dignity and grace. Give to them strength to be true to Thee, to one another, and to all mankind. May they 'do justly, . . . love mercy, and . . . walk humbly' with their God.

"Whatever may be the perplexing problems and annoying intrusions of their public lives, grant that, when the work of the day is over and they are seated by their own fireside, the glow and the glory of a mutual understanding and an ever-deepening love may enshrine their hearts and make of home a true oasis.

"And now as they have joined their hands and hearts and they are entering together upon life's unending highway, choose Thou their every step. Let the divine Shekinah illuminate their pathway, and give to them eyes to discern Thy ways and will and strength to walk therein. Grant that a growing vision of the resurrected and exalted Christ may lure them onward and upward.

"May their humble and trusting hearts be ever within view of 'the love-lit brow of Calvary,' and may the

shadow of its crimson cross fall in benediction across their lives as a constant reminder that the God who loved them there unto death would guide them now unto life eternal.

"Hear us now, O our God, to the end that, when the days of these Thy children are full spent, an abundant entrance into Thy presence may be granted unto them and to those, if any, who may come of this union.

"Our prayer is in the name of Jesus and for His glory. Amen."

—T. W. WILLINGHAM

Nazarene Theological
Seminary Chapel
December 25, 1954, at 8:00 p.m.

Friday:

Our hope is solid as God himself, for it is an anchor cast in the word of the God who is Truth. If God can lie, our hope can fail—and only then. "I hope so," said with a shrug of the shoulders, is only wishful thinking—without much thought. (Heb. 6:19.)

Saturday:

"Hope without an object cannot live." Our hope will prove itself that glorious day when Jesus shall return; we shall see Him without the veil between, and we shall be like Him. Genuine hope will create hunger for cleansing. Deep-seated expectation of likeness there will express itself in

deep desire for likeness here. (1 John 3:3.)

Sunday:

Hope does not shut its eyes to facts. It only looks at Someone greater than the worst of facts. Certainly the world is teetering on the verge of "hopeless" ruin—we all know that. But we are stupid if we take our eyes off the God who lifts up heads and the Christ who never fails. "Against hope" we have the right, and the duty, to "believe in hope."

"Sursum corda!" "Lift up your hearts!" So the early Christians said, when they thought their world was coming to an end. (Rom. 4:18.)

A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

HOPE

Monday:

Faith, hope, and love all "abide," but the sermons are preached about faith and love. We seldom think to sing the praises of hope. Strange! We might make shift for a while, after a fashion, without her sisters; but without Hope we should cease to exist. Faith will bring Love alive; but it takes Hope to open the eyes of Faith. "We are saved by hope" (Rom. 8:24a).

Tuesday:

The one of his wares Satan will not part with at any price is discouragement; it is his most deadly trick, for it is aimed at our hope. Hope has been pictured as blindfolded, but still holding her harp. We need something that will help us sing in the dark—or wait, steady when we cannot find the song. (Rom. 8:24bc.)

Wednesday:

Hope does not see, but she can hear; and what she hears she whispers in our ears: "The God of hope"; "Hope thou in God." Life does its worst—"but God." God never discourages a person; that whisper of despair came from Satan. One of God's happiest names is "God of hope." (Ps. 42:5, 11; Rom. 15:13.)

Thursday:

Perhaps the artist was wrong when he made Hope blind? Hope sees and understands and tries to tell us. What she sees is Christ. The one invincible basis for hope is Jesus. If—mystery, but verified—Christ, the Lord of heaven, has identified himself with our very nature, only deliberate stubbornness could lose heart. (Col. 1:27.)

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

YOUTH WEEK

YOUTH WEEK is upon us once again. This is the time (January 30 to February 6) when the entire movement joins together in a Sunday-over-Sunday emphasis of youth. Increasingly, this week has become the high point of the year for Nazarene youth. We trust that this year will be no exception.

Youth Week is shared by the youth of nearly every Protestant denomination. Probably as many as 6,000,000 young people will be engaged in special activities, projects, and services within their separate denominations. Community-wide activities are also planned in many cities.

This is a time when we can give our youth an opportunity to see just what is their place in the church. It is a time when they can catch a vision of the work that will be theirs in church leadership in the tomorrows. It is a time when the church can, in turn, take a look at the great asset that it has in its young people. A church without youth will soon be dead. We need to alert ourselves to the fact that God has signally blessed us with many thousands of wonderful, devout, and godly youth.

The theme this year for Nazarene youth is a part of the quadrennial emphasis, "By My Spirit—Share." During this time we want to take cognizance of the many blessings which we have which others do not have. We as young people want to find a way to share our material goods. Sharing in the neighborhood or sharing by sending a CARE parcel will help us see our responsibilities in this regard. We must also share our experience in Christ. This is the heart

of the Christian witness. We must come to think less in terms of a program of soul winning and think rather in terms of telling others of the wonderful Christ who has redeemed us. We must also share our heritage in the gospel. We have received much through our church. We have a wonderful heritage of a holiness message. We do not realize what this means to us. We do not realize that there are others who would like to hear the message we hear, know the *way* as we know it, and find salvation as we have found it. Let us plan to share with them what we have.

To make Youth Week the success it can be, every church and society must plan for it, every young person must take part in it, and every adult must support it. If we do this, the reports will show youth revivals in which many young people find Christ, and many other activities which will challenge youth to deeper and fuller living for Christ and the Church.



Where Joy Is Found

By Lucille Clarke

*Joy is found in humble prayer
In which we ask our Lord
To help men live by love instead
Of hatred and the sword.*

*It can be found in helping out
Those in distress and need,
In playing the friend to everyone
And paying no heed to creed.*

*Joy is found in following
That selfsame path Christ trod;
In living life the way He did,
Entrusting all to God.*



Laurel, Montana—The Gospel Light Trio, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Findley and Rev. Lyle Leach, gave us a very gracious revival meeting early in December. Their ministry in song, anointed of God, was a tremendous factor in bringing out new people, and bringing them back again night after night, until the church was filled. The earnest spirit and searching message of Brother Leach were used of God in bringing conviction for sin and for holiness, so that splendid victories were won at the altar.—Wilber A. Rogers, Pastor.

Evangelists Ralph C. Gray and wife report: "We have recently conducted revival meetings in three churches by which we were profoundly impressed. The first was at Athens, Georgia, where Rev. Hugh Mincey is the aggressive pastor. This church is only two years old and Brother Mincey and his people have bought a nice church building in a fine location. The Sunday school is running above the hundred mark. The Lord gave us a good meeting here with several praying through to salvation and holiness, and a nice class coming into the church. At the Pleasant View Church, Allardt, Tennessee, Rev. S. M. Shaw is pastor and is doing an outstanding work. This is a rural church and only about four years old, one of the strong rural churches in the South. They had 215 in Sunday school the closing Sunday of the re-

vival. It was a glorious sight to see nearly one hundred young people walk down the aisle and kneel at the altar during a special young people's service. The third church we mention is at Mackey, Indiana. This is one of the older churches on the Southwest Indiana District but is certainly going strong. Rev. Robert Davidson has pastored here for four years and recently built a beautiful new church. This church is also rural but is now running around 150 in Sunday school. We were greatly impressed by the wonderful work that these churches are doing and it was a pleasure to be with them in revivals. The Lord gave us a good meeting with Pastor Kenneth Bateman at South Bend, Indiana, First Church. They are in the process of erecting a beautiful new building. We had a revival with Pastor Marvin Patton and his church at Francisco, Indiana, and will go back for a third revival this fall. I had the pleasure of preaching Sunday morning, December 12, for Pastor A. C. Rowland and the Bethel Church at Nashville. It was a grand service; Brother Rowland received a dozen new members and had 457 in Sunday school. The same Sunday, in the evening we preached for Pastor Don Jernigan and the Inglewood Church. We preached the closing Sunday evening of the year for Rev. J. B. Frederick, and the church at Uleta, Florida, where we had a good revival last summer. We praise God for

His wonderful grace and blessings. The year 1954 was one of the best in our entire ministry. We were able to hold more than twenty revivals on fifteen districts. We are looking forward in 1955 for a great year of old-fashioned Nazarene revivals. Write us, % our publishing house."

Yacolt, Washington—Mrs. Irwin and I came here following the district assembly last May. We had served the church at Monroe, Washington, for six years and felt led to move on. On arriving we found a small group of God's people carrying on with a small parsonage and a church building free from debt. The salary offered was small but was increased shortly after we came. There has been a good spirit in the services and some good altar services have been experienced. The parsonage has been enlarged by adding a large bedroom and a utility room; wiring has been completed for hot water and an electric range. In December we called Rev. Joseph W. Selz for a revival. There were several good altar services and the church was greatly helped. Sickness in the community hindered the attendance and even the evangelist was obliged to miss two nights. Brother Selz is a strong holiness preacher who puts all he has into the work. The people enjoyed the pictures taken during his tour in the Holy Land and other countries.—W. M. Irwin, Pastor.

Snoddy Chapel Church of the Nazarene was dedicated June 27, 1954, with Dr. Samuel Young preaching the dedicatory sermon and Rev. C. E. Shumake, district superintendent, present. The church is thirty-eight years old, organized in 1916 with 12 charter members. Mrs. Lavona Brown Snoddy, the daughter of a Baptist minister, was largely responsible for its organization and it is named for her. The church has passed many milestones in all departments; the membership from 12 to 73, from a small wooden building to this nice building—actual cost less than \$14,000.00 but valued at \$30,000.00 with an indebtedness of \$2,300.00. The Sunday school has come from an average attendance of 17 to 130 this year. The N.F.M.S. is the largest and best in the history of the church, reaching the seven-point goal with a large General Budget, and for all money raised a 7 per cent general giving. The young people have marched forward in attendance and offering. Nineteen of our young people have attended Trevecca Nazarene College, 2 becoming preachers and now pastoring churches. The church has a seating capacity of 250, furnished with beautiful new

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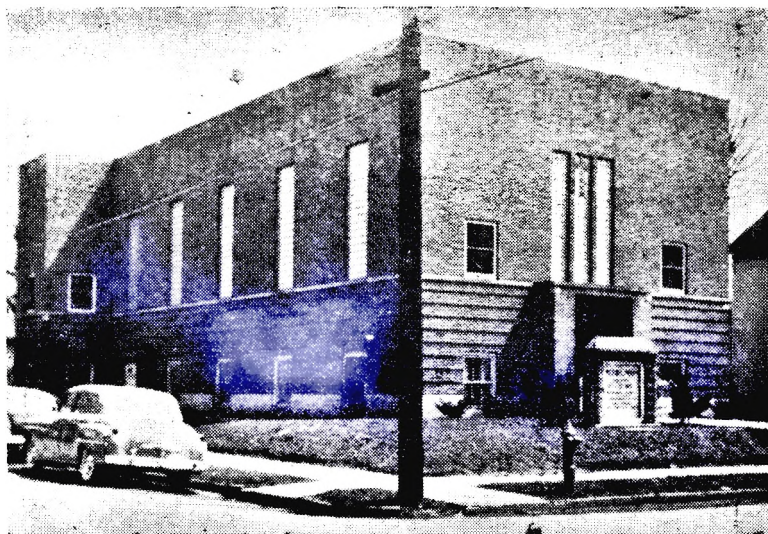


pews and matching accessories. It has full basement, 8 Sunday-school rooms, pastor's study, rest rooms, ladies' lounge, and young people's chapel. God has really blessed through our

people and friends to make possible our lovely sanctuary. The church has called the pastor for the third year with a nice increase in salary.—Aurford Myers, Pastor.

Last November 21 heralded another milestone of progress for the members and friends of Muncie First Church who, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Curtis D. Withrow, labored so faithfully during the erection of our beautiful educational unit. Dr. G. B. Williamson delivered the dedicatory message. The Honorable Joseph R. Barclay, mayor of Muncie, graciously brought greetings from the city. Rev. Donald Snow greeted us on behalf of the Ministerial Association. Our pastor led the congregation in "The Act of Dedication." Others assisting with the service were Dr. Paul Updike, district superintendent, and former pastors, Rev. R. T. Morris and Rev. Gail Shaffer. The Dixie Four quartet favored us with special messages in song. Despite our building program, the entire church has shown substantial gains. Thirteen members, several of whom were reached during our recent revival with Rev. George Woodward, were received into the church on this date. Brother Woodward is a wonderful artist and a good preacher. For the most part, the Sunday school is averaging 100 more per Sunday than last year. There were 536 in attendance on dedication day. The Withrows have supported every endeavor toward a better and a larger Sunday school. Supervisors, teachers, and officers have worked well at the job. Gearing the mechanics of the organization, the Program Planning Committee has proved a lifeline of

First Church, Muncie, Indiana



the Sunday school. The organized personal evangelism program, beyond a doubt, has lifted us to higher heights spiritually and numerically. God has elected to meet with us, blanketing our services with a spiritual warmth that has impelled visitors to return. The new structure adds much to the architectural beauty of the church. The lower floor houses the Cradle Roll, Beginner, and Primary departments with an assembly room, seven

classrooms, and two rest rooms. The upper floor houses the pastor's study, church office, three classrooms, and an auditorium. At an estimated value of \$200,000.00 the church plant towers as a living testimony of what God can do when a pastor and a congregation in unity of purpose and singleness of heart invest time, talent, and money toward Christian training of boys and girls and men and women. —George T. Maynard, Reporter.

Evangelist U. E. Harding writes: "We will be in the South until spring and have open time we shall be glad to give for conventions, camps, and in local churches. Write us, % the Harding Guest Home, Arcadia, Florida."

friends or loved ones hospitalized there, we will be more than happy to contact them while they are ill. Write to us at Box 6341, Parkway Station, Jackson.—M. C. Garrison, Pastor.

The Philadelphia Church, near Limestone, Tennessee, has recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. E. B. Moss, pastor of the Bristol church, as evangelist. Brother Moss was graciously received by the church and also by the visiting people from the neighboring churches in the community. There were a number of professions, and the Sunday school has doubled in attendance. We are very grateful to the Lord and to Brother Moss for the blessings received.—Mrs. C. Glenn Garber, Pastor.

Plymouth, Indiana—We are having some wonderful victories here. In November we closed a wonderful revival, some of the people having said it was the best revival in years. The Robbins family was in charge of the music, and Brother Robbins assisted the pastor in preaching. Plymouth Church has some fine people—some of the "salt of the earth." My faith reaches out for a strong church in this fine city. Mrs. Savage and I have been wonderfully received by the church and the city. The church surprised us with a fine offering and many other nice things for Christ-

mas. To our many good friends everywhere, I am so glad we can report Wife's health is a lot better, and we are so happy in the pastoral work again. This year will bring us to forty-four years of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene, and I never loved and appreciated the church more than I do today. We are looking forward to having our district preachers' meeting in Plymouth, February 22 to 24.—F. C. Savage, Pastor.

Evangelist Irving Farnsworth writes: "I have several good dates open and will be glad to go anywhere that I can be a blessing; carry the full program, except music. I have open dates for February, also some time in March, April, and May, and later. Write me, Box 319, Bourbonnais, Illinois."

Jackson, Mississippi—Grace Church recently closed a very profitable meeting with Rev. E. J. Miller as evangelist. There were excellent crowds at every service in this four-month-old church. Surely Brother Miller was the man for the hour. Starting out in a new section just four months ago with less than twenty-five members from the other churches in the city, we have grown to record an average attendance of seventy-two in Sunday school for December, with a high of ninety-one for one Sunday. The Sunday evening crowds are barely shy of the Sunday-school attendance. A wonderful spirit prevails with pastor and people working and praying together for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church and community. We purchased a 40 x 60-foot masonry building with a nine-room annex for Sunday school from another denomination. We have bought a beautiful five-room house in a very nice neighborhood for the parsonage. All bills from the start are being paid by the local congregation. The church is located just four blocks from the Jackson V.A. Hospital. If you have

Cincinnati, Ohio—We arrived at Lockland Church to begin our pastoral duties on December 29, 1949, and found a beautiful and commodious church building. It is the newest church building and has the greatest seating capacity of any of our churches in Cincinnati. This building was brought to completion by our predecessor, Rev. J. E. Hanson, who did a commendable job. We arrived and found an indebtedness of approximately \$23,000.00, and God has helped us in a wonderful way. We have seen a good number of people saved and sanctified and uniting with the church.

Last December 12 was a wonderful day in our church. God has so blessed us in a financial way that we were able to pay off this indebtedness four years before it was due. In the morning service we had with us our own district superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albea, who conducted the mortgage-burning service. During these five years we have built Sunday-school rooms in the basement and completely redecorated that part of our church. We have installed a gas unit to heat the entire building, built a large, commodious nursery, and purchased a Baldwin organ with tubular chimes. This makes a grand total of \$35,000.00 paid on indebtedness and improvements in the last five years. Our property is completely debt free with an estimated value of \$100,000.00. One of the factors that has helped us to succeed in these achievements has been the very fine musical program which we have enjoyed under the leadership of our very capable minister of music, Mr. Rex Baker. A fine group of teen-age and young married people have been kept interested in the church through the choir, and as a result a good group have prayed through in every revival as well as in our regular Sunday evening services. During these years our good people have not been unmindful of their pastor's physical needs. The church board has in-

creased our salary \$20.00 a week plus assuming the expense of all the utilities that we were paying when we first came. In addition, they have been most considerate in many other ways. For instance at our mortgage-burning service they presented us with a check for \$100.00 as a birthday gift because the mortgage-burning service was on our birthday. On December 19 the church gave us a new set of Goodyear tires for Christmas. This has been characteristic of these fine people during our pastorate. In addition to these wonderful blessings there is an outstanding achievement that thrills our heart—last year God helped us to become a 10 per cent church in our giving for missions for the first time in the history of the church.—O. V. Mewbuorn, Pastor.

Muskogee, Oklahoma—West Side Church recently closed a wonderful revival with Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter. The church received much help from Brother Carter's anointed messages, and souls sought God at an altar of prayer for salvation or heart cleansing. The Carters live by faith, and God is using them. They sing and preach under the inspiration of God. New friends were made for this home-mission church as a result of this revival.—Erden R. Craven, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "It was our privilege recently to speak to the faculty and student body of Bethany-Peniel College. President Roy H. Cantrell, with his fine corps of teachers, is building a great Christian institution. There are 840 college students. More than five hundred churches have recently been visited in securing pledges for a new boys' dormitory; nearly \$300,000.00 has been subscribed. It was a pleasure to speak to these responsive, clean, devout, Christian men and women. We spoke to about one hundred teachers and workers in First Church, Oklahoma City, with Pastor R. T. Williams, Jr., and his associates, Rev. Kenneth Rice and Harper Cole. Also spoke in the prayer meeting following this service. First Church now has nearly 600 members, with an average of around 750 in Sunday school. The pastor is on the radio daily, and is chaplain of several Oklahoma City industries, and also the state patrol. More than \$82,000.00 was raised in this church in twelve months. A constant flow of new people attend the regular services, and big altar services are common occurrences. Organization, advertising, making new contacts, creating a wholesome church atmosphere, good preaching, and excellent music, with leaders of vision, grace, courage, faith, and ability, tell the story of this growing institution."

Rensselaer, Indiana—We resigned our church in Mexico, Missouri, last July to accept the call to our present church. We found a group of loyal Nazarenes who were ready to go forward. Having come up under the leadership of such men as Professor Lunsford, Professor Wayne Donson, Rev. Kenneth Coil, and Rev. C. T. Fleetwood, they were on solid footing, well prepared for the task. It was under the tireless leadership of Rev. Kenneth Coil that the group came from a store building through a building project which won them the respect of the community. A beautiful seven-room parsonage was also erected during Brother Coil's ministry. Even greater than his physical labors were his accomplishments in the realm of the spiritual. The entire community benefited from the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Coil. We express our sincere appreciation to God for allowing us the privilege of having Rev. George Cocoris, converted Greek, as our recent evangelist. The members of the church were so wonderfully deepened in their spiritual lives that we feel we have a new church to pastor. Brother Cocoris insists that the only way to see revivals is through prayer and fasting. Never again will it be necessary to convince our people of this truth. Thank God for the deep spiritual blessings that are to be found through this medium. Our church members now have a concern and burden to reach the lost that they have never felt before. We praise God for His blessing.—J. R. Smith, Pastor.

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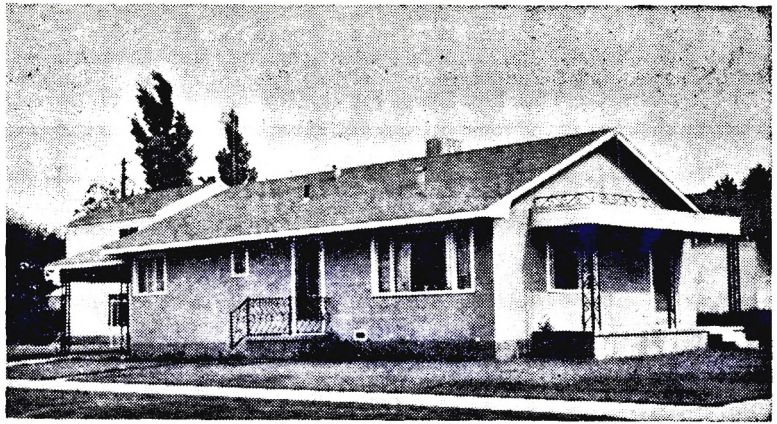
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Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith report: "We have closed another wonderful year in the field of evangelism. God has blessed and we have seen many souls saved, others filled with the Holy Spirit, and some bodies healed. We will be in the Southern states through March; at Lakeland, Florida, for the month of February; and near Jasper, Alabama, for a meeting in March. We have an open date early in March we could give to some church in that area. We thank all our friends who helped us with our tent equipment, and we plan to use it for the glory of God. Write us, 818 McKinley Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio."

Rock Hill, South Carolina—First Church had an old-time, Holy Ghost revival in December with Evangelist P. E. Kuykendall as the special worker. God blessed with some 75 seekers, and 20 coming into the church. The people prayed and waited on God, and we thank Him for His blessings. Brother Kuykendall is a wonderful preacher, a man of God, and carries a burden for lost souls. On the closing Sunday we broke all records in the Sunday school with 201 present.—Harry E. Crump, Pastor.

Pastor O. W. Morris reports from Greenville, Mississippi: "After a two-week revival conducted by Rev. James A. Todd, evangelist, and Rev. Rex Cosby, singer, in 1950, the late Dr. J. D. Saxon organized the Greenville Church of the Nazarene with thirteen charter members. Upon Dr. Saxon's recommendation I was called as pastor and have served to the present time. I will mention a few of the battles of the beginning months and years. My health broke because of a bleeding stomach ulcer, but by the Lord's help through successful surgery I got rid of it and my health is normal again. Having no property, we worshiped in the courthouse the first year. Then for three and a half years we worshiped in a rented parsonage. Being new in these parts, we were eyed with some suspicion by the people of the city; along with the battles are some victories. Through temporary loans from the department of

church extension and a local bank we bought a nice lot 120 x 200 in a growing part of town. Because of our small strength and size, we were unable to locally finance a church building; but thanks to a church finance plan we secured \$7,000.00 of 5 per cent investment bonds—of these we have sold \$5,000.00. It hasn't been easy to sell these bonds and get the work done on the church. The church is 70 x 36 with a 50-foot auditorium and five Sunday-school rooms. We hope to complete it within a few

months. From November 28 through December 5 the church had a wonderful revival with Miss Virginia Haltom and Mrs. Jean Gaut. The mighty power of God was upon us such as we had never witnessed in the history of our church. Fifteen souls received definite victory and Sunday, December 5, marked a record-breaking Sunday-school attendance of seventy-five. The Spirit was upon these handmaidens of the Lord. Both pastor and people are encouraged."

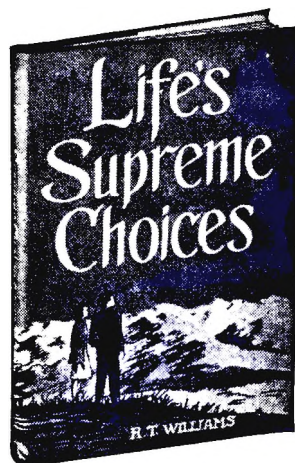
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Evangelist C. Helen Mooshian writes: "Greetings to the HERALD family from Intercession City, Florida, where I am spending the holidays in rest and meditation. This has been the most spiritual year of my life, even though the most difficult, physically speaking. The Lord has wonderfully touched my body; I'm grateful to God and desire to thank all

who prayed for me. I began the year by attending the evangelists' conference in Kansas City. I was out of the field for six months, and then was busy for the remaining six, traveling coast to coast. The Lord wonderfully helped me in 156 services in 76 churches on 19 districts. I prayed with nearly 300 souls in these services, and scores of others made from outside contacts while traveling. The Lord willing, I plan to spend the winter doing personal and street work in the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Antigua, possibly some of the other islands where we do not have work as yet. Will greatly appreciate the prayers of the HERALD family. We are truly living in the last days, and my heart's desire and prayer to God is that we may enter many more fields before Jesus comes. I am praising God that the Church of the Nazarene came my way when they did, to give me the message of hope and life eternal. I am anxious to share this glorious message with as many as possible."

Evangelist Hiram Penny Huff writes: "During the months of evangelistic work I held meetings in Dadeville, Florence, Langdale, and Lanett, Alabama; in Jackson and Sunflower, Mississippi; Waycross and Moultrie, Georgia. We have received the very kindest treatment by our wonderful pastors. I have some open time this early spring. Write me, Box 201, Lanett, Alabama."

Evangelist Fred W. Feters reports: "It was my happy privilege during my last series of revival meetings to work with the following splendid pastors and their people. On our way to the Dakotas we preached in Las Vegas, where Brother Ballew was then pastor. God gave us five seekers in the morning service and three in the evening service. The church there is progressing. In Pierre, South Dakota, where Rev. F. M. Schumacher is pastor of the Sioux Indian Church, and doing a splendid work, they have erected a new building. The latter part of the meeting was conducted in the new building. God touched the hearts of the Sioux and many were saved or sanctified. They extended us a call to return next fall. Also in Pierre we had a good meeting with Rev. Ralph Herrick, where God again blessed with salvation services. From Pierre we motored to Fort Clark, North Dakota, where Rev. Gerald Canary is the pastor. God gave us what they said was the first revival the church has had in years. From the Dakotas we came to Mesa, Arizona, where Rev. Reuben Welch was the pastor. Again God manifested His presence with souls finding Him in pardon or purity. Our next meeting was in northern California, with Rev. J. O. Fennel, in Manteca. This was our second meeting with Brother Fennell. Diligent seekers found God's promise verified in their hearts. We then came to southern California, where God gave us thirty-nine seek-

Sunday-School Attendance Report

District	1954	December	Percentage
NORTHWEST ZONE			
Oregon Pacific	6,939	7,194	104
Idaho-Oregon	5,865	6,399	109
Rocky Mountain	2,445	2,586	106
North Dakota	1,656	1,700	103
Nevada-Utah	778	952	123
South Dakota	782	899	115
Alaska	524	517	100
Districts not reporting: Northwest, Minnesota, Washington Pacific			
CENTRAL ZONE			
Western Ohio	13,753	14,052	102
Central Ohio	12,612	13,226	105
Northeastern Indiana	9,437	9,851	104
Illinois	8,555	9,176	107
Eastern Michigan	8,117	8,171	101
Iowa	6,098	6,313	104
Northwest Indiana	5,252	5,595	107
Wisconsin	2,376	2,387	100
Districts not reporting: Southwest Indiana, Indianapolis, Michigan, Missouri, Chicago Central, Northwestern Illinois			
SOUTHEAST ZONE			
West Virginia	9,905	10,674	108
Tennessee	7,725	8,313	108
Alabama	7,300	7,435	102
Florida	6,433	7,128	111
Georgia	5,245	5,233	100
Eastern Kentucky	4,903	5,427	111
Mississippi	2,651	2,645	100
Districts not reporting: East Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina			
EASTERN ZONE			
Akron	10,177	11,699	115
Pittsburgh	8,027	8,238	103
New England	6,504	5,904	91
Albany	3,190	3,302	104
Districts not reporting: New York, Washington-Philadelphia			
BRITISH ISLES-CANADIAN ZONE			
Maritime	956	953	100
Districts not reporting: Canada West, Canada Central, Australia, British Isles North, British Isles South			
SOUTHERN ZONE			
Kansas City	8,777	9,387	107
Kansas	7,686	8,041	105
Northwest Oklahoma	5,904	5,909	100
Abilene	5,481	5,304	97
Dallas	4,883	4,691	96
Northeast Oklahoma	3,998	4,058	102
North Arkansas	3,768	3,510	93
Houston	3,242	3,302	102
Nebraska	2,667	2,744	103
Districts not reporting: Southwest Oklahoma, South Arkansas, Louisiana, Southeast Oklahoma, San Antonio			
SOUTHWEST ZONE			
Northern California	14,317	14,984	105
Southern California	10,285	11,086	108
Los Angeles	8,893	9,138	103
Colorado	6,355	6,639	104
New Mexico	3,104	2,951	95
District not reporting: Arizona			
Estimated Average for December, 1954		385,210	
Gain over last year's average		9,098	

ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary
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ers and finders of pardon or purity in San Fernando, where Rev. Union Wood is the aggressive pastor. The church has erected a fine educational unit, giving some much-needed facilities for Sunday-school work. Next we motored to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, where Rev. Leona Stearley is pastor and her husband is the Sunday-school superintendent and song director. The attendance was good, many persons from other churches of the town attended the services, and God met the need of a goodly number who sought Christ. Our last meeting of this series was with our good friend, Rev. Wayne Hagemeyer, who has erected a fine new church building in Buhl, Idaho. Thirty-four persons found Christ in saving or sanctifying grace in this meeting. This is my ninth year in the field of evangelism. My 1955 slate is shaping up nicely, but I have some time open. Any church desiring my services may write me, % our publishing house. In addition to preaching I have a musical program, read poems of my own composition, and have a special ministry to boys and girls of the Sunday school."

Rev. Jess Rains writes: "I have pastored our church at Muleshoe, Texas, for the past eighteen months and the folks have been good to me. For the first half of this year we had all budgets paid to date, and some in full. Feeling it to be the will of the Lord, I have resigned to enter the evangelistic field. I'll be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead, to pray, fast, and work with you for a revival. Address me, 3015 N.E. 13th Street, Amarillo, Texas."

Evangelists Harold S. and Flossie Richardson report: "We are deeply grateful to God, and to our pastors and churches where we have labored in the year of 1954. We have worked on seven districts through the Central and Eastern states. Hundreds of souls have found God for pardon of sin or purity of heart and many of these have joined the church. Revivals are still possible when the price is paid. On different occasions during the year, God came in such a way there was no place for preaching and the altar would be lined with seekers. We love God, the way of holiness, and God's people. We have three open dates for this spring that we would like to fill: February 23 to March 6, April 13 to 24, and May 18 to 29. We carry the whole program and will go wherever the Lord leads. Write us at Route 4, Muncie, Indiana."

Culver, Oregon—Coming here last May, we found a beautiful church property with a five-room Sunday-school annex all new, almost finished, and practically out of debt. The membership of about thirty-five are scattered over a thirty-five-mile area but in spite of the mileage involved all are faithful in attendance. We have lost some families through moving away but have made a slight gain in

Sunday-school attendance and received two fine families into the church, giving us seven new members. The membership here is faithful, loyal, and deeply interested in the promotion and growth of God's kingdom. This fine property has been erected by the faithful labor and liberality of the membership and our predecessors who have given a fine account of their stewardship. We had a good revival in December. Evangelist J. Russell Brown and John F. Whisler, song evangelist, did splendid work, which resulted in a good number of victories at the altar from the second night of the meeting to the close. We are enjoying our work with the good people in this fine farming valley.—A. W. and Lillian Wilson, Pastors.

Song Evangelist Leland R. Davis reports: "I have closed another year in the field of song evangelism and have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and thank Him for His faithfulness. I have been privileged to work on the Pittsburgh, Michigan, Canada Central, and Northeastern Indiana districts and the Lord has given us some old-fashioned revival meetings. I am happy in the service of the King. I appreciate the good pastors and evangelists with whom it has been my privilege to work. They are some of the best people in the world. I have also held several meetings on my own Akron District and consider it a great compliment that those who know me best seem to use me the most. In the summertime I was privileged to work in boys' and girls' camp and institute and in several Bible schools. All in all, it has been a great year of spiritual blessing. I have open time after February and still delight in assisting the small church that cannot afford to have me. Write me, 2021 12th Street, Akron 14, Ohio."

Evangelist Robert W. Taylor reports: "I am happily situated in the full-time evangelistic field. This past year has been my first year in this rich field of harvest. I thank God for the wonderful way in which He has provided places for me to preach His glorious gospel. As I look back at our meetings last year since the assembly, I praise and thank God for the privilege of working with a fine group of efficient pastors and many fine cooperating congregations, which include Rev. Roy Nash at Dayton; Rev. Luther Watson at Springdale, Ohio; Rev. L. C. Harbold at Dayton; William Applegate at Georgetown; Pastors Peyton and Jackson at Dayton. At the time of this writing I am in a week's youth revival with our First Church here in Dayton, and the fine pastor, Rev. W. B. Walker. We have one open date between January and April 17 and that is March 2 to 13; and after April 17 we have some open dates on through the year. We would appreciate slating meetings with any church. You may contact me at 240 Forestdale Avenue, Knollwood, Dayton, Ohio."



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

A Cause for Concern

Few of us are aware of the tremendous moral problem which faces those of our young men who go overseas, particularly to the Orient. Some of us have read excerpts from accounts of those who know the conditions. Few of us are bold enough to believe that it can be as bad as they say it is.

Military chaplains bring us these figures: 15 per cent of the men in the service are incorrigible and will be bad regardless of what is done for them; 15 per cent of men are good and will be in whatever situation they find themselves; 70 per cent of the men will go either way, whichever influence is the stronger—to the bad or to the good. This causes us to see the tremendous task that falls on the chaplains and upon the Christian fellows in the service as well as upon the civilian church at home.

As a result of a letter describing vividly the moral conditions on Okinawa from Chaplain Charles Crouch a year and a half ago, which was forwarded on to the General Commission on Chaplains and which eventually found its way into the Chief of Air Force Chaplain's office, a party representing the civilian church and the military visited in the Orient this past summer. One statement made by one of this group opens the door to the need and shows the Christian Church that it must pray more and keep in closer touch with its men than ever before:

"With a divided world tensed on either side of the iron-bamboo curtain, free society is deeply conscious of the cost of a defense in terms of the tax dollar. Few of us are as keenly conscious of the cost to our young people in terms of emotional immaturity and character deterioration. United States military forces are stationed in some sixty-seven different countries. Approximately three million young men and women serve in the defense establishment, with a million entering the armed forces each year as a million are released from active duty. What is happening to the character and personality of those who are called upon to serve their country should be of major concern to all of us. Certainly the future attitudes and standards of our nation

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are being influenced right now by the experiences of this vast number of young people who in their formative years are living away from home ties, in a strange and practically all-male environment, subjected to the strongest temptations known to man."

Monroe, North Carolina—We recently closed a very successful revival with Evangelist Clon C. Brown. His preaching was strong, soul-stirring, effective, and challenging to a life of holiness. His messages were well received; and as early as the second night, victories were witnessed around the altar and approximately thirty souls prayed through during the revival. After twelve successful days, we felt that God would have the revival to continue another week, which proved to be the most fruitful and resulted in a good number of prospects for membership. Brother Clon Brown is a great asset to the church.—Paul A. Lain, Pastor.

Bloomington, Indiana—First Church has found a unique plan to use in receiving the Thanksgiving Offering. Baskets were nicely decorated and placed side by side, and while the people brought their money in the great Hallelujah March Offering the baskets were filled to overflowing, and finally it was "heaped up" over both baskets. There was over \$1,500.00 in the offering. Last year Rev. Grant M. Barton, pastor, received the offering in one bushel basket. This year it has been suggested that next year three bushel baskets be used, and one man has already promised the first \$100.00. The Sunday school is growing steadily and is showing a gain of over 40 per Sunday over the first six months of last year. Most of our budgets are paid far in advance and, best of all, the blessing of the Lord is on the hearts of the people and shouting in the camp is enjoyed quite often. We will soon call for the second ten days of fasting and prayer for this year. These seasons of prayer always shake the heavens loose.—Reporter.

We have a mission church in Milford, Delaware. If anyone in the general church has relatives or friends in or around this town, please contact the zone home-mission chairman, Rev. Milton H. Taylor, 100 Walnut Street, Laurel, Delaware.

DEATHS

REV. W. B. CORLETT

WILLIAM BOWDEN CORLETT was born March 16, 1867, in the Isle of Man. At the age of five his family moved to the United States. On April 20, 1893, he was united in marriage to Isabel Warren Shelby. His wife and one daughter

preceded him in death. He is survived by three sons: Dr. D. Shelby, of Nampa, Idaho; Dr. Lewis T., of Kansas City, Missouri; William B., Jr., of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters: Mrs. C. D. Friesen of Tipton, and Esther of Pasadena, California; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a large number of other relatives and a host of friends. Soon after his marriage he and his wife were converted and united with the Methodist church. Several years later through the personal work of Dr. H. F. Reynolds he was led into the experience of entire sanctification. For a number of years he was a local preacher in the Methodist church. In 1910 he, with his family, united with the Church of the Nazarene at Terrace, Pennsylvania. He was ordained in 1916 by General Superintendent E. F. Walker. In 1918 the family moved to southern California, where he lived until his home-going, December 15, 1954. As a pastor he served churches at Tarentum, Pennsylvania; University Avenue, San Diego, Brea, Hermosa Beach, and Hawthorne in California. In 1937 he retired from the active ministry and he and his wife moved to Pasadena. For years following his retirement he taught a large Sunday-school class in the Breese Avenue Church of the Nazarene. He is remembered primarily for his strong Biblical teaching and preaching and the practical application of scriptural truth to life's problems. Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Breese Avenue Church with the pastor, Dr. J. George Taylorson, in charge. He was assisted by Dr. A. E. Sanner, Rev. I. W. Young, and Rev. Fred Suffield. He was buried in the Loma Vista Memorial Park at Brea, California.

REV. J. W. STUART

JAMES WALTERS STUART was born in Rexburg, Idaho, June 22, 1886, and died November 26, 1954. On June 2, 1909, he was united in marriage to Gertrude Gould at St. Anthony, Idaho. He was in the active ministry for twenty-one years, having pastored churches in Idaho and eastern Oregon. He was forced to retire in 1947 on account of ill health. For four years he had been a resident of Bend, Oregon, where he had been active in the church work, serving two years as Sunday-school superintendent. He had been in failing health for the past year. His passing followed a short setback and was marked by a testimony of the marvelous grace of God in the midst of extreme suffering. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, of Bend; two daughters, Mrs. Howard Boyd of Bend, and Mrs. J. B. Johnson of Portland, Oregon; three sons, Gordon G. of Baker, Chester J. of The Dalles, and Roland V. of Bend; fifteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in the Bend church with his pastor, Rev. C. Wesley Jones, officiating.

REV. C. C. JOHNSON

C. C. JOHNSON, retired Nazarene minister, who was pastor of the Holdenville, Oklahoma, church for twenty-four years, passed to his eternal reward on December 8, 1954. His local membership was in the church that he dearly loved and so faithfully served. Funeral services were under the direction of the local pastor, Rev. I. E. Green, assisted by Evangelist Otto Willison and retired elder, Rev. E. M. West, of the local church. Brother Johnson was a familiar figure at our district assembly for long years. Our sympathy to Sister Johnson, his sons, Oral and Errol Johnson, his daughters, Mrs. Valley Wilson and Mrs. Viola Tanner, his grandchildren, and a host of friends.

REV. JESSE F. BOHANNAN

JESSE F. BOHANNAN was born in Lamar County, Texas, August 15, 1897, and died October 27, 1954. He was married to Miss Ruth Joplin in 1918, and eight children were born to this union. Ruth Bohannan passed to her reward July 5, 1933. On August 11, 1934, he married Miss Lucile Walden. This union was blessed with two children. He became a member of the Church of the Nazarene in 1920 and remained a faithful member until his death. He and his wife, Mrs. Lucile Bohannan, pastored churches in Floydada, Denver City, Odessa, and Freer, Texas; and Tularosa, New Mexico. The load was never too heavy nor the problems too great for him to bear as he labored for the Master. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include six sons: Wilmon, of Bethany, Oklahoma; Earl, of Big Spring; Joe, of Beaumont; Charles, of Freer; Rev. Luther Bohannan, of Shamrock, Texas; and Rev. Grady Bohannan, of Bethany, Oklahoma; four daughters: Mrs. Florence Daniel,

of Olton, Texas; Mrs. Hazel Parris and Mrs. Aldean Pullen, of Clovis, New Mexico; and Miss Jane Bohannan, of Freer, Texas; four brothers: W. C. Bohannan, of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Ellis, of Comanche, Oklahoma; Rev. Ivy Bohannan, of Killean, Texas; and Rev. H. G. Bohannan, of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters: Mrs. Bertha Wade, of Abernathy, Texas; and Mrs. Rosa Wofford, of Denver City, Texas; and fourteen grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Freer, Texas, with Rev. B. J. Garber officiating. Burial was at Childress, Texas, and services there were conducted by Rev. W. R. McClure.

REV. C. R. NICHOLS

CLIFTON ROSS NICHOLS, retired pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, passed away on December 3, 1954, at Lakeland, Florida, of a heart attack. He was born October 6, 1890, at Winnebago, Minnesota. In recent years he made his home at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He went to Lakeland, Florida, one month ago for his health and resided at the holiness campground there. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two brothers, and three sisters. He was buried at Moses Dane Cemetery in Burtrum, Minnesota.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Revs. Roger and Janet (nee Smith) Williams, of Freeport, Illinois, a daughter, Tracy Elizabeth, on December 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Clint Mitchell of Erie, Kansas, a daughter, Linda Faye, on December 28.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Welch of Mesa, Arizona, a daughter, Susan Corinne, on December 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zumalt of Omaha, Nebraska, a daughter, Marcelyn Marie, on December 21.

—to Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Palmquist of Seattle, Washington, a son, Charles Halvard, on December 20.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Harris L. Pearson of St. Paul, Minnesota, a son, Harold Joseph, on December 17.

ADOPTED—by Rev. and Mrs. Royal C. Warner of Maywood, California, a son, Ronald Jay, born on December 9.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by "a friend in need" in Alabama for special help from God in a business proposition—urgent;

by a mother whose daughter is contemplating marriage to a young man of questionable reputation and character, that God will undertake; also for settlement of a financial need, and the mother's health;

by a wife in Illinois for the salvation of her husband, and that her faith may be strengthened that God will heal her; also an urgent unspoken request;

by a lady in Pennsylvania for a sister-in-law, the wife of a minister, who needs God greatly—for a serious church situation—for the sanctification of a brother who is a preacher—for a sister to find real victory in the Lord—that another sister may find a place to move—and three unspoken requests; by a lady in Oklahoma for her unsaved husband; for a son whose mind is bad, that God will heal him.

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